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IT'S POSSIBLE HERE

The trend in McDowell county among the farmers seems to be toward bigger and better dairies and livestock raising in general. We have had much to say concerning it before as it is advocated by the county agricultural agent; and the soil, climate, and topography of the country all are so well adapted to cattle raising; and many of the farms are not so well adapted to extensive crop raising because of the mountainous lay of the land.

We have noted that a certain movement has been started in North Carolina which should be encouraging to the trend just mentioned in this county. News has reached The Progress that Iredell county has secured a receiving plant for one of the best known canned milk companies which is the first of its kind to be located in North Carolina and that it is slated to develop into a canning plant later.

We see no reason why McDowell county could not have a similar establishment. First, we imagine, a company would have to be assured of an ample supply of milk before they would consider locating such a plant here; but it is possible to give them such assurance with the natural resources at hand for raising dairy cattle and with the progressive farmers here who are eager to find just such a market for the products which it is possible to supply from their farms.

THE BEST FEATURE

Many innovations are to be seen on the new model cars of all makes which now are displaying their 1939 changes. The trend is toward making them roomier, safer, and as near fool proof as possible for reckless drivers.

More room is provided by making ample space for storing baggage and by making the seats wider and eliminating, as much as possible, the outside superstructure, and by doing away with some of the levers which, heretofore, have protruded through the floorboards.

Some of the safety devices constitute improved braking facilities, lighting signals both for the other motorists as warnings of changes about to be made in direction of driving and for the driver of the car which he, himself, is driving by notifying him that his speed is reaching danger points; and by placing emergency control levers more accessible. The lines of the new cars, and the front windows, or windshields, have been altered to give the drivers better vision of the road.

All of this is considered good for people who ride in cars. It leaves little excuse for highway accidents, and it increases comfort in cars which helps to eliminate fatigue from traveling.

However, the one new device which we have noticed on at least one new model probably will make more people happy than all of the rest if it is used in the proper manner. It is a new idea for the automobile horn. The car is equipped with two horns only one of which is to be blown at once. One of the horns is toned down for use in the city. The other is somewhat louder for signals on rural highways. The change from one horn to the other is accomplished by merely turning a button and using the same horn button at all times for either horn.

The button for the change is out of reach of babies who are left in cars by shopping mothers to amuse themselves by blowing the horn.

When the Indians ran the country they had no poorhouses. The families all took care of their old people. The Indian never wasted anything. He never killed more game than he needed and always had plenty.

The greatest and noblest pleasure which men can have in this world is to discover new truths; and the next is to shake off old prejudices.—Fredrick the Great.

Patronize home merchants.

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

The Lick That Was the Victory

By IRVIN S. COBB

THERE was a Scotchman who had a wife and she had strong views upon the subject of strong drink. It is possible her views were colored by the fact that her husband was of convivial habits. Also



had unlimited respect for the power of her tongue and the weight of her strong right arm.

One night he came home late and badly befuddled. He managed to get inside the house without awakening her, but, in order to reach his own sleeping quarters, it was necessary for him to pass through her room.

On its threshold he had an inspiration. He got down on his hands and knees and started to crawl across the intervening floor space. But when he was just alongside of her bed he chanced to brush against the coverlets and the lady was aroused.

In the darkness, mistaking the dark bulk that was in arm's reach of her for the family house-dog, she said: "Come, Jocko, Jocko!" "Whereupon at that varra moment," said the husband next day when recounting the event to a crony, "I had the rare intelligence to lick her hand."

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The Democratic Candidates

As the time is drawing near when the voting citizens of McDowell county will be called upon to make their choices for public officers in the county and state, it might be well to consider some of the candidates.

The Democratic administration which furnished practically all of the officers who now are in office in the county is submitting the names of most of them for re-election.

Let us consider the county commissioners, R. P. Morris, I. L. Caplan, and C. A. Workman.

R. P. Morris is one of the older citizens of the county. He has always taken an active part in public affairs, has served on the county highway commission, and in other public capacities. He first was elected in 1934 and has served two terms. He is a native of McDowell county.

I. L. Caplan, the chairman of the board, is one of Old Fort's leading business men and takes a personal interest in all civic affairs. He also has served two terms.

C. A. Workman is one of Marion's most successful merchants, is progressive in his own business and that of the county's. He has served one term.

It will be noted that all three members of the Board of County Commissioners are business men and not professional politicians. They are conducting the county's business on a business basis and not for personal gain or selfish motives.

Grady Nichols, the sheriff who is a candidate for re-election, is an ex-service man. He has always been active in the Democratic party. He has served in his office with efficiency and almost lost his life in enforcing the prohibition laws and has a crippled arm from the wound which may never be of full use to him again. In the 22 months of his service as sheriff, Grady Nichols has made over 2,100 arrests, almost 100 per month, and this does not include his serving countless civil papers.

It is the consensus of the lawyers that Fred Moody is one of the best clerks of the court in the state. He has established a new system of bookkeeping in the office which keeps every fund separate and up-to-date. In the 43 months in which he has served, he has turned over to the county treasury \$39,800 which he collected. He is a native of the county and was a successful merchant before he was elected to his present position.

R. V. McGimsey, the register of deeds, is conducting his office in a most creditable manner, but he is not on the ticket for re-election this time.

Dr. G. B. Justice, the county coroner, is too well known all over the county for us to try to tell the people anything of his qualifications. He holds a very important office, however. His duty is to investigate deaths and to hold inquests where there is any suspicion of foul play. He is ex-officio sheriff in case of death, resignation, or incapacity of the sheriff until another sheriff is elected or appointed. It is his duty to act as sheriff in all criminal and civil cases in which the sheriff is involved. He is the only man who has power to arrest the sheriff.

