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DRIVE FOR RED CROSS FUNDS IS BEGUN IN MARION

Total Of \$241.25 For Relief To
War Refugees Reported Col-
lected Tuesday.

The sum of \$241.25 was raised here Tuesday by Red Cross workers on the first day of the local drive for funds to aid refugees in war torn European countries, announced Mayor Zeno Martin yesterday. Mr. Martin is chairman of the Marion chapter of the Red Cross.

A quota of \$600 or more has been set for Marion in the drive and daily appeals are received from national Red Cross headquarters to raise the amount as much as possible, said Mr. Martin. The ten million dollar goal set for the United States has been declared insufficient to meet the needs of the relief agency abroad and more funds will be sought.

Chairman of the Red Cross drive in Marion is Grayson Neal. The appointment of Mrs. Fred Streetman as assistant chairman was announced yesterday. Mrs. Streetman is being assisted in the drive by about 20 ladies of Marion and Red Cross headquarters in Marion have been opened in the old Wilson store building on Main street.

The solicitation of funds in Marion was officially begun Tuesday and public response to the appeal for aid has been commendable, said Mr. Martin. "We hope to reach and exceed the quota set by the Red Cross within the next ten days," he stated.

Contributions to the Red Cross may be made to the solicitors now covering the town, to the local headquarters, or to the Marion Industrial Bank. Daily reports of the funds collected are made to Red Cross national headquarters.

FARMERS FEDERATION PICNIC TO BE HELD AT OLD FORT AUGUST 16

A series of 15 picnics will be sponsored by the Farmers Federation this summer with the annual gathering of farmers served by the cooperative's Marion warehouse scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, at the Old Fort high school.

This year's picnics will follow pretty much the same pattern as federation picnics of the past, according to Max Roberts, the cooperative's educational director. There will be brief addresses by federation executives, music by string bands, races and athletic contests, recitations and a singing convention. Total attendance at 13 federation picnics last year was 14,000 and Mr. Roberts anticipates greater crowds at this year's gatherings if the weather is generally favorable.

Tentative arrangements for the picnics already have been made by Mr. Roberts in cooperation with local advisory committees. The series will culminate with a big district picnic at the Mountain Experiment Station at Swannanoa, August 15.

NEW STORE TO HAVE OPENING SALE FRIDAY

Marion's newest store, the Marion Salvage Company, will begin its opening sale tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. The new concern is located next door to the Farmers Federation on South Main street.

Carrying a complete line of clothing for men, women and children, as well as a large variety stock, the new store promises to "Sell Good Merchandise for Less."

The new concern is owned by Dr. Copening of Granite Falls and is being managed by J. A. Ammons of Hickory.

At Friday's sale gift boxes will be given, as long as they last, to customers purchasing one dollar or more of merchandise.

STORY SUFFERS STROKE AT HOME IN MARION

Rev. J. C. Story, well known Presbyterian minister, suffered a stroke at his home on Garden street Tuesday morning and has been confined there since. His condition is reported critical.



WINS NOMINATION — Zeb L. Lackey, above, runner-up in the race for Register of Deeds, will receive the nomination since R. V. McGimsey, high man in the race, has announced he will not enter a second primary.

LUTHERANS PLAN MASS MEETING HERE JUNE 16

The Lutheran Laymen's League of the Southeast has arranged for a mass meeting of all Lutheran organizations at St. Matthew's Lutheran church in Marion on June 16, it was announced here this week by Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor.

According to Francis Nichols, president of St. Matthew's Walther League, the meeting is to be held "for the purpose of arousing interest in and possibly establishing a Bible Camp of our own in this beautiful Southeastern part of our country."

The program for the meeting will begin at 9:45 a. m. on June 16 with the Sunday School sessions. Mass meeting Father's Day Bible Camp services will begin at 11 a. m., possibly with a guest speaker in the pulpit.

After the services a picnic dinner will be held near Lake Tahoma. Families will provide their own dinners.

During the afternoon, drives will be made over parts of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

At night the local Walther League has arranged for a get-together of all Leaguers at the Lutheran hut. At 8 o'clock a music service has been planned to take place in the church.

The Ladies' Mission Society of the local Lutheran church is extending an invitation to all Lutheran ladies to attend the mass meeting. A meeting of the ladies has been planned for 1 o'clock p. m. on June 16. President of the local Ladies' Mission Society is Mrs. Vernon Eckerd.

