

McDowell Asked To Raise \$600 For Red Cross Relief Flood Sufferers And Victims of Devastating Storms

Active Canvass Being Made By Forces Under Chair- man Martin; Give Now.

Committees in Marion and throughout the county are calling upon the people to contribute to relief for flood and storm sufferers in all parts of the country.

Zeno Martin, chairman of McDowell chapter of the Red Cross, has been asked by Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the American Red Cross, to raise \$600 in this county for flood relief.

Mr. Martin immediately appointed committees to begin the work, which was started aggressively Tuesday morning and will be continued until everyone has been given opportunity to do his or her bit in relieving widespread distress.

Mrs. E. C. McMillan is chairman of the local committee, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Snipes, Mrs. J. G. Neal, Mrs. Ralph Alexander, Mrs. R. B. Crisp, and Mrs. Albert Carpenter. In Old Fort Mrs. P. H. Mashburn is continuing the canvass started some time ago.

W. A. Young, J. G. Michael, W. P. Whitesides, S. A. McDuffie, and D. C. Mosteller, county school principals, have been requested to solicit contributions in their schools and communities.

Following devastating floods in the New England-Ohio area, two weeks ago, the McDowell chapter was asked for \$300, part of which was raised. However, destruction has been so much greater than was believed, and loss of life and human misery so terrible that the quota has been doubled. And added to the already unprecedented disaster, tornadoes in the Carolinas, Georgia, Mississippi and other states have vastly increased the necessity for prompt and generous relief work. Over 400 were killed, 2,000 injured, property damage totals \$12,000,000, in recent storms.

Red Cross officials and committees earnestly request everybody to contribute, in large or small amounts according to the ability of each. The committees will endeavor to reach all the people. But if anyone is not called on during the canvass, all such are requested to see members of the committees, Mr. Martin, or W. F. Grant, local treasurer, and leave with them any amount of money it is desired to contribute.

DEMOCRATS CALLED TO MEET MAY 9 AND CONVENTION MAY 16

Organization of the Democratic party in McDowell county for 1936 will be started May 9, when the precinct meetings will be held, according to formal notice given by R. W. Proctor, chairman, and R. W. Davis, secretary of the county Democratic executive committee, published in The Progress today.

In each precinct a committee of five Democrats including a woman shall be elected, and delegates named to the county convention, called for May 16, 1936. Each precinct may elect as many delegates to the county convention as the voters desire but the voting strength in the convention shall be on the basis of one vote for each twenty-five votes cast for governor in 1932, or fraction over 12.

According to tabulated returns from the election of 1932, precincts will be entitled to votes in the county convention as follows:

- Marion, No. 1, 33; No. 2, 24; No. 3, 23; No. 4, 20; No. 5, 9; Buck Creek, 7; North Cove, 5; Turkey Cove, 6; Bracketts, 1; Nebo, 12; Dysartville, 8; Glenwood, 6; Higgins, 2; Montford Cove, 4; Crooked Creek, 4; Old Fort No. 1, 14; Old Fort No. 2, 15.

The county convention will meet in the courthouse May 16 at 11 a. m. The executive committee will meet at 12 o'clock the same day, to elect officers.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

The First National Bank of Marion will be closed all day Easter Monday, April 13.

COUNTY TEACHERS IN FIFTH ASSEMBLY OF YEAR DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Attendance of practically a hundred per cent marked the fifth professional meeting of McDowell county teachers, held April 2 at Pleasant Gardens, in the evening.

Barron Caldwell, county superintendent, was heard in a short talk opening the assembly. He said he appreciated the fine work done this year by teachers and principals and called upon them to be continually diligent in the performance of duty.

In the various groups, papers were read and afterwards round table discussions brought out individual opinions and helpful suggestions.

The primary group heard Miss Eunice Stacy, Old Fort teacher, on Library reading and checking; Effective use of supplementary reading, Mrs. Mamie Hollifield, North Cove school; How much should be expected of a child from previous grade, Miss Ola Wall, Pleasant Gardens.

English and spelling featured grammar grade work. How can written language be made to carry over into other fields? Miss Eunice Wilkinson, Old Fort; How much time should be given to oral English? Mrs. Annie M. Huskins, North Cove; Method in spelling, Miss Lucile Hemphill, Nebo.

High school groups considered dramatics and debating: Demonstration of a unit in dramatization, Mrs. W. A. Young, Pleasant Gardens; Planning dramatic programs for rural high school, Miss Chicora Calhoun, Glenwood; Debating in rural high schools, W. A. Young, principal of Pleasant Gardens high school.

