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FEDERATION PICNIC HELD YESTERDAY

Farmers Federation Activities For Year Highlighted By President McClure.

A capacity audience attended the annual Farmers Federation picnic for McDowell county held in the high school building at Glenwood, Wednesday. James G. K. McClure, president of the federation, served as master of ceremonies, and gave a brief report on the activities of the organization during the past year.

McClure stated that a better Western North Carolina can be made possible by the farmers sticking together. He described the many markets made possible by this cooperation among farmers.

Sam Homewood, county agent, spoke briefly on cooperation among farmers and of the higher production per acre made possible in McDowell county during recent years. Mr. Homewood stated that the average of 20 bushels of corn per acre had been increased to more than 64 at present.

W. P. Whitesides, principal of Glenwood school, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Rev. Dumont Clarke, head of the religious department of the federation, gave a report on the Lord's Acre project and described the important work made possible in country churches through this movement.

Featured on the program of entertainment.

Providence Church Opens Revival And Bible School

Revival services begin at Providence Methodist church Sunday evening at 8:00. Rev. E. P. Greene of Harris, N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited.

Daily Vacation Bible school begins Monday morning at 9:00, and will run through Friday. The children of the community are invited.

MARION MOTOR CO. BROKEN INTO

Chief of Police D. W. Smith said the Marion Motor company was broken into Saturday night. A window pane in the office was smashed and the drawer of a file was battered, but nothing was reported missing.

No arrests have been made.

Union Charges Marion Plant Is Unfair To Labor

McDowell Girls To Participate In 4-H Club Week

The demonstration given by Miss Marilyn Brinkley in a district Wear and Care of Clothing Demonstration held here July 14 was chosen one of the six most outstanding in the state. This honor entitles Miss Brinkley to present the demonstration at 4-H Club Week observance to be held in Raleigh, August 1-6. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright of route 3, Marion.

Miss Ruby Hollifield, winner of the County Dress Contest, will enter the State contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hollifield of route 3, Marion.



Miss Brenda Glenn, of route 1, Marion, was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of McDowell Post 56 at Girls' State in Greensboro this year. She left Sunday and will return July 31. Miss Glenn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glenn.

MRS. WITHERSPOON DIED YESTERDAY; FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services will be held this afternoon for Mrs. Margaret Hudgins Witherspoon who died about 9 a. m. yesterday. The services will be held at 4 p. m. at the First Baptist church.

Born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, December 20, 1865, she moved to Warrenton, N. C. with her family while she was still a young child. Following her graduation from Graham Academy in Warrenton, she continued her education at Columbia University. She had a long and useful career as a music teacher, primary grade and high school teacher.

In 1899 she came to Marion and pursued her chosen career for more than 40 years and was affectionately known by her pupils as "Miss (Continued on last page)

Bloodmobile To Visit Marion

O. G. Lonon, Jr. Died Sunday In California

O. Grayden Lonon, Jr. of National City, California, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Grayden Lonon, Sr., of North Cove, died Sunday, July 24 after a brief illness. The remains are expected to arrive by plane late Thursday afternoon and will be taken to McCall's Funeral Home where it will remain until time for the funeral services which will be conducted at Conley's Memorial Chapel, at Sevier, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor Dr. J. E. Flow assisted by Dr. Carl McMurray and burial will be (Continued on last page)

MARION CITY HALL HAS FRESH MAKE-UP

Visitors at the city hall this week blinked their eyes and smiled. Painters had redecorated the interior of the building.

Offices of the Mayor, Town of Marion, Marion Merchants association, City Superintendent of Schools, and Baseball club are tinted a light aqua. The State Highway office is cream. Walls in the halls are cream with brown trim.

125 Blood Donors And 75 Pints Of Blood Set As Goal

Red Cross workers have set a goal of 125 volunteer blood donors from which they hope to obtain 75 pints of blood when the Bloodmobile visits Marion on Tuesday, August 2, at the community building.

Recruiting will be conducted through the civic clubs with S. J. Westmoreland as local recruitment chairman under R. W. Twitty, county recruitment chairman.

The McDowell County Chapter now leads all others in the Asheville area in blood contributions.

The Asheville Regional Blood Center opened April 25 of this year as the 24th center in the country under the American National Red Cross program. A total of 1,281 people presented themselves and 939 pints of blood were secured from the opening date until the end of June.

McDowell county led 14 other western North Carolina chapters visited by the Mobile Unit, with 124 donors contributing 91 pints of blood. Transylvania County Chapter followed second with 101 donors giving 80 pints. Henderson county was third, 79 donors, 59 pints.

The total amount of blood delivered to hospitals was 820 pints. Distribution was made to eight local hospitals in the Asheville area and 14 outlying hospitals, including Marion General. Total number of pints given locals was 543 and outlying 277. Marion received 14 pints.

ROBIN HOOD ACCEPTS BANK POSITION HERE

Robin Hood, Cashier of the Northwestern Bank of Hickory, has been elected Executive Vice-President of The First National Bank of Marion, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of M. L. Campbell, who resigned some months ago on account of his health. The new officer of the Bank will assume his duties on or prior to September 1.

Hood has a banking background, having been closely connected with banking all of his life. He is the son of Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina.

