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FUNERAL RITES FOR DR. McCALL HELD SATURDAY

Dr. Alvin Clay McCall, 59, native of McDowell county who was a practicing physician in Asheville since 1921, died Friday at his home in Biltmore Forest, Asheville. His death resulted from a heart attack.

Funeral rites were conducted at the First Presbyterian church in Asheville, Saturday afternoon and burial followed in Riverside cemetery.

Dr. McCall had been in ill health for a number of years, but his death came unexpectedly.

He was one of the city's most prominent, eye, ear, nose and throat specialists until he was forced to retire in 1937 because of his health. He played an active part for many years in the civic and religious life of the community.

The son of William and Katherine McCall, Dr. McCall was born October 10, 1889 at North Cove in McDowell county.

He was graduated from the University of North Carolina and at (Continued on last page)

Bible Sunday To Be Observed At St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will participate in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 12, by distributing book marks for Bibles and also lists of suggested Bible readings. The church will also make contributions to the American Bible Society.

The theme of the Sunday this year will be: "The Book of All Nations."

In explaining the work of the American Bible Society, Rev. Charles Frenzel, pastor of St. Matthew's, said:

"The Bible is truly the book of all nations; yet in this year there is just one nation—the United States—that is able to supply the Bible to all nations. In 1947 the American Bible Society distributed 4,020,000 copies of Bible portions in America, and 5,289,000 copies in other lands. The society in asking the churches of our nation to supply \$2,000,000 at the present time so that Bibles can be distributed in Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hogan honored have come.

"The society is a glue that binds the Protestant churches together; the Book is the cement to bind together all nations."

Methodist Church To Have Christmas Service December 19

The First Methodist church has announced plans for the annual Christmas services to be held as a Vesper Service at five o'clock, Sunday afternoon, December 19, in the church auditorium.

The program will feature a playlet illustrated with slides of famous paintings. Music will be furnished by the youth and junior choirs of the church.

The cast includes Margaret McLarty playing the part of Sarah, Larry Gibson as David and Alan Pless as Luke. Narrators are Joby Smith, Polly Atkins, Eleanor Grayson and Bill Suttle. E. C. Carnes will have charge of lighting, make-up and any back stage work.

Postal Receipts Show Increase

Postal receipts last month totaling \$3,988.55 showed a gain of \$489.21 over the November, 1947 total of \$3,499.34.

Receipts the past two months amounted to \$8,894.64, an increase of \$1,575.99 over the corresponding period last year.

Postal savings certificates were issued for \$60,760 last month and \$55,048 paid, making a net gain of \$5,712.

November bond sales totaled \$5,756.25.

COURT OF HONOR

The McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m., Friday night, December 10, at the First Methodist church.

PRE-CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT SCHEDULED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Each year the band gives a pre-Christmas concert before school dismisses for the holidays. The concert this year is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, at eight o'clock, and climaxes a busy fall season of football, rallies, parades, and just recently the local Christmas parade. The Kiwanis Minstrel and the Paper Bowl game in Canton.

The program runs the gamut of band music from Bach to Gershwin with time out for a lovely Christmas number. The Girls' Glee club trained by Miss Mary Lillian Jonas will join with the band in "The Christmas Story" an adaptation of Christmas carols to the Gospel according to St. Luke and St. Matthew.

This year's band is about the same size as last, boasting 56 players.

Composers represented on the program are Bach, Gershwin, Cole Porter, Holmes, Von Suppe and Vincent Youmans. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in B flat Minor contrasts with his Arioso from Cantata No. 156. Gershwin is represented by the "Gershwin Selection" which includes many of his better-known songs and the "Little Rhapsody", a streamlined version of the famous "Rhapsody in Blue". The other composers add their own peculiarly personal touch to the program.

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McDowell County Officers Sworn Into Office Monday

McDowell county officials elected in November were sworn into office in a ceremony held in the court room Monday. J. M. Snoddy, Justice of the Peace, administered the oath of office.

C. A. Workman was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He was sworn in with R. L. James and Watson Wilson, the two other commissioners. Oaths were also administered to Dysart Martin, clerk of superior court; Miss Ruth Labley, register of deeds, and M. V. Snypes, county surveyor.

