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Safe And Sane Fourth Of July Observed Here

Marion observed a safe and sane Fourth of July this year with no one injured in traffic accidents, no drownings, and only a few dented fenders and minor damage to automobiles. There was no public celebration of Independence Day, but most employed persons were independent of time clocks, office duties or other work schedules.

The holiday was in direct contrast to a working day with the business streets forsaken and the outskirts of town crowded. Long processions of cars lined the highways throughout the day Sunday, but there was a brief respite Monday morning. During the afternoon traffic increased steadily as the close of the holiday approached. Small family groups of picnickers lined roadsides in the late afternoon.

Patrolmen reported a few arrests for drunken driving. The Sheriff's department reported only one arrest. A warrant was sworn out late Monday night for Mrs. W. E. Cannon and the charges read as follows: "did block public road and stop W. E. Cannon's car, did break windshield and lights and did take, steal and carry away a camera and two rolls of film belonging to W. E. Cannon." She was released under \$300 bond to appear at the September term of court.

Miss Morgan Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Miss Cora Morgan, 30, who died Friday night at her home at East Marion after a long illness, were conducted at Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Clinchfield Baptist church. Rev. Paul Stokes and Rev. R. C. Clontz officiated and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Vess Rites Held Wednesday At East Marion

William A. Vess, 69, prominent resident of East Marion, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arthur C. Parker, RFD 1, Monday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted in East Marion Baptist church at 2 p. m. Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Cross, assisted by the Rev. Millard Hall and the Rev. Lois Clayton. Burial was in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by four sons and two daughters, Claude, Cecil, Zolen and Oscar (Tomkie) Vess and Mrs. C. A. Parker, all of Marion, and Mrs. Bryan Stewart of Asheville; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters, the Rev. E. B. Vess of Spartanburg, S. C., the Rev. Lewis Vess of Los Angeles, Frank Vess and Mrs. Lum Elliott of Buffalo, S. C., and Mrs. Harley Rathbone of Waynesville.

McDowell Scouts Attend Camp

Eighteen boy scouts from troop six spent last week at Piedmont Boy Scout Camp at Tryon.

Mr. J. H. Beaman accompanied the scouts from Marion as adult counselors.

Boys attending the camp included: Eric Herra, Tommy Wyke, Charles Dixon, Bill Wilson, Ikey McLean, Hubert Martin, Jr., Jimmy Laughridge, Eugene Cross, III, Ray McCurry, Russell Smith, Sammy Yancey, Billy Wilkerson, Howard Copenhaver, Tommy Spratt, Chucky Smith, Robert Lambeth, Arnold Pyatt, Jr. and John Carroll Owensby.

SANITARIAN BEGINS DUTIES IN THIS COUNTY

H. S. Webster began his duties as Sanitarian with the McDowell County Health Department here on July 1.

Webster, a native of Buncombe county, comes to Marion from Morganton where he has served in the Burke Health Unit for the past three years. He has had 15 years experience in this type of work.

CANNERY OPENS TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

I. E. Burnette has announced plans to open the Community Cannery all day Tuesdays and Fridays until further notice. The Cannery on the Pleasant Gardens school grounds is open to all county residents.

Revival Services At East Marion

Revival services will begin at the East Marion Methodist church Sunday, June 10, and services will be held at 7:30 o'clock each evening. Rev. D. M. Nifong, pastor of the First Methodist church of Rutherfordton will be speaker and evangelist.

Rev. T. C. Smith, pastor, extends a welcome to everyone to attend the services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST GOSPEL MEETING IN SESSION NOW

Gospel meeting services are being conducted by Rev. Earl H. West, of Nashville, Tenn., at the Marion Church of Christ, July 3-17. Rev. Chester H. Smelser, pastor, announced this week.

Bible school will be held from 9 until 11 a. m. Monday through Friday. Preaching will begin at 7:45 p. m. daily and worship service will be at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Miss Greenlee At Conference In Boston, Mass.

Miss Mary M. Greenlee left Wednesday of last week for Boston, Mass., where she will be attending educational conferences until July 22.

Her schedule of meetings calls for a series of pre-convention meetings of the officers of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the National Education Association. Miss Greenlee is one of the vice-presidents of the National Association. She will attend the annual convention of the National Education Association, also in Boston which is the convention city this year.

The Department of Elementary School Principals of the National Education Association and the School of Education of Boston University are cooperating in conducting a special two weeks conference on the campus of the Boston University immediately following the N. E. A. Convention. Miss Greenlee will attend the conference the theme of which will be, "Skills Instructions in the Modern Elementary School."

County Commissioners Estimate Budget For Coming Year

The budget estimated for McDowell county for the year beginning July 1 has been placed at \$352,144.23, it is announced. The budget last year was \$320,326.58.

The estimate will remain open until July 25 when the Board will meet and adopt the final budget.

Largest items on the budget this year are \$68,970.00 for the general county fund, \$38,800.00 for Marion City administrative unit fund-capital outlay and \$33,375.56, county school fund-capital outlay.

