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MARION CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

Regular Schedules Of Classes To Start Thursday

Marion City Schools will open Wednesday, September 7, at 9 a. m., H. F. Beam, city superintendent, said yesterday. The following day will be the first day of regular schedules.

Preliminary plans were made at a meeting of principals yesterday. The principals will meet again at 9:30 a. m. Friday with Dr. Henry Highsmith, director of instructional service. The meeting will be held in the office of the City Superintendent.

Lunch rooms will be opened next Monday.

The list of teachers has been announced as follows:

TEACHER LIST
MARION HIGH SCHOOL: Charles C. Elledge, Principal; A. H. Ditt, Bernard Hirsch, Mary Frances Harrill, Mildred E. Glenn, E. L. Carter, Mrs. Flora S. Homewood, Mrs. Emily English Morris, Miss Catherine Alley, Mrs. Patty Leake Hewitt, Betsy Webster, Mrs. Kate Z. Finley, Mrs. Edith L. Davis, Roger Sheppard, Mary Mills.
MARION CENTRAL ELEMENTARY: Samuel Gibson, Mrs. Ethel B. (Continued on last page)

LAST BASEBALL GAME TO BE PLAYED NEXT SATURDAY

The curtain on professional baseball will fall in Marion tomorrow night when the Marauders meet the Shelby Farmers in the final home game of the season. On the following night the Marauders will go to Shelby to play their last regularly scheduled game of the season.

Although the Marauders were unable to pull themselves out of the second division the club played a series of excellent games during the season for the pleasure and enjoyment of local baseball fans.

Funeral Rites For W. R. Wilson Held Wednesday

William Ransom Wilson, 63, died unexpectedly Monday morning of a heart attack at the Drexel Furniture plant where he was employed.

Funeral services were conducted in West Court Baptist church at 4 p. m. Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. Julius Henline, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Church, pastor of Cross Mill Pentecostal church. Burial was in the family plot in Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mattie Lu Sherlin Wilson, and one sister and two brothers; Mrs. Minnie Cannon and Robert and Sam Wilson, all of Pontiac, Mich.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCKERS TO BE RENTED TUESDAY

Lockers will be rented to students of Marion High School on September 6, C. C. Elledge, principal, announced yesterday. All high school students should secure lockers on that date, he said.

TWO FIRES

The home of Eugene Willis in Clinchfield village caught fire last Sunday. An alarm was sounded Wednesday morning, as a precautionary measure when box cars struck the Hewitt Hosiery Mill, but no fire occurred.

Hospital Needs Reviewed At Kiwanis

W. L. Morris, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Marion General Hospital, and R. W. Proctor, member of the Board of Trustees of the Marion General Hospital, were the guest speakers at the regular weekly meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club held Tuesday evening in the community building.

Kiwanian S. J. Westmoreland, (Continued on last page)

Superior Court To Convene September 5

The Superior term of McDowell County Superior Court will convene Monday, September 5, with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. presiding. Both criminal and civil cases appear on the two weeks docket.

Jurors have been drawn as follows:

FIRST WEEK
Reid McCurry, Cato Holler, J. L. Field, J. W. Reece, Frank Edwards, C. C. Wise, Roy Cline, Pink C. Williams, Walter Goodman, Leroy Effler, Carl Davis, Fred G. Collins, A. A. Wiseman, Jr., Arthur Holland, (Continued on last page)

FREIGHT CARS DERAILED STRIKE BUILDING

Two freight cars on the siding above the Southern Railway Express building coasted down the track across the road and crashed into the Hewitt Hosiery Mill building yesterday morning.

G. W. Sandlin, agent, said the cars had been parked on the siding for the night and the incident occurred about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Cross ties were splintered and the pavement on the street in front of the mill was badly broken. The impact knocked a hole in the corner of the building.