New constables taking the oath of office were: Carl T. Hall, Marion township; Allie Lytle, Montsford Cove, and Mark Toney, Nebo.

Roy W. Davis, elected as McDowell's representative in the 1949 General Assembly of North Carolina, was recognized with the statement that he would have his oath administered when the Legislature convenes in Raleigh in January.

R. W. Proctor, who was reelected county attorney for a period of two years, addressed the group pointing out the progress made by the county under the present administration. He commended the outgoing Board of Commissioners for its progress.

I. L. Caplan, who has served as a commissioner for 14 years, including 12 years as chairman, told those present he could point with pride to the record of this county. Retiring from the Board, Caplan expressed his appreciation for the co-operation he had received as a commissioner.

One road petition was approved recommending that the road from Yancey street to a dead end, an 800 ft. strip of road in the Clinchfield section, be provided with adequate drainage facilities, made standard width, packed and graveled.

Baseball Officials Reelect J. C. Rabb

J. C. Rabb was reelected business manager for the 1949 baseball season at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marion Recreation association held Monday afternoon in the city hall.

Several applications for a playing manager were considered, but no definite action taken. Directors expressed the opinion that a playing manager will probably be named within the next week.

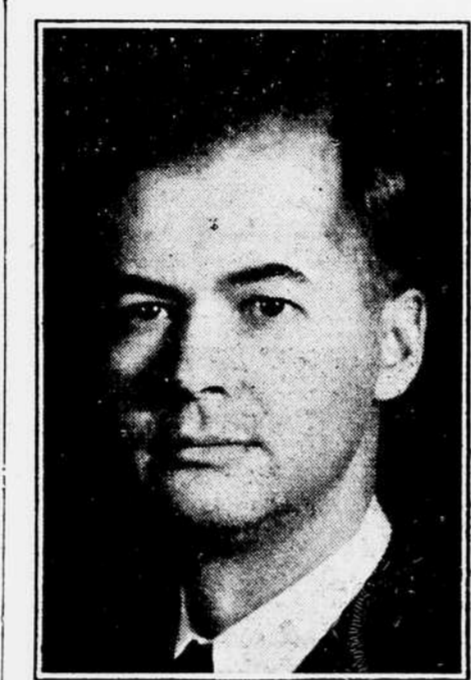
J. C. Rabb left yesterday on a tour of various points in South Carolina in the interest of contacting prospective players for the coming season.

Chief of Police Issues Warning

Chief of Police D. W. Smith has issued two warnings regarding the Christmas season.

He warns Christmas shoppers not to leave packages in unlocked automobiles. If they must be left in the car, it is best to lock them in the trunk, he said, because when packages are visible from the outside there is more danger of the car being broken into.

He also reminded the public that shooting firecrackers is strictly forbidden by a city ordinance. "Anyone caught shooting firecrackers will be prosecuted," he said.



ELECTED CHAIRMAN—C. A. Workman, above, was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting Monday. He succeeds I. L. Caplan

Mrs. E. L. Rogers Dies in Barnesville

Mrs. E. L. Rogers, former Marion resident, died Friday at her home in Barnesville, Ga., and funeral rites were conducted in Barnesville Sunday.

Mrs. Rogers, grandmother of W. L. Morris, Jr., and Mrs. H. W. Saunders (nee Miss Marguerite Morris), resided at the home of W. L. Morris here for 13 years. She suffered a heart attack last summer and had been in declining health for about six months before the fatal heart attack last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morris attended the rites. Mrs. Saunders of Shreveport, La., was also present at the services.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joe H. Smith, of Barnesville, Ga.; four grandchildren, Mrs. H. W. Saunders of Shreveport, La.; W. L. Morris, Jr., of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mrs. Louis Graham, of Barnesville, and Joe H. Smith, Jr., of the University of Georgia; three great grandchildren, H. W. Saunders, Jr., and Rebecca Lane Saunders of Shreveport, and Maria Carmon Morris of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

G. C. Glee Club Will Give Program At Methodist Church

The Greensboro College Glee club will present a program at the First Methodist church here at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 14, Miss Ruth Taylor, educational director, announced this week.

The Glee club is composed of 40 voices and will render a program of five sections. E. L. Williams, director, received his A. B. degree from Central State college and his M. M. in voice from Oklahoma University.

