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## Christmas Lights Open The Season To Marion Shoppers

On the eve of Thanksgiving the merchants of Marion will take the first step to bring the Christmas spirit to Marion.

Colored lights were hung throughout the business section last week and will be turned on for the first time tonight (Wednesday.) Had the weather man been about a week later with the first snow, the setting would have been complete, but he gave warning of approaching winter with a light snowfall during the early morning hours last Friday.

The lights are a project of the Marion Merchants association and are turned on each year as the official notice from merchants to their customers that they are ready for the shopping season to begin.

And to lend a helping hand the wind from snow-covered mountains roused Marionites into a realization that it's time to quit basking in pleasant, autumn sunshine and brave the storm of Christmas shoppers.

## Morgan Released Following Hearing

John Morgan was given a hearing before J. M. Snoddy, justice of the peace, Monday and was released under two bonds of \$300 each for assault charges and \$1,000 peace bond. He was bound over to the next term of court after probable cause had been found.

He was arrested Sunday after charges had been preferred by his brother, Sheriff C. M. Pool said.

## CROP Meeting Set For Monday

A meeting of CROP workers in this county has been called by S. J. Westmoreland, county chairman, to be held at two o'clock, Monday, in the office of H. F. Beam in the City hay. All ministers are urged to be present and aid in organizing the drive to be conducted within the next two weeks.

## Old Fort Man Receives "Well Done"

J. W. Piercy, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion W. Piercy of Old Fort, N. C., has received "well done" from Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, newly appointed Chief of Naval Operations, who was Commander of the Sixth Task Fleet to which the Navy man's ship, the destroyer USS John W. Weeks, is attached.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile Will Visit Clinchfield

## Funeral Rites For Mrs. Mitchell Held Last Friday

Old Fort—Funeral services for Mrs. Etta D. Mitchell of Winston-Salem, who died Friday night in a Marion hospital, were held Sunday at 3 p. m. in Pine Grove Methodist church, Winston-Salem.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

She had been visiting a daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Stirewait here at the time she was stricken.

Mrs. Mitchell was the widow of Dr. O. B. Mitchell, who was a member of the Methodist Conference.

Surviving are three daughters Mrs. Stirewait, Mrs. Glenn E. Northrop of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Dilliam F. Hollister of Southern Pines and four grandchildren.

## Baptist Clinic Will Be Held Next Monday

There will be an associational training union clinic for officers and leaders of the Training Union at 7:15 p. m., next Monday at the First Baptist church, Mrs. Warren Franklin, educational director announced this week. The clinic will be designed to help members of the Training Union to know more about the duties of his office. The clinic is for all churches in the Association.

Rev. John Hicks of Old Fort will bring the inspirational message. Conferences are scheduled as follows:

Conferences for general directors, adults and young peoples' directors will be led by Rev. Carson (Continued on last page)

## Rotarians Will Observe Farmers Night

The Rotary club will observe Farmers Night on Friday, December 2, beginning at seven o'clock, J. R. Jameson, chairman of the Rural-Urban Acquaintance committee, announced this week.

H. B. Caldwell, Master of the North Carolina State Grange, will be guest speaker. A highlight of the program will be the presentation of awards to 4-H and FFA boys in the county who have produced the highest yield of corn per acre.

Forty farmers will be guests of the club along with town and county officials and heads of civic clubs. Others serving with Jameson on the committee in charge of arrangements are James McCall, Clarence Rabb and J. H. L. Miller.

## Treverton Promoted

Ward R. Treverton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Treverton, of Marion, has been promoted from rank of Lieutenant Colonel to that of Colonel, in the United States Army, it was announced here this week.

Colonel Treverton is with the Fifth Army at Denver, Colorado, and at present is on two weeks active duty in California.



PAUL LUCAS NAVE who will become the assistant farm agent of McDowell county on December 1. He succeeds Charles Lockhart.

## READ THE ADS AND TRY TO WIN A MOVIE PASS

Interest in the Read-The-Ads contest showed a marked increase last week, particularly among high school students. The grown-ups were already excited, but the children are taking it in their stride.

Adult passes for persons living within the city limits were awarded to J. L. Cannon and Mrs. J. M. Lancaster. C. A. Frick won the student-over-12 pass and Margaret Ann Pyatt, the child's.

