

SCHOOL BOARD IS ASKED TO ERECT ADDED BUILDINGS

Glenwood and Pleasant Gardens Claim Style Cramped by Present Inadequate Facilities

Delegations from Pleasant Gardens and Glenwood schools appeared before the board of education Monday with petitions for improved and enlarged school buildings. Separate hearings were held for each school. W. B. Harrill presenting the matter for Glenwood while R. B. Phillips and J. C. Rabb spoke for Pleasant Gardens. The petitions were supported by representative citizens from the communities interested.

Glenwood, according to the petitioners, needs an auditorium, two class rooms, new toilet facilities, and other improvements. Re-establishment of the course in agriculture and employment of an agronomy teacher were also asked for. The Pleasant Gardens petition set forth the need of four additional rooms for high school classes, a science laboratory, two rooms for home economics, a music room, study hall, lunch room and an additional room for increased enrollment, and a separate office.

Mr. Harrill said the Glenwood building is now filled to capacity and overflowing. Present enrollment, he said, points to the need of an additional teacher for 1933-34, and with all available space now occupied, work in that school makes additional room an absolute necessity with the increased enrollment expected next year. Pleasant Gardens, it was pointed out, will also need an extra teacher next year and will require all rooms in the proposed building, which are in fact needed now, it was said.

The matter had been discussed at length in the two communities interested, it was said, the sentiment of the taxpayers in each case being in favor of the proposed building program. The petitioners suggested borrowing the needed money from the state literary fund, the county to assume the obligation.

It was the contention of the petitioners that their schools are not sharing equally with some other schools in the county since the school debt service was taken over by the county. Better facilities are enjoyed by other school districts, it was claimed, while the districts represented by the petitioners pay a greater proportion of taxes and had incurred less bonded indebtedness prior to the assumption by the county of the total school obligations, it was further claimed. To provide the increased and much needed buildings will be putting the schools on a more equitable basis in the matter of taxation and benefits.

The members of the board of education, after hearing the petitions, took the matter under consideration, fixing next Monday, January 9, as the date on which it will render a decision, if the full membership of the board can be present, and if not, then at some later date.

TOM MIX IN FREE SHOW FOR CHARITY AT MARION THEATRE ON SATURDAY

Tom Mix, that popular screen hero who has thrilled so many of the younger generation—and their daddies—stars at the next free show for children at the Marion Theatre Saturday morning, 10:30. Mix will do his stuff in "My Pal, the King" and will have Charlie Chase, also, to help while the time away.

This is another of the free shows Mr. House offers the youngsters of Marion, a good show that the boys and girls can see simply by making a little donation for the Wayside Relief people, drop in the basket a gift of food, or clothes, or anything useful, which Mrs. Harbin will carry to some other little boys or girls who need such things. There is really no charge; Mr. House simply asks the children to give a little something if they have it. If they do not have anything, he wants them to come anyhow. Grow people, too, may come by making a donation.

Free show at the Marion, 10:30 Saturday morning; drop something in the basket, go in and enjoy the fun.

DICKSON BECOMES HEAD OF MARION KIWANIS COMMITTEES APPOINTED

In simple ceremony at the regular meeting Tuesday, President J. C. Rabb turned over the headship of the Marion Kiwanis Club to Dr. B. A. Dickson, who, with a complete list of officers and directors, took over club affairs for the year.

Other officers installed with President Dickson are D. S. Gardner, vice president; M. W. Gordon, Jr., secretary and treasurer. Directors are Zeno Martin, W. T. Morgan, C. F. James, J. D. Henry, H. D. Bishop, J. W. Pless, Jr., Dr. J. F. Miller, R. L. Greenlee.

Standing committees include the following: Public affairs, J. W. Winborne; underprivileged child, H. D. Bishop; vocational guidance, H. F. Beam; club meetings, J. D. Henry; house and reception, J. G. Beaman; attendance, J. F. Snipes; classification and membership, M. W. Gordon Jr., W. T. Morgan, J. F. Wilkinson; music, Zeno Martin, A. S. Bradford, W. G. Ballew, J. W. Pless, Jr.; agriculture, Gordon Blake, J. C. Rabb, R. L. Greenlee; publicity, W. G. Ballew, D. Cox, C. A. Workman; inter-club relations, R. C. McNairy, A. F. Wagner, R. D. Bird; Kiwanis education, J. C. Rabb, A. V. Nolan, E. A. Beaman; special committee on community welfare and hospital, L. J. P. Cutlar, C. F. James, Dr. G. S. Kirby, J. G. Beaman, Dr. J. F. Miller, J. C. Rabb, C. A. Workman, J. F. Snipes, E. A. Beaman, S. L. Copeland, O. F. Adkins, Dr. J. F. Jonas.

