

Entire County School Unit Building Program To Be In Progress By Monday Morning

Will Build Two Wings To North Cove School; Nebo Gets Gym and Auditorium; Plumbing To Begin Also.

Operations on all projects under the PWA school building and improvement program, which was approved earlier in the winter under an appropriation totaling \$124,272, are expected to be underway by Monday. Every school in the county administrative unit, of which Baron Caldwell is superintendent, is undergoing some form of improvement.

At Nebo Monday, according to J. F. Cribbs, resident engineer, operations will begin on construction of a new wing to the school. This will house a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

At Old Fort WPA workers are tearing down the old school; and the PWA will begin rebuilding as soon as the site is cleared. This is expected within a few days.

Next week also, a heating system will be installed in the Pleasant Gardens community building and one in the new part of the Glenwood school. The new erection at Glenwood, with consistent progress shown in brick and tile work, and steel being set, is fast assuming shape.

At North Cove, where work was begun last Monday, all the footings have been poured for the two new wings to be added to the present building, and the brickwork on one wing is reaching the first floor. Each job is requiring the labor of approximately twenty men.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAINED BY HIGH SCHOOL BAND AT MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Tuesday evening, 6:30 o'clock, the Marion Kiwanis Club met at the Methodist Hut. Following a delicious meal, prepared by ladies of the church, the group was entertained with a concert by members of the local high school band under the direction of Bernard Hirsch.

The club, in addition to routine business, is planning a special meeting for the evening of March 17. Each member will invite a farmer of McDowell county as his guest. James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, president of the farm federation, will speak to the club and guests. The program is in keeping with fellowship objectives of Kiwanis.

Thirty-eight were present at the meeting Tuesday, several guests having been invited.

DUKE'S COOKING CLASS AT HIGH SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

A cooking and homemaking school will be held in the Marion high school auditorium next Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 and 12, from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m.

Sponsored by the Duke Power Company, the school will be under the direction of Mrs. O. B. Austin, home service specialist, well known here as director of former classes in affairs of the home.

Modern appliances designed to increase the efficiency of home work and make for comfort and economy will be demonstrated.

All ladies are cordially invited to attend. Admission is free, and attendance prizes will be awarded.

HOME DEM. SCHEDULE

Miss Anne Tucker, home agent, announces the following schedule for the coming week for meetings of McDowell County Home Demonstration Clubs:

Monday, 9th, 2 p. m., Sugar Hill, at the home of Mrs. J. D. Wilson. Seven p. m., East Marion, at the community building.

Tuesday, 10th, 2 p. m., White Pines, at the school building.

Wednesday, 11th, 1:30 p. m., Nix Creek, at the home of Mrs. G. West.

Friday, 13th, 1:30 p. m., Dysartsville, at the school building.

Saturday, office, in the courthouse

MT. MITCHELL ROADA IS PRACTICALLY ASSURED CAMP TO MOVE APRIL 1

Although no definite agreement has yet been reached between the owners of the toll entrances to the Mt. Mitchell area and the State Highway Commission, the two of whom are negotiating possible deals, an early settlement is looked to in the very near future. J. Q. Gilkey, of Marion, member of the Conservation Board, states that he is confident some deal will be made at once.

The Highway Commission, he states, is placed in a position such as to make the new road almost imperative since such a route has been assured by Chairman Capus Wainick.

Provided the road is contracted, the CCC camp is scheduled to move in that area by the first of April to begin work on park development.

A telegram of appreciation was sent yesterday to E. F. Allen, of Lenoir, member of the highway commission, by Mr. Gilkey, county officials, and Democratic leaders here. Mr. Allen is the leader in the fight for the new route.

INCOME TAX PAYERS MAY FILE RETURNS HERE ON MARCH FIFTH AND SIXTH

C. H. Crabtree, deputy commissioner, will be in the office of the sheriff in the county court house here on the fifth and sixth days of March for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state income tax returns. All persons subject to this tax are urged to see him at that time.

According to A. J. Maxwell, N. C. Commissioner of Revenue, if you are an unmarried person or married woman and had an income of \$1000 during the year of 1935, or if you are a married man and had an income of \$2,000, you should file a return with the state Revenue Department on or before March 15, 1936.

COUNTY RECEIVES ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL WPA WORK

State Organization Makes Ad- ditional Grants—Old Fort School Razing Begins.

