

# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

## T. C. Autrey Guest Speaker At Employer-Employee Banquet

T. C. Autrey, of Asheville, addressed an assemblage of 256 persons here Thursday night at the annual Employer-Employee banquet of the Marion Merchants association.

The speaker discussed the current problems of small business men and the socialistic trend in issues of government. He spoke particularly of the indifference of the average citizen in expressing an opinion regarding policies of government, reminding his audience that many of the larger interests are at all times concerned with promoting measures they favor, expressed the opinion that it would be to the advantage of smaller business men to write Congressmen advising them of their ideas on various issues in order that both sides of the argument be considered before legislation is brought to a vote.

Autrey was introduced by R. M. Dark. Following the address, "Slim" Vermont, humorist, presented a program of entertainment, including jokes and a song. He was presented by Williard Haitcock.

The ballroom of the community building was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Halloween season. Tables were centered with arrangements of flowers and candles.

Words of welcome were extended by Amos Seagle, president of the Association.

The flute is one of the oldest musical instruments in the world.

## Mrs. Miller Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. Lloyd Miller was hostess with a bridge party last Thursday afternoon for members of her bridge club and several visitors.

Guests arrived at 2:30 o'clock and two tables of bridge were in play, in a lovely setting of arrangements of mixed fall flowers.

Mrs. Robert Teeter received high score prize with second high being awarded Mrs. Albert Neal.

Refreshments in the form of dainty sandwiches, cookies and Coca-Cola were served the following guests: Mrs. Robert Teeter, Mrs. Albert Neal, Mrs. Mac Jay and Mrs. Oliver Cross, club members and Mrs. George Rowe, Mrs. J. E. Neal, Jr., and Mrs. Virginia James, visitors.

## Grange Members Have House Party

Pleasant Gardens Grange enjoyed a house party at the Optimist Youth Camp on Toe River last week end. About 18 members attended. The party left Marion Saturday and returned Sunday.

## MARION HIGH BAND TO PLAY AT RUTHERFORDTON

Marion High School's Band will play in Rutherfordton Friday night when the Rippers meet the Rutherfordton-Spindale team.

## Mrs. Blanton Hostess At Party Thursday

The home of Mrs. S. W. Blanton on South Main street was the scene of a lovely party last Thursday evening when Mrs. Blanton was hostess with a dessert bridge at 7:30 o'clock.

Arrangements of mixed fall flowers and lighted candles formed a delightful setting for the serving of a sweet course at individual tables, when the guests arrived. Little Miss Digne Blanton very gracefully assisted her mother in serving.

The guests enjoying a bridge game included Mrs. Ged Giles, Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, Mrs. D. N. Lonon, Mrs. J. G. Proctor, Miss Joyce Etheridge, Miss Annie Laura Blanton, Mrs. Ralph Alexander, and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Jr.

Mrs. Lonon received high score bridge prize with second high going to Mrs. McIntosh. The hostess also remembered Miss Etheridge and Miss Mary Thornburg, teachers at Central High School, with gifts.

Miss Thornburg, and Mrs. Macon Hewitt were guests for refreshments.

## Presbyterian Women To Meet

The Women of the Presbyterian church met on Monday evening in the Ladies Parlor of the church.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. Paul Story. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Hugh Beam, acting secretary. Reports were given from the five Circles. Mrs. Story talked briefly on "Week of Prayer" and "Self Denial" for Home Missions, which begin at the regular Sunday morning service on October 30 with a sermon on Home Missions by the pastor. This is to be followed by a series of programs presented by the Women of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, beginning on Tuesday through Friday.

After the business session Mrs. Archie McIntosh introduced Mrs. Ray Cline, who sang "Hold Thou My Hand." Mrs. C. A. Workman gave the devotional for the evening. Dr. Carl McMurray spoke to the members on some phases of the Ecumenical Movement, which is the union of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches.

## Three Marion Girls Enrolled At Winthrop

Three Marion students are included among the sixty-six North Carolina girls enrolled this year at Winthrop college, the South Carolina college for women.

The Marion students are Misses Macon Ann Harshaw, Mary Jacqueline Smith and Elizabeth Ann Stepp.

Total enrollment of 1,277 students include girls from 14 states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries.

## On Trip To New York

New York, October 22—Mrs. Wade H. Britt of the James Hotel, Marion, North Carolina, is spending a week at The Waldorf-Astoria, while attending a board meeting of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Among those attending the Shrine ceremonial and dance held at City Auditorium in Asheville last Saturday and Saturday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sain, S. B. Hildebrand, Miss Ann Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Sam Yancey.

## Annual Contest Of Cut Rate Drug Is Underway

The McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store announces this week the opening of its annual contest for boys and girls.

The announcement and further details are contained in an advertisement in this issue of the Progress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hunt had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morris and children Sally and Jimmy, Mrs. E. B. Greaber, Jr., and Miss E. Kathryn Hunt all of Charlotte, and Frank P. Hunt of Atlanta, Ga.

## Local and Personal Notes of Interest

R. S. Clay is visiting at the home of his son, J. K. Clay, in New Bern.

Mrs. Ben Simmons, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Garland Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grant, Jr., are vacationing in New York City this week.

Miss Leoleon Corbett of Asheville spent last week end at her home here.

Rev. and Mrs. R. I. Corbett are spending a vacation at several points of interest on the East Coast.

