

EXPECT PROJECT FOR A NEW JAIL TO BE APPROVED

Seek WPA Aid For The Erection Of \$50,000 Addition To The Court House.

The project for a \$50,000 jail as an addition to the McDowell county court house has been approved in Raleigh, it is understood, and is now awaiting final consideration in Washington. The county will contribute \$20,000 toward the total cost of construction and the balance will be borne by WPA aid. This matter of erecting a new jail for the county has been under discussion for several months, and is now reported in the last stages of execution.

In a report to Judge Armstrong at the last term of Superior Court, the grand jury all but condemned the jail in saying that crowded quarters, bad plumbing fixtures, and no place for the segregation of prisoners, prevailed.

The new jail, which will rise three stories, can accommodate twice the number of prisoners, and provide more sanitary conditions as well as provide for the segregation of white and colored inmates.

Preliminary plans have already been laid by the architect, and the old jail quarters will be converted into office space.

Considerable interest has been shown in the county over the erection of the new jail, as the need for such has been long recognized.

How soon the project will be approved is undetermined.

APPROXIMATELY 75 ENTRY BLANKS RELEASED FOR 2ND GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT

Jack James and Clarence Rabb, head of the registration committee of the second annual Golden Gloves Boxing tournament, which is to be held in the high school auditorium on January 18, 19, and 20, reported today that approximately 75 application blanks had been issued to prospective boxers, some as far away as Charlotte. Other towns which will be represented here are Asheville, Morganton, Charlotte, and Micaville.

Although few entry blanks have been returned to the registration committee, much interest has been manifested since the announcement last week.

Ed. Butler of Morganton has been chosen to referee the bouts, and the selection has been met with wide approval.

Plans are pending, Mr. Rabb stated, to send the winning team to the Charlotte Golden Gloves tournament. This will be the first time any such team from here entered the Charlotte tournament, if the plans mature.

The fights will be conducted on a clean scale and under the sanction of the A. A. U. and under open class competition for white amateurs, sixteen years of age or over without restriction.

The Hawkins building has been secured for temporary training quarters for the entries.

Eugene Cross is chairman of the boxing commission.

CITY FIRE LOSS DURING 1939 GREATLY INCREASED

Marion's fire loss during 1939 was \$23,410 greater than 1938's loss, according to figures compiled for the past five years from the records.

Only one big fire kept 1939 from being the least expensive fire year of a long time. The cost of that fire was \$35,585 when the McDowell Furniture Company burned.

There were nine fires reported in 1939 to ten in 1938. Property damage was estimated to cost \$36,750 in 1939 to only \$13,340 in 1938.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TO ELECT VESTRYMEN

Following the morning service at St. John's Episcopal church on next Sunday morning a parish meeting will be held to elect vestrymen for the year. All members are urged to attend.

357 PERSONS RECEIVED \$4,181 FROM WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY

A total of 427 people received \$4,181 from the Welfare office here for the month of January, including those persons on Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children, according to Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, county supervisor of public welfare. Also between thirty-five and forty families were taken care of by the county poor fund.

One hundred children belonging to fifty families, were taken care of with \$862, while 314 received old-age assistance with \$3,140. There were 13 blind cases which received a total of \$179.

Dependent families in the county which cannot be placed on either NYA, WPA, CCC, old age assistance, aid to the blind, or aid to dependent children, receive help from a county poor fund, provided by the county. The OAA, AB, and ADC is public assistance, and persons participating on relief provided by any of these agencies are not eligible for NYA, WPA, or CCC work.

The welfare officers first try to locate dependents on one of the six government agencies before they become wards of the county. There are but few cases in which some member of the family cannot be placed on one of the government relief agencies.

The county poor fund takes care of food, medical care, and hospitalization for the small number which become recipients of this relief.

An amendment adopted at the last session of congress, provided that the federal government shall pay one-half the cost of the program with the county and state contributing one-fourth each. Previously each of the three agencies had contributed one-third each to the program. This increase provided by the government will afford a slight increase for aid-to-dependent-children.

THERMOMETER PLAYS UP AND DOWN THE SCALE; THIRD SNOW FALLS SUN.

