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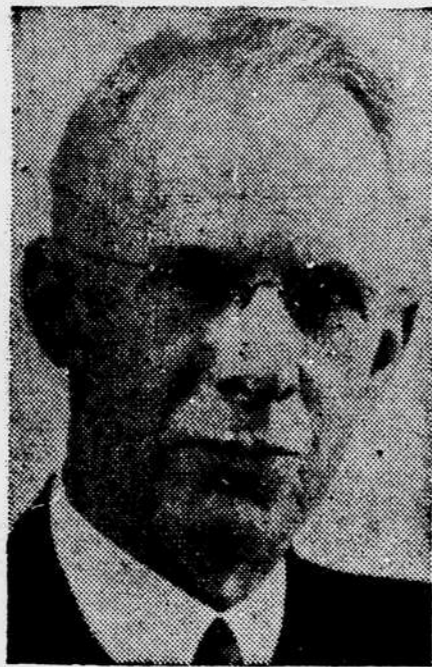
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Kiwanians Welcome New Members

Tuesday evening was a red letter day in the history of the Marion Kiwanis Club, at which time the names of four new members were added to the roster of the local service organization. New members coming into the club were: E. P. Dameron, local attorney; Ernest House, Jr., manager Marion Theater; Dysart Martin, Clerk of McDowell County Superior Court and Robin Hood, Cashier of the First National Bank. Hugh Beam, Past Lt. Governor of Division One of the Carolinas District and a member of the local (Continued on last page)

SPEAKER



REV. D. E. CAMAK, D. D., former pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, will be guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship supper next Wednesday.

Annual Calf Show Will Be Held Monday

Methodist Men's Fellowship To Meet Wednesday

The Men's Fellowship supper of the First Methodist church will be held at the Hut Wednesday, September 21, at seven o'clock.

Rev. D. E. Camak, D. D., former pastor of the First Methodist church and now a resident of Greer, S. C., will be guest speaker. A large attendance is expected.

All members who expect to attend are requested to notify Wayne Suttle so that reservation can be made.

Norris Recovering From Auto Mishap

W. H. Norris is recovering from an automobile accident at his home. He suffered bruises and minor injuries when his car overturned near Yancey bridge last Monday evening about eight o'clock. When the car overturned he was wedged in, so he could not escape, and remained in the car about three hours until men who were passing by came to his aid.

Johnson Electric Company To Sponsor Cooking School At Community Building Today

The Johnson Electric company has extended a cordial invitation to the public to attend a Cooking School at the Marion Community Building Thursday, September 15, at two o'clock.

Miss Eliza Clark, Southern Division Home Economist for Philco

Corp., assisted by Vern Kilby, Southern Division Philco Range manager, will conduct the school.

There will be a door prize for everyone and a grand prize of a new four cubic foot Philco Home Freezer at the end of the school.

MARION CITY SCHOOLS SHOW MARKED INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

Red Cross Bloodmobile Visits Old Fort

The Red Cross Bloodmobile made its first visit to Old Fort Tuesday and processed 93 volunteers from which it obtained 77 pints of blood. Red Cross officials said this was an outstanding record. The visit Tuesday was the third trip the Bloodmobile has made to this county.

Those who made arrangements for the visit were Herbert Atherton, chairman; Horace Early, recruitment chairman; Mrs. D. T. Roughton, publicity chairman, and Mrs. W. C. Teague, volunteer service chairman.

Others assisting Mrs. Teague were: Miss Janie Reid, Miss Clare Artz, J. G. Hicks, Mrs. Hope Stroud, Mrs. Dora Westmoreland, Mrs. W. W. LeFevre, Mrs. Herbert Anton, Mrs. Janette Norton, Mrs. Kimball Miller, Mrs. Max Hunt.

Mrs. T. B. Faw, Mrs. C. W. Muse, Mrs. Ralph Gibbs, Miss Daisy McDaniels, Miss Sallie Finley, Mrs. B. C. Miller, Miss Alma Jordan, Mrs. Zeb Lane, Mrs. Charles Stirewalt, Mrs. C. B. Reese, Mrs. Ray White, Mrs. Kelly T. Bach and Mrs. E. E. Richardson.

On the opening day of school attendance figures for schools in the Marion City Unit showed a five per cent increase in elementary enrollment and approximately 28 per cent increase in the high school.

Commenting on the figures, H. F. Beam, superintendent Marion City Schools, said the elementary increase was anticipated, but the high school figure exceeded expectations by about 15 per cent.

Beam also said: "Every effort is being made to equalize the teacher load and it appears that a good distribution has been effected. There is a considerable overcrowded condition in the high school and we will make application to the State Board of Education for the allotment of an additional teacher in this department at the end of the second week of school. It will be necessary to get an extra teacher if we are to give high school teachers a reasonable teacher load."

"Inasmuch as a disturbed condition exists in the high school (Continued on last page)

Neal Relected Hosiery Director

W. W. Neal, Jr., was reelected as a director for a term of three years, of the Southern Hosiery Association, at the convention of the Association held last week-end at Roanoke, Virginia.

SPEAKER



S. J. WESTMORELAND was reelected director of the eleventh district of the North Carolina Association of funeral directors for his fifth consecutive term at the district convention held here last Wednesday.

Superior Court Begins Trial Of Civil Cases

Superior Court entered its second week last Monday after the trial of criminal cases had been completed. The civil docket was well underway this week, but records were incomplete yesterday. Criminal cases not contained in last week's issue were recorded as follows:

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FIRE AT DRIVE-IN THEATRE FRIDAY

A projection machine and three rolls of film were damaged by fire at the Drive-in Theatre last Friday night.