MOTORCADE TO MAKE TOUR OVER PARKWAY

An all-day motorcade, scheduled to cover most of the Blue Ridge Parkway in this section, will be conducted from Marion next Thursday morning, announced Walter J. Cartier, Chamber of Commerce secretary, this week. Members of the party will leave Marion at 9:30 a. m. and will be conducted over the Parkway by E. M. Dale, park ranger. Luncheon will be served to the party at Blowing Rock.

The purpose of the tour, said Mr. Cartier, is to acquaint people of this section with the Parkway and what it offers to tourists that they might better direct travelers to the drive.

Expected to join the motorcade at various points along the tour are representatives of Gastonia, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Blowing Rock, Spruce Pine, Linville, Linville Falls, Asheville, Old Fort, Little Switzerland, Burnsville, and Micaeville, as well as other towns in this section.

This tour is open to the general public and is being sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

MARION MAN ADDED TO 1940 "WHO'S WHO"

The names of Dr. Frank Howard Richardson, of Black Mountain, and Justice John Wallace Winborne, of Marion, appear for the first time in the 1940-41 volume of "Who's Who in America," just off the press. Dr. Richardson is a child specialist and author, and Mr. Winborne is a North Carolina Supreme Court justice.

M'GIMSEY QUILTS RUNOFF RACE FOR REGISTER POST

Action Eliminates Second Primary, Giving Lackey The Nomination.

There will be no second primary in McDowell county for the office of Register of Deeds, according to announcement by the County Board of Elections.

The decision was made shortly after the County Board of Elections had certified the results of the May 25 first primary in which Zeb Lackey trailed R. V. McGimsey, incumbent, by 44 votes in the five-man race. The Board had ruled that Lackey was entitled to a second primary and he had given notice demanding a second primary. Mr. McGimsey declined to run in the second primary and filed with the Board written notice of his withdrawal, giving the nomination to Mr. Lackey and eliminating a second primary.

BOARD ASKED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR BOOKMOBILE

The McDowell county commissioners, meeting here Monday, took no action on a proposal to provide bookmobile service to rural sections of the county but agreed to consider the plan.

According to plans outlined here, the bookmobile being sought would cover five main routes touching all sections of the county. Some 5,000 titles are said to be needed for circulation in the rural sections and public libraries would be serviced by the bookmobile.

The WPA demonstration bookmobile was in use in McDowell for two months during 1939 under the sponsorship of the Francis Marion and Junior Woman's clubs. During that time 5,435 books were circulated in rural sections and circulation more than doubled at all public libraries where books were deposited by the bookmobile, it is said.

The county commissioners are being asked to appropriate funds for permanent bookmobile service in the county.

In further business to come before the board the commissioners approved a petition to build a road from Salem church to the home of G. W. Summey, a distance of about one-half mile.

Jurors for the July term of Superior court as drawn by the commissioners were as follows:

First week: Clyde Miller, E. G. Craig, I. H. Allison, Arthur Laverder, W. E. Baker, B. C. Wages, Berry Burnett, W. Jay Ballew, Cohen Sprinkle, H. F. Sisk, James A. Suttles, W. G. Lonon, Luther Parker, C. R. Wilson, Carr Bell, A. S. Flowers, Clarence Rabb, J. H. Eller, Ben R. Martin, James M. Thomas, James M. Atkins, B. H. Laughridge, C. Y. Pyatt, Van Hughes, J. H. Tate, F. E. Pyatt, M. V. Carswell, Joseph R. Steppe, M. J. Hunt, Arvil Bates.

Second week: Chas. M. McGhee, Luther L. Grant, Clyde Rhom, Theodore Watkins, H. J. Rockett, James G. Hollifield, G. O. Vickers, Eugene Brown, Carl T. Gibbs, J. Albert McKelvey, Archie Morris, J. Edgar Hicks, Thurman Ross, W. G. Ballew, Geo. D. Shuford, Geo. R. Grindstaff, James Mitchem, Walter M. Pyatt, G. Sewell McNeely, Greer R. Biddix, L. Collett Parks, J. C. Whetstille, J. Reid Holland, Clyde M. Norton, H. A. McGaha, W. Edgar Morgan, Ben T. Wylie, Columbus Robinson, L. J. Reel, J. A. Burgin.

GROCERY AND SUPPLY STORES CLOSE HALF DAY

All grocery and auto supply stores in Marion closed at 1:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, beginning the summer schedule of Wednesday afternoon closings during the months of June, July and August. Other Marion stores remained open and will not observe the half holiday during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wier have moved to the Morris cottage on South Main street.