ALDERMEN MEET

The Board of Aldermen of Marion voted to petition the State Highway Department to maintain the West Henderson street extension, at a meeting Monday evening. The extension is the strip of road which bypasses Hudgins school.



WADE MILLER

Wade Miller Scoutmaster Nearly Three Years

Wade Miller, who became a member of Boy Scout Troop 4, Marion, at the age of 12, will observe his third anniversary as Scoutmaster next February. Under his leadership six boys have become Eagle Scouts.

Before becoming Scoutmaster he served as assistant Scoutmaster for two years receiving his Eagle award two months ago.

Troop 4 is composed of residents of the Cross Mill community. Once a month troop committeemen meet with the boys and serve them refreshments and show a film. Recently the troop observed Father-Son night and plans to have Mother-Son night in the near future. An annual party commemorating the 18th birthday of the troop will be held in February. This troop is sponsored by the Cross Mill and has 24 members enrolled.

Rotary Club Farmers' Night Set For Dec. 10

Frank Hamilton Jeter, of Raleigh, will be guest speaker at the Marion Rotary Club's Annual Farmers' Night observance to be held at 7 p. m., Friday, December 10.

The speaker, an agricultural editor, is a native of Santuck, S. C. and received his B.S. degree in Agriculture at Clemson Agricultural College. He has been awarded many blue ribbons by the Association of Agriculture Editors for agricultural writing and last June was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Clemson College.

Holiday Program At PTA Meeting

The December meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held Tuesday evening in the Marion high school auditorium.

Dr. C. W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, led a devotional.

Mrs. Sam Yancey, president, reported that a clock had been rented from the Western Union and installed in the elementary school building. A treasurer's report revealed a balance of \$304.31 on deposit.

Upon recommendation of the executive board, members voted to have the draperies in the auditorium dry cleaned during the holidays and buy a mixer for the Home Economics building.

Mrs. Yancey turned the meeting over to Miss Mary Lillian Jonas who presented C. C. Elledge, principal. He read the story, "Why the Chimes Rang."

Miss Jonas also presented the Marion High School Glee club in the following numbers: "Come All Ye Faithful"; "Carol of the Bells"; "Silent Night"; "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"; and "Hallelujah Chorus."

Mrs. Ethel Giles' home room won the attendance count in the elementary school with 72 per cent and Mrs. Edith Davis' room in high school with 29 per cent.

Mrs. Ralph Morris won the door prize.

MARION MERCHANTS TO MEET TONIGHT

The quarterly meeting of the Marion Merchants association will be held at seven o'clock, Friday evening, December 10, in the firemen's room of the city hall, it is announced.

The group will discuss the question of whether Wednesday afternoon closings will be resumed after Christmas, the number of days stores will close in observance of Christmas, and closing hours to be observed Monday, December 20, through Friday, December 24.

Leonard Washburn Has Leg Amputated By Freight Train

Leonard E. Washburn's left leg was amputated by a freight car Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred about five o'clock when Washburn, a Southern Railway brakeman, was said to have attempted to swing onto a moving freight car and fell in its path.

His condition was reported "good" by the Marion General hospital yesterday.

School Lunch Room Being Sought

Mrs. Howell J. Buchanan called several residents of Dysartsville together November 30 in the interest of providing a lunch room for the Dysartsville school.

Yesterday Mrs. Buchanan announced that the first step toward raising money for a lunch room will be sponsoring a box supper and cake walk at the Dysartsville school at 7:30 p. m., Saturday. The cost of equipping a lunch room has been estimated at \$1,000.

Speakers present at the meeting November 30 included: Mrs. Kathryn D. Woodward, assistant supervisor of the state lunch room program; N. F. Stepp, superintendent of county schools, and Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent.

A committee was named to head the project by working with residents of their respective communities on ways and means to raise funds for the proposed lunch room. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wiseman were appointed to work with the group on the Bridgewater road; Mr. and Mrs. Clay McIntosh, Dysartsville township; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sprouse, Brackets; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christy, lower part of Dysartsville; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cowan in their neighborhood, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, "Tater" town.

