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American Thread Co. Buys Land At Sevier

After a protracted and extensive survey of available North Carolina sites combining access to a water supply and railroad siding within reasonable distance of the company's present plant, The American Thread Company has acquired a tract of approximately 200 acres at Sevier, North Carolina, situated 9 miles North of Marion and adjacent to the confluence of the Catawba River and Armstrong Creek.

The American Thread Company, with head offices in New York, operates several New England mills in addition to its Southern Division, with plants at Troutman, North Carolina, Clover, South Carolina, Bristol, Tennessee, and Dalton and Tallapoosa, Georgia. Its widely diversified production includes a full range of industrial and domestic thread, combed and mercerized yarn.

Although the company is proceeding to complete plans for the erection of a finishing plant at Sevier, no decision has been reached as to whether construction will be commenced during 1950 or at some later date.

Company officials who have contacted a number of the citizens of Marion and Sevier have expressed themselves as most appreciative of the assistance and cooperation accorded them in the community and of the resulting friendly relationships which have been established.

Kiwanians See Photographs Of Convention

Roy W. Davis, president of the Marion Kiwanis club, presided at the weekly meeting of the club held in the community building Tuesday evening. Attention was called to a number of photographs showing the activities of the International Kiwanis Convention held in Atlantic City during June. Vernon Eckerd and Renn Honeycutt were the club's delegates to the convention.

Kiwanian Francis Bradsher was in charge of the program and presented John Conley and his colored quartet. This quartet rendered a number of Negro spirituals. This colored quartet is known as the Marion Jubilee Singers and appears each week over radio station WBRM.

Francis Bradsher announced that he would entertain the directors at the Garden City Drive In Grill this evening at 6:30 p. m.

SCOTT DELAYS ACTION IN MARION DISPUTE

Snyder Addresses Civitan Club

Reece Snyder, town manager, was speaker at the meeting of the Civitan club in Sunset Restaurant last Thursday evening. He explained the city manager form of government. Members of the club voted to contribute a trophy to the winning junior baseball team and also present each team member with a small award.

MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 14: Shelby at Marion.
Friday: Marion at Morganton.
Saturday: Morganton at Marion.
Monday: Marion at Lincolnton.
Tuesday: Lincolnton at Marion.
Wednesday: Marion at Newton.

TWO DOUBLE HEADER BALL GAMES SCHEDULED

Two double-header baseball games are scheduled this week to make up "rained-out" games. Shelby will play the Marauders here tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock and the second game will follow immediately. Saturday the Morganton Aggies will be in Marion to play a game at 3:30 p. m. and again at 8 p. m.

Class Rooms To Be Added To Schools In This County

Final Results Of X-Ray Survey Announced

There were 7,743 persons examined in the X-ray survey sponsored by the Marion Junior Woman's club and the McDowell County Health Unit here last summer.

Final figures were submitted to the club recently by Dr. C. N. Sisk who was head of the McDowell-Burke-Caldwell Health Unit at the time of the survey.

Of the 7,743 persons examined there were 7,276 cases diagnosed as essentially negative. Definite tuberculosis was found in 94 cases, suspected tuberculosis in 345 cases, and 28 non-tuberculosis pathology (heart condition, cancer, etc.).

The survey was co-sponsored by the Marion Junior Woman's club and the McDowell County Health Unit and was a major project of the Club, during the club year 1947-48.

Lockman Funeral Held Monday

Jacob Hardy Lockman, 83, died Monday morning in the home of a son, D. C. Lockman, in the East Marion section.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Yancey Street Baptist church. Burial was in Hoover cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Martha Ann Searcy Lockman, a son and eight grandchildren.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

The July term of Superior Court convened here Monday for trial of civil cases with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. presiding.

Divorces were granted the following: Lessie Lee Morris from Ernest C. Morris; Kiffin R. Hayes from Helen Leslie Hayes; Ruby Sprouse Hayes from Burdett A. Hayes; William A. Sullins from Ruby Folk Sullins; Virginia G. James from C. Jack James.