Last Saturday the State Works Progress Administration made several allocations of additional funds to finance a number of projects and supplement funds for the state's sewing rooms. The state fund totaled \$19,271.40.

Of this amount an appropriation was made to McDowell county for the razing of the old school building at Old Fort and an allocation for county sewing rooms.

The Old Fort allocation amounted to \$999 and provided work for 19 men. This work began Monday, according to reports from the local WPA office. The old school is being removed preparatory to commencing the Old Fort unit of the PWA building program approved in December, which is slated to begin on March 9. The building being razed is one of the oldest schools in this section of the state.

Allocated for McDowell sewing rooms, according to state papers, was \$3,300. Local officials, however, have not been advised as to the details of this fund, and it is not known when the amount will be made available. Work in the sewing rooms is continuing as usual.

FIRST AID GROUP MEETS

The first aid class of the WPA, including all foremen and officials, held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Twenty members were present.

Rev. A. R. Batchelor, teacher, and J. L. Gourley, assistant, conducted the 2-hour session.

SIX PRISONERS BREAK JAIL HERE YESTERDAY A. M.

Sheriff Is Overpowered And Placed in Cell by Two Who Were Hiding in Corridor.

Early Wednesday morning six inmates of the McDowell county jail on the third floor of the courthouse here made their getaway in an extremely clever fashion. The incident happened between 1 and 2 a. m.

Sheriff O. F. Adkins had gone up to investigate noise in the quarters when he found that two of the prisoners were in the corridor. When he unlocked the jail door to replace them, the entire six overpowered him, placed him in the cell, and escaped down the stairs. Mrs. Adkins sought to stop them at the outer door but she was shoved aside.

The method through which two of the culprits got into the corridor was that of an expert group. About dark on Tuesday evening, a string was lowered from the front window to the ground, where confederates attached two saws thereto. The latter were then drawn to the cell block over the end of a broomstick. To render the iron bars more susceptible to the saws, they were heated with a small fire, after which two hours of sawing opened a hole large enough for a passage. The sheriff, in examining the outer corridor, failed to notice the hole which was covered with blankets. The group escaping was largely from the Nebo section and Cal Smith was the leader in formulating the plans, it was stated.

Sheriff Adkins was let out of the cell a few minutes later by the jail cook, upon whose cot the keys were placed. He was not seriously injured although he received some bruises.

The sextet, before they left, had formulated an intricate series of plans. They were to proceed to the Southern Railway and other routes to the vicinity of Linville Mountain. At Nebo last night they were to steal a V8 Ford belonging to one of the school men. In case they were unable to do this, they were to remain at the mountain and make contact with someone else later last night or as soon as possible.

To date they have not been captured.

TWO DELIGHTFUL PLAYS PRESENTED AT HI SCHOOL

The Sauline Players of New York presented two delightful plays in the high school auditorium on Tuesday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the school children and their friends were entertained by a very vivid rendering of "Huckleberry Finn" in which Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn rambled around as "just two kids with some good ideas." The familiar tale lived again as the players artistically portrayed the scenes dear to so many hearts. With an all-star cast it was not hard to believe that Mark Twain's two youthful heroes were there in the flesh, always making Aunt Maria "so very nervous."

The play of the evening was the famous Broadway hit, "Have a Heart," starring all the players, especially Remorse and Mopup, the parts being taken by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sauline, directors of the company.

Special musical numbers between the acts were especially enjoyed, being given by Mr. Sauline, Mr. Haskins and Miss Crawford, talented members of the company.

These entertainments were sponsored by the high school and under the direction of Bernard Hirsch.

REV. J. W. MOORE SPEAKS TO MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

At the regular monthly meeting of the McDowell Ministerial Association held at the Methodist Hut here on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. John W. Moore gave an interesting talk on "The Worship Part of the Service". The talk, considered by the Association as one of the high spots of the year, dealt with the question: How can a minister develop a worshipful atmosphere in his services? An excellent attendance was reported.

RECREATION WORK IS TAKING SHAPE IN THIS COUNTY

Old Fort Band to Play Tonight At Camp McCloskey — To Have Dollar Contest.

The recreational program of the WPA, authorized in this county several weeks ago under the direction of J. L. Gourley, is, with the advent of good weather, beginning to function in several branches of activity.

