

# THE MARION PROGRESS

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY THE  
MCDOWELL PUBLISHING CO.  
MARION, N. C.

TELEPHONE 64

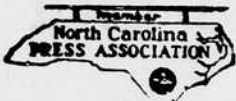
S. E. WHITTEN, Editor and Publisher  
ELIZABETH WHITTEN, News Editor

Entered at the Postoffice at Marion, N. C.,  
as second class matter

### SUBSCRIPTION RATE

One year ..... \$2.00

Strictly in Advance



## EDITORS AND EDITORIALS

Let's get this straight.

The editor of this newspaper has no occult sources of information. All that he knows, he reads in the newspapers. If he manages to know more than any reader, about anything, it is simply because his business requires him to read more newspapers than the average reader.

In all reading, about all subjects, it is highly important to understand that no newspaper prints all the news. The best intentioned editors can only print what he thinks is the most important news. Most editors try to be fair in their comment upon public matters but not all of them. Make it your business to disregard sources of information that you know are tarnished by hatred, prejudice, self-interest and a mental incapacity to see anything but one side.

We have no illusions about editorial popularity. All that an editor has to do to be popular is to pick a side, become radically partisan and thus please his faction. It does not require intelligence.

Frankly, we appreciate very much the generous comment of readers who have been kind enough to record their appreciation of our efforts to fill the rule of an editorial writer. We hope that our articles will be interesting, even to those who do not agree with what we think.

Moreover, the cardinal principle in our approach to the job of writing is that those who disagree with us may be right. Frankly, we do not think they are, or we would be writing as they think. We have to express our own views, such as they are, and such as they may be.

Again, it is always well for all of us to remember that there is so little absolute wisdom in the world that none of us have very much intelligence. It is a long road toward complete knowledge and if any human being becomes suddenly endowed with perfection, the rest of us would not recognize it.

In the course of life we sometimes realize that few things are as good or as bad as we often imagine they are. The future will well take care of itself and its problems. Our functions is to do what we consider is the wisest and best thing to do today. We can safely leave to unborn generations the problems that will confront them.

## LET'S SAVE LIVES ON THE ROAD

Now that the summer vacation season is about over and you have escaped death on the highway, it might not be amiss to repeat again the old warning that careful driving is what the nation needs if it is to reduce the horrible cost of speed on our highways.

One hundred Americans a day is too high a price to pay for modern transportation. It is remarkable that the public is so apathetic to the loss of life and that the injured are hardly noticed by the public. If some strange, unknown disease was taking a hundred victims a day in the United States, there would be a hysterical reign of terror throughout the land.

Marion, like every other community, furnishes its quota of victims of the automobile-highway toll every year. With the best intentions we continue to permit drunken drivers to operate cars and get off free when apprehended. We like to think that we can violate traffic regulations without having to pay the penalty. It is time, however, that we lost this foolish notion.

Rigid enforcement of every traffic regulation, with stiff fines imposed for minor violations, would do much to make the average automobile driver safety conscious. Let's support the work of the traffic policemen and give them the satisfaction of knowing that we are behind them when they arrest careless and reckless drivers.

If the mind of man can devise a new form of taxation there will always be some legislature ready to try it out.

Buy what you need from the businesses in Marion—this is a good rule for building up Marion.

## COLD WAR SLACKENS, SAYS TRUMAN

On the tenth anniversary of Germany's invasion of Poland, President Truman, responding to a newspaperman's question, remarked that the tension in the current war of nerves had decidedly slackened and expressed the hope that it would end, just like the shooting war, in surrender.

We presume that the President has some information upon which to base his belief that the war of nerves is less intense and for the hope that the conflict between the democratic nations and Russia and her satellites will end by the acceptance of Western democratic principles in international conduct.

There is evidence upon which one can conclude that the Marshall Plan, the cooperation of the Western nations of Europe and the Atlantic Pact have slowed down the Russian effort to extend Communist influence. Whether this pause means that the Communist leaders have found the facts against them or are only delaying while the Russian Government marshals its resources for another step is unknown.

The breach between Russia and Yugoslavia offers something of an opportunity to test the resolution of the Russians. From the notes exchanged between the two nations, it is clear that Moscow does not want its satellites to believe that they are entitled to any real equality or independence. Marshal Tito has asserted both principles with determination and, if he gets by, there may be other satellite countries to follow his leadership.

## A NEED STATEWIDE

Discussing a problem of far-reaching importance to its community, The Charlotte Observer presents argument and explanation rendering its editorial applicable in almost every other city and town in North Carolina.

