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## Corn Tour To Be Held August 24

Other Specialists To Visit McDowell During August

McDowell county's fourth annual corn tour will be conducted on August 24, S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, has announced.

"This year a special effort will be made to point out the advantages and disadvantages of hybrid corn," Homewood said. He further explained that although hybrid corn is good corn, demonstrations would determine the best varieties of hybrids.

Homewood also called attention to a meeting to be held at 2 p. m. Friday of this week in the court room to discuss pastures. Sam Dobson, agronomy extension specialist, will lead the discussions. A special drive will be launched during the coming fall to increase pastures, both in acreage and production per acre.

Other specialists to visit the county this month include: Lee W. Herick, Jr., extension turkey specialist, who will visit local farmers on August 25 and Roy M. Richie, Jr., agriculture engineer extension specialist, on August 18. Richie aids farmers in planning construction of barns and other farm buildings.

## 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.

## Two Fires Occur At Same Time

Marion firemen played a double header here Saturday morning.

While one group was boarding the smaller truck, a second call brought word of another fire. At the square each went their separate ways, the smaller truck heading for Ross Sinclair Service on North Main street and the larger one bound for the home of B. C. Wages in Clinchfield. The Wages home, back of the Clinchfield school, was not seriously damaged and the blaze was soon extinguished.

Fire at the Sinclair Station was in the room used for washing cars.

## POWELL HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

The residence on Maple avenue occupied by Otis Powell was damaged by fire last Thursday. The greater part of the damage was inside the home particularly the living room and the living room furniture.

## Library Receives 1500 Volumes

Little Switzerland—Approximately 1,500 volumes from the private library of the late Judge Heriot Clarkson of Little Switzerland and Raleigh bequeathed by him to the Little Switzerland Community and held in trust by the Little Switzerland Community Organization since his death in 1942, were donated to the McDowell Public Library of Marion at a meeting of the organization held here.

The donation was accepted on behalf of the library by Miss Alice P. Bryan, librarian, as a memorial to the late Judge Clarkson.

## Aldermen Adopt Town Budget; Tax Rate Will Remain Same

### Edgar Hensley Killed By Car

Edgar H. Hensley, 67-year-old native of Marion, was killed yesterday at 6 p. m. when he ran into the side of a moving automobile driven by Alfred Deal Hall of Barber's Junction.

State Highway Patrolman W. M. Anthony, who investigated the accident reported that Mr. Hensley was standing beside a dirt road off

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### State Health Board Issues Report On Polio Cases

The North Carolina State Board of Health reports only one new case of polio developed in the state between July 30 and August 6. This one is located in Alamance county.

McDowell county had one case reported in July. Reports of cases in surrounding counties for the year, as of August 6, were listed as follows: Buncombe 4; Henderson, Rutherford, Mitchell and Yancey, none; Burke 1. Total number of cases in the State from July 1 through August 6 was 40 cases. The July total in 1948 was 869 cases.

A total of 8,299 cases in the nation has been reported to date, as compared with 5,793 for the same period last year. North Carolina's total last year was 1,098.

### Minor Changes In Privilege Tax Amounts Made

The Board of Aldermen adopted a budget of \$163,570. for the Town of Marion at a call meeting held Monday evening in the city hall. The tax rate will remain at \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation. Last year's budget totaled \$134,320.

Highest figure on the budget is \$49,651.45 for Streets and Sewer Department. Second highest was \$33,639.55 for Debt Service. Other items are: General Government \$22,575; Police Department, \$15,550; Fire Department \$3,480; Cemetery \$2,400; Water Department \$13,274; Motor Fuel Account \$3,000; Capital Outlay \$20,000.

Revenue from taxes, sales of water and parking meters was listed at \$124,000 and miscellaneous revenue \$29,570, making a total of \$163,570.

Following adoption of the budget following adoption of the budget items in the amounts set for business privilege licenses.

August 16 was set as the date to receive bids on meter equipment and water and sewer extensions.

## County Schools To Open September 1

### Hiram D. Bishop, Jr. Injured In Accident

The condition of Hiram D. Bishop, Jr., who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last Sunday, was reported improved yesterday.

He received lacerations about his face and throat when the station wagon in which he was riding collided with another automobile Sunday afternoon near Crossnore. He is a patient in Crossnore Hospital.

