

Finals Programs For Schools Of County Outlined

Commencement Events To Be Completed First Part May; Outstanding Students.

Commencement programs for McDowell county schools and outstanding students receiving awards were announced this week by N. F. Steppe, superintendent.

The programs and awards for the schools were announced as follows:

At Pleasant Gardens there are 15 boys in the graduating class and 10 girls. Valedictorian is Ruth Rabb and salutatorian is Horace Mull. Prizes will be given to honor students, the valedictorian and salutatorian, and for athletics, declaiming, reading, music, science, English, dramatics and debating.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 12, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. by Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Marion.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, in Boone, will be the speaker at the graduation exercises on May 15 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Diplomas will be awarded by Superintendent N. F. Steppe.

Other commencement features are May 8, 8:00 p. m., Senior class play; May 9, 6:30 p. m., community picnic and final PTA; May 10, 8:00 p. m., music recital; May 13, 8:00 p. m., class day exercises; and May 14, 8:00 p. m., seventh grade promotion exercises.

Glenwood High School

At the Glenwood high school there are nine boys and 14 girls in the graduating class. The valedictorian is Freddie McKinney and the salutatorian is Ivey C. Crawley, Jr. Prizes and medals will be awarded for attendance records, scholarship in the four high school classes, to the salutatorian and valedictorian, and to the best all-round boy and girl.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Forest City, on Sunday, May 12, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The Hon. Walter Murphy, attorney, of Salisbury, will be the speaker at the graduating exercises on May 15 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Diplomas will be given by C. L. Norwood, principal.

Other commencement features are May 10, 2:00 p. m., patrons visiting day and seventh grade promotion exercises, and at 8:00 p. m., the glee club recital; May 14, 8:00 p. m., class night exercises.

Old Fort High School

In the Old Fort school graduating class there are 19 boys and 14 girls. Marilyn Byrd is valedictorian and Virginia Early Salutatorian.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 12, by Rev. W. E. Pettit, of the First Baptist church in Old Fort.

There will be no speaker at the graduation exercises but a special program has been planned. Diplomas will be awarded by S. A. McDuffie, principal.

As a commencement feature, an operetta titled 'Sunny of Sunnyside' will be given by the seventh grade on May 16 at 8:00 p. m.

North Cove High School

Five boys and eight girls are in the graduating class at the North Cove school. Valedictorian is Marlene McGee and salutatorian is Ruth Swafford. Prizes and awards will be given to the valedictorian and salutatorian; and for scholarship, citizenship and music.

Three awards will be made to students with perfect attendance. They are Marion Good, six years attendance, Jewell McBee, seven years, and Billy Brown, eight years.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on May 12 at 2:00 p. m. by Rev. McRae Crawford, of the Methodist church in Ashford.

Guest speaker at the graduating exercises on May 14 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. will be Leo K. Pritchett, dean of Lees-MacRae College in Banner Elk. Diplomas will be given by E. V. Gouge, principal.

Other commencement features in-

Speaks Here Tonight



J. M. Broughton, gubernatorial candidate in the Democratic primary May 25, will address the voters of McDowell county tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house.

Mrs. Stauffer Resigns As District Supervisor

John A. Lang, state NYA youth Administrator, today announced the resignation of Mrs. Margaret T. Stauffer as Assistant District Supervisor for District No. 3 with headquarters at Asheville.

In accepting Mrs. Stauffer's resignation, Mr. Lang commented at length on the work of Mrs. Stauffer in her many capacities as an NYA Supervisor. He stated that Mrs. Stauffer had received national recognition for her work in the field of arts and crafts and stated that she was accepted as an authority in this field.

Mrs. Stauffer entered NYA service in 1936 and has served as Area Supervisor, Assistant District Supervisor, and State Consultant on arts and crafts. During this time she has planned and organized county exhibits displaying the handicraft produced by NYA youths on local and resident projects.

In a letter to Mrs. Stauffer today, Mr. Lang expressed his sincere regrets in losing such a faithful and loyal worker and asked her to continue to serve on the Advisory committee as a consultant for arts and crafts. Mrs. Stauffer resigned to devote her full time to private business in Marion, N. C.

