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Marion City Schools To Open September 8

Opening date for schools in the Marion City Unit was set for September 8 at a meeting of the Board last Thursday.

The first principals meeting will be held August 31 and the first general teachers meeting on September 7, H. F. Beam, city superintendent, has announced.

Miss Eva Keeter was elected by the Board as the first supervisor of the Marion City Schools. Her duty in this position will be to supervise the instructional part of the program.

Beginning the supervisory program, Beam said: "we hope by the use of a supervisor the quality of instruction will be materially improved. She will work with the principals and their teachers and particularly make it a point to supervise and help beginning teachers. Miss Keeter is well qualified having had supervisory experience for a number of years in Greenville, S. C. in the Greenville City Schools and Eastern Carolina Teachers College. She received her M. A. degree from Columbia University."

TEACHER LIST

The list of teachers for the coming year was announced as follows:

Marion High School: Charles C. Elledge, principal; A. H. Ditt, Bernard Hirsch, Miss Mary Frances Harrill, Miss Mildred E. Glenn E. L. Carter, Mrs. Flora S. Homewood, Mrs. Emily English Morris, Miss Catherine Alley, Mrs. Pattie Leake Hewitt, Miss Betsy Webster, Mrs. Kate Z. Finley, Mrs. Edith L. Davis, Miss Mary Mills, C. Y. Shepherd. Marion Elementary: Sam Gibson, (Continued on last page)



Miss Eva Keeter, above, was elected supervisor of the Marion City Schools at a meeting of the Board last Thursday. She will be Marion's first school supervisor.

Dr. McIntosh Named Board Member

Dr. Donald Munro McIntosh was one of 12 members appointed to the advisory committee of the State Hospitals Board of Control by Governor Scott last Friday.

Changes Made In Schedule Of Marauders

Attention is called to the changes made in the schedule of baseball games for the coming week.

Marion will play Shelby here Thursday night.

Marion will play a double-header game with Morganton in Morganton Friday.

Marion will play a double-header with Morganton again here Saturday. The first game will be at 3:30 o'clock and ladies will be admitted free of charge. The night game will start at eight o'clock.

The schedule for next week is as follows:

Monday: Marion at Lincolnton. Tuesday: Lincolnton at Marion. Wednesday: Marion at Newton.

HOME-COMING DAY

Old Fort — Home-Coming Day will be observed at Old Fort Methodist church Sunday, September 11.

RED CROSS DIRECTORS ELECTED

A new set of by-laws was adopted at the annual meeting of the local Red Cross Chapter last Friday and a new change was effected in the election of officers.

Beginning this year a Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting and the Board will later meet and elect officers.

This year it was also agreed to elect officers from all parts of the county. Those named last Friday were:

E. P. Dameron and Miss Doris Hill, Marion; Zeb Lane, Old Fort; James Parks, Nebo; Grayson Marlowe, Glenwood; Mrs. H. Madison Hensley, North Cove; Rev. H. M. (Continued on last page)

Marion Schools Building Program Well Underway

LOCKHART SPEAKER AT ROTARY

Charles Lockhart, assistant county farm agent, addressed members of the Rotary club Friday on the McDowell County Farm Youth Foundation.

The speaker said 25 calves were placed in this county and offspring produced since the program was launched had brought the total up to 41 calves.

The program is under sponsorship of the Rotary club and other clubs in Marion.

Ed Carter, of Murray, Kentucky, was a visiting Rotarian and Marshall Dark, Jr., was the guest of his father.

Flower Show August 25, 26 In Asheville

The Men's Garden Club of Asheville Tenth Annual Flower (and Vegetable) Show will be held in the Asheville City Auditorium on August 25 and 26, it is announced.

This is the largest Flower Show in Western North Carolina and is attracting exhibitors and visitors from all nearby cities. Any amateur gardener may exhibit in this Show and compete for prizes.

Further information may be obtained by writing R. N. Lockwood, publicity chairman, 295 Cumberland ave., Asheville.

Funeral Rites For Cannon Infant Held Last Sunday

Rebecca Brown Cannon, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cannon, died Saturday afternoon, August 13, at the Cannon home on East Court street. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James B. McLarty at First Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery. Her age was five months, 27 days.

Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Mertie Ann and Sarah Elizabeth, her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jenkins of Swannanoa, and paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Cannon of Marion.

ATTEND CONVENTION

John Sullivan, Phillip Laughridge, J. E. Neal, Jr., and L. D. Atkins left Sunday to attend a Fireman's Convention at Carolina Beach.

County Tax To Remain At One Dollar On Hundred Dollar Valuation

Escaped Prisoner Returned To Camp After Five Hours

Ray Groves, who escaped from a prison road gang here Monday, was returned to State Prison Camp about five hours later, Ray Brown, superintendent, reported.

The escape occurred on the Lake James road near South Mountain Institute. The prisoner circled the (Continued on last page)

Increased School Budget Makes Reduction Impossible

CORN TOUR SCHEDULE OUTLINED

The schedule for the fourth annual corn tour of McDowell county farms was outlined last week by S. L. Homewood, county agent, as follows:

Group will leave the court house at 8:30 a. m., August 24, going to E. D. Wright's place in Turkey Cove. The 4-H projects and variety demonstrations in that section will also be visited. From there to Bruce Gibbs' corn field and then to Robert McNary's in Old Fort. Variety demonstrations in that section will be observed.