### William Hendley Wins Top Honors In Talent Festival

During the Sunday evening meeting of the Walthers League of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Rev. Charles Frenzel announced that William Hendley of the Marion League had won top honors in the district talent festival. His handicraft in pottery was recommended for competition in the national talent quest of the Walthers League at Houston, Texas.

Other members of the Marion society who had participated in the district meeting were given certificates.

The meeting was opened by the devotional lead by Gale Hilton and Betty McCormick. The pastor presented the topic study. New members were initiated in a colorful ceremony as the president of the society gave to them flames from the candles of the altar, with which they in turn lighted other altar candles.

In the business meeting the group decided to sponsor the sale of Christmas cards this year, with Pauline Godfrey in charge. Refreshments of watermelons were served by the committee of Norma Hall and Shirley Hensley.

### Sunday Afternoon Auto Collision

Local police gave the following account of an automobile accident which occurred on South Main street, near Morrow's Jewelry Store, Sunday afternoon:

William Haynes, driving a '39 Plymouth Sedan, was backing out of a parking space, and Newton Buchanan, driving a '37 Pontiac sedan, was headed south on Main street when the collision occurred. Mrs. J. G. Buchanan, passenger in the Buchanan auto, was treated at Marion General Hospital for face lacerations and dismissed. No charges were preferred.

### McCALLS PURCHASE MILLER RESIDENCE

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. McCall have purchased the new residence on Rutherford road from Mr. and Mrs. Yates Miller, and will move into it this week. The lot adjoining the residence lot of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gourley.

### Teacher List For Coming Year Is Announced

Schools in the McDowell County System will open on September 1.

The list of teachers for the year 1949-50 was announced this week by N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, as follows:

Pleasant Gardens: Mr. R. L. Wiggins, Principal; Mr. I. E. Burnette, Agriculture; Mrs. Ned McGimsey, Home Economics; Mrs. R. L. Wiggins, Miss Jean Bradley, Mrs. I. E. Burnette, Mr. Colon Wright, Mrs. E. A. Heers, Mrs. Jane Rowe—Commercial; Mrs. Lula Sandlin, Miss Margaret Honeycutt, Mrs. Colon Wright, Mrs. Georgia Corpening, Miss Genevieve Link Mrs. Mabel Haire, Mrs. Dimple F. Simmons, Mrs. Grace M. Steppe, Mrs. Essie Hemphill, Miss Lula Hicks, Mrs. Grace Baldwin, Miss Edith McMullen, Miss Elsie House.

Old Fort: Mr. Harry Swafford, Principal; Mrs. Jewell Church, Home Economics; Mrs. Truby Painter, Commercial; Mr. Robert M. Woodward, Mr. A. K. Moore, Mr. William J. Kay, Mr. Gorman Ledbet.

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### Blood Donors Response To Call

Sixty-one pints of blood was contributed by 73 donors when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Marion Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Ann Hawkins, executive secretary of the McDowell chapter, said.

Although 125 donors and 75 pints of blood had been set as a goal for this visit, the response was considered gratifying by Red Cross heads. A recent report on the progress made in western North Carolina, placed McDowell at the head of a list of 14 western counties.

### McDowell Students Among Graduates At Wake Forest

Two McDowell county students received their diplomas during graduating exercises at Wake Forest college last week.

Thomas Francis Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gibson, received his B. S. degree.

Willard Kaylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kaylor, will be remembered as an outstanding basketball player. As a student at Marion High he starred in both basketball and baseball. He played three seasons as center in basketball and twice made the All Conference team. Playing for Wake Forest in the fall of 1947 Kaylor made 74 field goals and 18 free throws for the 166 points. He received his B. S. degree last week.

The first wagon train west crossed the plains in 1842.

### Two Auto Wrecks On Goose Creek Road Sunday Morning

State Highway Patrolman J. T. Jolley and Sheriff C. M. Pool investigated two wrecks on the Goose Creek road Sunday morning. They gave the following account.

DeFoy Duncan, of Hickory, was owner and driver of a '34 Ford Cabriolet headed west which collided with a '41 Chevrolet owned and driven by Bill Wilson.

As officers were completing their investigation of the collision, an automobile approaching the scene of the accident, turned and retraced its course. The sheriff followed and found the car had overturned in the creek. Occupants were D. C. Revis and Roland Bradley. Revis was treated at the Marion General Hospital and released.

