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## GROUPS MEET WITH ALDERMEN TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES

### PRIVILEGE TAX, PHONE SERVICE AND WATER FOR WEST MARION HIGHLIGHT DISCUSSION

Equalizing privilege tax rates, city water for Marion, and better telephone service were the topics of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night.

#### PRIVILEGE TAX

A group of Marion Merchants appeared before the Board to discuss the recent change in privilege tax rates. The process of equalizing the tax was started by the Town on July 1, but did not come to the attention of the merchants until licenses were mailed out within the past ten days.

Although no definite action was taken on the plan as a whole, the Board agreed to review individual cases brought to its attention.

#### WATER FOR WEST MARION

A group of citizens from West Marion met with the Board to inquire into the problem of securing city water for their community. Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr., appointed the following committee to contact the local government commission and investigate possibilities for a bond issue with which to obtain money for the work: Frank Goldsmith, Pat Davis, M. W. Gordon and Reece Snyder.

Lynn Garibaldi, president of the Carolina Mountain Telephone company, was present at the request of the Board in an effort to promote better telephone service. The President said he was doing everything possible to give the best possible and that machinery for a dial system had been ordered, but he did not know when it would be received here.

Oscar Lee Lowery was issued a taxi driver's permit. John Martin requested that the street off West Court avenue be widened, but no definite action was taken.

Announcement was made that the board will be in session Monday to set a tax rate for the Town of Marion and adopt the Town budget for the coming year.

### James Klutz Kiwanis Speaker

James Klutz, recent graduate of the University of North Carolina and from free lance sportswriter of campus activities, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday night.

He told of the peculiarities of many noted athletes. The speaker was presented to the Club by J. L. Gourley, and Roy W. Davis, president, presided over the meeting.

## Commissioners Draw Jurors Approve Road Petitions

The County Commissioners drew a list of jurors for the September term of Superior Court and approved road petitions at the August meeting held last Monday.

Road petitions approved read as follows:

Widen, ditch and gravel road from highway 221, about one-half mile beyond Lonon's Filling Station to No. 26 Cox's highway, known as Hickory Bottom Branch.

Improve road from Providence church to a point on Goose creek, road known as Old River road, till it would be possible for cars to travel over it.

Petition State Highway to take over road from 221 from W. S.

#### MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Thursday: Morganton at Marion.

Friday: Lincolnton at Marion.

Saturday: Marion at Lincolnton.

Monday: Marion at Newton.

Tuesday: Newton at Marion.

Wednesday: Marion at Hendersonville.

## Man Found Dead Last Monday; Inquest Today

The body of Atlee Withrow was found Monday on a logging road about one-fourth of a mile from the Dysartville road, according to a report by S. J. Westmoreland, coroner. An inquest is scheduled Thursday.

The side road, about 15 miles south of Marion, led from the Dysartville road to Withrow's home. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Tuesday at Harmony Grove Baptist church and burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dema Suttlee Withrow; four brothers: Frank of Morganton; Winfield of Marion; Roy of route 1, Marion; Fred of route 1, Nebo; three sisters: Mrs. Milland Holland, route 1, Marion; Mrs. Tom Holland, route 1, Marion; Mrs. Sam Curtis, route 4, Marion.

## Summer Music School Will Start Monday

The summer session at the high school is scheduled for its first meeting next Monday morning at 8:30. Students already enrolled in the course, please report promptly Monday morning with instruments. All classes will be held in the band room at the high school.

Beginning students who wish to enroll, who have not yet done so, may contact Mr. Hirsch Monday morning at the band room. The school has a few instruments available for free rental during this four weeks session. Students who do not own their own instruments have the privilege of the use of these school instruments for the four weeks session.

The music classes will run for four weeks, ending on Friday, September 2. A reasonable tuition fee will be charged.



J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS

## Eringhaus Dies In Raleigh Hotel

Raleigh, August 1—Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, 67, died at his suite at the Sir Walter Hotel last night about 7:30 p. m.

Death was caused by a heart attack, his physicians said later. He (Continued on last page)

## Home For Aged To Be Established In Marion

Marion will have a home for its aged persons by September 1, if present plans materialize on schedule.

Licenses will be issued by the State Welfare Board for the old J. H. L. Miller homestead on the corner of North Garden and New streets to be operated as a home for older persons, Mrs. D. N. Lonon, county superintendent of public welfare, said this week.

