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DRAFT BOARD TO BE MOVED TO ASHEVILLE

S. W. Blanton, chairman of local draft board No. 57, McDowell county, has announced that the local board will be moved after the close of business August 26, 1949, to a sub-depot in Asheville.

Blanton stated that he was advised that the action is part of the reduced program necessitated by the limited appropriation. He explained that the board would continue the function of classification and induction, should the latter be resumed. He also pointed out that youths are still required to register when they attain their 18th birthday, and that they should register with Barron P. Caldwell in the court house, who has been appointed the official registrar for this county. He stated that registrants of McDowell county should address any communications for the local board to 410 County Court House, Asheville.

City Schools To Open September 8

Schools in the Marion City Unit will open September 8.

Principals will meet at 10 a. m. on August 31 and teachers will meet at 10 a. m., September 7.

Mayor's Committee In Raleigh To Study West Marion Problem

Eastern Star District Meet Held Friday

Marion Chapter No. 278, North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star was hostess chapter to the 19th District School of Instruction, held Friday in the community building.

The school was opened at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Katherine Laughridge, Worthy Matron of the local chapter presiding. Mrs. Laughridge turned the meeting over to Mrs. Daphne Mackey, District Deputy Grand Matron of the 19th district who presided over the school.

During the afternoon session of the school various phases of Eastern Star work was exemplified by members of the eight chapters of the 19th district. Short reports were heard from each chapter and the afternoon session closed at 5:30 o'clock for a picnic supper, served by the Ways and Means Committee. (Continued on last page)

Marauders Defeat Shelby; Lose To Lincolnton

The Marion Marauders avenged a stinging defeat they received at the hands of the Shelby Farmers the night before when they downed the visiting Farmers Thursday night by the tune of seven to three.

Jud Harmon received credit for the win as he went the distance for the Marauders, allowing six hits and six walks as he struck out six batters. Harmon was a bit wild in spots but his team mates pulled him out of several holes to keep him out of serious difficulty.

In the third inning Skipper Walt Dixon's boys put together two hits, the sixth. Bobo Howell started on

MARAUDER SCHEDULE

Thursday: Newton at Marion.
Friday: Marion at Hendersonville.
Saturday: Hendersonville at Marion.
Monday: Marion with R. C. Owls at Rutherfordton.
Tuesday: R. C. Owls at Marion.
Wednesday: Marion at Lenoir.

County Schools In Good Condition For School Opening

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Silver Held Wednesday

Mrs. Mount Sinnie Silver, 59, died at the Marion General Hospital early Monday morning. She is a resident of the Curtis Creek section.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Mash in the Curtis Creek section. Burial was in the Silver Creek cemetery, also on Curtis Creek.

The Rev. J. G. Hicks, pastor of the Old Fort Baptist church, will conduct the services.

Surviving are her husband, G. H. Silver; eight sons, Roy and Walter, of Detroit; George, Mischer, Woodrow, Fred and Johnnie, Old Fort; Robert, Marion; two daughters, Mrs. Jesse Davis of Marion and Mrs. Mash; 24 grandchildren.

Conference At Old Fort Church

The fourth quarterly conference for the Old Fort Methodist Circuit will be held in Ebenezer church on Tuesday night, August 30, beginning at 7:30. District Superintendent John W. Hoyle, Jr., will preach and preside over the business session.

Davis and Gordon accompanied by Reece Snyder, town manager, and V. T. Eckerd, an interested citizen, left yesterday to confer with the local government commission in Raleigh as to the legality of the proposed plan.

A group of citizens from West Marion met with the Board of Aldermen at its August meeting to inquire into the problem of securing city water for their community. The community is outside the city limits.

Funeral Monday For Smith Infant

Edward Lester Smith, three month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Smith, of Old Fort, died Sunday afternoon after a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted at Old Fort Church of God Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Mainer and burial was in the Old Fort cemetery.