From McNary's the party will go to Clyde Gillespie's where hybrid seed corn is produced. From there to Norman Veers in Bethlehem where a variety demonstration is on exhibit. From there to O. I. Berry's, Sugar Hill, variety demonstration. From there to J. W. Harris' in White Pine, variety tests.

From there to Howard Lawings, variety tests. Lawing is also growing hybrid seed corn. From there to Clay McIntosh, Dysartsville section, variety tests demonstration. Then to Elber Buchanan's same (Continued on last page)

District Meet F H A Held Here Yesterday

The annual district meeting of Farmers Home Administration was held in the court room here yesterday.

J. B. Slack, state director of FHA, was present to discuss policies and objectives for the coming year with representatives attending the meeting.

Special emphasis was placed on urging farmers who borrow money to carry out better farm and home management practices.

Forty-Five Rippers Hit The Grid Monday

Forty-five hopeful gridders reported to Coach Art Ditt and his assistant, Coach Gibson, for the initial workout of the Marion Rippers Monday. Thirty of these boys were dressed in full pads ready to knock heads. Later ten more received equipment.

Workouts consisted of calisthenics, condition games, passing, blocking and running plays although there was a ten minute scrimmage.

Ditt commented: "The Ripper forward wall looks formidable. It was greatly strengthened with the return of Don Wilson and Ken Greene, both lettermen from last season." The center post is giving Ditt his biggest worry. He is trying to shift Carl Walker, center to the backfield. At present Lewis, a big rangy boy, Fender, Kistler and Alvin Owensby are all battling for the vacated spot. If one comes through, there will be five experienced backs.

Packett, McCall, Hammett, Ponders and Walker will round out the Ripper backs with Jimmy Lonon, Hubert Blanton, Jerry Atkins and England elected to help.

Lettermen returning are: Ends—McGalliard, Greene, Rader, Cannon, Dark. Tackles: Jenkins Daniels, Wilson. (Continued on last page)

The Board of County Commissioners today fixed the 1949 tax rate at one dollar. The re-valuation of property increased the tax valuation of all property in the county approximately \$2,000,000, the increase being largely accounted for on industrial property. The Commissioners stated they had hoped to lower the tax rate but on account of the unusually heavy demands in construction of additional school facilities at West Marion, Nebo and Glenwood schools, and improvements at the Hudgins school, and the purchase of extra school buses, it was impossible to reduce the rate this year. It is hoped that the increase in valuations will permit a tax reduction next year.

The county and city school budgets are \$38,000 more than last year because of the purchase of new school buses last year, providing funds to equip new school additions and purchase property. The school building program will cost more than \$100,000 and a constitutional limitation prohibited the issue of bonds last September from exceeding \$80,000.

Buncombe Man To Be Tried In Court Here

Bob Wilson, a Buncombe county man, faced a charge of "criminal knowledge" at a hearing before J. M. Snoddy, Justice of the Peace, yesterday. Probable cause was found and defendant was charged with statutory rape on a 14 year old girl. He will be tried in the September term of Superior Court. Wilson is being held in the McDowell county jail under bond of \$1,500.

AUTO FIRE

Marion firemen were summoned Sunday afternoon when an automobile owned by James Owens caught fire. The blaze was extinguished before they arrived.

Memorial Day At Bethlehem Set For August 27

The annual Memorial Day for Bethlehem cemetery will be held Saturday, August 27. This will be an all day gathering with picnic lunch at noon. The program will begin at 10 a. m., by first decorating the graves. At 11 o'clock services will be held in the Methodist church. Lunch will be served at noon. After lunch, the people are requested to gather in the Baptist church and enjoy a program of talks and songs. Several preachers and special singers are expected to be present.

All persons interested are invited to come and bring picnic lunch.

Four Eagle Scout Badges Awarded At Court Of Honor

Building Work Set By Old Fort Church

OLD FORT—Work of remodeling the Presbyterian church in Old Fort began last week.

Plans include raising the main structure to street level, redecorating the interior, provision for a basement to accommodate the Sunday School department.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Spence of Montreat has been serving the church as supply preacher for the past year.

Schools in the county system will open September 1.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Newton	61	31	.663
Lincolnton	60	32	.651
Rutherford	53	40	.570
Lenoir	51	40	.560
Morganton	47	44	.516
Marion	34	54	.386
Shelby	33	59	.359
Hendersonville	27	65	.293

Merit Badges

Bird Study: Arnold Pyatt, troop 6, Marion.

Leathercraft: Sam M. Yancey, Jr., troop 6, Marion.

Pathfinding: Max Duncan, Fred Murray and Donald Watkins, troop 4, Marion.

Personal Health: Charles Dickson and Ray McMurray, troop 6, Marion.

Swimming: Arnold Pyatt and Sam M. Yancey, Jr. troop 6, Marion.