

W. H. GREENLEE DIES AFTER TWO WEEKS ILLNESS

Well-Known Citizen of McDowell County Dies at Age Of 79 in Asheville.

William Harvey Greenlee, prominent citizen of McDowell county died Saturday morning at Mission Hospital in Asheville after an illness of about 10 days. He was 79 years old.

Born in this county in the year 1861, he was the son of the late T. Y. Greenlee and Margaret Logan Greenlee, pioneer family of this section.

Mr. Greenlee was actively engaged in farming at the time of his illness and had served as county surveyor for the past twenty-five years. He also was a director in the Farmers' Federation here and was instrumental in organizing seven of the other counties.

He attended the Greenlee Academy which was located between Marion and Old Fort near Greenlee when he was a boy, and married Miss Katie Hemphill of Dalton, Ga., in about 1889. The plantation on which Mr. Greenlee lived had been in the family since the Revolutionary war, however there were three other plantations in the original tract.

Funeral services were conducted from Sioam Presbyterian church, of which he had been a life-long member, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. T. G. Tate of Gastonia officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. Carl McMurray. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were J. H. Greenlee, Ralph Tate, Grady Walker, Tom Gowan, Fred Moody, Francis Bradsher and Charlie Biddix.

Surviving Mr. Greenlee are his wife, four daughters, Misses Mary and Ruth Greenlee, Mrs. Rebecca Stepp of Black Mountain, and Miss Nina Greenlee; three sons, Tom Greenlee of the Greenlee community, Joe Greenlee of Charlotte, and George Greenlee of Rutherfordton; two sisters, Mrs. M. M. Burgin of Old Fort, and Mrs. H. A. Tate, of Greenlee; one brother, R. L. Greenlee of Marion. Also seven grandchildren survive.

McDOWELL COUNTY GETS A HIGH RATING IN THE SOIL-BUILDING PROGRAM

A certificate of award was presented to S. L. Homewood, McDowell county farm agent, last week at a meeting in Raleigh, for his county having achieved over 90 percent of the soil building goal.

McDowell county was the only one in the western district that earned over 90 percent, the actual percent earned being 91.6 percent out of the possible 100 percent.

The award was presented to Mr. Homewood on Friday afternoon before the state committee on the Soil Conservation Program.

PHILLIP FINN CANNON IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Phillip Finn Cannon, 88, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Benfield, Monday evening.

The funeral was conducted from the Pinnacle Methodist church Wednesday at 2 o'clock and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. W. F. McMahan, Rev. W. E. Ruffy, and Rev. H. H. Justice conducted the services.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Benfield, of Marion, Mrs. John Simpson, Nebo, Mrs. B. E. Sinclair of Pontiac, Mich., also one son, S. W. Cannon of Pontiac, Mich. Nineteen grandchildren survive, and 18 great-grandchildren, a half-brother, Peter F. Cannon of Marion and a half-sister, Mrs. J. E. Roberts of Asheville.

CANNING SCHOOL

A canning school, sponsored by the Home Demonstration clubs of this county, will be held January 30 at the school cafeteria at Dysartsville, according to Miss Jean Steele. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

SCHOOLS REOPEN HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE DECEMBER 19

All schools in McDowell county reopened Monday morning for the first time since December 19, after reports from local doctors and from the board of health indicated that the "flu" epidemic was less concentrated than it had been at any time since the outbreak.

Ten percent of the enrollment of Central high school was absent Monday, and approximately five percent was absent Tuesday, which relieved the situation considerably, as the school authorities were inclined to issue orders to close down for another week. On Wednesday, however, the attendance had increased considerably over the first two days and Supt. Hugh Beam said that the schools were justified in remaining open.

Schools in the city unit system were hardest struck by the "flu" epidemic as the cases were concentrated in the city limits. Bad weather antagonized the epidemic during the past two weeks of closed school, and muddy roads greatly hampered school trucks in the rural communities.

City and county schools were scheduled to open on January first and second, but health officials advised against it, and the following week the situation was no better, which delayed the school opening until January 15.

Each absentee is being visited by the school heads to determine the extent of the epidemic, as all precautions are being taken to prevent a recurrence of the malady.

BOYS WIN TWO GAMES; GIRLS LOSE TWO GAMES

In the first home basketball game of the season, the high school team defeated the invading Cliffside boys 39 to 28, and the girls' team lost by a score of 26 to 11.

Hawkins, who led the boys' attack for the first quarter, was removed on fouls, and G. Flack and Sorrell played excellent ball. Moody and Kaylor also received mention by Coach Art Ditt. Lefty Mask, flashy forward, has been out of the last two games and his services have been missed.