In the case of Samuel P. Duncan, a minor, by his next friend T. R. Duncan vs. Mildred Jarrett and Mrs. D. F. Jarrett, an action for personal injury sustained by Sam- (Continued on last page)

Contracts have been awarded for the construction of additions to three schools in this county.

J. F. Glenn was the low bidder for additions at Nebo and Glenwood schools and was awarded contracts to add four class rooms at each of the schools. The Nebo project was listed at \$26,226 and Glenwood \$26,649, making a total of \$52,875.

Beaman Lumber company made the low bid of \$24,785, for the addition of four class rooms to the West Marion school.

The building program is to begin this week and completion is expected within 90 days.

N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, said heating, plumbing and wiring contracts for the structure will be awarded in August.

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 STAR GAME SET FOR JULY 25

McDowell Youths To Attend Camp

The following McDowell County 4-H Club members will leave Friday of this week to attend 4-H club camp at Swannanoa.

Beverly Lonon, Elizabeth Gray, Mary Lou Carpenter, Revonda Brookshire, Peggy Burgin, Jeanette Jameson, Pat Outlaw, Freddie Blanton, Darryl Petty, Troy Lee Baker, Billy Higgins and Glenn Morgan.

Youths from McDowell, Polk and Henderson counties will attend the camp July 15-19.

STOLEN AUTO RETURNED TO OWNER

James Moore, now being held in the McDowell County jail, was arrested by North Wilkesboro police and an automobile in his possession returned to Frank Atwell, who reported theft of an automobile to local police last Friday, according to a statement by Chief of Police D. W. Smith.

Smith said Atwell told him he was held up and his automobile and \$25 in cash taken from him at the intersection of Avenue A and State street about 11:30 p. m.

Community Council Will Meet Monday

The quarterly meeting of the Marion Community Council will be held in the Junior Woman's club room of the community building at eight o'clock next Monday evening, Mrs. R. R. Cook, president, announced this week.

Boy Scouts Sight Seeing In Washington

Thirty members of Boy Scout Troop 4 left Monday for a sight seeing tour of Washington, D. C. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Wade Miller, Assistant Scoutmaster Fred Murray, Troop Committeemen Paul Holcombe, L. M. Watkins, D. F. Barnes. They left Marion by truck and will camp on the Blue Ridge Parkway one night, in the Shenandoah National Park the second night and will spend two days in Washington.

Leaving Washington Friday they will camp at Old Hickory Scout camp at Winston-Salem, and return to Marion Saturday.

The group is composed of: Jack Mauney, Jimmy Murray, (Continued on last page)

City Manager Government Explained By Snyder

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD FRIDAY

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor was held in the First Methodist church Friday night.

E. P. Dameron served as chairman and J. H. Beaman as secretary. Advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot rank: John English Joe Swafford, troop 1, Ashford. Star Scout: Jimmy Laughridge, troop 6, Marion.

Eagle Scout: Gene Cross, troop 6, W. Ray Miller, troop 4, Marion.

MERIT BADGES
Angling: Gene Cross, troop 6, (Continued from first page)

Plans have been made for the Western Carolina All-Star game which is scheduled to be played in the new Newton-Conover baseball park located at Newton on July 25. A select group of all-stars will play the league leading Twins on the above date.

The Marion Marauders will send two members of its squad, Johnny Lanning and outfielder Tom Cumby, to take part in the all-star activities. Cumby has been selected as a regular member of the all-star player roster, while Lanning will act as one of the coaches.

The entire all-star roster is as follows:

Pitchers—Walter Lentz (10-2), Lenoir; Radio Jaynes (11-3), Morganton; Roy Lamb (9-5), Hendersonville; and Sam Jones (10-4), Lincolnton.

Infielders—Carl Miller, 409, Lincolnton and Boyer McGimsey, 409, Morganton, first base; Bus Huffstetler, 331, Lincolnton, second base; Noel Cusbier, 353, Lenoir, short-stop; Bobby Caldwell, 291, Lincolnton, third base; and Walter Alexander, 291, Shelby, utility.