Pasture Demonstration September 7

There will be a pasture demonstration at J. D. Little and Guy Little's place in the providence section, Wednesday, September 7, beginning at 1 p. m., and will continue until the seeding is completed. This demonstration will include preparing land, liming, fertilizing and sowing of seed. The public is invited.

Mrs. Burnette Has Purchased Self Service Laundry

Mrs. Virginia Burnette has purchased the Self Service Laundry from John M. Gilkey, according to announcement by Mrs. Burnette this week. She will continue to operate the business under the same name and at the same location.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilkey have moved to Raleigh where the former is enrolled at N. C. State College for the coming term.



ROBIN HOOD, above, will begin his new duties today as Executive Vice President of The First National Bank. He comes to Marion from Hickory where he has been Cashier of the Northwestern Bank since 1946. Prior to that time he was Cashier and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Gates for five years. He succeeds M. L. Campbell, who resigned last spring on account of his health.

1949 Corn Tour Pronounced Success

MILL OFFICES ARE ENTERED FRIDAY NIGHT

Two cases of breaking and entering were reported by local mills this week.

The office of Cross Cotton Mills, Inc., was said to have been entered some time Friday night. A window facing was dented as if some instrument might have been used to prize the window open. The dial combination had been completely removed from the safe, and the handle on the safe door forced. Mill officials said \$150 in cash was missing and bonds and other papers from the safe were strewn on the floor. D. C. Laughridge, employee of Cross Cotton Mills, reported the incident after he entered the office about 7 a. m. Saturday morning.

R. W. Twitty, president-treasurer of the Marion Manufacturing company, reported finding evidence of breaking and entering at the Marion Manufacturing company office the same morning. He said a window had been prized open in the rear of the office building, but nothing had been reported missing.

Rippers Scrimmage With Lee Edwards

Tenant In Charge Of Prescriptions At Cut Rate Drug

E. A. Tennant, pharmacist, will begin his duties today at the McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store where he will be in charge of the prescription department, J. E. Evans, owner, announced.

Tennant has made his home in Marion for about 12 years and is well known throughout the county.

September 19 Date Of Calf Show

Monday, September 19 has been set as the day for the 1949 McDowell County Calf Show, S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, said last week.

Calves receiving blue ribbons in the county show will be taken to Asheville the following day to be entered in the district contest.

STREAMS AND LAKES SWOLLEN BY DOWNPOURS OF RAINS

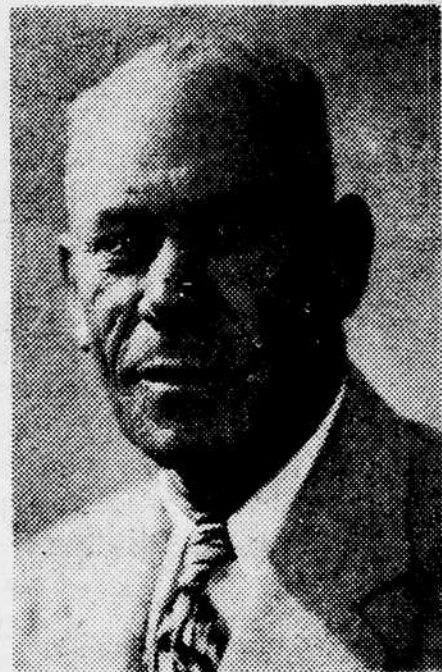
COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN TODAY FOR FALL TERM

Today is the first day of school for pupils of the county system.

School buses will follow the same rounds they made when schools closed last spring and students will assemble at their respective schools at 8:30 o'clock.

N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, estimated that there will be a ten per cent increase in attendance this year. Thursday will be given over to registration, distribution of books and the usual opening formalities which will probably be completed by one o'clock.

Classes will begin Friday. Lunch rooms will begin serving meals on Monday, September 5.



Dr. S. V. Lewis, above, begins his duties as health officer of the McDowell County Health Department today. He was formerly a district officer in the old Burke-Caldwell-McDowell district and returns to Marion from Windsor where he has been in charge of Chowan and Bertie health work.

