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Symbolically, the traditional Christmas celebration combines the customs of many lands and peoples, not all of which are rooted in Christian beliefs. The Yule Log was part of celebrating the Winter Solstice in Scandinavia, during which an enormous log was ceremoniously burned.

## Hospital Building Fund Drive Boosted By Firemen's Donation

### Post Office On The Boom Last Monday

The Marion Post Office hit an all-time high last Monday selling 44,370 stamps ranging in denomination from one-half cent to \$1.00. This included 35,300 two cent stamps.

The canceling machine at the main office ran letters and cards totaling 29,295. This does not include mail dispatched from the three stations which do their own canceling.

Receipts for funds Monday were \$1,042.03.

The Air Mail parcels were mounting heavily also, especially those traveling to the West Coast.

### Truck Plunges Into Lake Tahoma

A truck with three passengers plunged into Lake Tahoma last Wednesday night and all escaped without injuries, Sheriff C. M. Pool said.

The Sheriff said he was told the right wheel locked as the truck made a turn and the truck plunged over the embankment. Passengers were Mr. and Mrs. McKinney Loftis and Mrs. Loftis' sister.

### Gouge To Preach At Woodlawn Baptist

Rev. Sam Gouge will preach at Woodlawn Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, it is announced. Sunday school will be held at 10:30 a. m.

There will be a Christmas tree program for the children of the community Saturday night at seven o'clock in the church

The Marion Fire Department gave the Marion Hospital Building Fund Drive a sharp boost this week with a contribution of \$1,000. Net proceeds from the Slabtown Convention presented by colored women singers of local churches totaled \$62.20. S. R. Cross, fund chairman, said yesterday the total amount to date was approximately \$65,000 toward the \$100,000 goal. Other donations include Clearwater Finishing company of Old Fort \$2,500; United Rayon company \$500. Lesser contributions amounted to approximately \$500 from individuals and the Old Fort Telephone company has pledged 100 per cent.

A special phase of the campaign developed recently permits an individual or organization to contribute Memorial Gifts for hospital rooms. A plaque on the door would be inscribed with appropriate wording. For private rooms the amount is \$2,500 permitting the use of one name. A semi-private room, (Continued on page 6)

## Kiwanians Present Charter To Marion High Key Club

### Walker Passes At Dysartsville

Anderson Calvin Walker, 54, died suddenly at his home in the Dysartsville section at 12 p. m. Saturday.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Martha Bradley Walker; two sons, A. C. Jr., of the U. S. Navy, who has been in Japan for the past two years, and Homer Lee Walker of Groton, Conn.; one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Cannarilla, New Britain, Conn.; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, Old Fort; three brothers, Edward, Old Fort, Jerry, route 4, Marion, and J. H. Walker of Nebo; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred McAfee, route 4, Marion, Mrs. Fred Knowlton, Old Fort, Miss Mabel Walker, Old Fort, and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday.

At the regular meeting of the Marion Kiwanis Club held on Tuesday of this week, President Roy Davis presented the charter for the newly organized Marion High School Key Club. Donnie Godfrey, president of the Key Club, accepted the charter. He was also presented with a president's pin as a personal gift from President Davis.

The club at the local high school is the 53rd Key Club to be established in the Carolina's District of Kiwanis International since 1945. It is the second club to be formed in McDowell county, the first having been chartered several months ago at Nebo High School.

Kiwanian E. L. Carter, faculty advisor, introduced the members of the Key Club. Key Clubber Albert Hale of High Point, Lieutenant-Governor of the Carolina's District, made a most interesting talk of the work in this organization. (Continued on last page)

## Marion Women Are Honored By State Paper

The North Carolina Clubwomen, magazine of the North Carolina Federated Womens Clubs has as its cover design for the December issue a picture of Mrs. Wade H. Britt, of Marion, third vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Womens Clubs and Director of the Junior Clubs of the State.

The December issue is devoted almost entirely to the Junior clubs and carries an inspiring message from Mrs. Britt to the clubs under her direction.

In addition to Mrs. Britt's message the issue carries a report by Miss Pat Nesbitt, Marion club reporter, on the activities of the local club and a picture of Mrs. P. T. Hollis, president of the Marion Junior Womens Club with a resume of her community activities.

## Kiwanis Club Will Sponsor Dime Board

The Kiwanis club will sponsor its annual Dime Board on the street Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m., it is announced.

The committee in charge of arrangements this year is composed of W. G. Wiatt, chairman; Wayne Suttle, J. M. Snoddy, S. J. Westmoreland, H. L. Tyler and Barron Caldwell.

Members of the Club will take turns supervising the collection of dimes for the benefit of underprivileged children.

A report of the work done by the Underprivileged Child Committee during 1949 lists the following projects.

Had eyes examined and furnished (Continued on last page)

## Holidays Closings Announced

Practically all business firms of Marion will observe Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27 as Christmas holidays. A poll was conducted last week by the Marion Merchants association to determine the wishes of local merchants and the majority voted in favor of remaining closed for the two days. Motor companies, however, announced later that they will reopen Tuesday morning as usual. Marion City Schools closed Friday (Continued on last page)

## County Breeders Elect Officers

S. L. Homewood was reelected chairman of the McDowell County Artificial Breeders Association at a meeting of the directors held in the court house last Saturday.

Clyde Gilliam was reelected secretary-treasurer and Paul L. Nave, assistant secretary-treasurer.