Hood attended State College and the University of North Carolina. He is a banker by profession, having taken a post graduate course in Banking and Investments at the University, and having had wide experience in Banks in Raleigh, Taylorsville, Boone, Gatesville, and Hickory. Before coming to Hickory in 1946, he was Cashier and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Gates for five years.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT BUDGET FOR 1949-50

LIBRARY BOARD



The McDowell County Public Library's Board of Trustees is shown discussing plans for the coming year at its meeting last Thursday evening. This Board directs the policies and plans for expansion of service in McDowell county.

Library Board Studies Statistics

Marion Lutherans Visit Linn Haven In Past Two Weeks

About thirty people from Marion visited Camp Linn Haven at Linnville during the past two weeks. Rev. Charles Frenzel, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, served at the camp as educational director. Mrs. V. T. Eckerd served during the first week as counselor. The following children spent at least a week at the camp: Shirley Hensley, Norma Jean Hall, Judy Finley, Doris Stepp, Bill Hendley, Joe Eckerd, John Eckerd, Thomas Hendley, Donald Fox, and Dicky (Continued on last page)

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY

Superior Court ended Friday after a two weeks docket of civil cases with Judge J. Will Pless presiding.

Cases not published last week include:

Ephraim M. Gray and wife, Annie Gray, Ollie E. McFarlane and husband, John McFarlane, Craigie G. Branch, a widow, Martha G. Dobson and husband J. S. Dobson, Etta G. Edwards and husband, J. M. Edwards, Pless Gray and wife, Nina Gray, Jim C. Gray and wife, Bessie Gray, Marie Jaynes and husband, R. C. Jaynes and Dorothy Teague, a single woman vs. Duke Power company, a corporation, and J. H. Gray and wife Ida Gray. The Duke Power company was declared owner of the lands described in the petition. The petitioners gave notice of appeal and bond was set at \$100.

State of North Carolina on relation of C. M. Pool, sheriff, plaintiff vs. Mack Hollifield and Mrs. Edith Cooper, the court was of the opinion that the purported motion is not well founded and denied it. J. T. McCracken, moveant, gave notice of appeal and bond was set at \$50.

Charles W. White, an infant, by his next friend W. P. White vs. Southern Railway, a corporation, in an action for personal injuries sustained by Charles White as a result of the explosion of a torpedo obtained by Frank Tate from the Southern Railway, a compromise offer of \$3,000 was effected.

Approve Budget Of \$369,353.83; \$55,571.05 More Than Last Year

The County Commissioners adopted a budget of \$369,353.83 this week for the fiscal year 1949-50. The budget for the coming year is \$55,571.05 more than last year's budget of \$313,782.78.

The biggest item on the budget is \$62,749 for the general county fund. Capital outlay of the Marion City School unit was stepped up from \$20,000 last year to \$41,800 for the coming year. Next highest items are \$33,375.56 for capital outlay of county school fund, and \$33,216.44 school debt service fund.

Other items in the budget requirements are: \$4,400 for county health department, \$21,300 for the county health unit, \$26,381.80 for county welfare department, \$16,800 for old age assistance, \$7,149 for aid to dependent children, \$21,492 for special expense, \$30,000 for current expense of the county school fund, \$21,723.78 for current expense of Marion City School unit, \$661.65 funding debt service, \$28,234.50 highway debt service fund, \$20,070.10 court house debt service fund.

Of the \$21,300 county health unit fund, \$12,007 is supplied by State and Federal appropriations, leaving a balance of \$9,293 to be paid by the county.

Autos Collide On North Main

Kenneth Weaver, employee of the Sain-Brooks Motor company, was in critical condition at Marion General Hospital yesterday as a result of injuries suffered in an accident last Wednesday.

A '46 Chevrolet driven by Kenneth Weaver and owned by Sain-Brooks Motor company collided with a '47 Oldsmobile, property of the North Carolina Equipment company, driven by W. D. Page on North Main street Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Adams received a laceration on his left forehead, was treated by a local physician in his office. Page was treated at the Marion Hospital and released. Weaver was admitted to Marion Hospital after the accident.

W. Woods, police who investigated, said the auto driven by Weaver was headed south and the car Page was driving was headed north when the two collided on highway 70 at the point where View Point Drive meets the highway.

Kiwanis Program On Youth Activities

Smith Released After Hearing Last Friday

Jack N. Smith was given a hearing before Dysart Martin, Justice of the Peace, last Friday on a manslaughter charge. Martin said probable cause was not found and he was released.

Smith was the driver of the Bon Ton Distributing company truck which struck and fatally injured Hemp McNeely of Cross Mill on Friday, July 15. Archie Burrell, State Highway Patrolman, who investigated the accident said Smith told him McNeely walked into the path of the truck.

Kiwanian Francis Bradsher was in charge of the program at the Kiwanis meeting held Tuesday evening in the Marion Community Building. He was in charge of a round table discussion which centered around a recent project conducted by the club in providing facilities for week end boy and girl scout activities for the youth of McDowell county.

Through the efforts of the Kiwanis club, the scouts of McDowell county recently acquired a site for camping from the Duke Power company on Lake James. The Kiwanis club contributed funds for the erection of a shelter on the site for scout activities. Kiwanian Johnnie Field was in charge of the construction work on this project.

President Roy W. Davis presided at the meeting and recognized several visiting Kiwanians.