### New Buick Special To Be Shown Today

The Marion Buick company, local Buick dealer, announced today that the new Buick special model will be on display at the Buick company today.

Showing of the new Buick special is eagerly awaited throughout the country. The new car is reputed to have many new features which are certain to be received with great interest by the motoring public.

Arrangements are being made to receive a large number of visitors at the Buick company to the initial showing of the new Buick special.

## BAND UNIFORM DRIVE TOPIC AT KIWANIS MEET

### NEEDHAM INFANT DIED SATURDAY

Leslie Elaine Needham, 11 day old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George H. Needham of Kona and former residents of Marion, died at the Marion General Hospital Sunday evening. Grave side services were conducted at Oak Dale cemetery in Hendersonville, 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by the District Superintendent Rev. John Hoyle and Rev. P. W. Tucker of Marion and Rev. L. B. Hayes of Hendersonville.

### WISEMAN REPORTS MEAT ROBBERY

Omar Wiseman reported robbery of his smoke house in the North Cove section to Sheriff C. M. Pool yesterday. Wiseman said the robbery occurred Monday night and his entire stock of meat was missing. Although no arrests had been made at noon yesterday, the sheriff and his deputies were seeking suspects.

### Mrs. Mary Moody Died Tuesday; Interment Today

Mrs. Mary Moody, 78, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her nephew W. Cliff Morrow, in Johnson City, Tenn., where she has been making her home for many years. Graveside rites will be conducted at the Morrow plot in Oak Grove cemetery in Marion Thursday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. P. W. Tucker.

Morrow is a former resident of Marion and was an employee of the C. C. & O. Railway for several years.

### Why Movies?

The Marion Theatre presents a special feature in this week's issue of The Marion Progress entitled, "Why Movies?" In listing the benefits of moving pictures, the advertisement quotes an anonymous writer's views on the subject. Be sure to read the article on page 4.

## FOOTBALL PRACTICE TO START AUGUST 15

### Dula Reunion Sunday

The annual Dula reunion will be held at the community building in Old Fort next Sunday, it was announced yesterday. A large attendance is expected.

### AUTO FIRE

The fire alarm sounded about 2:15 Monday morning when an automobile parked near Cross Mill Baptist church caught fire. The auto, owned by Oakley Webb, was completely demolished.

### COURT OF HONOR

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m., Friday, August 12, in the First Methodist church.

Rippers begin football practice August 15 at 3:30 p. m., Coach Art Ditt announced this week.

Last year men are asked to report for equipment at 10:00 a. m.

The Marion High School Rippers will start football practice Monday, August 15 when Coach Ditt will put them through a two hour work out in preparation for their grueling schedule which will open September 9 when the Rippers meet the strong Red Devils from Olympia High School of Columbia, S. C.

The outlook for the Rippers isn't too bright; with the loss of many regulars from last years team, Coach Ditt will have a hard job cut out for himself when he tries to replace them.

Five regular starters from last

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## Contract Awarded For Constructing Rural Power Lines

### Withrow Inquest Held Thursday

A coroner's jury holding an inquest Thursday ruled that Atlas Withrow died of natural causes.

The body of Withrow was found Monday of last week on a logging road which branched off the Dyarsville road at a point about 15 miles south of Marion.

Funeral services were held at Harmony Grove Baptist church Tuesday.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Lincolnton	58	29	.667
Newton	58	30	.659
Lenoir	48	39	.552
Rutherford	47	39	.547
Morganton	44	42	.512
Shelby	32	50	.354
Marion	31	52	.373
Hendersonville	26	59	.306

Morganton, Aug. 4—Negotiations were completed here today between the Burke McDowell Electric Membership Co-operative and the Hunter Electric Company, Incorporated of Charlotte, through which 211 miles of new electric power lines will be erected by rural area of this section, it was revealed by Lee Hatley, manager of the local electric membership group.

Contract for construction of the new power lines which will carry electric power to hundreds of families in the rural sections of Burke, McDowell, Caldwell and Rutherford counties, was awarded to the Charlotte electric firm on the basis of its low bid which was given as approximately \$300,000.

### NEED WORKERS, WAREHOUSE

G. C. Hunter and F. H. Bentley of the Hunter Electric Company were in Morganton this week completing negotiations and arranging for the work to begin about August 15. Mr. Bentley will act as superintendent of the huge project and

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