An appeal is extended the public to offer aid by contributing any old piece of furniture now in attics, basements or any place where it is not in use. Dishes, glassware, beds, chairs, chests, etc. are among the items most needed.

## Funeral Rites For A. K. Weaver Held Friday

Alfred Kenneth Weaver, 63, died Wednesday night in the Marion hospital of injuries received in an automobile collision here July 20.

Funeral services were held Friday at 10 a. m. in the First Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. James B. McLarty. Burial was in the family plot of Oak Grove cemetery.

His wife, Mrs. Alva Staff Weaver, survives.

He was a native of McDowell county, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Weaver. For many years he had been an automobile salesman.

The accident occurred in front of the Marion community building when a Chevrolet driven by Weaver and an Oldsmobile driven by W. D. Page of Raleigh, collided.

Page and a passenger, H. J. Adams of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received minor injuries.

## Former Marion Woman Accepts Position

Mrs. Ruth D. Carpenter, former Marion resident, is Ashe county's new home demonstration agent. Before her marriage to the late Mr. Ed Carpenter, she was Miss Ruth Williams, daughter of Mrs. John Hastings of Asheville.

## Annual Meeting Of Red Cross Set For Aug. 12

The McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p. m. on August 12 in the court house, E. P. Dameron, county chairman, announced this week.

Officers for the coming year will be elected and committee chairmen will present their annual reports.

## Roads And Streets To Have Top Coat

Plans are underway for surfacing portions of highways surrounding Marion and also for giving a top coat to several Marion streets, E. D. Braley, resident engineer of the State Highway Commission, said yesterday.

The following highways will be surfaced with asphaltic concrete:

From the community building west to the intersection of U. S. 70 and U. S. 221. From the intersection of East Court and North Garden streets, at the foot of the court house hill, east to the Burke county line.

Streets to be resurfaced are: From the intersection of Academy and West Court streets, corner of the Marion High School grounds, to Carson street intersection. From the intersection of South Main and West Henderson streets to Logan street. From Burgin street on West Henderson street to the city limits.

## Old Fort Veteran Shot Wednesday

Horace Davis, World War II veteran who was shot at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dalton in the Crooked Creek section Wednesday of last week was transferred from Marion General Hospital to the Moore General Hospital Friday morning.

Willard Toney, deputy, who investigated, gave the following account: Mrs. Dalton was working outside her home when she heard a shot. Entering the home she found Davis lying on the floor and took the weapon from his hand. Toney said he visited Davis while he was at the Marion Hospital and asked him if he knew the gun was loaded, and that Davis said he did. The incident occurred about 10 a. m. The shot was from a .32 pistol, Toney said.

## Musical Program At Rotary Meeting

Joe Carter and Willie Crisp, entertainers from the Dixie Supper club, entertained the Marion Rotary club with piano playing and singing at its meeting last Friday noon.

Visiting Rotarians included: A. S. Arnold, of Greensboro, and W. J. Christy of Dunedin, Florida. Rudolph Rawak and William Leffler, of New York were the guests of Albert Hewitt, Jr.

Reece Snyder, town manager, was welcomed into membership.

## Hail Curtails Streak Of Heat

The 3.70 inches of rainfall which fell from Friday of last week through Monday of this week plus a hail storm Saturday afternoon started the mercury on a downward trend. High readings of 95 last Tuesday and Wednesday dropped to 85, Monday, and 81 Tuesday of this week.

Folks who were saying they just could not work because of the heat now openly admit they are feeling lazy.

Hottest day of this year was last Thursday when Sol's beaming countenance brought a maximum of 97 into being. Low readings since last Thursday ranged in the higher 60's.

## ALL STAR COACH



Art Ditt

Art Ditt leaves Sunday for Greensboro where he will serve as coach in the All-Star game of August 13.

## STANLEY AND DITT TO LEAVE SUNDAY FOR ALL-STAR GAME

Two Marion men will participate in the All-Star football game to be played in Greensboro, August 12. Art Ditt, Marion High School Ripper coach, has been selected a coach for the occasion and Bill Stanley, former Ripper star, will (Continued on last page)

## McDOWELL COUNTY TO RECEIVE SHARE OF INTANGIBLE TAX

McDowell county will receive \$8,183.04 from the state this week as its share of revenue from the intangible personal property tax.