While the thermometer was hitting a high of 43 degrees and a low of 23 degrees Friday of last week, the second snow of the season blanketed the city, and before noon of that day, only patches of snow could still be seen clinging to grassy spots as Old Sol shone bright.

On Saturday, the thermometer hit a high of 42 and a low of 12 degrees and everyone awoke Sunday morning to find a two-inch snow which offered kids and even grown-ups an opportunity to try out their Christmas sleds. Snow plows were used to clear the streets, but the flakes turned into sleet in the late afternoon, and hampered traffic considerably. This was the third snow of the season and the deepest. The thermometer went as high as 41 degrees during Sunday and down to 19 Monday morning, which was ideal snow temperature.

Monday morning the snow was still intact and in a few hours the sidewalks had been made passable with snow shovels, but even so, they were dangerously slippery and automobiles slowed down to minimum speed. There were a number of frozen pipes reported in the early morning, but as the afternoon rolled around, the streets and sidewalks both became mushy and sand was scattered over many streets and on some walks. The lowest temperature recorded Monday was 23 degrees, considerably higher than the 8 degrees recorded on the previous Wednesday night. The highest temperature was 41.

ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES GREATLY OFF

Ten marriage licenses were issued from the office of the register of deeds of McDowell county during the month of December, according to R. V. McGimsey.

In 1938, twenty-one licenses were issued during the same month, and the decline was believed due to the physical and health examinations which have been made mandatory, Mr. McGimsey said. A noticeable decrease has been observed in the issuances since the early part of 1939 and it is thought that South Carolina and Tennessee is getting the business.

LOCAL BANKS HOLD MEETINGS; REELECT BOARDS, OFFICERS

Report Successful Year Experienced By First National And Industrial Banks.

Officers and directors of the First National Bank of Marion were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors Tuesday afternoon in the home office here.

The annual report of the National Bank showed that a good year has been experienced, and officers are looking forward to 1940 with optimism. Capital stock of the bank is \$125,000, and the surplus \$65,000, an increase of \$15,000 over last year, making the capital and surplus total \$190,000. Bank reserves amounted to \$21,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the previous year.

The officers of the bank, which were re-elected, are: John Yancey, president; W. R. Chambers, vice-president; J. N. Morris, cashier; and W. F. Grant, assistant cashier. Directors for the bank are as follows: John Yancey, J. N. Morris, W. R. Chambers, W. L. Morris, Wm. C. Smith, J. F. Snipes, T. W. Wilson, and C. A. Workman.

The Marion Industrial Bank, which met Tuesday morning in their first session of the year, re-elected their officers and directors. It was shown that 1939 was the best year in the institution's history. Semi-annual dividends of 4% were paid stockholders in December. The capital and surplus are each \$25,000, with the resources totaling \$146,821.32.

W. R. Chambers is president of the Industrial Bank, John Yancey, vice-president, and William Treverton, cashier.

The board of directors is composed of W. R. Chambers, John Yancey, J. F. Snipes, Zeno Martin, T. H. Henderson, W. W. Neal, Jr., C. A. Workman, Carter Hudgins, and J. C. Rabb.

Mr. Chambers is attorney for both banks.

HOME IMPROVEMENT HEADS NAMED FOR THE NEW YEAR

Home improvement leaders from the various home demonstration clubs over this county have been named as follows for 1940, according to a recent announcement by Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration supervisor: Sugar Hill, Mrs. E. P. Crawford; White Pine, Mrs. D. M. Poteat; Nix Creek, Mrs. J. W. McCurry; Bethlehem, Mrs. Winnie Reel; Dysartsville, Mrs. Eva Laughridge; West Marion, Mrs. Buford Elliott; Nebo, Mrs. G. W. Wilson; Cherry Springs, Mrs. Don Davis; Pleasant Gardens, Mrs. Melvin Burnette; Ebenezer, Miss Maude Silver; Glenwood, Mrs. Claude Morris; Chapel Hill, Mrs. J. H. Barnes; and North Cove, Mrs. O. G. Lonon.