PARKWAY AND MT. MITCHELL LINK IS OPENED

Announcement Made That Motorists May Now Use Two-Way, Toll-Free Road.

The new two-way toll free road connecting the summit of Mt. Mitchell, loftiest peak east of the Mississippi river, with the Blue Ridge Parkway, has been opened to traffic, H. B. Bosworth, supervisor of the Pisgah National Forest, announced yesterday, The Citizen stated.

Construction along the route is still under way, the supervisor said, but traffic is being maintained over the entire distance and although he warned that motorists may use the road at their own risk, the supervisor added that "travel is perfectly safe along the road with reasonable care."

Mr. Bosworth said that for persons driving from Asheville to Mount Mitchell, the proper route to be followed is over U. S. Highway No. 70 to the intersection of N. C. Highway 104 near Marion and over the latter to the Parkway at Buck Creek gap. The motorist should then travel west on the parkway to the intersection with the Mount Mitchell road, a former toll road up the mountain.

The supervisor said the distance would be shortened materially around August 1 when the Curtis Creek road will be opened to travel. This road, running from Old Fort and connecting with the parkway at a point near the intersection with the Mount Mitchell road, will shorten the distance about 50 miles, he said, but is now closed due to the construction of a bridge.

Mr. Bosworth called attention to the fact that the toll road from Black Mountain to the Blue Ridge parkway will not be open to traffic this summer, but will be used entirely by the parkway service for trucks used in construction of the parkway.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS TWO WEEKS TERM MONDAY

The McDowell county Superior court convenes here Monday, June 10, for a two weeks criminal and civil term with Judge Frank M. Armstrong presiding.

During the first week criminal cases will be tried and the second week will be the civil term.

Among the cases expected to come up for trial during the criminal term are nine in which defendants are charged with assault, 10 with breaking and entering, and four with grand larceny.

Charged with assault are Harvey Harris, J. V. Roberts, Roy Kelly, Robert Conley, Carl Clontz, Arlin Wyatt, Garland Condry, Edward Hoyle and Charlie Gillespie. Held for breaking and entering are Roy Coffee, Robert Singleton, William Poore, Homer Banner, Willard Jewell, Herman Woody, Jess Harden, James Parker, Wallace Harden and Kenneth Pressnell. Held on grand larceny charges are Stanley Hall, Clarence Twitty, Eugene Yates and Harley Francis.

JULY 4 CELEBRATION COMMITTEES TO MEET

Meetings of committees planning the McDowell county Fourth of July celebration will be held this week at times and places designated by the chairmen, it has been announced.

Plans for the many parts of the celebration will be made and ways and means of putting the proposals into effect will be determined later by the finance committee.

Committees for the celebration and their chairmen are: Finance, J. F. Snipes; Parade, C. E. Bolick; Publicity, L. J. P. Cutlar; Picnic, Mrs. J. G. Beaman; Recreation and Prizes, Alfred Morgan; Fireworks, Joe Noyes; First Aid, Dr. Donald McIntosh; Boat Races, Jack Ballew; and Transportation, Bob Smith.

General chairman of the program is Walter J. Cartier.

The world's largest motor vessels for cod fishing, with a capacity of 1,500 tons each, are being constructed in Italy.



NEXT GOVERNOR — J. M. Broughton, above, Raleigh attorney, who will be the next governor of North Carolina.

T. F. WRENN, FORMER RESIDENT OF MARION, IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Thomas F. Wrenn, 79, pioneer citizen, manufacturer and financier of High Point, and former resident of Marion, died early Friday morning at Doctor's Hospital, in New York City, where he underwent an operation on May 22 after a short period of illness.

He was born near Liberty, September 10, 1860, son of Merit C. Wrenn and Nancy E. Jarrell Wrenn. He was married to Sadie Elizabeth Weedon on August 10, 1898. Mrs. Sadie Wrenn died May 28, 1909. Mr. Wrenn married Mrs. Pearl Pitts Perry on September 8, 1912. Mrs. Pearl Wrenn died on January 24, 1930.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Perry Ragsdale of Jamestown, N. C., a stepson, Seborn Perry of High Point, a foster daughter, Mrs. Henry M. Baker, Jr., of High Point, and a half brother, P. V. Kirkman, of High Point.

Mr. Wrenn was one of the original small group which organized the first furniture plant in High Point, starting the High Point Furniture company in 1888. Later, Mr. Wrenn sold his interest in this operation and in 1898 established his residence in Marion, N. C., where for many years he owned and operated the Catawba Furniture company.