There was a round table discussion of the program.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. TREVFRTON HELD HERE MONDAY

Mrs. Amy Ward Sellers Treverton, died Friday at the residence on Morgan street after an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a. m., in St. John's Episcopal church with the Rev. A. P. Mack, rector, officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery here.

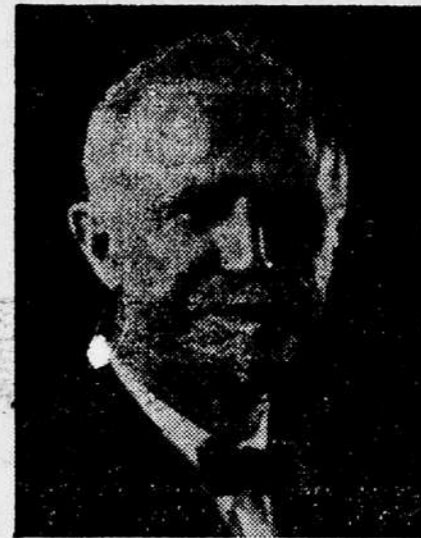
Surviving are the husband; three sons, William Montgomery Treverton of Marlboro, N. J., Ward R. Treverton of Denver, Colo., and Edward C. Treverton of Wrangell, Alaska; three grand children; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Williams of Carlisle, Pa., and Mrs. Ida L. Haines of Bay City, Mich.; one brother, E. B. Sellers of Carlisle.

Mrs. Traverton was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., a daughter of F. B. and Martha Porter Sellers. She was educated at Dickinson College in Carlisle. She was interested in child welfare work and organized a society known as "The Children's Friend" in Carlisle and served as its first president.

Shortly after her marriage she moved with her husband to Old Fort in 1906. She was a charter member and first president of the Old Fort Woman's Club.

In 1928 she moved to Marion. She was an active member of the Episcopal church and of the Marion Study Club for years.

## Christmas Day Church Services



Roger W. Babson

## BABSON'S OUTLOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PROGRESS

Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook For 1950 will appear in The Marion Progress, December 29.

Mr. Babson—a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics—enjoys a truly remarkable record for accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1949 was 80% correct.

On December 29, 1948 Mr. Babson predicted.

That the total volume of business for 1949 will be less than that (Continued on last page)

## Seal Sales Total \$1407. This Week

Contributions to the tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale total \$1,407, according to a report yesterday by Mrs. Edna Earle Stancell, chairman.

"We are well pleased with the progress of the campaign thus far," she said, "but urge an early response from all who have not contributed"

## Bloodmobile Visit Set For December 31

The Bloodmobile will visit the Prison Camp on December 31, Rev. M. O. Owens, program chairman, announced this week. This visit is in the interest of providing a surplus for the holidays. Prisoners who contribute will be given a holiday from work.

## Glenwood Methodist Church To Have Christmas Service

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

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 one to a child under 12.

Anyone is eligible to try for these passes except employees of The progress and members of their families.

Here's all you have to do. Read the biographical sketch below and decide what man in his (Continued on page ten)

Christmas program, White Gift services and other observances were held in Marion churches last Sunday. The schedule of services for Christmas Day have been announced as follows:

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday School will be omitted. A morning Worship Service at 11 o'clock will feature Christmas music and the pastor will bring a Christmas message.

### ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will have a service at 11 a. m. Christmas Day. The choir will render "O Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly," by Hammerichmidt-Keymann, and "To Shepherds As They Watched By Night," by Wolder-Luther.

Rev. Charles Frenzel, pastor, will use as his sermon subject, "The Great Festival of Christmas."

### FIRST METHODIST

A special Christmas Worship Service, combining both Sunday School and the Morning Worship Service, will be held at the First Methodist church on Sunday, December 25th. The service will start (Continued on last page)

## PMA COMMITTEE IS ELECTED LAST THURSDAY

Forty of the county's farmers were elected by their neighbors last Thursday to serve as Community Production and Marketing Administration Committeemen for the coming year.

Each of the county's eight agricultural communities also selected a delegate to represent them in the county convention held on Friday in PMA Office in the Courthouse at which the County PMA Committee was chosen.

These are the men who will be responsible during the 1950 year for the local administration of such Federal farm programs as Agricultural Conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, and marketing quotas. Eighteen of the new committeemen and alternates have never served as a PMA Committeeman before. The balance were either re-elected or had served during some previous period.

W. E. Morgan, of Glenwood, will again head the McDowell County Production and Marketing Administration Committee during the coming year.

Morgan was elected chairman of the county committee of three members and two alternates at the county convention for community delegates held Monday at 1:00 p. m. in the Courthouse.

Vice-chairman of the committee is W. S. Haynes of Route 2, Marion; W. J. Porter of route 1, Old (Continued on last page)

Christmas will be observed by the Glenwood Methodist church when the Methodist Youth Fellowship presents the Christmas candle-light service, "Immanuel — God With Us", by the Reverend J. Harold Gwynne, on Saturday evening, December 24, 10:49, at 7:00 p. m. Th worship service composed of scripture and hymns, is divided in five parts. Each of the parts, "His Word of Prophecy," "His Angel Messengers," "His Only Begotten Son," "His Supernatural Signs," and "Abiding Spirit," is built around the central theme, "God—With Us", and carried out by the use of the Christmas scripture taken from Isaiah, St. Matthew and St. Luke, and will be read by James Haney. The hymns to be used are centered around the scripture reading and are sung by the M. Y. F. choir. Special music will be "O Holy Night," sung by Mary (Continued on last page)