Edith Ruffy played the outstanding game for the girls.

On last Friday night, the local basketball team won 25 to 14 at Lenoir. Kaylor was high scorer for the Marion team with 7 points, with Flack following with 5 points.

At the close of the first half, the score was 13 to 9 in Marion's favor, but by the end of the third quarter, the locals had pushed the score up to 20 to 9. Both teams scored 5 points in the last quarter. Left Mask, flashy forward, was out of the game due to a sickness in his family.

Players were Kaylor, Sorrell, Ayers, Hawkins, and G. Flack. Substitutes in the game were Odum, Dickson, Moody, S. Flack, and Melton.

The boys' and girls' teams play N.C.S.D. at Morganton Friday and the second home game will be played with Shelby Tuesday night. A better arrangement for seating spectators will be made for the Shelby game, it was announced.

SEVENTEEN CCC BOYS GO TO ASHEVILLE FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Seventeen CCC boys were taken to Asheville this week from the local welfare office to stand physical examinations after they had been approved here. The boys will be sent to various camps over the state. They are: Erwin Allison and Robert Lawing, Old Fort; Carl Cook, Elmer Clark, Frank Gillispie, Carl Hall, Virgil Hollifield, Ben Hughes, Joseph Lail, all of Marion, route 2.

Howard McGee, William Parker, Charlie Seaman, James Singleton, James Whitson, Marvin Williams, Jr., Johnnie Godfrey, and Clarence Price, all of Marion.

DR. MAIER INTERESTED IN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Dr. Walter A. Maier, of the Lutheran Broadcasting Hour, informs Rev. Paul A. Boriack by a personal note of his whole-hearted interest in a Lutheran Assembly grounds in western North Carolina. Dr. and Mrs. Maier plan to visit Rev. and Mrs. Boriack in the near future.

COURT OF HONOR FOR BOY SCOUTS IS HELD FRIDAY

Eighteen Boys Are Promoted or Given Badges Before Executive R. M. Shiele.

Several new Scouts were recognized and a number of advancements made at the January meeting of the Boy Scout court of honor at the Methodist church here last Friday evening. The meeting was presided over by R. M. Shiele, Scout executive, of Gastonia, assisted by J. B. Laughlin.

There was an unusually good attendance from McDowell county, but the Burke County Scouts who were scheduled to be present for promotion did not come on account of weather conditions.

Scouts presented with the Tenderfoot badge are as follows: Thomas Fleming, J. B. Davis, Bob Logan, Alvin Callahan, Emory Wilson, Geo. Gibbs, Van Harold Brown, Calvin Willis, and John M. Haire, all of Marion.

Second class badges were awarded to Wayne Willis and George Conley, and first class badges went to L. D. Davis, Roby Conley, and Sammie Homewood.

Merit badges were given the following boys: Bird Study, Robert Lonon of North Cove; Farm Layout, Lee Parkins, Marion; Firemanship, Darwin Willis, Marion; First Aid, Lee Parkins; Forestry, Lee Parkins; Gardening, Walter Crawford; Path-finding, Lee Parkins Public Health, Lee Parkins; Stamp Collecting, Robert Lonon, North Cove.

Mr. Shiele was assisted by J. B. Laughlin.

HORACE EASOM OF SHELBY TO SPEAK TO KIWANIS

Horace Easom of Shelby, lieutenant governor for the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International, will be the guest of the Kiwanis club here next Tuesday evening, it was announced at the weekly meeting Tuesday. Garfield Beaman, who had charge of the meeting, said that Mr. Easom would be present in his official capacity, and in preparation for the event the local club devoted the Tuesday night meeting to practicing Kiwanis songs.

Throughout the program, A. S. Bradford, J. L. Laughlin, Robert Proctor and Lee Conley favored the group with several selected numbers. The singing was led by A. S. Bradford with Miss Julia Burton at the piano.

The Presbyterian ladies served the supper.

BUSINESS CENSUS IS NOW BEING TAKEN IN McDOWELL COUNTY

The appointment of S. H. Yancey as enumerator for McDowell county in the 1940 decennial census of business and manufacturing was recently announced. Mr. Yancey has already started gathering statistics from this section on wholesale and retail trade, service establishments, amusements and manufacturing enterprises.

This is the first time for many years that all of the censuses, business, manufacturing, population, agriculture, housing, mines and quarries, and drainage and irrigation, will be taken in a single year. They will not all be taken at the same time. The census of business, manufactures, mines and quarries, the drainage and irrigation began on January 2nd, some three months ahead of the counts of population, agriculture and housing which will begin on April 1st, according to law.