Funeral Directors Of 11th District Hold Convention Here Last Friday

Two Wrecks Reported This Week

State Highway Patrolman Archie Burrell reported investigating two wrecks this week. The facts were given as follows:

Last Monday a '48 Studebaker driven by Mrs. Gertrude Miller, of Detroit, Michigan, was headed south on N. C. highway 80, about three miles north of Lake Tahoma, and struck an embankment. Passengers in the car were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson. Anderson suffered a broken arm and Mrs. Anderson cuts and bruises. Mrs. Miller's leg was broken.

Wednesday morning a '39 Plymouth driven by Ralph Thomas Little collided with the rear of a truck driven by Forest Noblitt. Little and Clyde Jones, a passenger in his car, were treated at Marion Hospital for cuts and bruises and dismissed.

Funeral Directors' License Issued

Westmoreland - Hawkins Funeral Service has been issued its funeral directors' licenses which was issued in keeping with a law passed by the last legislature to issue a license to all funeral homes which have been in business for a year or more prior to the time the law was passed.

The law requires that anyone conducting funerals in North Carolina must have a funeral director's license.

S. J. Westmoreland was reelected a director of the eleventh district of the North Carolina Association of funeral directors for the coming year at a district convention held here Wednesday. This will be Westmoreland's fifth consecutive term in office.

Twenty members of this district representing 10 different firms, assembled at Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon for a meeting. The eleventh district embraces the counties of McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Buncombe, Rutherford, Polk and Henderson.

Two state officers present for the occasion were W. D. Townsend, of Murphy, president, and John Rusher, of Salisbury, secretary-treasurer. They were accompanied by Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Rusher.

Following the regular meeting the directors were entertained by S. J. Westmoreland and Howard Hawkins with a dinner at the community building.

Negro Group Makes Protest Against Principal

When Hudgins Colored School was reopened for the fall term last Thursday a group of adults bearing placards formed a line outside the door protesting F. M. Beaver serving as principal for the coming year. Placards were displayed throughout the week.

Some of the children stood outside of the building after school was dismissed. (Continued on last page)

St. John's Church Building Addition To Church Nave

Pleasant Gardens PTA Committee Named Last Week

The Pleasant Gardens PTA held its first meeting of the year last Thursday night with Mrs. Harold Cordell, presiding. Devotional was conducted by the Rev. Carson Brittain. Committees and their chairmen were named as follows:

Hospitality: Mrs. Alvin Wiseman, Mrs. Clifton Henline, Mrs. Charlie Mae Harshaw, Mrs. Luther Scaggs, and Mrs. Jonas Burgin.

Membership: Mrs. Clarence Rabb, Mrs. Ken Young, Mrs. Floyd Withrow, Mrs. Ed Finley and Mrs. Fred Conley.

Ways and Means: Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, Mrs. Guy Rabb, Mrs. J. M. Mackey, Mrs. R. L. McKinnis, Mrs. M. B. Patton, Mrs. Thad Guy, Mrs. Delon Hawkins, Mrs. C. N. Mease, and Mrs. N. C. Comer.

Publicity: Mrs. Locke Tate, Miss Geneva Link, and R. L. Wiggins.

Historian: Miss Elise House, and Program Chairman, Mrs. George Sandlin.

Mrs. E. A. Heers led the group in a "Community Sing". The grades winning the prize for having the largest number of parents present were Mrs. Ray Simmons third grade, (now being taught by Mrs. Tom Gowan) and Mrs. Ned McGimpsey's tenth grade.

The faculty served dainty refreshments at the close of the meeting. Carrying out a color scheme of green and white.

Marion Merchants Plan Banquet And Festival For Christmas Season

MRS. SANDLIN IS CANDIDATE FOR NCEA POST

Mrs. George Sandlin, a teacher in Pleasant Gardens School, has been nominated by the McDowell County unit of the North Carolina Education Association for the presidency of the western district of the NCEA for the coming year.

Mrs. Sandlin was born and reared in Bryson City, was graduated from the Waynesville High School, received the B. A. degree from Meredith College and the master's degree from Columbia University.

The former Miss Lula Caroline Ditmore, she has been engaged in teaching for the past 23 years. Mrs. Sandlin taught in Old Fort for nine years; in Marshall, one year; Glen Alpine, four years; and is now (Continued on last page)

St. John's Episcopal church broke ground this week for an addition to the nave extending it by 17 feet. The addition will face South Main street and will be the first unit of an overall plan to enlarge the church, the Rev. Albert P. Mack, pastor, said. A parish house at the rear of the church is included in the overall plan, he said.

Frank Edwards, who was contractor for the Sunday School addition constructed about three years ago, is also contractor for the current building program.

Seating capacity of the auditorium will be increased from 70 to about 100.

MARION PTA ANNOUNCES DATE OF FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Marion Parent-Teachers association will be held at 7:45 p. m., Tuesday, September 27, Mrs. W. M. Gordon, publicity chairman, announced this week.

The plan this year is to have six meetings instead of the customary once a month meeting. All meetings will be held at night and there will be no October meeting.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Ernie House is attending the 14th annual convention of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina in New Bern on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The Employee-Employer banquet and plans for the Christmas season were topics of discussion at the quarterly meeting of the Marion Merchants association last Thursday night.

Plans were made to have the annual banquet on October 20 at the community building.

The date for Marion's second annual Christmas festival was set Wednesday, November 23. The celebration will open with a parade during the afternoon and Christmas lights will again be used for street decoration.

Beginning Friday, December 16, the stores will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening and continue these hours through Saturday, December 24.

S. R. Perkins reported on a meeting which he and J. L. Gourley attended in Raleigh in the interest of establishing a Portland Concrete Plant in North Carolina. Perkins (Continued on last page)