Program chairmen are the following: Zeno Martin, Dr. J. F. Miller, first quarter; L. J. P. Cutlar, S. L. Copeland, second quarter; J. W. Pless, Jr., A. S. Bradford, third quarter; C. F. James, Dr. Frank Wood, fourth quarter.

FRED BOWMAN, STRUCK BY SIGNBOARD, BETTER AT MARION HOSPITAL

Badly hurt in a very unusual mishap, Fred Bowman, ten-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman, is reported to be doing very well at the Marion Hospital, where he was carried Saturday night in a very serious condition.

The lad was knocked down and pinned to the earth when a large signboard was blown down by a high wind, falling across his body. Help came quickly and the boy was carried to the hospital. It was at first feared that he was fatally hurt, but hospital authorities said yesterday that he will recover. It had not been determined whether permanent injury will result or to what extent.

Young Bowman, who carries an evening paper route, was returning from his work late Saturday evening. Passing along near the end of West Court, the signboard fell just as he was opposite the middle of it.

GARDNER IS SPEAKER AT MINISTERS MEETING

Rev. H. P. Powell presided at the monthly meeting of the McDowell Ministers Association held in the Methodist hut Monday. Rev. T. A. Melton is secretary.

D. S. Gardner was on the program for a speech. Following immediately after the Christmas season, he chose goodwill as the appropriate subject of his remarks. This goodwill, he said, should prevail in all the relations of mankind, and should extend to the nations as well as individuals, by which many vexatious problems could be settled amicably and advantageously to all. The spirit of charity should be a moving force in all lives, Mr. Gardner said, and should be practiced by the individual as a personal responsibility. While there are many organized bodies dispensing charity, the individual should seek opportunities to render aid directly, one man to another, with the personal touch which alone brings a feeling of duty well done and reacts upon the giver beneficially as well as the one who is helped, the speaker said.

COURT OF HONOR JAN. 13

A boy scout court of honor will be held at the high school auditorium here January 13, scout officials announced. Troops of East Marion, Cross Mill, Morganton and Valdesse will participate.

AT MARION HOSPITAL

New patients in the hospital since Thursday: Mrs. Laura Bartlett, Fred Bowman, Mrs. C. C. Russell, John C. Gardin, Mrs. Harry McCall and baby

ECONOMY TO RULE COMMISSIONS ACTS THROUGHOUT YEAR

Chairman Snipes and Colleagues Will Work on Saving Rather Than Spending.

"Pay as you go, or don't go," is the watchword of the board of county commissioners as announced Monday by J. Fleming Snipes, chairman of the board. With other members of the county governing body, Mr. Snipes made it clear that economy will rule in all the proceedings of the board during the current year.

"We intend to practice economy wherever it can be applied without crippling any necessary work in which the county is at present engaged," Mr. Snipes said. "Wherever expenses can be reduced, we shall take measures to bring about a reduction. We certainly do not intend to create any new indebtedness, but will operate on what we have as provided in the budget, as we feel that provision has been made for all necessary work of the county, so that our efforts will be directed toward saving rather than spending.

"As every one knows, debt service is a fixed charge and cannot be reduced so long as our bonds are outstanding. We already have taken up some bonds with sinking funds, which operates to cut down expenses somewhat in the saving of interest charges. This will help some, and this policy will be followed in every way that we can find to reduce operating expenses. Our credit is good and must be kept good.

"The present board has at this time only one fixed policy, to work toward lower cost of government. We hope to develop our work this year in such a way that the tax levy for the next fiscal year can be lowered. If we do that, and at the same time carry on necessary county affairs without injuring any departments of the county, we shall feel that we have accomplished something. And to that end, we ask the full support and cooperation of the people of the county."

JOSEPH WHITENER, 59, VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Funeral services were held at the home of Lee Whitener Saturday morning at 11 o'clock for his son, Joseph Whitener, 59, who passed away Thursday night. The services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Pyatt. Interment was made at the Henley cemetery.

Mr. Whitener was a member of one of the large and well known families of the Dysartville section of McDowell county. At the time of his death he was a member of the Macedonia Baptist church. He was known by many and possessed the art of winning the affections of those who knew him. His passing leaves a vacancy in the hearts and homes of his relatives and friends who trust he is abiding in a sweeter refuge.

He is survived by nine children, his father and mother, five brothers, three sisters and several grandchildren.

LAVITT CLOSES BARGAIN STORE TO CONCENTRATE ALL ON THE SQUARE

H. B. Lavitt has closed up the business formerly operated as the Marion Bargain Store and will devote all his business efforts here to the store on the square, North Main. Mr. Lavitt had done business at the old stand, 38 South Main, for several years until starting in a bigger stand on the square, where he has been located more than a year. He continued to operate the old stand until his lease expired.