Rural readers winning were Charles Burgin of route 2, Marion, and Miss Wilma Bright of route 2, Marion.

Each week from now until Christmas The Marion Progress and the Marion Theatre will award passes each week to two adults living within the city limits, two living outside the city limits, one to a student over 12 years of age and (Continued on last page)

## MRS. SNYDER KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR OLD FORT

No inquest will be held in the death of Mrs. Laura Snyder, 71, killed instantly at 4:50 p. m. yesterday when she was struck by east-bound passenger train 16 while crossing Southern Railway tracks about three-quarters of a mile west of Old Fort.

Coroner S. J. Westmoreland termed the death an unavoidable accident and said no inquest would be held. The accident occurred about 100 yards east of a curve.

Mrs. Snyder and her husband, Henry M. Snyder, well known retired Old Fort business man, had been visiting friends and were walking back to their home nearby.

Survivors include the husband; five daughters, Mrs. Rowland Watkins of Emma, Mrs. Burgin Watkins of Bryson City; Mrs. Jimmy Cook and Mrs. Clyde Fox of Detroit, and Miss Opal Snyder, mission teacher in India; three sons, Paul of Detroit, George L. of Newport News, Va., and Vernon of Morristown, Tenn.; three brothers, John Phillips of Canton, Albert Phillips of Lincolnton, and Thomas Phillips of Woodrow, Wash.; and a sister, Mrs. Will Clayton of Darrington, Wash.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Wednesday, November 23, at Old Fort Baptist church by Rev. John Hicks and Rev. Melton Hollifield.

A short service will also be held at Deep Creek Baptist church near Bryson City and burial will be in Morrow cemetery in Haywood county.

## Missionary To Speak At Baptist Church

Rev. Michael T. Kerechum, outstanding White Russian Missionary and Evangelist and now field secretary of the Russian Bible Society of Washington, D. C., will be guest speaker at the First Baptist church Wednesday, November 23. The service will open at 7:30 p. m.

## Presbyterians Elect Deacons

The First Presbyterian church elected three deacons last Sunday to serve for a period of three years. They are: Cato Holler, John Finley, and J. C. Raburn, Jr.

## Burgin Injured In Auto Accident; Other Accidents

James E. Burgin, who was injured in an automobile accident last Friday, was treated at the Marion General Hospital and is now convalescing at the home of his parents. His condition was reported improved yesterday. His little daughter, passenger in the car, escaped without injuries.

State Highway Patrolman H. O. White of Old Fort gave the following account of his accident and others which he investigated during the past week:

A 1947 Dodge ton truck driven by James E. Burgin, traveling west on highway 70, left the road and (Continued from first page)

## UNION SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON THANKSGIVING

The First Methodist, First Baptist and First Presbyterian churches have announced plans for a union Thanksgiving Day service.

Worship will begin at 10 a. m. at the First Presbyterian church with Rev. James B. McLarty as speaker.

## Marion Firemen Have Busy Week

Fires during the past week were as follows:

The awning of the City Dry Cleaners on State street caught fire Friday about noon. The blaze was confined to the awning and was soon extinguished.

Saturday woods in the Cross Miss community caught fire late in the afternoon. The firemen arrested the flames soon after they arrived on the scene.

About 3:30 a. m. Monday a mattress fire occurred at McDowell Hotel. The bedding was a loss, but no injuries reported.

## Baptist Women Will Observe Day Of Prayer

The annual Woman's Missionary Union Day of Prayer will open at 10 a. m., December 9, at Bethlehem church, it is announced. Mrs. D. W. Lawton, of Ridgecrest, returned missionary from China will be guest speaker.

Others taking part will be W. R. Chambers, Rev. C. C. Cross, Rev. C. C. Parker, Mrs. M. O. Owens, Jr., Mrs. Harve Barnes, Mrs. F. F. Sluder, Mrs. Dan Elliott, Mrs. W. M. Dameron, Mrs. Lloyd Cuthbertson, Rev. L. G. Redding and Rev. John Hicks.

Officers for the year will be elected. Everyone who attends is asked to bring lunch.

Pastors are urged to be present.

