

## CAPLAN AGAIN NAMED HEAD OF COUNTY BOARD

### Zeb Lackey Succeeds McGimsey As Register Of Deeds; Proctor, County Attorney.

The oath of office was administered to the recently elected members of the board of McDowell county commissioners at their first meeting here Monday by J. F. Moody, clerk of the Superior Court, without any special ceremonies.

All three members of the board were re-elected in the November election. The commissioners chose I. L. Caplan again as chairman of the board. Mr. Caplan began Monday his fourth term as a commissioner of McDowell. R. P. Morris and C. A. Workman, the other board members, began their fourth and third terms respectively.

Zeb L. Lackey, of Old Fort, the only new county official to be elected in November, took the oath of office as register of deeds of McDowell, succeeding R. V. McGimsey, who has served in that capacity for the past 10 years. Mrs. Julia Stanley, clerk in the register of deeds office, will continue in that capacity.

Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney, was re-elected county attorney by the commissioners Monday.

J. C. Rabb who was elected to the McDowell seat in the general assembly will not take the oath of office until January when he will be sworn in at Raleigh at the opening session of the Legislature. L. J. P. Cutler will at that time be installed as a member of the state senate, representing the 37th district.

## RAT CONTROL PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN COUNTY

McDowell county's rat eradication campaign brought death to hundreds of rodents in Marion and Old Fort, stated County Agent S. L. Homewood this week, in commenting on the drive conducted here last week-end by L. C. Whitehead, district agent of the state division of predator and rodent control.

In conducting the campaign, bait was distributed to cooperating business firms and individuals. Stores and factories in Marion gave their full support to the campaign, stated Mr. Homewood, and as a result their plants were to a great extent freed of destructive rodents. The drive against rats was conducted in Old Fort Monday.

The Marion Kiwanis club worked with Mr. Homewood and Mr. Whitehead in arranging the eradication campaign for McDowell.

## SAFETY PATROL IS ON DUTY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Seven stations at street intersections and crossings have been established by the safety patrol at Marion high school and children going to and coming from school are protected from traffic by members of the patrol, stated H. C. Holland, high school principal, this week.

The safety patrol is made up of students at Marion high. The patrol has been divided into three groups, one serving before school opens in the morning, another being on duty at the lunch hour, and the third serving in the afternoon after school.

Members of the patrol are: Morning group, 8:00 o'clock to 8:30: Harold Buchanan, Billy Stanley, Royce McNeil, Robert Cuthbertson, Jay Robinson, James McCarthy, Walter Eckenrod.

Dinner period patrol: John Homer Beaman, Sammy Britt, Bobby Logan, Guy Nichols, Jimmy Atkins, Cecil Pinkard, Zane Dalton, Harry Miller.

Afternoon patrol: Lewis Stevens, Wayne Jimison, Kirby Rader, Ralph Hensley, James Wages, Ralph Alexander, Woodrow Hammett, Allen Ledbetter.

Alternates are Glenn Selby, Thomas Fleming, Homer Walker, Bill Nichols, Dawes Taylor, Herman Bryson, Bobby Gladden, Gorman Ledbetter, John Mack Laughridge, Louis Wall, Harold Turnbull and Samuel Snipes.

## HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED QUIETLY IN MARION

Thanksgiving was observed quietly in Marion with dinner parties, family dinners, hunting trips, an evening church service and a dance being the major items on the program for the day.

Boys and girls attending schools, colleges and universities were here visiting their parents during the holiday and many former residents visited relatives here, while several local families and individuals were guests in other towns.

With the day marking the opening of the season on quail, grouse and rabbits, hundreds of hunters took to the field throughout the county.

School children throughout the county enjoyed the holiday. Schools closed last Wednesday afternoon and opened for classes again Monday.

Stores, banks and most offices, public and private, were closed for the day and few people were to be seen in the business section of Marion during the day.

A special service was held at the Lutheran church here on the evening of Thanksgiving day. Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor of the church, spoke on the subject, "America's Greater Thanksgiving." Albert Hewitt, Jr., was guest soloist on the program and other music appropriate to the occasion was presented by the church choir.

Members of the Francis Marion club and guests gathered at the Marion Lake club Thanksgiving night for a dance. Popular recordings were played for the dancers and many couples spent the evening at the club house.

## FURNITURE COMPANY HEARING TO BE HELD

A special hearing will be held here on Wednesday, December 11, at 10 o'clock at the court house to determine and fix the value of the McDowell Furniture Company and property belonging to it. A notice to this effect has been issued by Isaac T. Avery, special master and referee in accordance with an order of Judge E. Y. Webb of the district court of the United States.