Mr. Lavitt is still in business at Rutherfordton, where he has operated a clothing and furnishing store several years. He will continue that business also.

But hereafter he will confine his business activities in Marion to the upper Main street store in which he has done well since its opening.

LEGION MEETING

McDowell Post of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night, January 10.

TWO AUTOS 6 MEN 91 GALLONS BOOZE SIX STILLS SEIZED

Sheriff Adkins and Enforcement Officers Report Good Work During December.

Although a goodnatured man who loves to spread joy among the brethren, Sheriff O. F. Adkins was forced to break up a little party in the making, last Thursday. Duty is duty, the sheriff said, this belief of his making it particularly hard on the bootlegging fraternity in the month of December.

The affair of Thursday happened something like this: Sheriff Adkins and some of his lieutenants were driving blithely down highway 19, south of town, when they came upon a motorist making good time in a Chevrolet coupe, which, upon closer inspection and examination, was found to be loaded with forbidden spirits, to wit, six gallons of prewar bottled in bond hard liquor. The liquor was confiscated along with the car and the driver arrested.

The day before this seizure, Wednesday of last week, sheriff's officers discovered and destroyed a copper still north of town, in the vicinity of the airport, with 500 gallons of beer ready to run.

Sheriff Adkins said December activities of his force resulted in the capture of six stills, 91 gallons of booze, seizure of two automobiles and arrest of six men.

Altogether last month was a good one in the accomplishment of the sheriff's objective, to make the county dry in fact as well as in name. Arrests and seizures exceeded the work done in previous months, as the facts enumerated show, and Mr. Adkins thinks the alert attitude of his deputies and the highway patrol helped keep down bootlegging activities considerably, as much more of that kind of work might have been carried on but for the fact that the officers were constantly on the lookout, which made the law violators careful and somewhat wary.

JUDGE DYSART IMPOSES \$250 FINE ON DRIVER HOLIDAY LIQUOR CAR

Attempts of bootleggers to supply the thirsty with holiday liquor resulted in a number of cases of prohibition law violation being heard before Judge Dysart in county court Tuesday. The heaviest sentence imposed was upon G. W. McBrayer, who was picked up by the sheriff last week with six gallons of booze in his possession, in transit. Judge Dysart sentenced him to six months on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$250. Notice of appeal to superior court was given.

There were three cases for driving while intoxicated, in which the usual three months sentence or \$50 fine was handed the defendants. One was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, drawing a sentence of four months; appealed. One defendant charged with possessing and transporting failed to appear. Two jointly charged with transporting, were lucky to have the case not pressed.

In a bad check case, the defendant was remanded to jail to be lodged by the sheriff until the amount of the check and costs was paid, or until discharged by law. Another, charged with transporting, was also placed in jail until the fine and costs were paid or the defendant is discharged by law. Such defendants may remain in jail twenty days, and upon making oath that he or she does not have the necessary funds to settle the debt, is discharged after another ten days the court said.

SUPERIOR COURT MONDAY

A session of McDowell Superior court will convene next Monday, January 9, for the trial of criminal cases. The jury was drawn on the first Monday in December and the list published in this paper December 8.

"HANDLE WITH CARE" is one of the most entertaining pictures you'd want to see. JAMES DUNN, BOOTS MALLORY and EL BRENDALE are the stars. It's at the Marion Theatre on Saturday, with a good program of shorts.

MRS. KIRKPATRICK WILL DISTRIBUTE R. F. C. FUNDS THREE DAYS IN THE WEEK

Dr. Fred Morrison, state director of federal relief at Raleigh, has named Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick as his representative for McDowell county. She will have charge of all work in connection with the distribution of funds for relief in the county, which work has heretofore been done by S. F. Mauney, county welfare officer. Mr. Mauney continues to discharge the duties of his office in connection with county poor and health work.

Federal relief funds are used to provide work for unemployed men of the county, to purchase food and clothing in emergency cases, and otherwise to furnish relief to the unemployed under the act creating the relief fund. All cases in which relief is furnished, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said, are carefully investigated before aid is given.

Hereafter there will be certain days on which application for aid may be made. Flour will be given out on Friday afternoons and Saturdays, she said, while food and clothing may be applied for only on Tuesdays and Fridays. No applications will be considered on other days except in dire emergency.

MEN OF ELEVEN COUNTIES ASSEMBLE IN BOYS BEHALF AT ANNUAL SCOUT COUNCIL

Local officials of the Boy Scouts of America are making the announcement that all men who are interested in boys work and the character building and citizenship training program of the Boy Scouts are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Piedmont Council which will be held at Mosaic Temple dining room, Gastonia, on Tuesday night, January 10, at 7 o'clock. Reservations should be mailed to the Council Headquarters at Gastonia, the cost of the banquet will be only fifty cents.