BEAUTIFUL CANTATA "ALLELULIA" GIVEN HERE APRIL 12, 8 PM

The Marion Music Club, assisted by the Men's Choral Club, will give the following program Easter Sunday night, April 12, at 8:00 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian church.

- Organ Prelude 'Ave Maria, Bach-Gounod, Miss Burton.
- Invocation, Rev. P. A. Boriack.
- Solo, Holy City, Miss Louise Poteat.
- Scripture, Rev. J. S. Lockaby.
- Choir, For God So Loved the World, by Stainer.
- Prayer, Rev. John W. Moore.
- Solo, Jesus Lover of My Soul, Mr. Homer Peach.
- Offertory Solo, The Pilgrim's Chorus, Miss Burton.
- Cantata, "Alleluia," Stutz.

SUPERVISOR STONE VISITS BILL BRANCH

Forest Supervisor J. H. Stone of Asheville spent four days of last week with Ranger Branch inspecting projects on the Mt. Mitchell district of Pisgah National Forest. Time was spent at both the Buck Creek and Big Ivy CCC Camps inspecting going jobs and discussing new work.

Plans for the improvement of Carolina Hemlock Campground, a free public campground located on Toe River about four miles from Busick, N. C., were discussed on the ground. Mr. Stone was much impressed by the natural beauty of this recreational site and expressed a desire to improve facilities so that those who seek a suitable spot for camping or picnicking will have a more enticing spot suitable for these uses. Plans for the improvements are now being drafted. When approved by the Regional Forester's Office they will be executed by the CCC Camp at Buck Creek.

STATE CANDIDATE HERE

Charles W. Miller, of Asheville, candidate for state auditor was here this week greeting the voters. Mr. Miller said he was en route to eastern counties where all his opponents reside, he being the only western man bidding for the auditorial position.

ALL PTA OFFICERS RE-ELECTED AFTER FINE YEAR'S WORK

Much Was Accomplished in The Year Which Closed With Cash Balance in Hand

At the close of a very fine meeting Monday, the last of the school year, Marion's Parent-Teacher association gave unqualified approval to the present administration by re-electing all officers for the 1936-37 year. Mrs. R. J. Noyes will again serve as president, Mrs. W. R. Alley, vice president; Mrs. George McCall, secretary; Mrs. Zeb Vance, treasurer.

Mrs. Noyes presiding, Monday's meeting opened with all present singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and prayer by Rev. A. R. Batchelor.

Announcement of the senior play was made by Buddy McMillan, president of the senior class.

Roger Early, Clifford Davis and Virginia Broome gave a sketch from the play, 'A Wee Bit o' Scotch'. The secretary, Mrs. McCall, read a letter from the state president, Mrs. Aycock, urging the extension of Marion schools to a nine months term. In this connection, Hugh P. Beam, high school principal, said Marion had been dropped from the national association of honor societies because of its eight months term.

Ways and means committee reported \$27 made at cooking school and \$66 at a banquet. The treasurer reported total receipts for the year, \$361.65, disbursements, \$313.24, balance on hand, \$48.11.

Grade mothers made reports of work during the year, raising money for needed equipment, in which much was accomplished.

After the attendance count, it was found that honors went to Miss Little in the grades, and Mr. Klontz in high school.

The usual PTA cake, two in this instance, became the prizes of Mrs. Dobson and Miss Little.

Mrs. T. A. Wilson gave a report of some money-raising and other things done by the PTA in the year, including two bridge tournaments, tag day, rummage sale, cake sale, thrift sale, pumpkin guessing, sale of Christmas seals, tonsil clinic, play by Miss McIntyre's grade, cooking school, banquet; 36 children given lunches of soup, milk, crackers daily from December 4 to March 30, for which someone donated two baskets of cookies. And the average attendance at PTA meetings in the year was 135.

A report of the great success of the Lenoir music contest was made, Marion entering 9 events, winning 7 first, tying 1, and taking second place in one.

Zeno Martin, city superintendent, in a short talk, emphasized the need of a nine months term. He said the school had been dropped from list of accredited schools and from national honor societies.

MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 17

The Marion Music Club is sponsoring the first music festival to be given in Marion. This unusual musical event will be held in the high school auditorium on Friday evening April 17. Music lovers from all over McDowell will participate in this interesting occasion. The program will include popular and classical numbers. The Marion Music Club and the Men's Music Club will be assisted in this program by guest choral groups. Brilliant pianists of the county are scheduled to appear in interesting numbers, both solo and ensemble. The public is urged to attend this musical treat, for which no charge will be made. Come and enjoy some splendid music, and features.

