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Concord Presbytery Held Here Tuesday

John Hawes, elder, of Lenoir, was elected moderator of the Concord Presbytery for a three months term at the meeting of the Presbytery held at Landis Memorial Church Tuesday. He succeeds J. C. Harper of Lenoir. Rev. J. D. Stinson was named temporary clerk.

Rev. A. A. McLean, of Lenoir, delivered the sermon to about 100 representatives composed of ministers and elders. Rev. Robert Turner presented movie films of Home Mission churches and manses now being built.

James A. Sloan, elder of Thyatira church near Salisbury, president of the Men of the Presbytery, made a talk urging that as many as possible of the men attend the meeting of all men of the Southern Presbyterian Church to be held in Atlanta, November 4-5.

Rev. Robert Turner made a talk urging churches to lay particular stress on mission work and evangelical work.

Announcement was made that Landis church has purchased a residence on U. S. highway 221, about one-quarter of a mile from the church to be used as a manse.

Rev. J. E. Flowe announced that he closed a meeting at Landis church last Sunday and 14 new members were received, five by letter and nine on profession of faith.

A bountiful dinner was served on the lawn at noon with the Landis ladies being assisted by the ladies of Conley Memorial and the First Presbyterian church of Marion.

Beaver Resigns As Principal Of Hudgins School

F. M. Beaver tendered his resignation as principal of Hudgins Colored School this week, according to a statement by H. F. Beam, superintendent of Marion City Schools.

Beam said the letter of resignation stated that it was to become effective immediately upon the appointment of his successor. The letter further stated: "in the meantime I find it necessary to be absent because of the serious illness of my wife."

Beaver left Marion last week and to date no one has been named to succeed him in the position of principal.

Marauder Playing Manager Named For 1950 Season

Employ Handicapped Theme Of Address At Rotary Meet

National Employ the Handicapped Week was the subject of an address presented by Rev. J. B. McLarty at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary club last Friday. The program was under the direction of David Gray, chairman of programs for this month.

R. C. Spratt reported on a meeting of civic club representatives held last Saturday in the interest of the Teen-Age club. The Board of Directors was instructed to review the facts at its meeting Tuesday and make recommendations at the Rotary meeting next Friday.

Alvin Rader was the high school honor student of the month. Visiting Rotarians were Glenn James of Spindale, John Boyd and Rhom Sparks of Spruce Pine.

Pleasant Gardens PTA To Meet

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday night, October 20, at 7:30 o'clock. The glee club will be in charge of the program.

Community Council Will Meet Monday

The Marion Community Council will hold its quarterly meeting at 8 p. m., Monday, October 17, in the American Legion room at the community building, Mrs. R. R. Cook, president, announced this week.

Reports will be heard from club representatives on club activities and there will also be a report from the project committee chairman.

ONE POLIO CASE

The McDowell County Health Department announced one case of polio reported in the county. C. L. Brown, Jr., ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, Sr., of Old Fort, is a patient at the Asheville Orthopedic Home.

Wildlife Club To Meet Monday

The McDowell County Wildlife club will meet at 7:30 o'clock, Monday night, in the court house, Joe Blalock, president, announced this week.

Election of officers will be held and all members are urged to be present.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Friday, October 14, at the First Methodist church, it is announced.

McDowell Included In Paving Program Of 9th Highway Division

Funeral Rites For A. H. Mitchem Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Archie Hill Mitchem, 63, well-known Marion resident who died Monday in an Asheville hospital, were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the First Baptist church here.

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., and the Rev. Julius Henline officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Masons had charge of graveside rites.

Mitchem was born in Gaston county, the son of the late Luther and Gabriella Flowers Mitchem. He came here in 1921 and had been engaged in the insurance business since that time.

He was a Mason and a member of the Kiwanis Club and the First Baptist church.

Pallbearers were: J. C. McKinney, Joe Pyatt, V. T. Eckerd, N. F. Steppe, E. W. Parker and Gus Watkins.

Surviving are the widow; one son, James L. of Newport News, Va., two daughters, the Misses Grace and Mickey, both of Marion; a brother, Harvey of Bessemer City; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Greer of Bessemer City and Mrs. Bob Dellinger of Gastonia and one grandchild.

Symphony Orchestra Drive Launched Here Last Monday

Two Building Permits Issued This Week

The Town of Marion issued the following building permits this week:

R. L. Phillips for construction of a block and shingle garage apartment containing three rooms, a hall and bath. Cost was estimated at \$2750.

First Baptist church issued permit for a brick educational building. Estimated cost \$70,000.

LEGION MEETING

The American Legion transacted routine business at its regular meeting Tuesday evening and discussed the building. No action was taken on measure discussed.