## Civitan Club To Change Time Of Meetings

The Civitan club voted to change the time of meeting to the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month, at a session held Monday of this week. Meetings will be held at 7 p. m., in the community building. Other matters of a routine nature were transacted.

## HOSPITAL COMMISSION INSPECTS PROPOSED HOSPITAL SITE

## MERCHANTS VOTE TO ASSUME QUOTA IN HOSPITAL DRIVE

Directors of the Marion Merchants association held a call meeting Tuesday afternoon at the request of Amos Seagle, president, and voted to assume a quota of \$15,000 for the current Hospital Building Drive. They agreed to ask each store to contribute \$25 per employee and ask each employee for a day's pay. S. R. Cross, building fund chairman, met with the group.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TO HAVE SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. John's Episcopal church at 10:00 a. m. As it is customary the offering will be for the Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte.

## Goins Indicted After Knife Incident

Elmer Goins has been indicted on a charge of assaulting one Elmer Leon Lawson with a deadly weapon to wit a knife and will be given a hearing in Mayor's Court at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, according to a statement yesterday by Chief of Police D. W. Smith. He was released under \$600 bond.

Lawson is a patient in Marion General Hospital for head, arm and stomach injuries.

Smith said the incident occurred Sunday night on or near the railway bridge on South Main street.

## Marion Stores To Close Thursday

Practically all Marion stores will close Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, but will remain open all day Wednesday, November 23, it was announced by the Marion Merchants association this week.

The announcement further stated that stores will close the afternoon of Wednesday, November 30.

Beginning the first of December practically all the stores, except grocery stores, will omit the half holiday on Wednesdays. Groceries will be closed Wednesday afternoons except December 21, the last Wednesday before Christmas, when they will be open all day.

## Last Home Game To Be Played Wednesday

## Pleasant Gardens Schools Leading Red Cross Drive

Pleasant Gardens school surpassed all other schools reported thus far in the current Junior Red Cross campaign. Enrollment fees totaling \$24.50 were turned in last week and a report made that 36 gift boxes had been filled.

All enrollment reports should be turned in by Wednesday afternoon at the very latest. Mrs. Ann Hawkins, executive secretary, said last week, and gift boxes should be turned in to Miss Ruth Greenlee the same date.

W. L. Morris, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Marion General Hospital, received a letter from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission yesterday in regard to a recent inspection of the site for the proposed new hospital building.

In part the letter read: "while the Commission's approval is contingent on the provision of a more adequate sewerage line, the site conforms to the Commission's requirement in all other respects and should provide an excellent location for the proposed new hospital."

The Board will discuss the sewerage problem with the Aldermen within the near future, Morris said. He said adjustments suggested are of a minor nature.

The proposed site is located within the corporate limits of the town of Marion. It is a corner plot, fronting on Fleming Street on the north and North Madison street on the west. Both these streets are paved. The site is elevated, partially wooded and contains approximately 4 1/2 acres.

## DRIVE OPENS

Next week the \$100,000.00 Hospital Fund Drive gets under way. If the \$100,000.00 is raised by December 10, the end of the drive, then McDowell county will get a new, 60-bed hospital.

In the bank, deposited to a special building fund account, there is a total of \$121,000.00. When the new fund of \$100,000.00 is added to this, making a total of \$221,000.00, the Federal and State Governments will then add approximately \$400,000.00 to this fund so that a \$700,000.00 plant consisting of a hospital and nurses home can be built.

Mr. Robin Hood, Executive Vice President of the First National Bank, has agreed that the Bank will act as a receiving agent for donations for the Hospital Building Fund. Drive officials urge that you leave your donation here or give it to one of the committee named below.

The following tentative organization has been set up for the drive. These people have been invited to meet at the Court House at 7:30 p. m. Friday, November 25, so that the organization can be perfected, and final drive plans laid:

Marion Merchants Association: Amos Seagle, president, committee to be named to solicit donations from members of the association and their employees.

Farmers of McDowell county: W. L. Greenlee, president of the Grange, to name committee to contact farmers.

Nebo: Vance Wilson, chairman, HOSPITAL DRIVE - - - no head Tom Stacy, and Mrs. Harry Hemphill.

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