The estimate was prepared by the County Commissioners Tuesday. The

District Contests In Food And Clothing To Be Held Here

District contests in dairy foods and wear and care of clothing will be held in the Home Demonstration office here at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, July 14, Miss Ruby Lea Kiser, assistant agent, announced this week.

Miss Marilyn Brinkley of North Cove will represent McDowell in the clothing contest. Representatives will be present from Alleghany, Burke, Madison and Watauga. Winners will be eligible to enter the state contest.

All senior 4-H club girls of McDowell county are invited. Those planning to attend should buy lunch tickets by July 9.

Superior Court To Convene Monday



JUDGE J. W. PLESS

Docket Composed Of Civil Cases

The July term of Superior Court will convene here Monday with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. presiding. The two weeks term will be held for the trial of civil cases. Ten divorce cases are included in the docket. Twenty-one other cases are also scheduled for trial.

Jurors have been drawn as follows:

First Week

J. G. Grayson, Carl Morris, A. R. Byrd, Lee Biggerstaff, Victor E. Robinette, T. M. Burnette, L. Reid McCurry, G. K. Miller, J. D. Watkins, Arnold Bright, Cato Holler, W. Donald Hensley, A. L. Benfield, J. E. Black, Thad Conley, Robert Crawford, Eugene J. Dobson, Claude Brown, A. F. Wagner, Oliver D. McKinney, Carl Green Marcus Kelly, A. K. Weaver, V. M. Suttlemyre, Jesse Burnette, Joe F. Laughridge, Dallas Hollifield, Earl Teal, George Lowery.

ALDERMEN IN SESSION TUESDAY NIGHT

Reece Snyder, town manager, was appointed building and plumbing inspector for the Town of Marion at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Tuesday evening in the city hall.

Harry Randolph, who was formerly employed in construction work, was appointed street superintendent. He will have charge of street cleaning, maintenance, operating heavy equipment and street repairs. Jack Brown will continue in his present position of water and sewer superintendent.

Thirty-nine permits were granted to taxicab drivers in the Town of Marion.

A street paving petition for Maplewood avenue was presented and Snyder was instructed to obtain official information regarding the proposal and report back to the Board.

A request for three outdoor lights at the community building was approved.

Other matters of routine nature were discussed and the meeting continued until Wednesday night when members planned to make up a proposed budget for the coming year.

BOY SCOUT CAMP NOW UNDERWAY ON LAKE JAMES

Construction of a Boy Scout camp on Lake James is underway.

The Scouts have been without a camp since Cove Echo was donated for their use by the late Mr. C. F. James. Lack of adequate drainage facilities made it necessary to sell the camp several years ago. Mr. James then placed the proceeds from the sale in the hands of the Boy Scout Committee of McDowell county for establishing a Boy Scout camp.

The present board of Trustees is composed of: J. M. Snoddy, chairman; W. G. Wiatt, J. G. Beaman, Wayne Suttle, John Field and V. T. Eckerd.

Snoddy said the Duke Power company recently donated approximately three acres of land near the Marion Lake club for a camp. A frame building is under construction which will be about 20x40 feet when completed and will be used as a week-end camping site for Boy and Girl Scouts. Completion of the building is expected within about twelve days.

It was pointed out that no Scouts will be allowed to use the camp except under supervision of adult leadership. Cost of the camp was estimated at \$1200.

Price Elected President Of Press

R. E. Price was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association at the closing session of the convention held in Nags Head last week.

He is publisher of the Rutherford County News, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Miss Greenlee Speaker At W. C. T. C.

Miss Mary Greenlee spent last Friday at Western Carolina State Teachers College at Cullowhee when she spoke to one group of school administrators and teachers on "The Supervisory Function of a School Principal" and to another group on "Resource—Use Education."

On July 17 Miss Greenlee accepted an invitation from Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone to talk to the Resource—Use Education workshop group and lead a discussion group the second hour.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, July 8, at the First Presbyterian church, it is announced.

Commissioners also reelected Miss Jean Steele county home demonstration agent for one year and Miss Ruby Lea Kiser, assistant agent, for one year.

A motion was carried to advertise 1948 taxes in August to be sold in September. It was also agreed to meet Thursday and make up a list of jurors to serve for the next two years.

Road petitions were approved as follows: Black top West Henderson street from Broyhill Furniture company to West Marion highway.

Gravel Silver Creek road from W. S. Haynes store to W. K. Plemons home place.

Repair and maintain the bridge over Old No. 64 highway across Catawba river.

Rebuild bridge washed away three miles west of Old Fort, about 100 feet from highway No. 70 near Luther Robbins home.

Open ditches, machine and gravel road about 835 feet from highway No. 70 through M. C. Morgan's and A. T. Fletcher's land.

Forney Rites Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday at the Forney residence for Martha Forney, colored, 58, wife of Horace Forney.

Rites began at three o'clock and interment followed in the colored cemetery.