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Community Council Plans Objectives; Names Committees

The quarterly meeting of the Marion Community Council was held Monday evening in the community building with Mrs. R. R. Cook, president, presiding.

Representatives of Marion civic clubs and other organizations reported on the projects of their respective organizations.

In outlining the objectives of the Council, members agreed to lay particular stress on playground improvement, better government and recreation.

Committees were named as follows:

Publicity: C. C. Elledge, chairman; Oliver Cross, Vernon T. Eckerd, Mrs. B. A. Dickson, Mrs. Colin Wright and Will Erwin.

Clean-Up: J. E. Neal, chairman; Vernon T. Eckerd, Mrs. W. S. Shiflet, Dr. William Hagna and Frank Goldsmith.

School: Albert Hewitt, Jr., chairman; Mrs. B. A. Dickson, E. P. Dameron, C. C. Elledge, Eugene Cross and R. C. Spratt.

Recreation: M. W. Gordon, chairman; Mrs. Colin Wright, T. L. Richie, Mrs. Poly Fox, Rev. P. L. Smith, Oliver Cross and Mrs. Earl Godfrey.

Better Government: Will Erwin, chairman; Amos Seagle, Otis L. Broyhill, W. S. Shiflet and William B. Noyes.

The next meeting will be held October 17.

Nebo Contest Offers Awards During August

Entrants in the Nebo Community Improvement contest are being offered a special premium during the month of August.

Announcement was made this week that the contestant making the most improvements during the month of August will be given a floor sanding and refinishing job for the living room, a free floor sanding for the bathroom and kitchen and a free floor covering for either the bathroom or kitchen.

The contest was launched last month under the sponsorship of the Nebo Home Demonstration club for the most improved home, church, store or other place of business. October 1, 1950 is the closing date.

Recordings Made At Rotary Meet

Rotarians were given a chance to hear recordings of their voices last Friday at the noon meeting. Will Erwin, of WBRM radio station, operated the recording machine and played the records.

He also played Hill Billy records made at an installation meeting of the Spruce Pine Young Men's club.

Visitors present at the meeting included Carl Hudson, of Morganton; Harwell Davis, Birmingham, Alabama; Fern Munson, Winter Haven, Florida; Bob Grant, Lakeland, Florida, and D. Arnold of Greensboro.

Reece Snyder was the guest of Pat Davis and George Rankin was the guest of C. R. McCall.

MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Thursday: Newton at Marion.
Friday: Hendersonville at Marion.

Saturday: Marion at Hendersonville.

Monday: All Star Game at Newton-Conover Park.

Tuesday: Open Date.

Wednesday: Marion vs. Rutherford County Owls in Rutherfordton.

Union Election Hearing Held Here Yesterday

A National Labor Relations Board hearing to determine if union representation elections should be conducted at the Drexel Furniture company was held yesterday in the auditorium of the Marion High School.

Because the hearing was still underway at press time yesterday a report of the final decision of the hearing officer was not available.

A hearing for the Broyhill Furniture company on the same question, originally scheduled for July 21, was postponed until 9 a. m., Thursday, July 28.

Civil Term Superior Court In Session

The July term of Superior Court entered its second week Monday. Cases disposed of include the following:

Dorothy Sue Dehart by her next friend Ernest Dehart vs. Elbert J. Lymon, Jr. and Hugh E. Lamb trading as Royal Crown Bottling company, the judgment stated that the plaintiff recover nothing of the defendants and that the costs of action be taxed against the plaintiff.

H. M. Dellinger and C. D. Taylor vs. John M. Walton, Frank B. Simpson and J. C. Letellier doing business as the North Cove Vermiculite company, a compromise settlement of \$450 was effected.

Harold Edward Gray vs. Magdalene Foster, dismissed as non-suit.

LANNING RESIGNS; GRIFFIN NAMED MARAUDER COACH

Johnny Lanning, former major league pitcher and manager of the Marion Marauders, resigned as pilot of the local baseball club last Saturday. In a conference with club officials, Lanning stated that he felt that it would be to the best interest of the team if he would step out.

For some time Lanning has been dissatisfied with the progress his team was making. He made a number of changes in his playing roster, but this appeared to help very little. He then decided to give up the job.

Manager Lanning was a hard worker and put all he had in the game. He has many friends in Marion who wish him well as he goes to other work.

Odel Griffin, member of the Marauder pitching staff, replaces Lanning. Skipper Griffin is well qualified for the job. Only recently he received his master's degree in physical education from Peabody in Nashville, Tenn.

Griffin came to Marion last year and carried his part of the load in pitching duties. He is well-liked by both fans and players. He is married and has one child.

ATTENDING PREVIEW OF BUICK MODEL

Jack Ballew is attending a preview of the new Buick Special model in Atlanta this week.

The Special is Buick's lowest-priced model and is reported to be completely redesigned.