HIGH SCHOOL STUNT SHOW

The students of the Marion high school will present their annual stunt show in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, April 16. A varied program of clever, catchy music, dances, jokes, and novelties will be given. With the cast including practically all of the student body, the public is assured of an outstanding entertainment with plenty of laughs.

PROMINENT WOMEN, MEN, HEARD BY ERE ADVISORY MEMBERS

Dutch Supper Served, Reports, Play Given, At P G Com- munity House April 3.

A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent by members of the ERE advisory committee and some others interested in adult education, who gathered at Pleasant Gardens community house Friday April 3.

A Dutch supper was first in order, a delightful repast served by grade mothers of the P G PTA.

R. W. Proctor acting as toastmaster, the blessing was asked by Rev. A. R. Batchelor. Mrs. D. F. Giles very charmingly introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. J. M. Day, of Asheville, ERE supervisor of the district.

Followed a round table discussion in which Barron Caldwell, county superintendent, and Rev. Mr. Batchelor, participated. At this time, Miss Ruth Moore, county chairman of the ERE teacher group, introduced the teachers present and told something of the work in progress. A report showed a total of 367 adults in the schools, of whom 111 are white men, 169 white women, 37 colored men, 50 colored women. The average age is 33. This year, 83 have learned to read and write. White teachers engaged are 8, colored teachers, 2.

The advisory committee elected from its membership, an executive committee composed of Grayson Neal, A. R. Batchelor, Mrs. J. F. Snipes, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, R. L. Smith.

A play, "Another Chance", was splendidly given by the following cast: Mrs. Luther Webb, Mrs. John Austin, Miss Dixie Webb, Hester Duncan. The part of teacher was played by Miss Dorothy Atkins, an ERE teacher.

In her address, Mrs. Day congratulated the county on the fine work being done in the adult education program, paying special tribute to Mr. Caldwell, county superintendent for his active interest and co-operation. She also commended the teachers who work so earnestly and with such vital and definite results.

She gave illustrations showing the intelligence and fine native ability of the mountain people who are going to school and making up for lost opportunities.

W. C. CHAMBERS JOINS BROTHER'S FIRM HERE

W. R. Chambers, Marion attorney has announced that his brother, Mr. William C. Chambers, is associated with him in the practice of the law.

Mr. Chambers, who came to Marion Monday of this week, was licensed by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners in January. He was one of the twenty-five successful applicants out of one hundred and eight who took the recent bar examination. This examination was considered by those in a position to know, it is stated, as being one of the most difficult to pass yet given.

BASEBALL STARS OF FUTURE START PLAY

Looking hopefully forward to the day when they will become Babe Ruths of the great national pastime a group of Park Avenue lads have been equipped with gloves, bats and such and are having daily practice on the home field, opening the baseball season.

Roy Davis, Jr., Len Crawley, Bryan Gibson, Harvey and Harold Hipp are several youthful followers of the game who sometimes call in their girl friends to make up a couple of teams.

SHIRLEY AT WORKMAN'S

In The Progress today, Workman's advertises a Cinderella frock of Shirley Temple brand for your little girl. Hats and things for grown ups, then dress the little one like adorable Shirley.

McDowell Farmers Urged To Come To Meeting Here Saturday, Apr. 11 Learn Benefit of Soil Conservation

BTU CONVENTION TO BE HELD WITH SYLVA CHURCH APRIL 10-11

The Baptist Training Union for the Western North Carolina region will meet in convention at the Baptist church in Sylva tomorrow and Saturday, April 10 and 11. A very fine program has been prepared and the Union officers are looking for a large crowd of Baptist young people. Fred W. Anderson, of the Pleasant Gardens school faculty, is regional president.

Following are some of the features: Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, open with a song service; an address by Al Martin, state BSU president. Problems to be discussed by several speakers.

Friday night, an address, Faith is the victory in world-wide service.

Saturday morning, sunrise service, topic, Faith is the victory of our witnessing for Christ, Miss Winnie Rickett.

Morning service: Choosing a life work, Prof. Phil Elliott; Being Christian in economic order and liquor problems, Rev. F. S. Rogers; Social life, Morals problems, leisure time, Mrs. Fred Forester.

Saturday afternoon: Bible appreciation, Dr. Fitzgerald; Faith is the victory in our associational endeavors, Miss Mabel Starnes.

Sylva people are making preparations to entertain the visitors with lodging and breakfast. Local BTU leaders hope McDowell county will be well represented. All who can and will, are urged to attend.