The Annual Meeting of the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America brings together each year the outstanding citizens of the eleven counties which make up the Council and is recognized as one of the most inspiring meetings held in this section of the state. Reports of the work of this organization in which more than 1,600 boys are being trained for citizenship will be received and officers for the year elected. Dr. Willis A. Sutton, Superintendent of Schools of Atlanta and former president of the National Education Association and one of the South's outstanding educational leaders and speakers, will make the address of the occasion.

Hundreds of volunteer workers of the Scout movement plan to be in attendance at this meeting and local officials are especially anxious that ministers, educational leaders and interested citizens will attend this meeting which is being held in the interest of boys. Reservations must be made in advance of the meeting through local officials or direct with the headquarters at Gastonia in order that accommodations may be provided for all who wish to attend.

JOHN C. GARDIN, AGE 80, HIT BY TRAIN TUESDAY RECOVERING AT HOSPITAL

The condition of John C. Gardin, 80-year old resident of the Glenwood section, was reported satisfactory at the Marion Hospital, where he was taken after being struck by a Southern Railway train Tuesday.

Mr. Gardin is very deaf, it was said, and therefore did not hear a train approaching as he walked along the track. The speed of the train was considerably checked when it was seen that the man took no notice of his danger. It could not be brought to a standstill before he was hit.

A broken arm and bruises resulted, hospital attaches said yesterday.

HOSPITAL NEEDS

The hospital needs substantial waste baskets for each room, Miss Carson said yesterday. Attractive tin ones can be bought cheaply—twenty are needed—but any will be appreciated. Who'll come across? Pumpkins were asked for, they came; a turkey was wanted for Christmas—Dr. and Mrs. Jonas sent it. Wastebaskets next.

MASONIC MEETING

Mystic Tie Lodge of Masons will hold the regular communication Friday night, January 6.

SUBMITS FOUR POINT PLAN ON STATE BUDGET

Commission Would Raise The Rates in Many of Present Schedules—Urges Economy

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—A four-point program for balancing North Carolina's budget without resorting to any form of sales tax but increasing the rates of many schedules now in the revenue act was proposed by the state tax commission in its report to the 1933 General Assembly, made public today.

The legislature will convene here January 4 faced with the problem of balancing the budget and a deficit estimated by the commission to total approximately \$12,500,000 by the end of the 1931-33 biennium on June 30, which it proposed the governor and state treasurer be empowered to fund.

Recommendations of the commission to balance the budget for the 1933-35 biennium follow:

1. A \$3,000,000 annual decrease in general fund expenditures, including a graduated salary reduction.
2. A temporary diversion of \$2,000,000 a year from the highway fund to the general fund with road construction abandoned during the biennium.
3. Refunding of all general fund bond maturities during the biennium amounting to \$2,888,000. It is sound business sense to pay off as little as possible x x x when the present value of the dollar is extremely high.
4. No new taxes, but increases in many present schedules to absorb the loss in revenue from removal of the 15-cent ad valorem tax on property which the commission said the legislature was pledged to accomplish.

"The program proposed would not levy any more taxes than are levied at the present time," said the report, signed by Chairman A. J. Maxwell, L. A. Bethune of Clinton and Robert Lassiter of Charlotte.

"It would absorb the prospective deficit by reduced spending in both general and the highway fund, by refunding general fund bonds maturing within the next two years and by shifting the present yield of the 15 cents property tax to other methods of collecting the same amount of revenue and in collecting a large part of it in other forms from the same group who now pay it.

The report, offering increased rates in present schedules as a substitute for a sales tax to raise \$3,850,000 a year the 15-cent ad valorem has been producing, declared:

"In the opinion of the commission it is now just as unsound, unfair, and unwise to adopt this form of tax (the sales tax) as one of the state's major sources of revenue as it was at the time the report of the commission to the 1931 General Assembly was written."

Reference is made to the 1931 report's arguments against either "a general or a so-called luxury sales tax."

"With a revenue system adequate under normal conditions for our actual necessities, we should go no further into the sales tax field than the necessities of our immediate condition may temporarily compel us," the report added.

The commission pointed out its four-point program for balancing the budget recognized present conditions as "temporary."

With the 15 cent tax the operating deficit for 1931-32 approximated \$4,320,000 and this year's deficit probably will reach \$5,800,000 the report said.

"Assuming that we have reached the bottom of the depression and that revenue yields of the present fiscal year may be expected to continue, we have substantially a \$10,000,000 problem to solve—to be exact, \$9,650,000," it added.

"It is unthinkable that we should undertake to place a \$10,000,000 additional tax burden upon the people of this state to carry through this depression."

Would Trim General Fund
Trimming the general fund expenditures by \$3,000,000 a year and the \$2,000,000 diversion from highway receipts would solve the problem