It is doubtful, The Observer says, that either the State welfare authorities or public opinion will approve the Charlotte city government's plan to deal, on a temporary basis, with the question of detention quarters for youthful delinquents and the mentally ill. Because there is now no place provided, the municipal authorities propose to set apart (and keep apart) suitable accommodations in the new addition to the Charlotte police headquarters. With no implication that this plan meets the standards of a permanent one, the Charlotte officials are simply attempting to improve existing conditions, and in no small measure.

There are the plain provisions of the law standing in the way of putting either the mentally ill or juvenile offenders in ordinary jails or prisons. Aware of this, The Observer says what the people of the State in general must say for their own community; that the law has been and is being violated, because there is not yet sufficient provision for these groups of the population in the State institutions already built and in operation.

There are comprehensive plans for betterment, for mental patients, for betterment, in both particulars, but meanwhile Charlotte and other cities are to be commended for programs as good as the Charlotte city officials have made possible.—Asheville Citizen.

## MEAT EATING HABITS OF AMERICANS SURVEYED

The meat eating habits of the American people were recently surveyed by a bureau of the U. S. Agricultural Research Administration. The surveys were conducted in 68 American cities in every part of the country, and were confined to housekeeping families of two or more persons.

Total meat consumption for the average family came to 8.124 pounds a week. Some of the families, of course, ate less, while others ate more.

Greater consumption was in the case of beef—the average was slightly more than 3.2 pounds a week. Pork was next on the list of favorites with 2.9 pounds.

Coming down to specific cuts of meat, pot roasts and other roasts appeared to lead in popularity. Ground beef also won wide acceptance. The greatest favorites in pork were ham, bacon and chops.

This is a country of avid eaters. The average family builds at least one meal a day, and often more, around meat. Current forecasts point to an increase in meat production and the meat supply. That is literally a healthy sign.—Asheville Times.

## CHANCE IS NEEDED

National "Employ The Physically Handicapped Week," begins October 2 and will direct attention to the advisability of seeking to give employment to those able to work but not usually considered readily employable.

The special week has been authorized by Congress to call attention to the plight of the physically-handicapped, who need the opportunity to be self-supporting. Many individuals, suffering physical disabilities, are well able to earn their living if they can find sympathetic employers ready to give them a chance.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

# Constitution Day—September 17

ON THIS DAY IN 1787, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WAS COMPLETED AND SIGNED... WITH FEW PRECEDENTS TO GUIDE THEM, NO PATTERN TO FOLLOW, THE DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION HAD SUCCEEDED IN FORMULATING A DOCUMENT SO SOUND IN ITS BASIC CONSTRUCTION, YET SO FLEXIBLE IN PRACTICE, THAT IT HAS SERVED OUR COUNTRY WELL FOR MORE THAN 160 YEARS.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON SPEAKING BEFORE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

TODAY, AS THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, WE MUST UPHOLD THE PHILOSOPHIES AND WAY OF LIFE SET FORTH IN THE CONSTITUTION AS A SURE WAY TO MAINTAIN THE DYNAMIC EVOLUTION OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

## Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

SEPTEMBER 6, 1917

### School Notes

"The enrollment and attendance at Greenlee have grown to such proportions that another teacher has become necessary. Miss Iris Ruth, of Marion, has been secured as assistant with the lower grade work.

"An entertainment and box supper was given at Siloam school Saturday night for the benefit of the school. A neat sum was realized, which will be used for school improvements.

"A number of schools report that buildings and grounds have been improved, and several have put in sanitary drinking fountains and cups.

"The mill schools will open Monday, September 17."

"The high schools at Nebo, Marion and Old Fort are schools receiving aid from the State High School Fund. No charge for tuition will be made for students entering the high school department in any one of these schools."

SEPTEMBER 13, 1917

"The McDowell Hospital is fulfilling its mission nobly. The institution has successfully cared for a large number of patients since its opening less than five months ago. It is proving a great blessing to the people of this section. Several experienced nurses are assisting Miss Hoyle and everything is running smoothly. Some serious operations have been performed by Dr. Griffith of Asheville and Dr. G. S. Kirby of this place.

"Dr. M. F. Morphew, who has been under treatment at the hospital for the past three weeks, was discharged last week much improved and he will leave this week for West Virginia to visit his daughter."

"The fall term of McDowell Superior court will convene here next Monday with Judge Garland S. Ferguson presiding."

SEPTEMBER 13, 1917

"Gus Martin has renewed acquaintance with a terrapin he played with long ago. When a lad he branded a terrapin with the letter M and the year 1887, and a few days ago the self same terrapin was found on his place in East Marion, within less than 150 yards from where he released it thirty years ago. It is the same size and shows no marks of age."

"Miss Blanche Finley left Sunday to open school Monday near Old Fort.

"J. H. Lackey, of Petersburg, Va., visited relatives here during the week.

"Miss Blanche McNeeley has accepted a position in the Forestry

Service at Lenoir.