W. H. Greenlee, the county surveyor, a successful farmer, is known to thousands of citizens who love him as "Uncle Billy". He has always been a leading citizen and one who has molded sentiment for good all his life.

W. Ashby Robinson, new candidate for the state legislature, is the son of Dr. W. A. Robinson of Old Fort. Dr. Robinson has been one of Old Fort's leading citizens for many years, and has always taken an active part and stood high in party

councils. Ashby has been active in the party, and has been unusually successful in business matters for one so young. He owns the Old Fort telephone exchange, and is a distributor for the Pure Oil Company.

McDowell is in the senatorial district with Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, and Transylvania counties. The district has two senators. The counties alternate in sending one. One is chosen from McDowell every six years. This year the senatorial nominees are Ralph W. Gardner of Cleveland county, a son of former Governor O. Max Gardner; and L. Ben Prince, a prominent attorney of Hendersonville.

C. O. Ridings of Forest City has proven himself to be a fearless and able prosecutor, and he is a candidate for re-election for solicitor.

The state ticket includes U. S. Senator R. R. Reynolds and Congressman Zebulon Weaver. Of particular interest, however, to McDowell citizens is the fact that J. W. Winborne is to be voted upon for the Supreme Court bench.

As to the appointive offices under the Democratic administration in this county, the party points with particular pride to the office of county accountant as an example of efficiency. The office is ably filled by Mrs. Mary G. Burgin, who has established a statewide reputation with auditors and officials of local government commission at Raleigh for her efficient management. Auditors state that she keeps the best records of any county in the state. When J. F. Snipes was chairman, a system of bookkeeping was installed in which all records of all funds are posted daily and balanced each day.

Facts to substantiate the claims of the Democrats as to their business-like manner of administering the county government on an efficient and economical basis may be found in the actual figures of a steady decline in the tax rate dating from the peak year of 1928 when the tax rate was \$1.89 1/2. The levy also in that year was the large sum of \$387,426.24. Today the tax rate is only \$1.16 with a total levy of \$203,314.21.

As to efficient tax administration and evidence that taxes are not so burdensome in McDowell county, attention is directed to the fact that over 90% of the taxes were collected in due time for the 1937 taxes.

Even during the Hoover depression years, with 65 of the 100 counties in the state in default of their bonded indebtedness and some of the county bonds in the state being quoted as low as 16c with several years accrued interest, McDowell county bonds have always been at a premium in comparison, being sought during this trying time at \$72 per \$100 to par. Even then our county commissioners bought \$105,500 of our bonds at prices ranging from \$72 per \$100, the lowest, to par, with a saving of thousands of dollars per year to our tax payers in interest and several thousand dollars in principal.

At present, McDowell county bonds are worth \$118 to \$120.

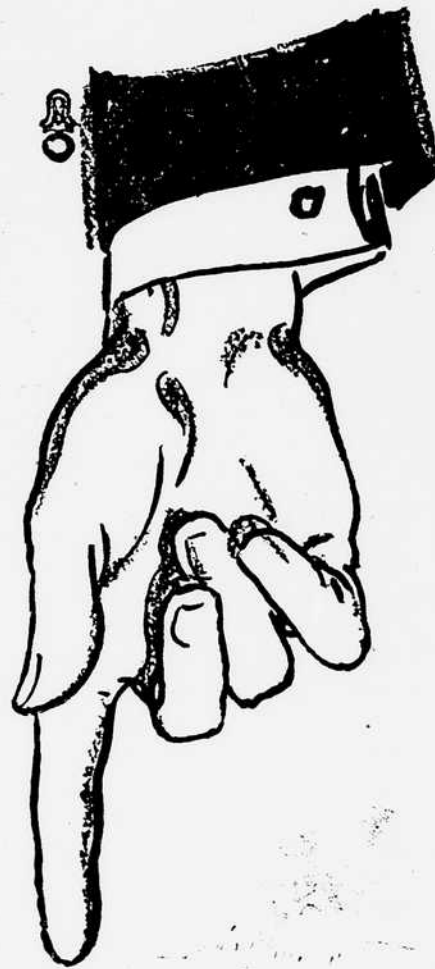
The county will be safe if left in the hands of such honest, efficient, conscientious, and business-like administrators.

The Democratic Party

Offers These Candidates

To The People of

McDowell County



For Solicitor
C. O. RIDINGS

For Senators
RALPH W. GARDNER
of Cleveland County
L. B. PRINCE
of Henderson County

For Representative
ASHBY ROBINSON

For Sheriff
GRADY NICHOLS

For Clerk
FRED MOODY

For County Commissioners
R. P. MORRIS
I. L. CAPLAN
C. A. WORKMAN

For Coroner
DR. G. B. JUSTICE

For Surveyor
W. H. GREENLEE

With the assurance that they are men of proved ability, of honest courage to do their full duty in every capacity, with a record of faithful performance in public service, and who will keep McDowell county's fair name as spotlessly clean as it now stands before all the world, a leader among the counties of North Carolina.

The Democratic administration of McDowell county has maintained a high standard of credit by meeting every obligation when due and while every department of county government has been adequately provided for, Democratic officials have practiced the most rigid economy, have cut expenses, and steadily reduced taxes.

Our law officers have been diligent in enforcing all the laws of the state and have done their full duty with an eye to serving all the people in the fullest measure, and have given our people a progressive and economical administration.

In presenting these candidates to the people in this election, the Democratic party feels that the interests of the people will be duly safeguarded if the county government is left in the charge of those who have brought it to this good day of which we as good citizens are justly proud.

Democratic Executive Committee

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Reading Hours"
ASHEVILLE TIMES
"Today's News Today"
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