Mrs. Frances R. Sisk, NYA Supervisor of Swain county, was named by Mr. Lang to succeed Mrs. Stauffer as Assistant District Supervisor for District No. 3. Mrs. Sisk has been with the NYA since February, 1939, and will begin her new duties May 1, 1940.

Broughton To Speak In Courthouse Tonight

J. M. Broughton, candidate for governor of North Carolina subject to the May Democratic primary will speak in the courthouse in Marion tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Broughton is basing his campaign on a "Sound Program of Progress for North Carolina."

He visits Marion in connection with a tour of the western part of the state.

The Broughton campaign in McDowell is being managed by J. G. Neal, who was recently appointed to that post.

clade the senior class play on May 10 at 8:00 p. m. and a music recital on May 13 at 2:00 p. m.

Nebo High School

In the graduating class at the Nebo high school there are six boys and 10 girls. Dolores Thomas is valedictorian and Glenn Pyatt salutatorian. Special recognition will be given the valedictorian.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on May 12 at 8:00 p. m. by Rev. W. W. Rowe, of the First Reformed church of Lenoir.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, will be guest speaker at the graduating exercises on May 15 at 8:00 p. m. Diplomas will be awarded by Stanley Livingston, principal.

Other commencement features include a May Day festival on May 1.

Francis Marion Club To Sponsor Day For Farmers

Annual Awards To Be Made For Outstanding Agricultural Work In McDowell Co.

Plans for the annual observance of a McDowell county farmers day were made at the regular meeting of the Francis Marion club last Thursday night. The club voted to sponsor the event each year and to award prizes to county farmers who had done outstanding work during the year.

According to plans outlined at the meeting, different prizes will annually be given to farmers. The awards will be made around the first of March each year. Five entries in each division of the contest must be registered for a prize to be given. Registration will be made in the local office of the County Agent, S. L. Homewood.

Prizes will be awarded to the McDowell farmers having the best yields of corn per acre, wheat per acre, oats per acre, lespedeza seed per acre, sweet potatoes per acre, Irish potatoes per acre, and soybeans per acre. Additional awards will be made to the farmer with the best farm records kept, the best record on a single enterprise, the largest litter of pigs grown to porkers, the best baby beef grown out, and the most improvement in permanent pasture during the year. Prizes will be awarded to the three highest producers in each division.

Farmers wishing to register for the contest must do so with the County Agent not later than June 15. Arrangements for the contest are under the direction of Truman Westmoreland.

Five prominent county farmers were guests of the Francis Marion club at the meeting. They were Ed Morgan of Glenwood, Wade Hennessey and J. C. Rabb of Pleasant Gardens, Woodfin McCurry of West Marion, and Clyde Gilliam of Old Fort. Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, was also a guest.

In a brief business session the Francis Marion club accepted Arthur Allen as a member and voted to have a skating party for members and their dates on May 2.

Methodist Conference Will Be In Old Fort

The annual Methodist district conference for seven Western North Carolina counties will be held in Old Fort next Wednesday, May 8. Counties to be represented are McDowell, Burke, Rutherford, Polk, Avery, Yancey and Mitchell.

An all-day program will be given and dinner will be served on the grounds. The meeting will open at 9:30 a. m. and the Rev. T. R. Wolf, of Cliffside, will preach at 11:00 o'clock.

Representatives from Methodist colleges, children's homes and the Mission Board will be present. Approximately 400 delegates and preachers from the 35 churches in this Methodist district are expected to attend.

Work of the Methodist church during the last six months will be reviewed and a church program will be made for the coming year.

FOUR APPOINTED TO ASSIST HORTON CAMPAIGN

J. W. Streetman, Jr., manager of the gubernatorial campaign of W. P. Horton in McDowell county, announced this week the appointment of four Marion men who will serve with him in promoting the Horton campaign in the county.

To assist in the McDowell campaign are W. D. Lonon, R. L. James, Jr., Zeno Martin and E. A. Morgan. Already serving as a member of the headquarters staff of Mr. Horton, is R. W. Proctor, Marion attorney.

Announcement was made this week that Lieutenant-Governor Horton will make a public address in the courthouse in Marion on May 13. The time for the speech has not been scheduled.

