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School Superintendent Issues Instructions For Safe Bus Transportation

Following the tragic bus accident in Nash county in which seven school children lost their lives and the prompt action of the State school officials and Highway Patrol, instructions were issued from the office of the County Superintendent of McDowell to principals and others responsible for school bus transportation to make a close inspection of bus loading and school transportation in view of determining whether any violations of transportation rules are being permitted in McDowell county School transportation.

N. F. Stegge, county superintendent, outlined the precautions taken as follows:

Ramon Robinson, supervisor of transportation, contacted all school principals and drivers and made a close inspection of loading, bus routing, and other regulations affecting transportation. Strict orders have been given that no overloading must be permitted and that only children entitled to transportation will be given permission to ride school busses. The busses are to be kept in safe mechanical condition and everything possible will be done to guarantee the safety of school children. The child living 1 1/2 miles of school will not be per-

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Miss Clara Justice Named Assistant At Salem College

The appointment of five student assistants in various departments at Salem College, Winston-Salem, for the current school session, has been announced by Academic Dean Ivy M. Hixson. Miss Clara Justice of Marion and Miss Dolores McCarter of Gastonia, will assist in Spanish; Norman Jarrad of Winston-Salem, mathematics; Miss "Winkie" Harris of Rocky Mount, French.

"All the student assistants named are majoring in the departments to which they were named," Miss Hixson said. "We feel that it is an honor to them to be selected to these positions, and that they will render valuable assistance in their fields."

Miss Justice, a Junior, is planning to teach Spanish after her graduation from Salem. She is serving as treasurer of the I. R. S. (social standards council) this year, and is a member of the Spanish Club. Miss Justice is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Justice of Marion.

Methodist Building Fund Campaign To Be Launched

Francis Marion Sponsors Carnival

The Francis Marion club realized approximately \$175 from the carnival sponsored here last week, according to an announcement made at the Club meeting last Thursday. Proceeds will go into the general fund. A motion was carried to sponsor a carnival next year.

FIRE THURSDAY

The fire department was called to Marion Cash Store last Thursday when an electric motor became overheated.



Killed October 11 through October 14, 4; Injured October 11 through October 14, 38; Killed through October 14 this year, 630; Killed through October 14, 1948, 537; Injured through October 14, this year, 7,005; Injured through October 14, 1948, 5,656.

VFW Convention Held Here Sunday; Myers Speaker

In addressing the Sixteenth District Convention Veterans of Foreign Wars at its convention here Sunday, Comrade Charles Truett Myers, of Charlotte, judge advocate, department of North Carolina, said: "Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars rendered greatest service to this country by defending it overseas and now have another opportunity to render the country another important service in the peace."

The convention was held in the Hut of the local Post with representatives present from Kings Mountain, Shelby, Forest City, Grover, Bakersville, Spindale.

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Bicyclist Makes Tour Of 48 States

A tired bicyclist pedaled his way into Marion last Saturday, on a tour of the 48 states and told a cafe owner he wanted work. The owner was more concerned about the fact that the man was hungry and set a plate of food before him.

Now Walter E. Devine, of Portland, Oregon, believes that although the hospitality in the South is not all he anticipated, that Marion is more friendly than some other towns in this section and will probably remember C. B. Dobson as one of the kindest persons he met on the tour.

"You gave me food, now I will wash your windows," he said.

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CONDUCTING REVIVAL

Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist church, is conducting revival services at Penelope Baptist church, Hickory, but will return for the Sunday morning service here October 23. He will then resume services in Hickory through next Wednesday. Plans are incomplete for the evening service here next Sunday.

Methodist Building Fund Campaign To Be Launched

Plans are underway at First Methodist church for a Building Fund Campaign to be launched in November. Mrs. T. L. Richie, superintendent of the Children's Building Division, will discuss building needs at the morning worship service next Sunday.

S. R. Cross, chairman of the Building Fund Committee, said yesterday that \$19,000 has been raised and \$10,000 has been set as a goal for this year. Next year committee hopes to raise enough additional funds to begin the expansion program.

HUNTING PARTY TO RETURN HOME

A Party of Marion men who have been pheasant hunting at Gettysburg, South Dakota, are expected to arrive home the latter part of this week.

The hunting party includes, Walker Blanton, R. W. Proctor, Eugene Cross, Jr., and Eugene Cross III.

NATIONAL LETTER WEEK OCTOBER 16-22

National letter writing week which has become an annual event, is to be observed this year from October 16 to October 22.

Mrs. L. L. Nichols Died Tuesday

Mrs. Dora Nichols has received a message informing her of the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Loman Nichols Tuesday morning in Los Angeles, California. Funeral services will be conducted Friday. Mrs. Nichols is the former Miss Irene Goltra and was born in Denison, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Loman Nichols, and two sons, Loman, Jr., and Robert.

Anthony To Build A Grocery Store

Bulldozers were grading yesterday for a new grocery store to be erected on East Court street.

C. E. Anthony said he plans to build a block structure and estimated the size at 20x35 feet. He said it will contain a grocery and fruit store. The site is just beyond the Snipes Motor company.

149th STILL DESTROYED

Sheriff C. M. Pool raided his 149th still last Saturday on Curtis Creek. He reported destroying a 50 gallon, steam outfit and four barrels of beer. Willard Toney and Richard Loftis accompanied him.

Employer-Employee Banquet Will Be Held Tonight

Baptist Sponsored DP Family Arrived In Marion Yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. Criss Ernestsons and family, displaced persons sponsored by the First Baptist church of Marion, arrived here yesterday morning. The Ernestsons, a Latvian family, have three daughters, Eva, 9, Maija, 7, and Mara, 4.

