

RECITATION AND DECLAMATION MEET SET FOR GLENWOOD

Seven McDowell County Schools To Send Students To Take Part In Contest.

The annual grammar grades recitation-declamation contest for county schools of McDowell will be held in the Glenwood high school auditorium Friday night, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

Taking part in the contest this year are representatives of seven schools in the county. Participants are those students who have won elimination contests which have already been conducted in the various schools.

Winners in the contest in the Glenwood school Friday will be given gold medals.

Schools taking part in the contest and their representatives are:

Glenwood: declamation, Harold Rice presenting "The Unknown Rider;" recitation, Betty Lee Setzer, presenting "Entertaining Sister's Beau."

Old Fort: Bobby Carver, giving "Sammie;" Gladys Walker, presenting "Ferdinand the Bull."

North Cove: recitation, Madeline Hensley, presenting "That Terrible Tommy;" declamation, Archibald McBee, giving "America's Americans."

Nebo: Ina Livingston, giving "Kentucky Philosophy;" Grace Childers, presenting "A Kitty Goes Adopting;" Harold Wilson, giving "Tommy Stearns Scrubs Up;" and Jackie Schmidt, presenting "I Am an American."

Pleasant Gardens: recitation, Alice Houck, giving "Wednesday Madness;" declamation, Montford Haire, presenting "Unknown."

Sugar Hill: Mildred Anderson, presenting "Little Missourians."

Dysartsville: recitation, Barbara Landis, giving "Susie Shows the Wedding Presents;" and declamation Elton Landis, presenting "Ol' History Lesson."

The annual recitation-declamation contest for high school students will be held in the Nebo school March 18. Gold medals will be awarded to individual winners and the winning team will be awarded a silver loving cup. Pleasant Gardens has been allowed to keep the cup won last year, having won two years in succession.

MATTRESS MAKING TO BE DONE IN M'DOWELL

Surplus cotton and cotton ticking is being allotted by the Federal government to six counties in North Carolina that have done some work in mattress making. McDowell is one of these counties, announced Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, this week.

With these supplies mattresses are to be made in the county under the supervision of the State extension service and with the approval of the AAA, she said. Persons applying for mattresses will be required to make them with the materials furnished and under the supervision of instructors.

The McDowell county soil conservation committee will be required to approve applications for mattresses as they approve soil conservation allotments, said Miss Steele.

Persons interested in making applications for mattresses are requested to call at the office of the home demonstration agent in the courthouse in Marion.

MASONIC OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED AT OLD FORT

At the regular meeting of Joppa Lodge No. 401, A. F. & A. M., at Old Fort on Friday evening officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed by Past Master W. W. LeFevre as follows: F. M. Bradley, worshipful master; W. R. McDeniels, senior warden; Rev. R. L. Smith, junior warden; W. W. LeFevre, treasurer; Hugh M. Hensley, secretary; M. V. Carswell, senior deacon; T. C. Bradley, junior deacon; W. A. Fleming, senior steward; I. L. Caplan, junior steward; J. A. Swann, tyler.



Coming Here—Bishop Clare Purcell to speak at district rally in Marion next Wednesday.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS CONDUCTING SURVEY

A general business survey of Marion is being made this week by the Marion Chamber of Commerce. Plans for the survey were made at a meeting of the board of directors last Friday, when Walter J. Cartier, new secretary of the organization, was presented to the board. Details of the survey were outlined by V. T. Eckerd, new president of the Chamber who has succeeded J. D. Henry, and Mr. Cartier.

According to plans announced at the meeting, figures are being compiled in the survey showing the weekly payrolls of business, professional and industrial firms here; the officials of all firms; the number of regular workers in each institution; and the number of part-time workers employed by each firm.

The results of the survey will be used by the Chamber of Commerce for reference and will be used collectively in furnishing information to people who are interested in locating in Marion for business reasons, according to Mr. Cartier.

The survey is being carried out by directors of the Chamber of Commerce and was begun last Tuesday. It is expected that the work will be completed in one week.