FRANCIS MARION MEETS

Francis Marion club members discussed a number of proposed projects at the regular meeting last Thursday evening in the community building, but no action was taken. Members agreed to study the projects further before taking any definite action.

Federation Picnic To Be Held Next Wednesday

At about 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning, persons from many parts of McDowell and surrounding counties will unload from trucks, or shank's mare to attend the annual Farmers Federation picnic for McDowell county, which will be held in the Glenwood High School building.

Attendance for the picnics, according to federation officials, is expected to exceed last year's enormous crowds. An all-day event, the picnic is filled with string music, singing by choirs, quartets and individuals, and is highlighted by the fact that many fiddlers and string musicians will all be present to make an effort to outplay one another.

Present for this year's picnics will be "Smilin' Red" Raper, known from one end of Western North Carolina to the other for his mountain ballad singing, among the most popular of which are "Johnson's Old Gray Mule," and "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." Red will be present for all picnics this year, it has been announced.

Alex Houston, young ventriloquist of Hendersonville who has attended the picnics for many years, will also be present as will Patsy Messer, acrobatic dancer of Canton, the purebred cow that gives milk on the stage for all to see, and the hen that waddles onto the stage, looks the audience over, and proceeds to lay an enormous egg in public.

Choir and quartet singing will be featured during the afternoon with prizes for the winners of each division. Athletic games and contests will be held on the school grounds during lunch hour with prizes for the winners. Most popular of the contests is the tug-of-war for men.

Max M. Roberts, who is in charge of picnics, has announced that the usual prizes will be awarded for the largest family in attendance, the largest truck load of persons present, the couple married the longest and the most bald man.

All persons of McDowell county are invited to attend these picnics and participate in the day's program, it was announced by Mr. Roberts. The Farmers Federation string band, led by Johnny Rhymer, and featuring Gaither Robinson, who also dances, James Sluder, Hazel Rhymer, Wilma Sluder and Herman Jones, will be present for all picnics, it was stated.

Free lemonade and watermelon will be furnished by the federation, and all persons are cordially invited to attend and bring their lunch, it was announced.

Personnel Changes Made In Town Office

Two changes of personnel in the Town of Marion office were announced this week by Reece Snyder, town manager.

Mrs. James Burgin accepted a position as stenographer and B. E. Byrd resigned his position as town clerk. These changes became effective July 15.

Mrs. Julia Stanley will continue her duties as a clerk in the office.

Funeral Rites For John Wilson Held Wednesday

John H. Wilson, 77, died at the residence Tuesday morning after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday at 2 p. m. by the Rev. Carl McMurray, and burial was in the Proctor cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Presnell Wilson, four sons and three daughters, John H. Jr., Ted and Woodrow Wilson of Marion; Max Wilson of Morganton, Mrs. Ralph Willis of Nebo, Mrs. F. Correll of Vale and Mrs. James Warren of Cherryville and seven grandchildren.

American Legion And Auxiliary Have Installation Ceremony

McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion and Auxiliary installed officers at a joint ceremony held in the community building Friday night.

Legion Officers

C. B. Dobson, post division commander, installed the Legion officers as follows:

Clarence Wise, commander succeeding G. Watson Wilson; Ben Hendley, first vice commander, chairman of membership committee; E. P. Dameron, second vice commander, chairman legal committee; Sam Proctor, third vice commander, finance officer; Guy Lonon adjutant, house committee chairman; Rev. James McLarty, chaplain, visitation.

Barron Caldwell, service officer, rehabilitation chairman; W. E. Carter, athletic officer; J. H. Beaman, Forney Briscoe and T. Brown, sons of the American Legion; R. E. Davis, child welfare; Mack Jay, defense—national or civilian defense; E. F. Haire, graves registration.

Auxiliary Officers

Officers of the Auxiliary were installed by Mrs. Watson Wilson. They are:

Miss Opal Epley, president; Mrs. Ray Minish, first vice president; Mrs. Fred Willis, second vice president; Mrs. Ray Brown, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Clyde Revis, historian; Mrs. W. E. Cooper, chaplain; Mrs. Arnold Morgan, sergeant-at-arms.

Program

Rev. J. B. McLarty, chaplain, opened the program with a devotional. Gene Watson, of Nebo, and James Haney, of Glenwood, reported on Boys' State which they attended in Chapel Hill in June.

Others taking part on the program were: Mrs. Margaret Wall, Mrs. Zula Miller, Mrs. Horace Norton and Mrs. John Melton.

Refreshments were served by members of the Auxiliary. The table was decorated with poppies and red candles.

Promise To Prevent Disorder Given Governor Scott

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

Raleigh, July 19—Killed July 16 through July 18, 8; Injured July 16 through July 18, 96; Killed to date, 409; Killed to Date in 1948, 353; Injured to Date, 4,660; Injured to Date, in 1948, 3,774.