Chambers Reelected Moderator Of Blue Ridge Association

VFW Convention Will Be Held Here Next Sunday

The Sixteenth District Convention Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held in Marion Sunday, October 16, at two o'clock in the Hut of Mount Mitchell Post 2865 on McDowell street, C. B. Landis, District Commander, announced this week.

William S. Humphries, of Raleigh, North Carolina Department Commander of VFW, will be the principal speaker.

Landis asks that local police, garage and filling station operators aid in directing out of town members to turn east at the court house and go four blocks to the Oldsmobile garage, turn left for one block, then right, and proceed to the first street on the left which leads to the building.



W. R. CHAMBERS

Baucom Addresses CROP Membership Officers Elected

The plans for CROP, Christian Rural Overseas Program, were carried forward in a meeting at Marion on Monday morning. Rev. H. W. Baucom, Baptist minister, and State Director of CROP came from Durham to help in the organization. Rev. Baucom made plain the need for rural America to do something to help the underprivileged in the world. He said that according to his figures there are 14,000,000 in Europe who have been torn off the land where they lived for perhaps two or three generations and must now depend upon help. He said it is both Christian and American to (Continued on last page)

Kiwanis Speaker Appeals For Aid For The Blind

Gene Cole, interviewer for the State Commission for the Blind, was speaker at the meeting of the Marion Kiwanis club Tuesday night. He outlined his duties speaking particularly of his work in finding persons with defective eyesight and aiding them in obtaining glasses or whatever treatment is necessary. He encouraged Kiwanians to sponsor work with the blind and aid wherever needed.

The speaker was presented by R. W. Twitty, program director for the month.

Sheriff And Police Chief Attending Meet

Sheriff C. M. Pool and Chief of Police D. W. Smith are attending a meeting of law enforcement officials who were invited to Raleigh to confer with Governor Scott and State ABC Chairman Robert W. Winston about enforcement of prohibition laws. Letters of invitation went out early this month from Scott's office to 100 sheriffs, about 30 chief ABC enforcement officers and several hundred police chiefs.

Bray To Preach

Dr. B. F. Bray will be guest speaker at both the morning and evening services at the First Baptist church of Wadesboro Sunday, October 16.

The church is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary and these services held by Dr. Bray will highlight the celebration.

Dr. Bray is a former pastor of the church and it was during his pastorate that the present modern structure was erected.

Other Officers Elected At Session Tuesday; Meet to End Wednesday

W. R. Chambers was reelected Moderator of the Blue Ridge Baptist association at the 21st annual fall session which opened here Tuesday.

Other officers elected are: Rev. Carson Brittain, vice moderator; Rev. C. C. Cross, clerk; Miss Doris Hill, treasurer; Rev. L. G. Redding, historian, and Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., promotion chairman.

Attendance on opening day was estimated at 500 with 34 of the 35 churches in the Association having representatives present.

J. D. Fraley, of Mills Home, Thomasville, presented a report on the work and needs of the Orphanage. Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, told of the growth and program of the school and the need for further development of the religious school there.

Rev. Millard Hall, pastor Chapel Hill church, delivered a sermon "Follow Thou Me".

E. L. Spivey, representative for the State work in the cooperative program, told of the different phases of the work in North Carolina and the need for cooperative funds to carry on the work.

The meeting was scheduled to continue through Wednesday.

C. C. ELLEDGE NAMED PRESIDENT OF NEW CLUB

C. C. Elledge was elected president of a Schoolmasters Club at the organizational meeting held at Sunset Restaurant Tuesday evening.

Other officers elected were: Richard Shaw, vice president; Harry Swofford, secretary-treasurer.

N. F. Steppe made an address and plans were discussed for programs. A motion was carried to hold meetings the first Monday in each month at the Home Economics departments. The next meeting will be held at 7 p. m., November 7, at Marion Central School.

The Club is an organization for male members of the Marion City and McDowell County School Systems to aid them in growing professionally, enable members to become better acquainted and share problems.

School Teacher Will Face Charge Of An Assault

A preliminary hearing is scheduled Saturday for W. J. Cay, Old Fort school teacher, Sheriff C. M. Pool said yesterday.

He will face charges of "assault on Frank Lavender, a boy 13 years of age, with a deadly weapon to wit a leather strap," the warrant stated. The hearing will be held before J. M. Snoddy, justice of the peace. No arrest was made.

McDonald Victim Of Plane Crash

John Bill McDonald, 35, of Greenville, Tenn., nephew of Mrs. J. E. Neal and Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey of Marion, was a victim of the C-47 plane crash on Mt. Mitchell last week.

Funeral services were held at the Andrew Johnson Memorial cemetery in Greenville, with military rites.

He is survived by his wife, his mother and two sisters.

ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. Ann Hawkins, executive secretary of the McDowell County Chapter American Red Cross, attended a meeting of Red Cross workers in Asheville Tuesday.