At the directors' meeting Friday, Vernon T. Eckerd spoke briefly to the group on the plans he and the new secretary had discussed. He also presented Mr. Cartier to the body.

A rising vote of thanks was given Oliver R. Cross, retiring secretary, during the meeting.

REPUBLICANS TO HEAR PRITCHARD AT MEETING HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Ex-Congressman George M. Pritchard of Asheville, and Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will make the principal address at the Republican county convention which will be held at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock March 9th, according to Dr. D. H. Crawford, chairman of the Republican executive committee.

Mr. Pritchard is a well known lawyer of Asheville. He has been solicitor of the judicial district, comprising Buncombe and Madison counties, has served one term in Congress, and also has served in the General Assembly of North Carolina. He is the son of the late Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, who was United States Senator of North Carolina and at the time of his death was a Senior Circuit Court Judge of the U. S. Fourth Circuit, composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. Pritchard has a pleasing personality and is a forceful speaker. His appearance at Marion is his first in his race for nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket. Four others have announced their candidacy and will oppose Mr. Pritchard in the Republican primary.

IDEAL CLEANERS TO CHANGE LOCATION

A dry cleaning plant, now being constructed on West Henderson street, will be occupied by the Ideal Cleaners in the near future. The building is being constructed by the Beaman Lumber Company and is located near the Laughridge Furniture company store.

The Ideal Cleaners is now located on South Main street.

BISHOP PURCELL WILL PREACH AT METHODIST RALLY

To Make Two Addresses At District Meeting Here Next Wednesday.

Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte will be the guest speaker at a Methodist district rally to be held in the First Methodist church in Marion on next Wednesday afternoon and night, March 13. The announcement was made by J. C. Cornett, presiding elder.

At one o'clock Wednesday afternoon a missionary institute will be conducted to discuss the work undertaken by Methodist missionaries and the attempt will be made to arouse the interest of Methodists and other people of the general public to the importance of missionary activity. Principal speaker at the afternoon meeting will be Bishop Purcell. Dr. L. B. Abernethy, director of the Golden Cross in Elkin and conference secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, will also speak at the afternoon meeting. Several local pastors are expected to take part in the program.

At 7:30 p. m. the district rally for young people will be conducted with Bishop Purcell being the principal speaker. Also scheduled to take part in the program are Mrs. Connie Cope, director of young people's work in this district, and Miss Lillian Ross of Morganton. The youth rally is being held to stimulate the interest of young people in the church and its work.

Attending the meeting will be representatives of seven counties included in this Methodist district—McDowell, Burke, Polk, Rutherford, Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey.

TEACHERS TO VOTE ON EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS

McDowell county teachers will meet at the Pleasant Gardens school Saturday morning, March 9, to vote for a state president and vice-president of the North Carolina Educational Association, announced N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, this week.

The meeting is scheduled for ten o'clock a. m.

Unopposed for election to the presidency of the state association is S. C. Hawfield, superintendent of the Penderlee high school in Pender county and now vice-president of the Educational association. Dr. J. H. Highsmith is now president of the organization.

Teachers will vote on one of the three candidates for the vice-presidency of the association. They are R. W. Carver, superintendent of Hickory city schools; K. C. Phillips of the South high school in Winston-Salem and M. P. Young, principal of the Princeton school in Johnston county.

Mr. Carver is a former resident of Marion and attended the local school through the sixth grade, in his youth. For the past 20 years he has been superintendent of the city schools in Hickory. He has been connected with summer school work at Lenoir-Rhyne College for some time and has conducted extension classes in McDowell for county teachers.

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Young are well known in educational circles.

According to Mr. Steppe, the voting at the Pleasant Gardens school will be by secret ballot. The votes will be sealed and forwarded to the state secretary of the organization in Raleigh, where the results will be announced on March 15.

NEW HOURS

The Marion office of the Carolina Motor Club is now open two hours every week day and four hours every Saturday, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

Office hours are scheduled as follows: Week days, 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. and 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. On Saturdays, 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Changes in the office hours were authorized by the Charlotte division of the club, of which the Marion office is a branch.