Last week a horseshoe court was secured for Old Fort aspirants and play began thereon at that time. The same is to be provided for other communities within the near future.

As a special feature of the recreational work, Mr. Gourley has engaged the Old Fort band, under the supervision of Miss Eula Grant; and with several young ladies of Old Fort, the band will give an entertainment at CCC Camp McCloskey this evening.

Several other minor projects are also under way, but so far have been withheld from publication.

As an incentive to local merchants and others to become interested in the recreational program here, officials state that they are planning a test to ascertain "just how far a dollar will go in McDowell county." In view of the fact that Walter Johnson, on February 22, duplicated George Washington's feat in tossing a silver dollar across the Rappahannock, it is thought that a local contest of this nature might provide a quantity of community fun. It is further reported that several local hurlers have made claims of being able to hurl the dollar an equal distance. The contest, however, will depend on the interest local merchants manifest within the next few weeks. It is considered, on the other hand, a good advertising stunt.

MRS. GOFORTH DIES AT GLENWOOD THURSDAY PM. FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY

Mrs. Letha Bright Goforth, 81, widow of E. G. Goforth, died last Thursday afternoon, February 27. She had been ill for some time as a result of injuries sustained in a fall. Funeral services were held on Saturday at the Glenwood Methodist church, and interment was in the Glenwood cemetery. Dr. B. F. Bray, of Marion, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. J. D. Pyatt, Rev. J. E. Hipps, and Rev. J. M. Brown.

Mrs. Goforth, a native of this county, was born in 1854, and joined the church at the age of eighteen, continuing her interest in religious affairs until the time of her death. She was a cheerful, friendly woman, a splendid Christian mother and a devoted wife.

She was married to Elbert G. Goforth in 1872. Mr. Goforth died five months ago. Also surviving Mrs. Goforth are the following children: Mrs. Callie Connor, Miss Margaret Goforth, and Mrs. Edgar Parker, of Marion; Mrs. Hattie Beal and Ben Goforth, Hendersonville; Miss Rebecca Goforth, Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Bertha Goforth, Glenwood; Frank Goforth, Seattle, Wash.; Logan Goforth, Missoula, Mont.; John Goforth, Logan; and Grover Goforth, Columbus, Ohio.

Many beautiful floral offerings attested the deep admiration in which she was held. Active pallbearers were Messrs. W. L. Morris, R. W. Proctor, J. W. Winborne, Ben F. Conley, Edgar Morgan, and Thurston Morris.

McDOWELL CITIZEN DIES IN KANSAS

James Conley, son of Alonzo Conley, who was born and reared at Sevier, this county, died on February 27 in Mankota, Kansas, where he has lived about forty years.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lula Wilson, and one brother, Eugene Conley, both of Morganton; and a number of relatives in this county.

Friday is Family Bargain Day at Marion Theatre with a very entertaining comedy-drama "THE VIRGINIA JUDGE", and good shorts. Prices 5, 10 and 20 cents.

COUNTY 4-H CLUB COUNCIL HEARS DISTRICT AGENT

Miss Current Speaks Also To Home Demonstration Group On Friday Evening.

The McDowell County 4H Club council, at its meeting Friday morning in the county court room, was addressed by Miss Ruth Current, district agent, from Raleigh, who outlined a program for county council work. Representing all the county high schools, 19 members were present.

Buster Miller, president, opened the meeting, after which the members transacted routine business.

Miss Current, in outlining the program of work, stressed the fact that council members were the club leaders in their community and should cooperate in every way with the home agent. She then helped the group to set up goals for coming work. The district agent seemed highly pleased with the outlook for club work in this county, which is attaining an unusual degree of unity and efficiency.

As the customary educational feature of the meeting, the group then visited the office of The Marion Progress where they were given a short demonstration in the setting up and printing of a newspaper.

Speaks to Home Dem. Clubs
Friday evening at the Pleasant Gardens community building, Miss Current met with the women of the entire county Home Demonstration group and their husbands. Over a hundred were present.

The affair, largely social, was planned by Miss Tucker to stimulate a county feeling of unity. In addition to the members and their husbands, the county Boards of Education and Commissioners were invited guests. The Pleasant Gardens Club acted as cordial hostesses.

Miss Tucker introduced the district agent, who led the group in singing and an interesting series of stunts and games, in which the entire group joined.