Marion will receive \$2,639.37 and Old Fort \$309.46.

Checks totaling \$2,467,369.54 will be mailed to counties and cities throughout the state on Thursday of this week.

In the past fiscal year, net collections of the intangible tax totaled \$3,084,211.92. The law requires that 60 per cent of this be distributed among cities and counties with 20 per cent going to the State. The State's share of the 1948-49 receipts was 616,842.38.

The tax is levied on money on deposit, money on hand, accounts receivable in excess of accounts payable, bonds and notes, shares of stock, interests in foreign trusts, and funds on deposit with insurance companies.

Last year's collections were about \$128,000 higher than the \$2,957,858.36 collected in 1948-49. That year cities and counties got \$2,366,286.69 and the State \$591,571.67.

## Federation Picnic Winners Announced

Contest winners at the Farmers Federation picnic had not been announced when The Progress went to press last week. The annual event was held Wednesday of last week at Glenwood school with a record attendance.

Winners and exhibition events not contained in last week's issue are as follows:

During lunch hour three calves bred by Southeastern Artificial Breeding association were displayed on the school grounds. Owners of the calves are Don M. Sartain, Marion, R. F. D. No. 2; Elbert S. Wilson, Marion, R. F. D. No. 1, and Ira Kanupp, Old Fort, R.F.D. No. 1.

Games and contests were held on the school grounds and prizes were awarded to the following: G. M. Clark, Alonzo Roberts, Henry Whitener, Bob Lawing, Howard Wise, Louis Wall, James Goforth, Howard McKinney, Genelle Davis, Don Sartain, Dewey Worley, Bill Greer, Hugh Ledbetter, Charles Grant, Mildred Elliott, Joyce Crisson, Charles Dayberry, Bill Bryant and Wayne Laughridge.

First prize winner in the quartet singing contest was the Cherry Springs quartet. They competed with the Happy Valley quartet.

Prize for the couple the longest married went to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Crisson of Hollifield, 47 years, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Whetstone of Glenwood won the prize for the most recently married couple, they were married 9 months ago. W. H. Pace had the largest family present, 10 in number, and the most bald man present was John Condrey of Greenlee.

## Ballew Named To Chairmanship Of General Motors

General Motors, Detroit, Michigan, announced today that W. G. Ballew, local Chevrolet dealer for the past 25 years has been appointed to serve the coming year as General Motors Community Relations Chairman for Marion and vicinity.

The chairmanship carries a community service responsibility under auspices of General Motors Department of Public Relations, which makes available to the public a variety of interesting and educational materials in a form of motion pictures, booklets and presentations. General Motors also is the sponsor (Continued on last page)

## Union Petitions For Election Of Broyhill Furniture Employees

A National Labor Relations Board hearing to determine if union representation elections should be conducted at the Broyhill Furniture Company here was conducted here Thursday by Miles McCormick, NLRB hearing officer.

The discussion, which was held in the court house, was mainly devoted to the question of what should constitute an appropriate unit for an election.

Counsel for the Broyhill interests, comprising five corporations owning and operating six plants in various parts of North Carolina, expressed the opinion that the six plants should vote as a single unit.

The Upholsterers International Union of North America AFL argued that the election should be held for the Otis L. Broyhill Furniture company of Marion as a single unit. Union counsel accused the opponents of "pulling a fast one," and said they had not distributed literature nor made any other preparation for an election at any of the other plants operated by Broyhill interests.

McCormick said records of the hearing will be transmitted to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington for a decision.

## Revival Services At Clinchfield

Rev. W. R. Craig, of the South-side Baptist Church Winston-Salem, will begin a series of Revival services at Clinchfield Baptist church on August 8. Beginning Tuesday morning, August 9, there will be morning services at 10:30 each day except Monday and Saturday.

The music will be directed by Troy Davidson of Clinchfield. Song services will begin at 7:30 each evening. Rev. W. R. Grigg is a former pastor of Clinchfield. A hearty invitation to the services is extended to the public.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Newton	53	26	.671
Lincolnton	51	27	.654
Lenoir	43	36	.544
Rutherford	43	37	.538
Morganton	42	40	.512
Shelby	30	49	.380
Marion	29	50	.367
Hendersonville	25	53	.321