Maxwell Gives Six Point Plan For N. C. Program

Points To State Needs; Says Changes Possible Without Greater Public Tax Burden.

A six point program for "building North Carolina" without increasing taxes was outlined here Tuesday by A. J. Maxwell, candidate for governor subject to the May Democratic primary, as his platform.

Mr. Maxwell spoke in the courthouse in Marion in connection with a tour of the western part of the state.

Advocating a "comprehensive program of road building", he said North Carolina highways were not built to carry the traffic they do today. A North Carolina motor fatality rate 25 per cent above the national average is the result of unsafe highways, he said. Some 70 per cent of the farmers in the state live on dirt roads which should be improved, along with school bus routes. He estimated that a sum of \$50,000,000 would be available for road work in the state within the next four years.

Primary markets for farm products were advocated as being essential to profitable diversified farming. Too many North Carolina farm products are shipped out of the state to be processed in other places, he said.

In the field of public health he pointed to the need of a more intensive health program for schools in the state, where some 30,000 pupils were found last year to be hindered by defective vision.

For school teachers in the state, he advocated the restoration of salaries to the 1930 level, the establishment of a retirement fund by the state, and provisions for sick leave for teachers such as that now obtaining with state employees.

Mr. Maxwell outlined as the fifth point on his program the expansion of vocational training in the schools of the state. Adequate training must be given to the great majority of school students who never attend college, he said.

As the sixth point on his program he advocated the teaching of North Carolina history in schools, stating that high school graduates now know little or nothing about the state in which they live.

Mr. Maxwell was introduced to the McDowell county audience by Judge Paul J. Story, of Marion.

District Meeting Held At Methodist Church

Approximately 400 pastors, stewards and laymen attended a Methodist meeting held in the Methodist church here last Sunday. Of the 35 churches in this Methodist district 31 were represented at the assembly.

The program was under the direction of D. W. Alexander, district lay leader. Guest speakers were W. B. Cooper, of Morganton, who discussed the work of the charge and the value of charge-wide meetings; F. C. Kinzie, of Spindale, who spoke on the "Unified Budget"; and Floyd Todd, lay leader of the Gastonia district, who gave an inspirational address.

Represented at the meeting were Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Avery, Yancey and Mitchell counties, which make up this Methodist district.

M'MURRAY NOMINATED PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR

The Rev. C. W. McMurray, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Marion, was nominated as moderator of the Concord Presbytery at a meeting at the Waldensian Presbyterian church in Valdese on Tuesday, April 23. He will be elected at the next meeting of the Concord Presbytery in July at the Center Presbyterian church at Mt. Mourne.

Dr. L. F. Jackson, treasurer of Davidson College and an elder in the Davidson church, was elected moderator at the meeting. Moderators are elected quarterly.

The retiring moderator, the Rev. Neil R. McGeachy, of Spencer, delivered a sermon before 100 pastors and elders who attended as delegates.



MARION VISITOR — A. J. Maxwell, Democratic candidate for Governor, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Jenkins Elected To Head Marion Rotary

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, was elected president of the local Rotary club at the regular weekly meeting of the organization on last Friday. He succeeds Dean Tainter as head of the club.

Other officers elected by the Rotary club were: John Ray Jimison, vice-president; Clarence Rabb, secretary; John Abee, treasurer; and Bob Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

John Abee was elected a delegate to the district Rotary convention, held Monday in Hickory. Albert Hewitt was elected alternate delegate. Every member of the club signified his intention to attend the district convention.

L. J. P. Cutlar addressed the club on the needs of the Marion General hospital, pointing to the inadequacy of the hospital space and facilities to accommodate the many patients. He was presented to the club by Dr. L. W. Hagna, in charge of the program for the meeting.

Visitors at the Rotary meeting were Thomas D. Rose, of Shelby, and Charles Miller, of Asheville.

Next Friday the Rotary club will be host to members of the Marion high school band. Entertainment for the meeting will be planned in connection with the observance of Boys and Girls week, an annual event on the Rotary program.

Negro Freed Of Blame In Death Case Here

Tom Rutherford, a negro of the Black Bottom section of McDowell county who has been confined to the county jail here pending an analysis of the stomach contents of Charles Dale, was cleared of all charges but larceny and robbery this week.