VESTRYMEN ELECTED BY ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

At the annual parish meeting of St. John's Episcopal church last Sunday morning vestrymen for the year were elected as follows: L. J. P. Cutlar, W. C. Smith, William Treverton, Walker Blanton, S. L. Homewood, S. E. Whitten and F. B. Morgan. Officers will be elected at the regular meeting of the vestry tonight at 7:30 at the rectory.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY PROMOTES MILLARD WILSON

Local Boy Is Promoted to District Superintendent Embracing Thirteen States.

Millard T. Wilson, who has been manager of the Charlotte office of The Travelers' Fire Insurance Company, has been made superintendent of agencies at the Home Office in Hartford, Conn., with supervisory duties in the thirteen states reporting to the Southern department.

Mr. Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson of Marion. After graduating as an engineer from N. C. State College in 1924, he began his insurance career in the engineering department of the Southeastern Underwriters Association, serving in five states. Five years later, in June 1929, he came to The Travelers as a fire survey engineer. In February, 1931, he was made special agent, and on January 21, 1935, he was made manager of the Charlotte office. He will remain in Charlotte to introduce his successor, until February 1, when he will go to the home office at Hartford.

Mr. Wilson was married to Catharine Tucker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker of Charlotte, April 29th, 1931. They have two children, Tommy and John Hill.

FRANCIS MARION CLUB'S TOURNAMENT FOR AMATEUR BOXERS STARTS TONIGHT

The Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, which is to be held under the auspices of the Francis Marion Club and governed by the American Athletic Union, will begin tonight at the high school auditorium, with approximately fifty entries signed up for the three nights, after which the champions and runners-up will be awarded trophies and prizes.

Clarence Rabb and Jack James, heads of the registration committee, said today that fighters from five or six nearby counties would be present here during the tournament.

"A good clean schedule of fights will be arranged," said Mr. Rabb, "and the weighing-in process will take place all day Thursday."

Last year's bouts were considered a big success, and winners came from Marion, Forest City, Spindale, Cross Mill, and Pleasant Gardens, as many of the out-of-county contestants were routed in the early stages of the fights.

Ed Butler of Morganton has been engaged to referee the bouts.

LOCAL INSURANCE MAN GETS A FIVE DAY TRIP TO FAMOUS N.C. RESORT

Fred W. Streetman, agent for Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company, received a 5-day trip to Southern Pines with all expenses paid, for qualifying for a quota set by the home office. Mr. and Mrs. Streetman left Sunday and are due back today or Friday.

During their stay in Southern Pines, the famous winter resort of North Carolina, the Streetmans will meet with the other managers from the southern states who met their quota. Since the local office has only been established since June, the quota had to be reached in six months for Mr. Streetman to receive this trip.

MRS. J. L. KRABER, 86, OF MARION DIED FRIDAY

Mrs. J. L. Kraber 86, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Crawford, of Marion Rt. 2, Friday afternoon. She was the widow of the late John Luther Kraber and spent much of her life in High Point and Richfield. For the last eight years she had made her home with her only daughter.

Funeral services were held in High Point Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial was in the city cemetery.

Surviving are her daughter, one sister, Mrs. S. C. Montgomery, of High Point, and four grandchildren.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

At the regular annual congregational meeting last week Vernon T. Eckerd was elected president and J. H. L. Miller secretary and treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran church for 1940. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Eckerd have served in these respective offices since the dedication of the church and will thus celebrate their fifth anniversary in the capacity of the respective offices. Under their leadership the church has developed materially, numerically and spiritually. John Sigmon, who has served as first elder and member of the building committee since the dedication of the church, was re-elected first elder. Others to serve on the board of elders are: Harry Fox, B. M. Isenhour, A. J. Hewitt, Poly Fox, Henry Willis, Richard Shaw, Harold Davis and Jay McKinney.

The complete annual reports of all secretaries and treasurers of the congregation were received at this meeting.

The newly elected officers will be officially installed next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Immediately after the installation there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion.

The sermon subject at 11 a. m. Sunday will be, "Laborers in God's Vineyard." The Altar League will meet at 6:30. Sermon topic at 7:30, "Lepers Save a City."

MRS. JENNIE H. DANIELS SUCCUMBED FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Jennie H. Daniels, 79, died in Marion General Hospital Friday night after a week's illness. She had been in declining health for several months.

A native of Virginia, Mrs. Daniel had made her home in Marion for the past fifteen years with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. S. McCall.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church here. Dr. B. F. Bray officiated assisted by Rev. Carl McMurray. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Active pall bearers at the funeral were Dr. D. H. Crawford, A. H. Mitchem, Zeno Martin, Cecil Dobson, J. E. Crawley and J. N. Morris.