Catchers—Hicks Duncan, 293, Rutherford County and Bill Bowles, 280, Morganton.

Outfielders—Elmer Roberts, 310, Morganton; Ralph Dixon 341, Rutherford County; Al Stevens, (Continued on last page)

Marion Tax Rate To Remain The Same

Steppe Accepts New Position

C. M. Steppe has resigned as teacher of science at Nebo High School to accept work with the Department of Conservation and Development of State Parks. He will be engineer for this area with headquarters in Raleigh.

His family will join him there this week.

Landis Presbyterian Bible School Opened

Landis Presbyterian Church Bible School opened Wednesday of this week with Miss Frances Wood as director. Classes will be held at 9 a. m. for a period of ten days beginning yesterday.

Revival Services will begin Sunday, July 17, at 8 p. m. and continue eight days. Rev. R. C. Clontz will preach for Dr. J. E. Flow. The public is cordially invited.

Marion's tax rate will remain at \$1.50 per hundred dollar's valuation for 1949-50, Reece Snyder, town manager, said this week.

His statement was made after the Board of Aldermen tentatively adopted the 1949-50 budget, calling for expenditures of \$163,570 next year as compared to \$134,320 during the fiscal year ended June 30.

The budget estimate lists revenue from parking meters at \$10,500 and violation fines at \$500. These sources and the revenue from taxes and sales of water total \$194,000. This amount plus miscellaneous revenue of \$39,570 makes the budget total of \$163,570.

The largest increase was in the street and sewer allotment from \$35,500 last year to \$49,651.45 for the coming year. The water department figure last year was \$11,620. An increase of \$1,654 brings the estimate up to \$13,274 for the coming year. Capital outlay was increased from \$12,500 to \$20,000.

Two Prisoners Escaped; One Captured

Officials of the state prison camp here were still seeking Edward Ward, escaped prisoner, yesterday. Ward and Charlie Jackson escaped last Wednesday, but Jackson was captured a few hours later.

According to a statement by Ray Brown, prison superintendent, the prisoners were working near the quarry at Woodlawn when a rain came up. The guard allowed the prisoners to run ahead of him to reach shelter. Rounding a sharp curve the two escapees darted into a wooded section.

Jackson, who was serving a liquor manufacturing charge, told officials he thought bloodhounds would not be able to trail them because of the rain. Members of the searching party said the hard down-pour did not prevent the bloodhounds from following the trail however.

Ward, sentenced to serve a 10-year term for armed robbery, is believed to have caught a ride in a car traveling north on highway 221. Bloodhounds tracked him to a point on the highway.

Marion Defeats Hendersonville Loses to Rutherfordton

Mrs. Kluttz's Father Dies At Newberry

John Wolfe Earhardt, Sr., 82, one of the oldest newspaper editors and publishers in South Carolina, died at his home in Newberry, S. C. last Saturday. He was the father of Mrs. G. R. Kluttz and grandfather of John Kluttz and Mrs. Frank Sentelle, Jr. of Marion.

Except for one year when he served on the "Lutheran Visitor," Mr. Earhardt had been in some way connected with the "Newberry Observer" for 66 years. Several years ago, he became the sole owner and publisher of the paper. His son, J. W. Earhardt, Jr., has been associated with him in the business for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at the home and burial made in Rosemont cemetery.

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.

The on and off Marion Marauders were on Thursday night as they defeated the Hendersonville Skylarks in Marion by the tune of ten to six.

Skipper Johnny Lanning went the route for his club yielded thirteen hits. However, he kept the bangles well scattered and came through the one or two times he was in trouble. He also struck out thirteen Skylarks.

The Marauders lost no time in taking over as they scored three runs in the first, three in the third, three in the fifth and one in the sixth. They held the lead throughout the game.

Everett Clontz, formerly in the Marion camp, started on the hill for (Continued on last page)

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct
Newton	46	18	.719
Lincolnton	42	23	.646
Lenoir	34	27	.585
Morganton	33	31	.516
Rutherfordton	32	35	.478
Marion	24	37	.393
Hendersonville	22	32	.338
Shelby	21	44	.323