A report from Raleigh officials revealed that the stomach contents of Dale showed no sign of poisoning, said Sheriff Grady Nichols. County officials decided to have the stomach contents of Dale analyzed some time ago when it was alleged that another negro became ill after having drunk some of Rutherford's whiskey.

Dale was found dead in a negro church in the Black Bottom section on April 12. Rutherford is alleged to have taken about \$24 from him.

Precinct Meetings To Be Held Saturday

Democratic precinct meetings will be held at the various polling places next Saturday, May 4, at 2 o'clock. At these meetings precinct committees will be elected, and delegates chosen to attend the Democratic county convention, which meets in Marion on Saturday, May 11, at 11 o'clock.

The new County Democratic Executive Committee will be composed of the chairmen of the seventeen precinct committees. The new executive committee will meet May 11—same date as the convention—at 12 o'clock and elect officers of the committee for the next two years.

The county convention will elect delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Raleigh at noon, May 17th, and attend to such other business as may come before the convention.

The calls for the meeting were issued by Robert W. Proctor, present county chairman.

This District Leads State In WPA Program

Congressman Weaver Cites Figures On Amount Allotted To This Section.

Washington, April 29. — With an allocation of \$13,607,226.84 of WPA funds since the inception of the WPA program through 1939, the 11th district leads all others in N. C. Representative Weaver (D., N.C.) has been informed through a Works Progress Administration tabulation.

Representative Weaver (D., N.C.) was informed that a total of \$13,607,226.84 had been allocated to the eleventh district since the inception of the WPA program through December 31, 1939.

This total, the report reveals, is nearly \$4,000,000 greater than the amount expended in the closest ranking district, the tenth district; and is nearly \$10,000,000 in excess of the second district which received the fewest projects.

The report by the WPA ranks the various congressional districts and the amounts they have received as follows:

Eleventh district, \$13,607,226.84; tenth district, \$9,506,301.95; ninth district, \$7,585,242.60; fifth district, \$7,327,285.02; eighth district, \$6,714,629.68; sixth district, \$6,663,645.75; seventh district, \$6,081,639.45; first district, \$5,100,419.25; third district, \$4,608,221.19; fourth district, \$4,504,093.35; and the second district, \$3,629,870.64.

A grand total of \$83,662,564.66 has been earmarked for improvements in North Carolina by the WPA. Of this \$8,333,988.94 has been for state wide projects not specifically credited to any district.

Where the 11th district's appropriations were expended is shown in the following breakdown by counties: Buncombe, \$4,577,505.87; Cherokee, \$818,645.43; Clay, \$546,352.64; Graham, \$544,645.98; Haywood, \$1,273,401.31; Henderson, \$858,650.52; Jackson, \$1,054,887.38; McDowell, \$786,799.04; Macon, \$729,525.62; Polk, \$263,915.86; Rutherford, \$1,080,230.39; Swain, \$809,831.72; and Transylvania, \$441,982.08.

Work On City Streets Is Scheduled To Begin

Work on the \$50,589 WPA project for the improvement of streets in Marion will begin tomorrow when approximately 50 men will be employed in surfacing and placing gutters on North Logan street, announced Mayor Zeno Martin this week.

The projects as approved by WPA officials calls for curbing and surfacing to be placed on North Logan and Crawford streets, Avenue A, Morgan terrace, and Crescent Drive. Curbing will be placed on Morgan street and sidewalks will be extended on North Main and West Court streets.

Between 25 and 30 per cent of the cost of the project will be borne by the town of Marion. The remaining cost will be contributed by the Federal government under a WPA grant.

The application for the project was submitted to WPA officials in February. Approval of the project was granted without changes being made in the cost and construction plans.

It is expected that approximately eight months will be required to complete the work called for under the project plans.

MARION MERCHANTS TO HAVE MEETING TONIGHT

A meeting of the Merchants division of the Marion Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight in the Town hall to discuss the credit system now in force in the town and to reorganize the credit bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, announced Walter J. Cartier this week.

The advisability of joining state and national credit associations will be discussed. A special invitation to attend the meeting is extended to all credit grocers in McDowell county.