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Labor Day Week-End Passes Quietly

McDowell county made an enviable Labor Day week-end record with only two auto mishaps of a minor nature reported by State Highway Patrolmen. With casualties throughout the nation at an all time high, a record for having no reports of McDowell persons injured by automobile or other accidents was unusual.

Patrolman Archie Burrell reported investigating a collision at the intersection of highways N. C. 80 and U. S. 70 about 11 a. m. Sunday. No one was injured. He also told of an incident which occurred about 12:30 p. m. Sunday. Clayton Roberts, driving a 1948 Studebaker pick-up truck, collided with a '41 Chevrolet driven by Isaac Player at the intersection of highways U. S. 70 and 221. The Chevrolet turned over. Player was treated for injuries at the Marion Hospital and released.

No McDowell county persons were injured.

Singing Convention Held Sunday

McDowell County's 1949 Fall Singing Convention attracted a crowd estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500 in the Marion High School auditorium last Sunday. The program lasted from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Lloyd Bennett, president, presided, the Blue Ridge quartet and nine groups from this county participated.

The next convention will be held here the first Sunday in April.

Elledge Speaker At Rotary Meet

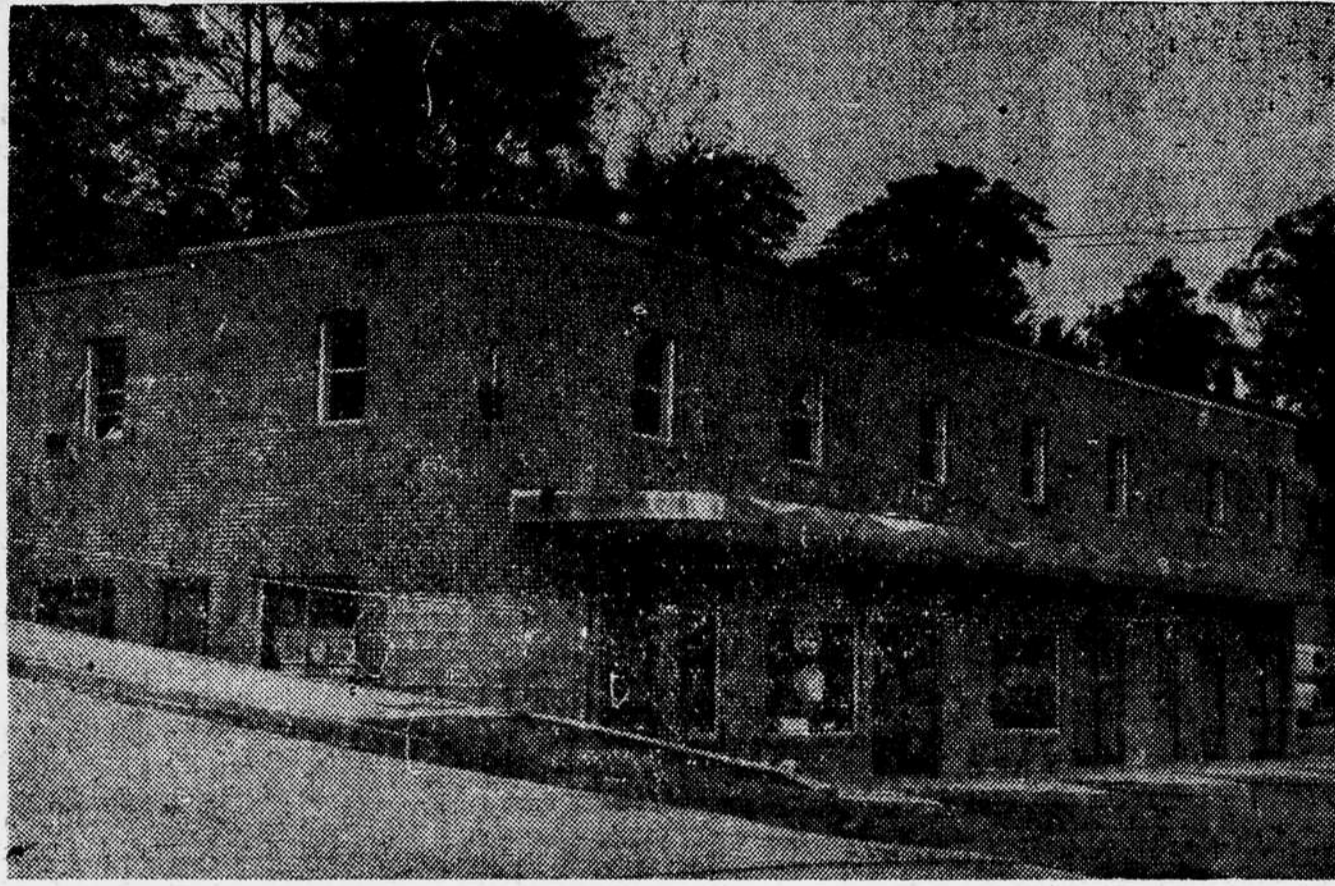
C. C. Elledge, principal Marion High School, addressed Rotarians on the need for an additional teacher in the Marion Elementary School and plans for obtaining one.