C. OF C. TO HOLD TRADE FESTIVAL HERE IN APRIL

Three-Day Celebration To Be Conducted By The Business Firms Of Marion.

The Marion Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a three-day trade festival April 18-20, it was decided at a meeting of the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday night.

Taking part in the festival will be the merchants and trades people of Marion. Most of the programs planned for the occasion will be held at night and are aimed at drawing the attention of people in this section to the opportunities and advantages they will enjoy by trading in Marion.

An outline of the program for the festival was given at the Tuesday night meeting by W. J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Plans for the celebration had previously been drawn up by the secretary and a committee composed of Vernon T. Eckerd, president of the Chamber of Commerce, H. D. Bishop, and Cato Holler.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association voted unanimously in favor of holding the trade festival, although the date for the event was changed from March 21-23 to April 18-20.

Vernon T. Eckerd was authorized by those attending the meeting to appoint a committee on arrangements for the festival. This committee will in turn appoint members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association to committees to work out the various details of the program.

In closing the Tuesday night meeting Mr. Cartier urged all merchants to furnish him with credit reports and to use the facilities offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

BAPTIST MEETING AT CLEAR CREEK SUNDAY

A District meeting of the Training Union of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at the Clear Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. J. O. Willis, district leader, will be in charge of the following program:

Devotionals—Mrs. Locke Tate

Roll Call of Churches and Business

Special Music

"Personal Evangelism"—Rev. J. O. Summerlin.

"Training New Officers and Leaders"—Marion Harris.

Song

"The Divine Balance in Christian Growth"—Abalene Cresson.

"How We May Be Sure We Are Saved"—Mrs. Johnson.

Special Music

"Understand God's Purposes"—Mrs. Cecil Willis.

Plans will be made at this meeting for transportation to the Regional Convention to be held at the First Baptist church at Gastonia on April 12 and 13. A large delegation is expected from the Blue Ridge Association and all B. T. U. officers, leaders and directors are especially urged to attend.

The next Associational meeting will be held Sunday afternoon April 7 with Mrs. Cecil Rayburn, district leader, in charge of the program.

CORNETT IS SUPPLYING IN MORGANTON CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Cornett, presiding elder of the Marion district of the Methodist church, is conducting church services at the First Methodist church in Morganton this month, supplying for Rev. W. A. Newell, deceased.

Rev. Fletcher Nelson who has been with the First Church in Forest City has been appointed to the First Church in Morganton, but he will not take over his duties there until April 1.

Rev. W. H. Gross of Weaverville has been appointed to take over the church in Forest City on April 1 in place of Rev. Nelson. A successor to Rev. Gross in the Weaverville church has not been chosen.

Services in the First Church in Morganton will be conducted by Rev. Cornett until April 1.



Dr. Barker

Popular lecturer to deliver three addresses here on March 15.

BARKER TO DELIVER THREE LECTURES HERE

Dr. Charles E. Barker, lecturer and teacher of the principles of health, is coming to Marion on March 15 to deliver three addresses. At 11:30 in the morning he will talk at the Pleasant Gardens school. At noon he addresses the Marion Rotary club, and at 7:30 p. m. he speaks to the general public in the courthouse here.

Dr. Barker was personal physician to President William Howard Taft. He holds university degrees as doctor of hygiene and physical culture and has done much lecture work in the United States and Canada, having delivered over 11,000 talks from the platform.

His most popular lecture, "How to Make the Most Out of Life," has been delivered to three million boys and girls of high school age.

Dr. Barker has been devoted to health work and lecturing for a quarter of a century, during which time he has spoken before millions of young people and their parents.

He comes to Marion through the courtesy of the Rotary club.

SEALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN TO BE SOLD

Easter seals for aid to crippled children will go on sale in Marion on March 18. The seals are to be sold locally by a committee appointed for that purpose and the receipts will be divided, a half being kept in McDowell county for aid to children here and the other half being placed in a national fund.