Other than the parents, he is survived by his parental grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Old Fort and maternal grandmother Mrs. Kate Walker of Greenlee.

McDowell Students To Graduate At ASTC

The following McDowell county students will receive bachelor of science degrees from Appalachian State Teachers college on Friday of this week:

Dessie M. Lawing and Clara Ellis Rayburn, Glenwood; Richard Alexander Shaw, Marion.

Schools in the McDowell County System will open September 1. In making the announcement N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, called attention to various phases of the program for the coming year as follows:

To be eligible for enrollment a child must have reached his sixth birthday on or before October 1.

The schools will open at 8:30 a. m., September 1. School buses will make their first trip on this date and follow the same routing in force at the close of school last spring. McDowell county operates 35 buses and transports 3,000 children daily.

BETTER SCHOOL CONDITIONS
School will open under the best conditions since the war. The last published rating of teachers as to qualifications put McDowell county schools in the first rank among all schools in the state.

The buildings will be in the best condition since pre-war years. Not only the building structures, but the lighting, and heating facilities, the furniture, etc.

Lunch rooms will open Monday, September 5.

Work on the addition at Nebo and Glenwood is going forward at a rapid rate and additions are expected to be ready for use within a short time after school opens.

Steppe estimated an increase in attendance of two per cent over last year. There will be a marked increase in the number of beginners and also in the high schools. He attributed the latter to a decrease in demand for teen age workers in industrial plants.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
Vocational education is being established in the various schools as rapidly as possible. All of the high (Continued on last page)

Town Awards Contracts To Purchase New Equipment

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The bloodshed boxscore on North Carolina highways August 20 through 22 as compiled by the department of motor vehicles:

Killed August 20 through August 22, 18; Injured August 20 through August 22, 178; Killed through August 22 this year, 507; Killed through August 22, 1948, 425; Injured through August 22 this year, 5,798; Injured through August 22, 1948, 4,515.

MAN KILLED UNDER TRUCK IN McDOWELL

Ridgecrest — A Birmingham, Ala., man was crushed to death Sunday when the heavily-laden truck he was driving went out of control on the steep, twisting section of Route 70 about four miles east of Point Lookout.

He was identified as Allen C. Bell, 36.

Bell had been nursing a tractor-trailer down the mountain, hauling a 5,000-gallon steel storage tank consigned to a Winston-Salem firm, when he fell under the wheels.

Eyewitnesses said the brakes on the truck apparently had been slipping. Just before the accident Bell was seen standing on the running board and appeared to be trying to guide the vehicle into an embankment. Apparently his foot slipped and he fell under the wheels. He was killed almost instantly.

After running over Bell, the truck ran into an auto, crushing it but not injuring any of the occupants.

WARRANTS ISSUED ON ARSON CHARGES

Warrants were issued yesterday for Edward Lee Harrison and Roy James Owensby on charges of arson, Sheriff C. M. Pool said. The men have been held since Tuesday for questioning in regard to fires at the Dalton and Summey residences.

Harris Arrested For Skipping Bond

Willard Harris was arrested Monday night at his home in Crooked Creek section and turned over to Buncombe county law enforcement officers, Sheriff C. M. Pool said.

Harris had been released under bond and was to appear in Buncombe Superior Court to answer charges of driving drunk and no operator's license. When the case was called he failed to appear.

Kiwanians Will Attend Convention

Roy W. Davis, president of the Kiwanis club of Marion, S. R. Perkins and Francis Bradsher will represent the local club at the 1949 convention of the Carolinas Kiwanis District to be held August 28 to 30 at Chapel Hill, Davis announced this week.

More than 95 clubs in the district, embracing a membership of 7,000 business and professional leaders, are expected to send delegates to the three-day meeting.

Singing Convention Will Be Held September 4

The McDowell County Singing Convention will hold its annual fall singing September 4 at Marion High School.

The convention will begin at 10 a. m.

All singers are urged to attend and the public is cordially invited.