The disposition of the properties of the McDowell Furniture Company will be determined at that meeting. The properties are claimed by the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Union National Bank of Lenoir, as security for a claim of approximately \$100,000.

W. E. Stevens is trustee in bankruptcy for the Furniture Company.

## MARION HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

Since the close of football season, the high school band has been working diligently on a concert program. The concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th, at eight p. m., and will be presented in the high school auditorium.

The program lists several popular numbers such as "The Breeze and I", "Tea for Two", "Oh! Johnny", but the musicians will also play music of a more advanced type. "Overture Eroica", a selection based on themes from Beethoven's Third Symphony, and the "Prayer and Dream Pantomime" music for the children's operetta "Hansel and Gretel", transcribed for band by Dr. Joseph Maddy, the father of instrumental public school music in the United States, represent several of the more serious selections programmed.

Featured will be two numbers—one a clarinet solo "Dizzy Fingers" played by Virginia Mae McCall, and the other a humorous novelty entitled "Blind Man's Movie" narrated by Edith Margaret Grant, who is aided and abetted with sound effects from the band.

As this is the first indoor concert of the school term, a large crowd is expected to attend the concert and support with their presence the efforts of the high school musicians.

## LODGE TO HAVE MEET HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a regular communication of Mystic Tie Lodge Number 237 A. F. and A. M. Friday night at 7:30 in the lodge hall. There will be an election of officers and work in the third degree. All members are requested to be present.

## WORK IS BEGUN ON WPA PROJECT FOR PLAYGROUND

### Park Expected To Provide Recreation Facilities For Marion Residents In Spring.

Work was begun here this week on Marion's \$24,362 WPA playground project on the vacant lot north of the Community building.

The playground will provide two tennis courts, a wading pool for children, picnic grounds and attractive walks. Shrubbery will be planted in the park and the grounds will be enclosed with a steel fence.

Approximately 45 laborers are expected to be employed on the project. Mayor Zeno Martin stated this week. The work will be rushed to make the playground ready for use next spring, he said.

The WPA project also calls for the installation of a sewage pumping station in North Marion that will enable home owners in that area to connect their sewage lines with the town's main disposal system.

## TAX LISTERS ARE APPOINTED FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners last Monday evening Mrs. Mary G. Burgin was reappointed tax supervisor for the year 1941 and tax listers were appointed for townships as follows: Brackets Township—Miss Helen Seaman.

Crooked Creek—Harlow Noblitt Dysartsville—C. Y. Pyatt Glenwood—W. Edgar Morgan Higgins—C. Rex Wilson Marion—T. W. Wilson Montford Cove—George Marlowe Nebo—L. C. Parks North Cove—Eugene Brown Old Fort—E. T. Burgin

## COTTON FARMERS TO VOTE ON 1941 QUOTAS

Cotton growers of McDowell county will vote here Saturday on cotton marketing quotas for the year 1941. The voting will take place in the office of County Agent S. L. Homewood. Balloting will begin at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and will close at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Nineteen growers in McDowell are eligible to vote in the referendum. Under provisions of the marketing act, farmers, to be eligible for voting, must have been engaged in the production of cotton in 1940 as owner-operator, cash tenant, standing-rent or fixed tenant, or landlord of a share tenant, or as share-tenant or sharecropper. In addition to these requirements, farmers must have produced cotton of staple length of one and one-half inches or more.

A two-thirds majority in the voting throughout cotton-producing sections will be required for the cotton marketing quotas to be in effect in 1941.

## HARDWARE MOVES TO NEW LOCATION HERE

The McCall-Burgin Hardware, of Marion, moved into new quarters on North Main street last week and the store is now open for business at its new location. The store is now located near the square, between the Marion Drug Company and the McDowell Hotel.

The building occupied by McCall-Burgin was reconitioned before the stock of the store was placed in it. Two show windows, with an entrance between, were constructed on the front and the interior was painted and made more attractive. Shelves have been placed around the walls and the complete stock of hardware was moved in the latter part of last week.

The store was formerly located on West Court street.

## BIBLE SUNDAY AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

Next Sunday St. Matthew's will observe universal Bible Sunday. The topic at 11 a. m. will be: To Know God. The topic at 7:30 will be: Going Home.