Methodist Youth To Have Opportunity To Attend Camp

Methodist youth of the Marion District, which includes the counties of Rutherford, Burke, McDowell, Watauga, Mitchell, Avery, and parts of Ashe and Polk, will have a chance to spend a week this summer at camp. Arrangements have been made to use the South Toe River Camp near Busick, the week of August 8-15 being reserved for Intermediate (12-14) and the week of August 15-22 for Senior-Young People (15-23).

A competent staff is being secured by Miss Ruth Taylor, First Church, Marion, who will be Director of the Camp both weeks. Some of the staff members are: Rev. W. B. A. Culp, Glen Alpine; Rev. and Mrs. Sam Moss, Boone; Rev. J. B. McLarty, Marion; Miss Denny Lee Bryson, Morganton; Miss Ruby Aiken, Connelly Springs; Miss Loree Heggill, Cliffside; Rev. Courtney Ross, Spindale; Rev. R. Harold Hips, Duke Divinity School; and Rev. Troy Barrett, N. C. Conference.

This is the first time the Camp has been available for Marion District youth and it is expected that a large number will attend and will enjoy this experience of camping. Registrations are being handled by Miss Elise Crawford, Cliffside, District Director of Youth Work.

Charter Issued Marion Firm To Make Furniture

Certificates of incorporation filed last week in the office of Secretary Thad Eure included:

Bolick Manufacturing Company, Inc., Marion to manufacture and sell furniture. Authorized capital stock \$100,000 subscribed stock \$300 by C. E. Bolick, Marion, E. C. Terry, High Point, and E. H. Terry, Asheville.

STILL CAPTURED

Sheriff C. M. Pool reported destroying a 50 gallon steam still last Friday on Paris Creek near the Graphite fill. Officers poured out five gallons of beer.

Hemp McNeely Fatally Injured Friday Night

Hemp McNeely of Cross Mill was fatally injured Friday night when struck by a truck driven by Jack N. Smith, of Asheville, and owned by the Bon Ton Distributing company. State Highway Patrolman Archie Burrell who investigated, said Smith will face charges of manslaughter at a hearing scheduled Friday. He was released under \$1,000 bond.

The incident occurred about nine o'clock on highway 70 approximately one mile west of Marion. Burrell said Smith told him McNeely walked in the path of his truck so close to the vehicle that he could not stop. McNeely died about a half hour after being admitted to the Marion Hospital.

Funeral services were held at Cross Mill Methodist church Tuesday afternoon and interment made in the church cemetery.

McNeely was a World War 1 veteran and had been employed by the Cross Cotton Mills for 30 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hannah Boone McNeely; two daughters, Misses Louise and Annie McNeely of the home; four sons, William, Bennie, and Walter of the home and Harold of Marcus Hook, Pa.; two brothers, Grudger of Marion, RFD 3, and Ceph of Morganton; and three grandchildren.

James Fullwood Injured By Auto Sunday Afternoon

About six p. m. Sunday a 1939 Chevrolet coupe reportedly driven by Mrs. Irene Thaxton of 169 Pearson Drive, Asheville, plowed into a concrete pillar at what is known as the Roy McCurry place, a combination filling station and store on Highway 70 about nine miles east of Marion. James Fullwood, Negro of route 2, Nebo, who was said to have been standing beside the concrete pillar when the car struck, received a broken leg.

Highway Patrol Officer J. T. Jolly of Marion, who investigated, said Mrs. Thaxton apparently lost control of her car causing it to ram the concrete pillar. Listed as passengers in the car were Miss Alma Gish of Roanoke, Va., and Joseph Felix of Asheville. Fullwood was carried to a Marion hospital. Officer Jolly said yesterday no charges had been brought against Mrs. Thaxton.

Funeral Services For Bascomb Young Held Here Monday

Bascomb W. Young, 62, prominent Marion resident, died at his home on Spring Street Sunday after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Presbyterian church at 4:30 p. m. Monday, by the pastor, Dr. Carl W. McMurray, and burial was in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Edna Cox Young; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Pennington and Mrs. Arthur Evans of Marion and Mrs. Wade Ward of Shelby; three grandchildren; one brother and three sisters, William Young of Celo, Miss Lockland and Miss Libby Young and Mrs. Arville McKinney of Newdale.

Young moved to Marion from Yancey county in 1919 and was engaged in the shoe repair work until he retired several years ago when his health failed.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Newton	49	20	.710
Lincolnton	44	26	.629
Lenoir	39	30	.565
Rutherfordton	37	35	.514
Morganton	36	35	.507
Marion	26	44	.371
Hendersonville	25	45	.357
Shelby	24	46	.341

Davis Orchestra To Play For Dance

Roy Davis, Jr. and his orchestra will play for a dance to be held at the community building Saturday, July 23. Dancing will begin at eight o'clock and continue until 12 midnight. The public is invited.