Miss Steele announces that her visits to the demonstration clubs beginning Monday, January 15th through the 19th are as follows: Monday, Sugar Hill at 2:00 o'clock; Tuesday, White Pine with Mrs. Homer Ledbetter at 2 o'clock; Wednesday Nix Creek with Mrs. Dobbins at 2 o'clock; Thursday, Bethlehem at the lodge hall at 2 o'clock; Friday, Dysartsville in the school building at 2 o'clock.

During the past week Miss Steele has been attending an annual county and farm agents conference at State College in Raleigh.

MRS. SAMANTHIA KIMSEY 71, SUCCUMBED WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Samantha Kimsey, 71, died Wednesday morning at the home of Wess Smith. Funeral services will be conducted at the Stroudtown Methodist church at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wess Smith, and Mrs. A. L. Sherlin, one son, Lawrence Kimsey. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia Rackley, and two brothers, Boyd and Harding Wilson, all of Georgia, and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

D. F. GILES TO SEEK SPEAKER'S POST IN HOUSE

Marion Attorney Announces Candidacy For Representative From McDowell.

D. F. Giles, Marion attorney, and former representative from McDowell county and senator from this district, has announced he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from McDowell county in the general assembly and stated that if elected he will seek the speakership of the house.

Mr. Giles served in the state senate in 1914 and 1923 and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1937.

Mr. Giles was engaged in educational work in McDowell and Wake counties and with the State Department of Education until 1929 when he completed a law course at Wake Forest College and took up the practice of his profession here.

From 1907 until 1914, he was superintendent of education for McDowell county. In 1916, he became superintendent of education in Wake county where he served until he went with the State Department of Education in 1919.

In 1924, he was presidential elector at large from western section of North Carolina and actively campaigned throughout the State for the Democratic ticket.

He is a former grand chancellor for North Carolina of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Masonic order, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Red Men.

In announcing his candidacy for representative, Mr. Giles stated he would withdraw from the race for speaker of the house should W. W. Neal be nominated for lieutenant governor. Mr. Neal has announced his intention to seek that office.

Two other candidates for the house of representatives have announced their intention of seeking the speakership. They are George A. Uzell of Salisbury, Rowan county, and Joe T. Carruthers, Jr., of Greensboro, Guilford county.

TOWN OF OLD FORT FILES SUIT AGAINST FORMER TOWN OFFICIAL

Suit for \$2,428.30 has been filed against C. L. Tate, former alderman and former police chief of Old Fort according to a summons and complaint filed in the office of the Superior Court Clerk J. F. Moody by Whitlock, Dockery and Shaw, Charlotte attorneys. The papers were signed by John Robinson as mayor of Old Fort.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Tate was employed as a police chief while a member of the board of aldermen in violation of the law and that he continued to hold both public offices from May 1, 1935, to August 31, 1938.

The complaint charges that "while a member of the board of aldermen (of Old Fort)—from May 1, 1935, to May 1, 1937, the defendant received as salary as chief of police, \$1,625.

"That the defendant was again elected in 1937 a member of the board of aldermen . . . and served in that capacity until May, 1939.

"That while a member of the board of aldermen . . . from May 1, 1937, to August 31, 1938, the defendant received as salary as chief of police the sum of \$808.30."

FIGURES ON SALE OF LICENSES ARE SOARING

Official figures for the sale of license plates has reached 2,559 since the opening December 3, according to Mrs. J. J. Johnson, who is in charge. These figures are through the first week in January.

Of the 2,559 tags sold, 1,991 were automobile, 549 were for trucks, and 19 were trailer tags.

A report from Raleigh showed that 39,259 more automobile tags had been sold in 1939 than were sold in 1938, and all indications are now that a still greater increase is expected in 1940.

Enters Race for Senate



Ashby Robinson, above, representative from McDowell county, announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for the State Senate from this district in the June primary.

COMMISSIONERS FAVOR GREYHOUND SERVICE FOR FEDERAL PARKWAY RUN

At a meeting of the board of County Commissioners last week a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the petition for franchises for the operation of a passenger bus service over the Federal parkway, from Washington, D. C., to Asheville.

Since the Parkway traverses a considerable distance over this county, and a proper development of the parkway would be of vital importance to the citizens here in this county, the matter was weighed carefully before the franchise was endorsed for the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation. A representative of the Queen City Coach Company of Asheville was also present at the meeting and presented his petition.