Honorary pall bearers were: Guy Kirby, Jr., C. A. Workman, Dr. J. F. Miller, Virgil Ellis, Amos Seagle, W. S. Shiffet, Julius Parker, Hugh Beam, Dr. B. A. Dickson, I. W. Saunders, W. H. Hill, Mason Ledbetter, Clay Conley and J. H. Tate.

Surviving Mrs. Daniels are two sons, J. D. Daniels, of Scottsboro, Va., S. H. Daniels of Lynchburg, Va., and one daughter, Mrs. Geo. S. McCall of Marion; also one brother, C. D. Hudson of Halifax.

MAYORS OF W. N. C. PLAN MOTOR TOUR OF FLORIDA; MARTIN ATTENDS MEET

Mayors of towns throughout western North Carolina will tour Florida next month to call attention to this section, and particularly the Great Smoky Mountains National park, it was decided at a meeting of mayors and chambers of commerce executives held at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville last Friday. Mayor Zeno Martin of Marion was among those included in attendance, and expects to be a member of the party making the tour.

The tour, in which at least thirty towns will be represented by 50 or more persons, including mayors and chamber of commerce executives, will begin February 12 and run through February 23. The party will travel from Asheville and from Charlotte by bus down through central Florida, down the west coast and up the east coast, probably returning by Savannah and Charleston, according to tentative plans made at the meeting Friday.

ZEB LACKEY IN RACE FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Zeb L. Lackey, well-known barber of Old Fort, announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for the office of register of deeds of McDowell county in the Democratic primary next May.

Others mentioned as possible candidates for the place include R. V. McGimsey, the incumbent; T. W. Gowan, J. W. Streetman, Jr., and David Stepp.

1940 PRIMARY IN THIS STATE TO BE UNUSUAL

North Carolina Contests Apparently Will Set Several Precedents.

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—North Carolina's 1940 primary contests apparently will set several precedents. A survey of the situation today showed the following new situations:

1. For the first time no superior court judgeship and no solicitorship will be at stake.
2. There is every indication that at least five Democrats will be in the gubernatorial race, and there has never been more than four before.
3. Sheriffs and coroners won't know until the Supreme Court rules in a test case whether they won four year terms or two-year terms in 1938. A constitutional amendment extending the term was adopted in the same election in which they were named.
4. The first primary will be held the last Saturday in May under a new law, instead of the first Saturday in June. A second primary, if needed, will come on June 22, 10 days ahead of the Fourth of July. The legislature moved up the dates to get second primaries away from the Fourth of July week-ends after it eliminated absentee voting in the primaries.
5. There will be no absentee voting in primaries.
6. The last day for filing for office, March 16, is the earliest closing date for primary lists.

Start Later

Also, the formal announcements for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination started later than in either campaigns during the 1930's. Candidates were on record for the 1932 race as early as July 30, 1931, and two men were already in the 1936 contest by May 15, 1935. Last summer, Governor Hoey, who was an announced candidate about 13 months before his first primary, suggested a short campaign for 1940 and no formal announcement was made until December 3.

Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton started the announcing, formally making known his candidacy to dent the rumors he would not run. J. M. Broughton, Raleigh lawyer, soon also announced, and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell marked the new year with his formal notice. Other candidates are expected to announce soon, including L. L. Gravelly of Rocky Mount and Willis Smith of Raleigh.

Activity is not confined to gubernatorial circles.

Walter (Pete) Murphy, veteran Salisbury legislator, has announced for Secretary of State against Thad Eure, the incumbent. Charles W. Miller, Asheville directory publisher, says he again will seek the post of State Auditor, opposing the incumbent, George Ross Pou.

Four men have announced for Lieutenant Governor: L. A. Martin of Lexington, W. W. Neal of Marion, R. L. Harris of Roxboro and W. Erskine Smith of Albemarle.

Unopposed so far in the quest for reelection to constitutional offices are Attorney General Harry McMullan, Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, and Education Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin.

Also unopposed to date as they are quietly lining up support are Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney and Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford. C. Wayland Spruill of Bertie county, a legislator, has announced against Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott and there are rumors that Flake Shaw of Guilford county will also get in that race.

All of the state's 11 congressmen are expected to seek reelection. Carl T. Durham in the Sixth has three announced opponents, Oscar Barker of Durham, John Caffey of Greensboro and Ed Hanford of Burlington. The veteran Robert L. Doughton chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, has announced opposition in the Ninth from Jim Rivers of Boone. W. O. Burgin in the Eighth

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