Jurors Drawn For Superior Court

Jurors for the first week of the January term of McDowell County Superior Court were drawn at the meeting of the County Commissioner Monday as follows:

Oscar Henderson, G. P. Seagle, Gaston Toney, W. A. McCall, A. W. Grayson, A. V. Stezer, Ernest E. Allison, W. P. Jackson, Pat Dale, A. J. Wilkerson, J. C. Bowman, Jr., Ed Jackson, Julius Kanipe, E. Wayne Suttles, N. A. Revis, Jessie Williams, R. A. Gibbs, Ray E. Landis, Chaney M. White, James W. Hogan.

J. L. Hogan, Mrs. Louise Barnes, C. W. Thomason, Richard Hensley, Richard McKinney, Ben Foster, Gordon Davis, Lawrence Peters, H. D. Bishop, Paul Bryant, Floyd W. Bradley, G. H. Ross, G. H. Swafford, Haskell Poteat, Coleman Coble.

AAA Elections For This County Held Last Week

The Agricultural Adjustment Agency county convention was held in the court house in Marion December 3 with W. E. Morgan, chairman, presiding.

Committeemen for 1949 were elected as follows: W. E. Morgan, chairman; W. S. Haynes, vice chairman; W. J. Porter, regular member; A. R. Walker, first alternate, and W. A. Lonon, second alternate.

The eight townships held elections last Thursday and elected 1949 AAA committeemen as follows:

North Cove: W. G. English, chairman; Fred Brown, vice chairman; E. B. Wright, regular member; Watter Kling, first alternate, and J. E. English, second alternate.

Crooked Creek: J. A. Early, chairman; Clyde Gilliam, vice chairman; V. R. Wilson, regular member; E. P. Creasman, first alternate, and Harlowe Noblitt, second alternate.

Old Fort: Ernest Parker, chairman; Charles A. Parker, vice chairman; S. E. Tilson, regular member; Gaston Wells, first alternate, and C. C. Woody, second alternate.

Montsford Cove: O. I. Berry, chairman; Henry Worley, vice chairman; Fred Lawing, regular member; Jose Harris, first alternate, and C. Lee Holland, second alternate.

Nebo: J. E. Finley, chairman; Albert H. Jaynes, vice chairman; D. L. Rowe, regular member; T. W. Stacy, first alternate, and J. L. Craig, second alternate.

Dysartsville: Elmer Buchanan, chairman; E. L. Christy, vice chairman; J. W. Sprouse, regular member; Dewey Arrowood, first alternate, and T. W. Arrowood, second alternate.

Glenwood: Albert Wilson, chairman; Mrs. Kelly Eplee, vice chairman; J. W. McCall, regular member; A. F. Hunt, first alternate, and E. G. Craig, second alternate.

Marion: Frank W. McCurry, chairman; Dock Davis, regular member; Bruce Gibbs, first alternate, and J. S. Setzer, second alternate.

Pleasant Gardens P.T.A. to Meet Tonight

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association will meet at 7:30 p. m., December 9, Miss Geneva Link, publicity chairman, has announced.

The fourth grades, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Copening, Mrs. Ernest Haire and Mrs. Edwin Heers will present a Christmas pageant.

After the program, the annual Christmas bazaar will be held in the auditorium.

All persons in the community are asked to donate something to help make the bazaar a success. In the past the bazaars have helped Pleasant Gardens residents in their selections of Christmas gifts.

Proceeds will be used to purchase a typewriter

FARMERS SHOULD APPLY FOR AAA ALLOTMENTS

McDowell County farmers who plan to produce tobacco on their farms in 1949 should file an application for new farm allotments before February 1, W. E. Morgan, chairman of AAA in this county, announced this week. Applications are available at the AAA office at the court house.

Proposed Changes In Game Laws To Be Discussed By Wildlife Club

The McDowell County Wildlife club is appealing to all sportsmen and other interested persons to attend a meeting to be held at 7:30 o'clock, Monday evening, December 13, in the court room.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss proposed changes in wildlife legislation before the General Assembly convenes in January, it was

stated. Roy W. Davis, McDowell county's representative to the General Assembly, has promised to be present to hear reactions of this county regarding the changes.

Jack Hewitt, Wildlife club secretary, said the proposed changes include changing the license fees for big game hunters and fishermen.

Officers for the coming year will be elected.