At the conclusion of the evening, the Pleasant Gardens Club served refreshments.

TAXLISTERS NAMED WITH MRS. BURGIN COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Annual Listing of Property to Start First Monday in April —Completed in 30 Days

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners here Monday, machinery for listing property for taxation for the year 1936 was set up. Plans were made to begin the work on the first Monday in April, the same to be completed in thirty days.

Mrs. Mary G. Burgin was named tax supervisor for the county. She has served in this capacity for the past three years, performing the duties of tax supervisor in addition to her regular work as county accountant.

Listers for the various townships will meet with the supervisor on Monday, March 16, to receive instructions and forms for listing. The listers are as follows:

W. B. Seaman, Bracketts Township; Harlow Noblett, Crooked Creek; C. E. Jarrett, Dysartsville; J. M. Haney, Glenwood; C. Rex Wilson, Higgins; T. Ben Conley, Marion; Oscar B. Morgan, Montford Cove; L. C. Parks, Nebo; O. G. Wiseman, North Cove; and E. T. Burgin, Old Fort.

SINGING CONVENTION TO MEET SUNDAY P. M.

The McDowell County Singing Convention, A. H. Mitchem, president, will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Greenlee Baptist church. Features will be the Roup Quartette from South Carolina as well as groups from Spruce Pine, Black Mountain, and this county. The public is invited to attend.

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP FETED WITH MUSICAL PROGRAM

Plan Tonsil Clinic for First Week in April—To Spon- sor Cooking School.

As a special feature, the Marion Parent-Teacher Association was entertained Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at its regular monthly meeting, with a musical program by pupils of the four Marion music teachers, Miss Julia Burton, Mrs. Roy Davis, Miss Lois Gilkey, and Miss E. McCain.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. J. Noyes, this followed by a song by the group and prayer by Rev. A. R. Batchelor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. George McCall.

The president reported that the proposed tonsil clinic would be held during the first week in April. In February she was assured of free operations and hospital attention for the 65 underprivileged children here needing the operation. So far, 36 of the parents have been heard from, and only two have refused. An additional 60 children also needing the operation, and who could pay a part of the expenses, will probably be taken care of at a later date.

Hugh Beam, principal, then reported that 36 undernourished children are now being fed in the school lunchroom through the aid of the P. T. A. Since December 4, at which time the children averaged 10.9 pounds underweight, the average gain, to February 19, was over three pounds per pupil.

The Ways and Means Committee reported \$31.40 raised by the second showing of the primary department play, "Wedding of Jack and Jill". The president then appointed Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Ernest House, and Mrs. G. B. Justice as a committee to nominate officers for the coming association election. It was further decided that the Junior-Senior banquet, to be served by the P. T. A., will be held in the community building on March 26.

A cooking school will be sponsored by the P. T. A. in the high school auditorium on March 11th and 12th. Several prizes will be given by the Duke Power Company. Half holidays were awarded to the grades of Mrs. Morris and Miss Duvall for parent attendance. The prize cake was won by Mrs. D. F. Giles.

The musical program, given by a large number of local pupils, was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, and attested development of a great deal of local talent.

B. F. POLLARD AT LANDIS CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning, March 8, Mr. B. F. Pollard, one of the outstanding laymen of the Presbyterian Church, will address the congregation of the Landis Chapel Presbyterian Church on a subject of vital importance to the progress of the Lord's Kingdom. Every member of the church is urged to be present at this service, and all the people in this community are cordially invited. Sunday School will convene at the usual hour, ten o'clock, and Mr. Pollard will speak at eleven o'clock. Special music is expected to be rendered by the choir of Hicks Chapel Sunday School.

"EXCLUSIVE STORY" AT MARION THEATRE THURSDAY

The sensational revelations of Martin Mooney who was recently given a prison sentence for his refusal to reveal confidential sources of information to a grand jury, serve as subject matter of "Exclusive Story", M-G-M's dramatic expose of the 'policy racket', authorized by Mooney himself, and coming to the Marion Theatre today. Franchot Tone, Madge Evans, and Stuart Erwin are cast in roles the prototypes of which are screaming from today's newspaper headlines.

The story contains a dramatization of a great newspaper's crusade against sinister forces in a metropolis. The cameras tell their stories in more than thirty different sets.