## COUNTY DRAFT QUOTA FILLED BY VOLUNTEERS

### Three Marion Men Approved For Military Service; Legion Plans Send-Off Program.

McDowell county's first draft quota of three men has been filled from a list of 51 volunteers who have signed at the local draft office for induction since the national draft lottery. The quota is made up of the first three volunteers in the county. They are James Beau Burnette, 21, Arlie Junior Davis, 23, and Jack Lee Gibbs, 28, all of Marion.

The three men have been given physical examinations by Dr. J. B. Johnson, of Old Fort, along with five others who will serve as reserves available in the event any of the first three are rejected at the induction station at Fort Bragg. Dr. Johnson has examined nine volunteers and has found only one of them unfit for military service. The second group of three volunteers to pass the examination here included Joe Byrd McKinney, 23, Bill Claude McIntosh, 24, and Mackey Leroy Boone, 18, all of Marion.

The three young men making up the first draft quota for McDowell will entrain here for Fort Bragg at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of December 9.

The McDowell post No. 56 of the American Legion has arranged a brief program for the morning. The three draftees will be accompanied to the station here by members of the Legion, the local draft board and town officials of Marion. Each of the young men will be given a flag to carry to the station and then leave with his family as a memento, according to plans of the Legion.

A total of 51 young white men of McDowell have so far signed for voluntary induction at the local draft office, amounting to 17 times this county's first quota of three.

## BASKETBALL PRACTICE IS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Basketball practice at Marion high school will begin next Monday with the conference schedule expected to begin around the first of January, stated Superintendent Hugh F. Beam this week.

Arrangements have been made with the aldermen of Marion for the high school team to use the Community building for its home games, stated Mr. Beam.

The schedule of games for 1941 will be arranged at a Western Conference meeting to be held in Hickory at an early date. Officials of the Marion school will attend the meeting.

The local team, under the coaching of Art Ditt, won the Western Conference championship last year. This season a number of last year's stars are returning and there is every indication that Marion will again have a ranking team in the conference, said Mr. Beam.

## POTATO GROWERS TO MEET AT SUGAR HILL

Irish potato growers of McDowell have been invited to attend a meeting about potato growing, to be held at Sugar Hill school this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, County Agent S. L. Homewood has announced. J. C. Bennett, agricultural agent of the Se aboard Air Line Railway, will speak on the growing of potatoes during the 1941 season and will outline a program for the marketing of potatoes.

Mr. Bennett will offer McDowell growers a good market for their potato crops, said Mr. Homewood. Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

## LIGHTS BRIGHTEN UP COUNTY COURT HOUSE

The court house has become the bright spot on Marion's Main street. Huge flood lights have been placed in front of the building and every night these are focused on the structure. Three lights provide the illumination for the building and make it stand out in bold relief against a dark background.

## COLLECTIONS MOUNT IN RED CROSS ROLL CALL

A total of \$513.16 had been collected late yesterday in the annual Red Cross roll call in McDowell county, Oliver Cross, chairman of the drive announced.

The figure for the collections does not include the contributions of Clinchfield residents, said Mr. Cross. He stated that most of the county had been covered and indications were that the roll call would reach last year's quota of \$600.

Workers for the roll call have been active in all parts of the county. A large group of Marion ladies have assisted in the drive and the roll call has been directed in other sections by workers appointed by Mr. Cross.

Memberships may still be secured at the Marion Industrial Bank by residents of the county who have not joined the Red Cross.

## COLLECTION OF USED TOYS STARTS FRIDAY

A used-toy drive will be conducted in Marion on Friday, December 6, by the Francis Marion club and members of cooperating civic organizations, it was announced this week. The toys collected in the drive will be repaired by members of the Francis Marion club and Boy Scouts and will be distributed to underprivileged children of the community at the annual Christmas party of the Francis Marion club.

Residents of Marion wishing to contribute toys for the party have been requested to notify members of the Francis Marion club, the Junior Woman's club, the Kiwanis club or Boy or Girl Scouts.

Arrangements for the annual party are under the direction of Joe Noyes. According to Mr. Noyes, over 200 children are expected to take part in the Christmas party. These will be boys and girls of the community who would otherwise not have a very enjoyable Christmas. The repaired toys, candy and other gifts will be distributed at the party and entertainment will be provided for all underprivileged children attending. Last year approximately 200 boys and girls were guests of the club at the party and efforts are being made this year to entertain a larger number.

Friday has been set as the day for the drive for used toys, but they will be collected throughout next week by members of local civic clubs who will call for them at any place upon being notified.

## JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR JANUARY TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday jurors were drawn for the January term of the Superior Court as follows:

Marion Robinson, J. Frank Turner, C. M. White, Charlie L. Tate, Chester Davis, H. S. Queen, Sam E. Proctor, J. Q. Blackburn, Zeb Long, E. Guy Stepp, R. F. Haynes, Walker W. Greene, Otis Greene, Charles R. Pendergrass, M. W. Knighton, Lester Hollifield, Clyde H. Earley, C. L. Crawley, Jack Banks, J. T. Baker, Walter E. Jenkins, Taft Allison, J. R. Walker, Fred Murray, A. B. Setzer, D. A. Fox, A. C. Estes, Roy J. Ellis, E. E. Watkins, Ben P. Davis, J. A. Silver, Roy B. Farr, Robt. Shuford, A. F. Hunt, J. E. Crawley, Clyde D. Davis, Thurston Morris, W. P. Elliott, W. J. Toney, Fate Lentz, G. H. Ross, J. M. Seagle, H. R. Wilkerson, W. C. Benfield, Ed Allison, John Haney, L. M. Greene, E. P. Crawford.

## ACHIEVEMENT DAY FOR 4-H TO BE HELD HERE

The annual achievement day program of 4-H clubs of McDowell county will be held in the court house here Saturday, December 7. The meeting will begin at 10:30 in the morning.

Merit certificates will be awarded to 4-H boys and girls of the county who have done outstanding club work during the past year.

## TWELVE ENLIST IN NAVY

Twelve young Western North Carolinians last week enlisted in the United States Navy at the recruiting station in Asheville. The list included Herman Lee Dixon of Marion.

## BOARD PASSES ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT NOISE

### Machine Shops And Welding Plants In Marion Forced To Cease Operations At Night.

An ordinance to "prohibit objectionable and disturbing noises and lights in the town of Marion after nine o'clock p. m.," was passed by the board of aldermen, meeting here Tuesday night. The ruling became effective here yesterday.

The new ordinance specifies that "it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to conduct, operate, carry on or engage in what is commonly known as the 'machine shop' business within the corporate limits of the town of Marion after 9:00 o'clock p. m. of any day." The ordinance also carries the same restrictions on electric welding torches or other similar devices which produce brilliant light, unless they are enclosed in a building from which the light cannot escape.

The third provision of the ordinance prohibits the operation of any business in Marion after 9 p. m., the operation of which "produces any loud and disturbing noise or any brilliant and or blinding light or lights."

The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of the ordinance is a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for 30 days for each offense, each day on which the ordinance is violated constituting a separate offense.

At the Tuesday night meeting the aldermen voted to allow Marion high school the use of the Community building gymnasium for basketball during the 1941 season. The town will get a percentage of the gate receipts for the use of the building.

The board passed an order for the installation of a one-inch water line on Spring street.

## SANTA CLAUS IS TO BE HERE UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus has returned to Marion and all this week he has been greeting hundreds of children in local stores. He returned to Marion Monday and since that time has been visiting the stores offering Christmas merchandise for sale. He will remain here until Christmas.

Santa's schedule takes him through local stores every shopping afternoon of the week. He will also pay visits to local stores every Saturday night until closing time.

Every afternoon he is greeted here by hundreds of children who present him with Christmas gift lists, ask him thousands of questions and beg him to be sure not to forget his visits on Christmas eve.

## McDOWELL POULTRYMEN REPORT GOOD PROFIT IS MADE ON CHICKENS

An average profit of \$1.17 above feed costs was returned by each of 231 birds on three McDowell county poultry demonstration farms during the past year, S. L. Homewood, agricultural agent, said today.

Records kept by the poultrymen, he added, showed that the hens laid an average of 143 eggs each. The eggs sold for 28 cents a dozen—or an average return of \$3.13 per bird during the year.

Feed costs for each bird averages \$1.96, according to the records, thus leaving a profit of \$1.17.

The demonstration flocks were kept by Mrs. J. W. McCurry, J. A. Cannon and the Dobson poultry farm.

Mr. Homewood pointed out that poultry raising is a profitable enterprise for Western North Carolina farmers, either as a side-line or as a major farm activity.

As in dairying, he commented, cash returns from a well-managed poultry flock add sizeable amounts to the farm income all through the year.

Poultry raising, he stated, is the biggest agricultural enterprise in the world. Other crops and livestock are usually limited to certain areas, but chickens are found in all countries wherever any kind of farming is carried on.