COMMISSIONERS TAKE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC HEALTH

The county commissioners in session Monday discussed a typhoid and diphtheria vaccination clinic for all children of the county.

The proposition, presented by Dr. G. S. Kirby, county health officer, Barron Caldwell, county superintendent, and Zeno Martin, superintendent of city schools, is that the state board of health will meet half of the expense, and that doctors of the county have charge of the work at some future date. The gentlemen were asked by the board to get full information as to the cost and report at the May meeting.

Complying with state law, the commissioners appointed in the townships, one citizen in each to require vaccination of dogs to prevent hydrophobia. Following is a list of appointments:

- Bracketts, W. B. Seaman; Crooked Creek, LeRoy Bradley, Dysartville, Paul Laughridge; Glenwood, W. A. Byrd, Higgins, C. R. Wilson; Montford Cove, A. J. Wilkerson; Nebo, T. W. Carswell; North Cove, L. W. McKinney; Old Fort, Walter Porter. Marion yet to be named.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT 1ST METHODIST CHURCH

A series of evangelistic services will be commenced at the First Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. John W. Moore, next Sunday morning. There will be no evening service, permitting the congregation to attend the Music Club program at the First Presbyterian.

At 10:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Monday and each week day services will be held.

Victory through the Risen Christ will be the pastor's subject Easter morning, preaching followed by reception of adults into church membership. The beautiful rite of infant baptism will be administered at 10: a. m. Sunday.

KIWANIANS MEET AT AT VALDESE MAY FIRST

Program Chairman Barron Caldwell at the Kiwanis meeting Tuesday night presented Mr. Mooneyhan, of Avondale, who made a talk on works progress administration procedure.

Visitors present were Messrs. Messrs. Hatcher and Starnes of Burke, who invited Marion Kiwanians to attend a joint meeting of Morganton, Rutherfordton, Lenoir and Marion clubs at Valdeese May 1.

County Agent Homewood Says Means Much to Farm- er; Saturday Last Day.

State leaders of the soil conservation program say that every farmer in McDowell county should attend the meeting to be held at the courthouse here Saturday, April 11, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting is of far-reaching importance, as it will give the farmers opportunity to learn how the program works. L. B. Altman will explain details of the plan by which farmers may take acreage out of soil depleting crops and receive material returns in cash rentals when the land is planted to soil improving crops.

While full details are not now available, it is understood that the farmer may receive as much as ten dollars per acre for land so used.

It is for the purpose of learning just how the plan works, and how largely he may be benefitted, that every McDowell farmer is invited and urged to attend the meeting Saturday, S. L. Homewood, county agent, said Wednesday. "I believe," Mr. Homewood said, "that if our farmers could realize how much they and their land may be benefitted by the soil conservation program of the government, they would come out in great numbers April 11 to learn the details of the plan. And I want particularly to impress on all those who are interested, that Saturday is the last day on which they will be able to get the valuable information they will need.

"The meeting is free, the information is free," the county agent said. "And Saturday is the day on which they may learn all the particulars. I invite and urge every farmer in McDowell county to attend the meeting."

MARION PLACES 7 FIRST IN LENOIR CONTEST, 2 SECOND

Competing with 16 schools in nearby counties at the district music contest in Lenoir April 3, Marion high school boys and girls mowed down opposition to win seven first places and two second, in nine events entered.

It was the greatest triumph scored by the local high school in many years, and will probably stand many more years as a record hard to beat.

- First place winners were: In voice contests, Atlee Wilson, baritone; Mary A. Redding, soprano; Lloyd Young, tenor; girls glee club, with five competitors. Instrumental Robert Streetman, trumpet; Tom Hemphill, saxophone; Dean Crawford, trombone.

The mixed chorus tied for first, but with the girls trio was placed second.

First place winners will go to Greensboro for the state contest. The band, not required to attend at Lenoir will also go to Greensboro, to mix with the state's best high school bands.

The faculty and students, as well as all friends of Marion high school were very pleased with the fine showing made at Lenoir, congratulating the representatives and their trainer, Bernard Hirsch.

The entire school is highly appreciative of the valuable assistance rendered by Miss Julia Burton, who played the accompaniments for most of the numbers. Miss Jane Streetman, a junior, was the only student accompanist on the program. Her work was highly praised.

CLOTHES AND THINGS IN BELK'S DISPLAY

Belk's this week advertises good clothes for the multitude. For men, women and children; boys, girls and babies, Belk's says they have one's size in style, color and price to match individual desires and circumstances. If it's wearing apparel that's wanted, the store says they have it. See Belk's ads in today's Progress.