Money obtained from the sale of seals will provide for the transportation of crippled children to and from clinics, hospitals and schools; the purchase of appliances such as limbs and shoes; assistance at clinics; hospitalization; the establishment of demonstration schools and for bedside instruction; assisting in training in arts and crafts for homebound cripples; the recreation of cripples; and assisting the family, the child, and the public to a better understanding of the individual problems and more sympathetic interest in meeting these problems by all concerned.

The McDowell county society is one unit of the national organization for aid to crippled children which has been instrumental in securing legislation, security, education, and rehabilitation for the physically handicapped.

There are now, however, according to reports received by the United States Office of Education, up to March 15, 1937, a total of 1,873,231 children in the United States needing special education. Less than 10 per cent of this number, or 166,248, are receiving it.

FARMERS FEDERATION MEETING HERE SATURDAY

The annual meeting of McDowell county stockholders of the Farmers Federation will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the co-operative warehouse on East Main street.

Directors will be nominated and an advisory committee elected, it was stated by Max M. Roberts, educational director for the organization. James G. K. McClure, president, and other federation executives are expected to attend and to submit reports on last year's business. The federation's string band will be on hand to supply music.

AIMS OF PTA ARE OUTLINED IN TALK BY MRS. DORSEY

District Director Stresses Need Of Study Of Children And Better Environment.

Pointing to the development of greater cooperation between parents and teachers and the furtherance of democracy as the two most important purposes of the Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. W. P. Dorsey of Rutherfordton, district director of the second district of PTA, told teachers and parents of Marion here Monday that the PTA had done much to bring about better relations between parents, teachers and children. Mrs. Dorsey was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Marion Parent-Teachers Association held in the high school auditorium here Monday afternoon. Mrs. Dorsey spoke on the "Guiding Principles of the PTA."

Teachers and parents too often fail to consider that practically every child grows up in a different environment, she said. Each child has, therefore, different needs and teachers and parents should study these children to find a remedy for their needs. As aids in bettering the environment of children, Mrs. Dorsey pointed to the need of day nurseries and support for the Neely bill, an act providing for the showing of better moving pictures to children.

She pointed to the work of the PTA in helping to pass laws requiring diphtheria vaccinations, in bettering the home environments of children, and in character building.

Mr. Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools, and Howard Holland, principal of the Marion high school, commented on the good behavior and cooperation of high school boys and girls in the hardships caused by a recent fire at the school. Mr. Beam assured parents that their children were safe in the parts of the building being used because it had been inspected by state officials.

One class each under Miss Linn and Mrs. Allmand is being held in the Presbyterian church basement, he said. Miss Russ and Miss Moretz are conducting two classes in the Methodist hut, and Miss Turbyfield is holding one class in the elementary school building, he said.

PLEASANT GARDENS IS WINNER IN TOURNEY

Pleasant Gardens captured the McDowell county boys' title in Old Fort last Saturday night by downing Old Fort 22-19. For the second successive year the Pleasant Gardens boys took the cup for winning the county title.

In elimination play Nebo defeated Glenwood and Old Fort downed North Cove. Pleasant Gardens then defeated Nebo and went on to play Old Fort in the finals.

In the consolation play Glenwood defeated North Cove and was in turn downed by Nebo, winner of the consolation play.

A tie game in the girls' brackets between Glenwood and Nebo was played off Monday night with Nebo taking the game at 22-12. The Pleasant Gardens girls were scheduled to meet Nebo in the final game of the tournament last night. The results have not been learned.

In the consolation play for the girls North Cove defeated Glenwood, winning honors in that class.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEET

A county council meeting for officers of home demonstration-clubs in McDowell county will be held in Marion in the office of the home demonstration agent Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

The new project for making mattresses with materials furnished by the Federal government will be discussed.

FIFTH PASSION PORTRAIT

The fifth Passion Portrait, "The Seeker after Novelty," will be presented at St. Matthew's Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The topic at the 7:30 service will be "The Bible-loving Christian." Everyone is welcome.