The decision made by the commissioners was drawn up in the form of a resolution which will be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

NEW FLAGS ADORN THE JUDGE'S PLATFORM IN SUPERIOR COURTROOM

During an intermission of the Superior Court Friday morning, attention was called to the North Carolina and United States flags which were draped on each side of the judge's bench, by Robert Proctor, member of the bar association.

At a meeting last July of the Superior Court judges, held at the Mt. Mitchell Game Refuge, it was decided that the county commissioners comply with a ruling in the consolidated statute books and purchase a standard of colors, preferably silk, consisting of United States colors and North Carolina colors.

The purchase was made in December so that the flags could be displayed at this term of Superior Court. Each flag has gold fringe tassels and poles upon which is mounted a brass eagle. The United States flag stands to the right of the judge's bench and the State flag to the left.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the commissioners by the court for the purchase of the flags.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN MONDAY, JAN. 15TH

The reopening of the Marion city schools and county schools has been postponed until Monday, Jan. 15, due to the prevalence of colds and influenza.

The postponements were ordered last Friday after N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, and Hugh F. Beam, city superintendent, conferred with city and county health authorities, who deemed it advisable to delay the opening another week.

In some sections, more cases have been reported, but on the whole the epidemic is under control, it was stated.

The postponement will delay the closing of schools in the spring until the first week in May.

MEETING POSTPONED

The district meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries committee which was to be held in Marion yesterday has been indefinitely postponed. The meeting was to be represented by thirteen counties.

LEE FLYNN IS SENTENCED TO DIE MARCH 22

Found Guilty Of First Degree Murder Of His Wife; Other Cases Heard.

Other cases disposed of included the following: Ernest Browning, found guilty of breaking and entering, was sentenced to central prison for a term of not less than one nor more than five years.

Jesse James Pintuff, plead guilty to bigamy and was sentenced to prison for not less than two nor more than five years.

Howard O'Neal, charged with statutory rape, plead guilty to assault on a female which plea the state accepted. He was given 12 months on the roads.

Will Gudger, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to four months in jail.

Robert McCalliard, arraigned on a charge of non-support of his children, entered a nolo contendere plea. He was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, to pay the costs of the action and to pay into the clerk of the court's office \$7.50 per week to be disbursed for the benefit of the defendant's minor children. The sentence was suspended on condition that the defendant pay costs of this term of court and begin his weekly payments January 13.

Mack McLee, charged with assault on a female, was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Jack Elliott, plead guilty to bastardy, and was given six months on the road, suspended upon payment of \$200.

Roosevelt Harris, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and without license, was found guilty of the first offense and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Emery Hardin, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Mack Honeycutt, found guilty of breaking and entering, was sentenced to jail for not less than eight nor more than eighteen months for larceny, and five years in prison for breaking and entering.

Guy Godfrey, charged with carnal knowledge of a child under age of consent, was sentenced to eight to fifteen years in state prison. The defendant filed notice of appeal to the Supreme court and appearance bond was set at \$5,000.

Lee Flynn, McDowell county farmer charged with slaying his wife during a quarrel at their home in the Hankins community, of this county last October 9th, was found guilty of first degree murder by a jury of Superior Court here last Thursday afternoon, and was sentenced Friday morning by Judge Frank Armstrong, presiding, to die on March 22. Flynn stood motionless and showed no facial expression as he heard the death sentence pronounced.

Flynn, a former inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, was convicted Thursday by a jury. The trial began Wednesday.

D. F. Giles, attorney, of Marion, appointed by the court to defend Flynn, served notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

Flynn's only defense during the trial was that he was insane at the time. His counsel introduced a record which showed the defendant had been in the State hospital.

Albert Flynn, seven-year-old son of the defendant, was the only eyewitness to the shooting and was the principal witness for the state. He related in detail the incidents at his home prior to the fatal shooting and told the jury he saw his father choke his mother and then shoot her to death.

Court adjourned at noon Friday, leaving approximately a dozen cases untried and an equal number continued.

MERCHANTS' MEETING

There will be a merchants' meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce office. Full attendance has been requested.