Mrs. Sam Yancey and two children Amelia and Sammy visited in Laurinburg, N. C. last week-end.

Miss Ann Shiflett, student at Queens College, Charlotte, spent last week-end at her home here.

Mrs. A. C. McCall, of Biltmore Forest, Asheville, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cannon of Swannanoa, visited the formers mother, Mrs. C. G. Cannon last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Greene and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Davis enjoyed a town of the Scenic Parkway last Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Rowe has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Norfolk, Virginia, and Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Pat Davis attended the Clemson-Carolina football game in Columbia, S. C. last Thursday.

Mrs. John Sellars of Nashville, Tennessee, was a luncheon guest of her sister Mrs. R. K. Davis, on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Mary Leonard has returned to her position at Duke Hospital after spending a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Maude Leonard.

Mrs. E. C. McMillian, Sr., and Miss Annie Laura Blanton were guests of Miss Toby Turner in North Wilkesboro last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lanford and their three children, of Columbia, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Pat Davis last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smarr and Miss Helen Smarr attended the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia, S. C., last week and also attended the Clemson-South Carolina football game.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Brown of Covington, Kentucky, were called to Marion last week-end by the death of the formers brother. While in Marion they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shiflet had as their guests last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Shiflet and son Bryan Shiflet, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shiflet and son David Shiflet, all of Brevard.

Mrs. James Pittman returned to her home in Scotland Neck last Friday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldsmith. The former accompanied Mrs. Pittman to Scotland Neck for a week-end visit.

Miss Jewell Garrett, vocational home economics teacher at Kiwassee, N. C., and Miss Mary Lois Garrett, office manager of R. E. A. in Jasper, Ga., were week-end guests of their sister, Miss Elsie Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sain spent last Sunday in Charlotte as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Galarde and Dr. and Mrs. Arden Galarde. They were joined in Morganton by Dr. and Mrs. Theron Sain who accompanied them to Charlotte.

Mrs. L. E. Wyatt, Jr., of Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. A. W. Fowler, of Fargo, North Dakota, were in Marion Tuesday. They were en route to Tucson where Mrs. Fowler, spends every winter at the Pioneer Hotel.

J. R. Jameson, member of the executive committee of the Grange, attended a state Grange meeting in Hendersonville from Sunday through Wednesday.

## Garage Damaged By Automobile

A 1949 Buick driven by Bruce Robinson demolished a partition in Dixon's Garage on highway 70 last Monday afternoon about five o'clock. The driver was released under bond and will face a "reckless driving" charge at the next term of court, according to a statement by State Highway Patrolman Archie Burrell, who investigated. No one was reported injured.

## James Walker Visits Riviera

James M. Walker, fireman apprentice, USN, of Route 4, Marion, N. C., recently visited the French Riviera on a ten-day leave when the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, of which he is a crew member, put in to Golfe Guan, France. Leave parties to Paris and to other points of interest in France have been arranged for the crew.

## Social Security Agent To Be Here Friday

The Asheville representative of the Social Security Administration for this week will be in Marion Friday. He will be in the office of the Register of Deeds at the court house at 10 a. m.

## NEW DRAFT CALL?

Calling attention to the fact that the armed forces of the nation are about 25,000 below authorized strength, Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of the selective service program, hinted that there may be a new draft call soon.

In some North Carolina counties, over 70 per cent of the farm income is represented in products raised and used by the farm household.

Farm real estate taxes per acre in North Carolina averaged about 7 per cent higher in 1948 than in 1947.

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## Bloodmobile Schedule

The schedule for Bloodmobile visits to McDowell county has been announced by the Red Cross as follows:

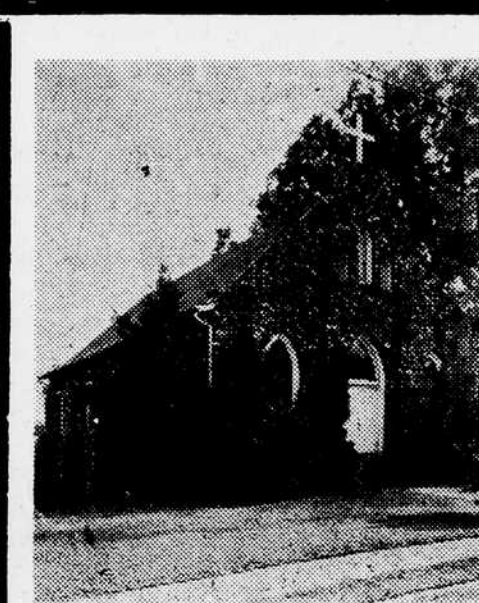
December 7 at Clinchfield. In 1950 the two first visits are scheduled for January 10 and March 15. The place for these visits has not been determined.

## Miss Ruth Hughes Takes Church Post

Old Fort—Miss Ruth Hughes of Old Fort has been named director of Christian Education at the First Baptist church in Haverhill, Mass., according to information received here. Miss Hughes formerly taught in Asheville city schools.

## Pool's Still Score Is Now 150

Sheriff C. M. Pool scored his 150th triumph in still captures last Saturday. The 50-gallon steam outfit in Brackets township was demolished and 25 gallons of liquor poured out. No arrests were made.



"God's Use of Sickness and Our Use of It" will be the sermon topic next Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Rev. Charles Frenzel, pastor Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Church service at 11 A. M. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

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