He continued many connections through these years, with many interests in High Point. At the time of his death, Mr. Wrenn owned and operated the Wrenn Hosiery company of Thomasville, having continued active participation in business until his last illness.

The funeral services were held at the home in High Point on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

M'DOWELL REPORTS TWO TRAFFIC DEATHS DURING FOUR MONTHS

McDowell County had two traffic deaths during the first four months of this year, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, reported this week.

The state as a whole had 231 street and highway fatalities during January, February, March and April compared with 257 for the same period last year, Hocutt said.

"This ten per cent reduction is most gratifying, particularly in view of an increase nationally in traffic deaths during the same period," he commented.

The largest reduction for the four months period was in pedestrian fatalities only 80 pedestrians being killed up to May 1st this year, against 99 through April 30, 1939.

The 231 traffic fatalities reported to the Highway Safety Division the first four months of this year included, besides the 80 pedestrians, 18 persons killed in railroad crossing accidents, 7 killed on bicycles and 126 killed in accidents involving motor vehicles only.

Twenty-nine of the 100 counties of the state reported no highway deaths for the four months, and 21 others reported one each.

Guilford county had the worst record in the state with 13 fatalities and being closely followed by Mecklenburg and Cumberland with 11 each and Robeson with 10.

Ten cities of the state reported no traffic deaths the first four months of this year, and 22 cities had none in April.

LT.-GOV. HORTON WITHDRAWS FROM GOVERNOR'S RACE

Broughton Will Head The Democratic Ticket; No Second Primary.

Raleigh, June 3.—Tall, dark-haired Joseph Melville Broughton, 51-year-old Raleigh attorney who is known by his friends as "Mel", today became the Democratic nominee for governor of North Carolina.

An otherwise listless gubernatorial campaign came to a sudden and unexpected finish today when the Democratic nomination was laid in Broughton's lap by the withdrawal from the race of Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro. The nomination is equivalent to election.

Governor Hoyer quickly let it be known that he had given his unqualified endorsement to Horton's withdrawal.

"It is a very fortunate circumstance that the people will not have the tenseness of a second primary..." said Hoyer.

Broughton and Horton were high man and runner-up, respectively, in a seven-man field for the gubernatorial nomination in a first primary on May 25. As soon as it became apparent from incomplete returns that Broughton did not receive a clear majority, Horton announced that he would call for a second primary.

But today, about an hour after the state board of elections certified returns of the first primary, Horton announced his withdrawal in a statement which said: "It appears that the best interests of the Democratic party will be served by terminating the matter without further contest. . . . I am a party man."

In conceding the nomination Horton eliminated the possibility of a state-wide Democratic second primary. The possibility of a state-wide Republican second primary also was eliminated tonight when George M. Pritchard of Asheville announced he would not contest the gubernatorial nomination of Robert H. McNeill of Washington, D. C., and Statesville. In the first primary McNeill received (Continued on last page)

PROPOSED LAW WOULD BENEFIT POSTMASTERS IN M'DOWELL COUNTY

Postmaster F. M. Bradley of Old Fort, N. C., McDowell county director of the National Association of Postmasters, states that his association is sponsoring a bill which would benefit seven postmasters in McDowell county.

If the legislation which is now before Congress, passes during this session it will increase the salaries of postmasters who are now in charge of fourth class offices.

The present system of paying fourth class postmasters according to the stamps cancelled in their offices would be eliminated, and the pay would be based on the receipts of their offices as is in practice in post offices with a higher rating, proponents of the legislation explained.

There are 29,514 postmasters of the fourth class offices throughout the United States which are sometimes referred to as the "Corner Grocery Store Post Office". This proposed legislation would slightly increase the amount of salaries paid to such postmasters, but it is not looked upon as a salary increasing measure.

At the present time there are 5,000 of these postmasters who receive less than \$150.00 per year for their services.

Postmaster F. M. Bradley further states that the proposed bill is to simplify the method of accounting, and one which the postmasters of this class have urged Congress to favorably consider for the past fifty years.

Seven fourth class postmasters in McDowell county who would benefit by the legislation are as follows: James C. Parks, Nebo; Miles P. Flack, Vein Mountain; J. H. Raburn, Nealsville; Mrs. Nettie J. Hensley, North Cove; Fate Brown, Ashford; Perry D. Hollifield, Hollifield; and Mr. Deal, Little Switzerland.