DEBRIS IN STREAMS CAUSES SHORTAGE IN WATER SUPPLY

Heavy rains which have soaked this section at intermittent periods throughout the month of August, came to a climax last Sunday. Lakes, rivers and creeks were swollen beyond their banks. By early afternoon Mackey's Creek and Clear Creek were flowing across highway 70, the Catawba river had risen to the top of the arches underneath the bridge and bottom lands bordering "Morgan stretch" were flooded. Later in the afternoon the water poured across the highway.

When the sun came out in late afternoon, crowds flocked to lakes and streams to see the high waters. Lake James gushed over the spillway in heavy torrents. In the delta below the spillway, water poured through the tops of trees. One tree had grown up through cracks in the concrete of the spillway but held its branches erect above the foam.

Lake Tahoma, too, was filled to capacity and water flowed over the spillway.

WATER SUPPLY
Mackey's Creek and Clear Creek, sources of supply for the Marion water reservoir, were obstructed by the boulders and logs in the stream. When a shortage became apparent in the reservoir, an investigation showed a log had knocked out a joint of pipe which carried the water from the stream to the (Continued on last page)

Miss Steele Accepts Position In Pitt County

Miss Jean Steele has tendered her resignation as County Home Demonstration Club Agent to become effective September 17. She resigned to accept a position as Home Demonstration Agent of Pitt county with headquarters in Greenville. The new position will be a promotion.

Miss Steele came to Marion from Gastonia and began her duties here February 1, 1939. She had formerly been engaged in Adult Vocational Home Economics work.

Telephone Company Extending Lines

The Carolina Mountain Telephone company is extending lines into West Marion, East Marion and rural areas along Rutherford road, J. H. Crisp, manager, said this week. He also said the company expects to be extending lines into Nebo by early January.

Crisp said no further developments have been made in the dial system. He said the company is making every effort to bring the dial system here, but no definite statement could be made at the present time as to the date installation of dial machinery will begin.

Rotary Program Features Study Of Pastures

"Improvement of Pastures" was the subject of study at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary club last Friday.

S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, Dr. W. W. Woodhouse and Dr. Allison, of the N. C. Extension Service, presented move slides of the latest methods of increasing pastures explaining the processes as they were shown.

John McAllister, of Spartanburg, was a visiting Rotarian.

F. O. C. Fletcher, of Asheville, was the guest of R. M. Dark, Fred J. Seaver, guest of Albert Hewitt, and Andrew Tainter, III, guest of D. W. Tainter.

OLD FORT WATER LINES BEING EXTENDED

Old Fort water department crews today began an ambitious program to improve and extend the city's water lines. New pipes were to be laid in the Catawba street extension and excavation for a new line north of Spring street was started.

PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANS FOR COMING YEAR

The Executive committee of the Marion Parent-Teacher association met Monday to make plans for the coming year.

H. F. Beam, superintendent Marion City Schools, discussed teacher allotments and current conditions, pointing out that one additional teacher is necessary. He said approximately \$2,200 must be raised through local donations to supply an additional teacher.

The Board voted to raise this amount and a committee composed of men will be appointed by Mrs. S. W. Blanton, president, to solicit funds.

The Executive Committee and teachers will have a picnic at the Marion Lake club at four o'clock, September 7.

Old Fort Group Urges Paving Bat Cove Road

A group of Old Fort and McDowell county residents, headed by Mayor Ashby Robinson of Old Fort, have endorsed the early paving of the road between Old Fort and Bat Cove.

In a petition to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, the group called for improvement of the highway as the "only direct approach for tourist travel from Eastern North Carolina and all of South Carolina to Mt. Mitchell.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Newton	70	33	680
Lincolnton	66	38	635
Rutherfordton	61	42	592
Lenoir	55	46	545
Morgantown	54	48	529
Marion	38	61	384
Shelby	38	67	362
Hendersonville	29	75	279