The father is a bricklayer and will be employed by the G. P. Seagle company. His first assignment will be on the new Baptist educational building. The family will reside at 125 State street where church members have just completed a renovating program. The outside has been painted and a number of improvements made to the interior. It has also been completely furnished. The home was formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson.

The family was taken from Latvia to Germany in 1944 and placed in a concentration camp where they remained until the war was over and they were sent to a displaced persons camp. In bringing them to Marion through the Baptist World Alliance, the local church is obligated to arrange transportation from New York, secure employment for the father and establish them in a home.

Ernestson is studying English, but admits it is a difficult language to learn.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD HAS MEETING

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist church held a dinner meeting last Thursday evening with an attendance of 36. S. J. Westmoreland, new president, was in charge of the meeting.

Following the appointment of group captains, Rev. M. O. Owens, Sr., Lamar, S. C., addressed the group.

Dinner was served by circles one and two of the Woman's Missionary Union.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL

The Marion Parent-Teachers association will sponsor a Halloween Carnival on the night of October 31, it was announced Tuesday.



JOHN A. POTEAT

Poteat Appointed 1950 Principal To West Point

John A. Poteat has been appointed to the Military Academy at West Point as principal for the year 1950. The announcement of his appointment was contained in a letter to C. C. Elledge, principal of the Marion High School, from Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle. A principal and alternate to the Academy

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Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Cross Mill Tuesday

Tax Notices Being Mailed

The county tax books for 1949 have been turned over to C. M. Pool, sheriff and tax collector, and notices are being mailed out to taxpayers.

If taxes are paid during the month of October, there will be a one-half per cent discount allowed.

Rare Blood Type Found At Old Fort

During a recent visit to McDowell county the Red Cross Bloodmobile received the rarest type of blood from an Old Fort volunteer. The type was AB negative. An average of about one of this type is said to occur in every 200 volunteers.

Blue Ridge Meet Closes With Reports

Reports of the past year's work highlighted the Wednesday session of the Blue Ridge Baptist association.

Total membership was listed at 6,257; baptisms 325; Sunday School enrollment 5,687; Training Union enrollment 1,357.

There were 23 Vacation Bible schools held with a total attendance of 1,994, it was stated. Local gifts were listed at \$144,103 and gifts to Missions at \$21,408, making a total of \$165,511.

A motion was carried to open the 1950 fall session with a session at West Marion to be followed with a night meeting at Cross Mill. The second day the meeting will be held at Glenwood and adjourn the evening of the same day with a meeting at Glenwood.

Associational ministers named for next year are Rev. John Hicks, first day, and Rev. Carson Brittain, second day.

Mrs. Britt To Attend Meetings In New York

Mrs. Wade Britt, third vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will go by train to New York City Thursday, October 20, where she will attend a board meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the New York Herald-Tribune Forum. Both meetings will be held at the Waldorf Astoria.

Mrs. Britt plans to return to Marion on Friday of next week.

Marion Community Council Names Nominating Committee

Fender Purchases Self Service Market

H. R. Fender has purchased the Self Service Market on South Main street from L. D. Ridings, of Spartanburg, S. C. The transaction became effective last Saturday.

NEW CLASSES ADDED AT MARION HIGH SCHOOL

A Dramatics class has been added to courses offered at the Marion High School, C. C. Elledge, principal, said this week. Miss Betsy Webster is instructor.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL AT CLINCHFIELD SCHOOL

Clinchfield school will sponsor a Halloween Carnival Saturday evening, October 22, beginning at 7 p. m. Proceeds will be used for school improvement.

Plans have been made for the Red Cross Bloodmobile to visit Cross Mill on Tuesday, October 25, in an effort to obtain at least 75 pints of blood from volunteers. Headquarters will be the Cross Mill Baptist church and hours will be 10 a. m. till 12:30 noon, and 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Wade Miller has been named chairman of the blood donor program, D. F. Barnes, publicity director and Mrs. Virgil Bradburn, chairman volunteer service.

Mrs. Louis Williams is chairman of community recruiting and A. D. Greene, chairman mill recruiting.

Others who will assist the co-chairmen of recruiting are: Ray Murray, Fred Murray, A. D. Greene, S. R. Cross, L. M. Watkins, G. L. Jenkins, Ray Miller, Joyce Carrigan, Peller England.

J. L. Condrey, Louis Williams, Eugene Dobson, Kathryn Baucom, John Good, Ralph Webb, Maxine Naomi Hobbs, Miss Mattie Sluder, Mrs. Cecil Martin, Miss Mickol, Henry Scott.

Mrs. Durand Workman, Mrs. (Continued on page 3)

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD FRIDAY

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held in the First Methodist church last Friday.

After a few words of welcome, the following Scouts were advanced in rank:

Tenderfoot rank: David Bradburn, J. V. Cuthbertson, Glenn Miller, Harold Dean Rinehard and Roper Leon Webb, troop 4, Marion.

Second class: Ernest Ogle, Jennings Duncan, James Wright, Junior Ayers, Lee Roy Duncan, troop 1, North Cove; Sherman Locke, Joe Eckerd, troop 6, Marion.

First class: Bobby Hennessee, and Dean Wright, troop 1, North (Continued on last page)

OIL PROGRESS WEEK DISCUSSED AT KIWANIS

Kiwanians R. W. Twitty and Lee Conley were in charge of the program for the Kiwanis club at its regular weekly meeting held in the community building Tuesday evening.

Kiwanian Conley presented M. G. Roan, Employee Relations Manager of the Gulf Oil Corporation of Atlanta, Ga., as the guest speaker. Roan stated that the current week was being observed as Oil Progress Week, and discussed the oil industry from its beginning to the present.

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