Albert Hewitt, Jr., program chairman, directed a quiz show on music.

Pat Davis was presented a seven year perfect attendance pin and L. D. Adkins, one year.

Henry S. Munro was the guest of L. B. Hairr.

THE NEW MARION BUS TERMINAL WILL BE IN OPERATION TODAY



MARION'S NEW MODERN BUS TERMINAL

MRS. SEBASTIAN WILL CONTINUE AS MANAGER

Marion's new bus terminal will open today.

Mrs. C. E. Sebastian, who has been manager for more than 14 years, will continue in her position with Miss Mary Catherine Sebastian as agent.

The terminal will serve Queen City Trailways, Carolina Scenic Stages and the T and L Bus Lines. In addition to the baggage department, colored and white waiting rooms, the building houses a loan company, cafe and upstairs offices.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday night, in the First Baptist church, it is announced.

THE HOME FOR THE AGED TO BE OPENED THURSDAY

Teague Killed In Auto Accident

Seaman First Class, John Clarence Teague, 23, grandson of Mrs. Martha B. Childers of Nebo, Rt. 2, stationed at San Diego, Calif., was accidentally killed in an automobile accident Tuesday. The remains will be shipped to McCall's Funeral Home, arrival is expected Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

He is survived by his wife of San Diego, California; his father John P. Teague of California; and two brothers, Staff Sgt. Gleen Aegue of Fort Bragg and Russell Teague USN of San Diego; and one half-sister, Miss Dorothy Teague of Greensboro.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Loven Granted Permit For New Store Front

D. W. Loven was issued a building permit by the Town of Marion this week to construct a new store front at 69 Main Street. Cost was estimated at \$1500.

School Reopens Today In Schools Of City Unit

Postal Receipts For Past Month Show An Increase

Postal receipts last month showed an increase of \$1,161.22 over the amount for August a year ago. The past month's total was \$4,354.70.

Postal savings deposits declined by \$3,096. Certificates were issued in the amount of \$57,209, but payments totaled \$60,305.

Bond sales for August were \$8,137.50.

These figures were released by Postmaster John Finley.

Benjamin Hemphill In California

Benjamin M. Hemphill, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hemphill of Marion, is attached to Utility Squadron 7, based at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

The Home for the aged on the corner of New and North Garden streets will be opened September 15 by Miss Clara Ayers, a native of Yancey county.

The McDowell County Welfare Department is sponsoring the project in the interest of locating a home here where older persons of moderate circumstances, who have no relatives with whom to live, may obtain board and room at prices they can afford to pay. The home will be operated on a boarding house plan rather than as a charitable institution.

Mrs. D. N. Lonon, superintendent of public welfare, said the public has been liberal and cooperative with donations of furniture and bed clothes. Articles most needed at the present time are curtains, pillows, dining room chairs, spreads, mirrors, scatter rugs, towels and anything to make the home more attractive.

Walls have been redecorated in colors and six boarders are expected to arrive by the opening date.

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution should notify the Welfare Department.

Meat Production under Federal inspection for the week ending August 27 totaled 290 million pounds.

Kiwanians Make Reports On Convention

Cato Holler was in charge of the program at the Kiwanis meeting held in the community building last Tuesday evening. Roy Davis, president, presided.

The program consisted of a report from the Carolinas District Convention which was held in Chapel Hill on August 28, 29 and 30. Delegates attending the convention from the Marion club included President Roy Davis, Vice-President S. R. Perkins and J. L. Gourley. Kiwanian Gourley was the chief spokesman for the group and reported an excellent convention, stating that this group had had the opportunity of hearing several outstanding speakers extol the principles of Kiwanis. He pointed out that various Kiwanis activities were stressed, but that emphasis was placed on the organization of Key Clubs throughout the Carolinas. He reported that the Marion club was recognized for its achievement during 1948, and was given a certificate of award.

A short session of the Board of Directors was held immediately after the adjournment of the regular meeting.

LOCAL NCEA COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

The first meeting of the Marion City Unit of the North Carolina Education association was held Wednesday morning in the Marion High School auditorium. H. F. Beam opened the meeting with a devotional and extended greetings.

Mrs. S. B. Hildebrand, president of the Marion unit, urged unity and cooperation among the members this year and told of attending an NCEA meeting at Catawba college, last Thursday and Friday. She also introduced Mrs. Ingram Holland, vice president, and Miss Mary Thornburg, secretary.

Committees for the coming year were named as follows:

Membership: H. F. Beam, chm.; C. C. Elledge, Miss Ruth Greenlee, Matt McBrayer, Miss Mamié Stacey, Mrs. Garland Williams.