"S. H. Yancey has returned to Collins, Ga., after spending some time here with relatives.

"Oak Dale school is progressing nicely with Miss Jessie Conley as teacher. The attendance is splendid.

"Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cochran, Miss Laura Merrill and Mrs. W. W. Neal motored to Asheville yesterday.

"Mrs. J. F. Williams has been quite successful in the cultivation of strawberries and not only had a fine crop in the spring but now has a fall crop. She sent a sample of well-matured berries to The Progress office last Saturday.

"Dr. Clay McCall, of Rocky Mount, visited relatives here last week. Mr. McCall has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps, United States army, and is now at Fort Oglethorpe under training.

"Mrs. B. L. Short and family have moved into one of Mr. Blanton's new houses on Spring street. Presiding Elder Parker Holmes and family now occupy the house vacated by Mrs. Short, on Fort street, which was recently purchased for the district parsonage.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Hughie Mack will provide the laugh at the Grand tonight.

"Don't miss the Chautauqua attractions at the court house today.

"There will be services at the Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Bishop Horner, of Asheville, will be present at the evening service for confirmation. All are invited to attend the services."

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK

After about ten months of more or less setbacks, business is showing signs of picking up again, with a more than seasonal rise being reported. Production is increasing, with resulting increases in retail trade and employment. Most economic experts discount the prospect of another downturn in the business curve, expecting a gradual rise in general activity.

William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the U. S. served the shortest term. He died 31 days after his inauguration.

## Smokey Says:

FEELS THAT'S A GOOD POSTER—DON'T YOU THINK IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD TO SEE OUR BOYS AND GIRLS TAKING AN INTEREST IN SAVING OUR WOODS FROM FIRE!



## TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

Yesterday was a bad day. It was one of those days when you can't put your finger on anything that's wrong, but altogether things just don't move along like they should. So . . . it was all the more noticeable when there was one bright spot in the gloom. A woman who dropped in to put a news story in the paper probably didn't realize that a casual remark she made was more newsy to me than the story she brought.

Just before leaving she said, "You know I like my work." For a moment time stood still. Just one fleeting instant I didn't even see the stack of papers on the desk, nor hear the phone ringing. It's the first time I've heard anyone say that since the depression. Orchids to you dear school teacher. Maybe that explains why you're one of the best McDowell county ever had.

People who would like to make liberal contributions to causes but gifts to the unfortunate or in any way use money to benefit mankind, but just haven't the money might find some compere by handing out a few sincere compliments. Perhaps they might even do more that way than with the money. An office worker talking with me recently said there was one woman patron she always looked forward to serving.

"Sometimes when I've given her only the service it's my duty to give, she will make a special phone call to thank me and it's helped me through many a dreary day," the worker said.

## CONSERVATION NEWS

By L. B. HAIR

Every farmer should have a perennial hay crop, according to Elmer McGinnis of Old Fort, because it protects the land and pays good dividends too.

Last fall Mr. McGinnis kept a record of the expense in seeding an acre of perennial hay on his farm. He stated that it cost as much as he paid for the land. Mr. McGinnis has also kept a record of the hay that he has harvested from this acre this year. "To my surprise, Mr. McGinnis states, I have harvested more hay in dollars and cents value from the acre this first year than it cost to establish. Then, too, my cow has grazed a lot on this area."

G. W. Fender of Nebo Rt. 1, states that he has found it to be very important to use plenty of fertilizer and prepare a good seed bed when seeding permanent pasture. Mr. Fender seeded four acres of new pasture last week.

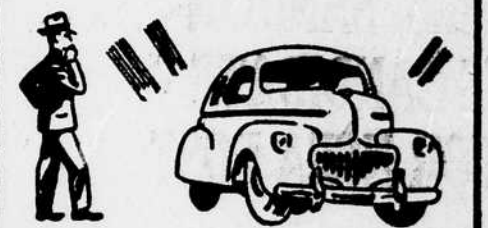
"In its practical application, soil conservation means adapting farming to the soil."

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The mileage death rate for the nation's traffic accidents in the first half of 1949 hit an all-time low of 6.8, according to the National Safety Council. This was the first time in the history of such record keeping that the half-year rate has been less than seven deaths for each 100,000,000 miles of vehicular travel. At the end of seven months of 1949, the 1940 death total was 16,540, still one per cent under the 16,700 count at the end of July, 1948.

Use the Want Ads for profit.

## GOING TO TRADE OR BUY A NEW CAR?



For information regarding financing and automobile insurance, it will be to your advantage to issue with full coverage Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance—which will fully protect your interests and those of the financing organization which you select.

FOR FULL INFORMATION—CALL OR WRITE

J. H. TATE, Agent  
Office: 32 N. Madison  
Phone 120-X

Representing  
Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.  
Farm Bureau—Columbus, Ohio