Officers are: Loyd Bennett, president; Thermal Ross, vice president; Mrs. Loyd Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

Huge Road Building Contracts Approved

Raleigh, Aug. 20—The State Board of Award has approved contracts for a record-breaking \$4,453,446.42 worth of trucks, tractors and road machinery needed for Governor Scott's expanded highway program.

The approval was granted yesterday, exactly a week from the day the Carolina Branch of the Associated General Contractors of America and the Carolina Road Builders association filed a petition protesting that bond issue money should not be spent for equipment.

The contractors and L. P. McLendon of Greensboro, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., of Raleigh and Charles Ross, former highway commission counsel, claimed in the petition that the move would "spell the end of private road contractors."

Scott and Highway Chairman Henry Jordan said at a press conference Tuesday they felt the protest was groundless. Scott told reporters the contractors were "unduly alarmed."

The highway commission will use the machinery to supplement contractors in work under its \$200,000,000 rural roads program, chiefly on short lengths of road and similar projects for which private con-

HEALTH OFFICER IS ELECTED FOR THIS COUNTY

Dr. S. V. Lewis was unanimously elected health officer of the McDowell County Health Department last week. He will begin his duties here September 1.

Dr. Lewis was district health officer in the old Burke-Caldwell-McDowell district for a short time, and has been a public health officer for a number of years.

Following his resignation as a district health officer here he went to eastern North Carolina where he has been engaged for the past several years. Because of climatic health conditions, he was anxious to return to the western part of the state. He returns to Marion from Windsor where he was in charge of health work embracing Chowan and Bertie counties.

No nurse has been secured yet, but Dr. Lewis hopes to secure one to begin her duties here soon.

Potat Reunion Set For August 28

The Potat Reunion will be held at the home Posey Potat on Rutherford road Sunday, August 28. All relatives and friends are invited to attend and bring picnic lunch.

Revival Services At Free Holiness

Services at Free Holiness church in East Marion began last Sunday. The morning services start at 11 a. m. and the evening services at 7:30. Rev. Frank Jones, of Roanoke, Virginia, and Rev. Herman Higgins, of Sioux, N. C., are conducting the services.

The public is cordially invited. Free Holiness church is located at the intersection of highways 26 and 221.

Per capita consumption of eggs in the United States during 1947 was 380, or more than 25 per cent above the prewar average.

Scout Activities Reviewed At Kiwanis Club Meeting

J. L. Gourley was in charge of the program of the Marion Kiwanis club at its meeting held in the Marion community building last Tuesday evening.

The program centered around scouting activities for McDowell county, and mention was made of the recent Kiwanis project in building an over-night or week-end camping ground for the scouts at Lake James.

Reverend J. B. McLarty, a scout executive for McDowell county, was the chief speaker of the evening and was presented to the club by program chairman Gourley. The speaker stressed the importance of scout work and the value of sponsorship for this youth activity. He discussed scouting in McDowell county and gave a brief history of the work being done here, and outlined the costs of the program. He expressed his appreciation to the Kiwanis club for its help in establishing the week end scouting camp, stating that this was an investment in youth that would pay dividends in the terms of good citizenship.

John Snoddy, Kiwanian in charge of scouting activities, also addressed the club as did past president

Vernon Eckerd, who is a member of the street committee. Eckerd pointed out some of the future needs of the scouts for this county and solicited the continued assistance of the club in this undertaking.

A delicious pork barbecue dinner was served to the Kiwanians and their guests prior to the program.

CIVITAN CLUB PLANS STEAK FRY
The Civitan club voted to have a steak fry August 31 at Lake Refuge, during the business session last Thursday. The meeting was held at noon in Sunset Restaurant. A dinner preceded the discussion.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Newton	66	31	.680
Lincolnton	62	36	.633
Rutherford	57	40	.588
Morganton	50	46	.521
Lenoir	51	49	.510
Marion	36	57	.387
Shelby	38	61	.384
Hendersonville	27	71	.276