Public Relations: Miss Annie Little, chm.; Mrs. Gladys Gibson, Mrs. Bonnie E. Young, Miss Effie Hicks, (Continued on last page)

Aldermen Discuss Current Problems

The discussion of a proposed water line for West Marion was continued at the Board of Aldermen's meeting Tuesday night. The plan was brought to the attention of the Aldermen by a group of West Marion citizens at a recent meeting. Following the discussion, the Aldermen agreed to meet again with interested citizens of the West Marion community to seek a solution to the problem.

Regarding a proposed sewage disposal plant, the Board voted to hold a meeting with all Board members present and invite representatives from Cross Mill and East Marion to attend. It was also agreed to have an engineer present.

Other matters brought to the attention of the members were double parking of trucks on Main street while loading and unloading, and speeding in the business section. A motion was passed to adopt measures to correct these situations.

Five taxi drivers were granted permits.

Superior Court Convened Here Last Monday

Superior Court convened here Monday with Judge J. Will Pless presiding.

Cases were disposed of as follows:

Mack Patterson plead guilty to violating liquor laws and was fined \$50 and costs. Luther Silvers, Henry Boone and Ralph Jamerson, called and failed. Joe McCracken, alias capias, Gilkey Cheek, called and failed. Prelo Young, called and failed. Delano Pressley, alis capias.

Hilliard Francis, ordered to show compliance with judgment. Continued under former order. Clarence Martin, nol pros with leave. Doris Conrey, alias capias. Clifford Evans, Fred Thomas and John Land, alias capias. Gene Jackson, George Lytle and Jessie Silver, called and failed. H. H. Herndon, continued for defendant. Troy Morris, nol pros with leave. Samuel Linton, called and failed. James Wages, called and failed.

George Scott, not a true bill. Junior Clontz and Junior Moore, not a true bill. Howard H. Monroe, prayer for judgment having been continued until the June term and it (Continued on last page)

Miss Elsie Garrett Named Home Agent

POLIO COMMITTEE ANSWERS APPEAL OF FOUNDATION

Replying to appeal from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis regarding an emergency drive to be launched today, the local chapter met Saturday morning in the office of Mrs. D. N. Lonon, superintendent of Public Welfare, to discuss McDowell county's part in the campaign. It was unanimously agreed to publicize the drive by means of radio and newspaper, but not to wage an active canvass.

Donations will be accepted for a national epidemic fund available to every state and county wherever chapters need more money to pay for the treatment of today's epidemic victims.

This emergency drive is not being conducted to raise funds for next year. No part of the money raised in this campaign will be held in communities where there is no need.

This year's record breaking incidence and the carry-over from 1948 have broken the backs of (Continued on last page)

Miss Elsie Garrett was named McDowell County Home Demonstration agent succeeding Miss Jean Steele, at the September meeting of the County Commissioners Monday.

Miss Jarrett, a native of Ellijoy, Ga., comes to Marion from Cedartown, Polk County, Ga., where she has been agent since last May. Prior to that time she taught Vocational Home Economics, held positions with the Farmers Home Administration and Extension Service in Daalonega, Ga. She went to Daalonega following her graduation from Georgia State College for Women in 1940.

She succeeds Miss Jean Steele who came to Marion in February, 1939 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Anne Tucker. At that time there were 13 Home Demonstration clubs and 12 4-H clubs in this county. Today there are 16 Home Demonstration and 13 4-H clubs and enrollment has almost doubled.

ROAD PETITIONS

Following the appointment of the Agent, the Commissioners approved the following road petitions:

Grade and gravel the road from M. E. Harris' home to Clyde Brown's home place in Montford's Cove township and erect a bridge near Clyde Brown's.

Sand, gravel and maintain the (Continued on last page)

First Football Game To Be Played Here Friday

Marion High School will open its 1949 football season Friday night when the Rippers face the strong Olympia High Red Devils from Columbia, S. C. Last year the South Carolinians defeated the Rippers 14-13 in a hard fought game. The local gridgers are out to gain revenge.

Injuries turned up in practice this week Dan McCall and Don Wilson turned up with charley horses. Both are mainstays of the Ripper machine.

Gilbert Packett, Dan McCall, Hammett and Hubert Stanton will carry the offensive load while Rader, McCall, Howard and Don Wilson, Gibbs and Joe Jenkins will do the defensive work.

The Ripper will field a team that will be greatly lacking in experience.

Last Friday the Rippers sharpened up their offense by playing Lee Edwards High of Asheville in a scrimmage game. The result was a

22-6 winner for the locals. Probable starting line-up for Friday's game was given by Coach Ditt as follows:

McCalliard	LE
Jenkins	LT
H. Wilson	LG
Walker	RG
D. Wilson	CG
Gibbs	RT
Rader	RE
Ponders	QB
Packett	HB
McCall	HB
Hammett	FB

Marion Merchants To Meet Tonight

The quarterly meeting of the Marion Merchants association will be held at 8:00 p. m., September 8, in the firemen's room, city hall, it is announced.

Plans for the Christmas Parade and the annual Employer-Employee banquet will be made.