

Buying Of Lake Tahoma Estate Discussed Here

Committee Formed to Orga- nize Interested Men To Consider Buying Land.

Plans for the possible purchase of Lake Tahoma and surrounding property from the Kistler estate were discussed at a meeting of interested persons here last Friday night. A committee of four persons was appointed to contact men who might be interested in the purchase and to form an organization for the purchase and development of the property.

Vernon T. Eckerd, president of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, K. W. Broome, president of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce, and J. E. Coad, secretary of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce, were appointed to the committee to formulate plans of the organization.

Plans were discussed at the meeting for the formation of a stock company which would sell shares in the property to raise the \$100,000 needed for the purchase. Discussion was based on the assumption that, if purchased, the property would be open to the public and the number of stockholders would be limited to from 50 to 100.

The opportunities offered by the property were outlined by J. E. Coad, who said it could be used for hunting, fishing, boating, a scenic spot, swimming, the selective cutting of timber, a resort hotel site, and a public park. He pointed to the development of similar sites in other parts of the United States and urged people of this section to take advantage of the opportunity before it was purchased by an outsider.

Rev. Paul A. Boriack stated that he believed the Lutheran church would be interested in purchasing a part of the property for an assembly grounds.

J. P. Dodge, senior claims agent of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, pointed to the favorable location of the property and its nearness to the Parkway drive. Some 45,000 cars and 195,000 persons traveled over the parkway last summer, he said, and that number is expected to increase ten times this summer, many of them coming through this section.

Others speaking in favor of the development of the property were C. F. James, J. Q. Gilkey, Zeno Martin, J. F. Snipes, W. W. Neal, Sr., W. J. Cartier, and Eugene Cross, Jr.

FORMER MARION RESIDENT RETURNS TO WORK HERE

F. A. Sloan, a former resident of Marion, has returned here to take a position as druggist at Tainter's Pharmacy.

Mr. Sloan comes to Marion from Miami, Florida, where he was lately connected with one of the city's largest drug firms.

He is a native of North Carolina. His home is in Wadesboro, where he received his early education. After graduation from the University of North Carolina he was employed in Tainter's Drug Store in Marion for some time.

Leaving Marion some ten years ago he was connected with Bobbitt's Pharmacy in Winston-Salem as manager.

Mrs. Sloan is expected to come to Marion to make her home in the near future.

METHODIST CHURCH IS TO OBSERVE HOLY WEEK

Holy Week will be observed at the First Methodist church in Marion all next week with services to be conducted every night.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the services. The theme for the week will be "What Is There in Religion?"

The observance of holy week will begin with Sunday services. Meetings will be held every night, March 17-24. Each is scheduled to start at 7:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

MARION CHORAL CLUB TO PRESENT ORATORIO AT CHURCH SUNDAY

The Marion Choral Club will present an oratorio, "The Holy City," by A. R. Gaul at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, March 17, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be under the direction of Albert Hewitt, Jr., with Miss Virginia Mae McCall as organist. The program follows:

PART I
Contemplation, organ, Miss Virginia Mae McCall.
No Shadows Yonder, chorus, quartet, solo by Nelson Parker.
My Soul Is Awaiting For God, solo by Albert Hewitt, Jr.
At Eventide It Shall Be Light, trio, Misses Rebekah Lowe, Louise Poteat and Margaret Gilkey.
They That Sow in Tears, chorus.
Eye Hath Not Seen, solo, Miss Louise Poteat.
For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country, chorus.

PART II
Intermezzo (Adoration), organ, Miss Virginia Mae McCall.
A New Heaven and A New Earth, solo, W. H. Wolfe, Choral Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy, chorus.
To The Lord Our God, solo, Albert Hewitt, Jr.
The Fining Pot Is For Silver, chorus (unaccompanied).
These Are They Which Came Out Of Great Tribulation, solo, Miss Rebekah Lowe.

List! The Cherubic Host, quartet and chorus, And I Heard The Voice of Harpers, solo, Bernard Hirsch, Obligato, Mrs. Carl McMurray.
Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works, Lord God; chorus and quartet.

Mixed Quartet, Mrs. Carl McMurray, Mrs. Charles Harris, Nelson Parker and Bernard Hirsch.
Female quartet, Misses Rebekah Lowe, Louise Poteat, Elsie House and Margaret Gilkey.

TWO SCHOOLS SHARE IN COUNTY CONTEST AWARDS

Winners in the annual grammar grades recitation-declaration contests for McDowell county were announced this week with entries from the Old Fort and Pleasant Gardens schools sharing honors. The meeting was held in the Glenwood high school auditorium last Friday night.

In the recitation contests judges declared a tie between Gladys Walker of Old Fort and Alice Houck of Pleasant Gardens. Miss Walker presented "Ferdinand the Bull" and Miss Houck's recitation was titled "Wednesday Madness."

Winner in the declamation contest was Montford Haire of the Pleasant Gardens school. He presented a piece titled "Unknown."

All three winners were presented gold medals, the award for Montford Haire being given by the Finley and Robinson Motor Company of Marion. Presentations were made by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, who spoke briefly to the assembly.

Represented in the contest were participants from Glenwood, Old Fort, North Cove, Nebo, Pleasant Gardens, Sugar Hill, and Dysartsville.

Judges were William Lonon, McDowell county solicitor, and Mrs. A. P. Honeycutt and Miss Katherine Linn, both of the Marion high school faculty.

BISHOP PURCELL GUEST SPEAKER AT MEET HERE

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, was the guest speaker at a Methodist district rally held in the First Methodist church in Marion yesterday afternoon and night.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon a missionary institute was conducted. Bishop Purcell was principal speaker at the meeting. L. B. Abernethy, director of the Golden Cross in Elkin and conference secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, also addressed the assembly.

At 7:30 the district rally for young people was conducted with Bishop Purcell being the principal speaker. Also taking part in the program were Mrs. Connie Cope, director of young people's work in this district, and Miss Lillian Ross, of Morganton.

Representatives of the seven counties in the district attended the rally.

Scouts Advanced At Honor Court Held In Marion

Awards Made To Large Num- ber Of Boys In All Ranks Of Scouting.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor held in the Methodist church in Marion Friday night was attended by a large crowd of Scouts.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. M. Jenkins, followed with the repeating of the Scout oath led by R. M. Schiele, scout executive of the Piedmont Council, B.S.A.

After words of welcome and announcements, the following Scouts were advanced in rank:

Tenderfoot Rank—Herbert Page, Sanford Yates and Rinaldo Pascal of Troop 1, Valdeese; Howard Barlowe, Troop 1, Rutherford College; John Lee Tate, Troop 1, Marion, and Ralph H. Alexander, Jr., Evander M. Britt, Jr., and Pete Gibbs, of Troop 6, Marion; Vance Holland, Troop 1, Morganton; Eli Costner, James Kyles, Rassie Peterson, Melvin Ellis and Carroll Davis, Troop 3, Morganton; Manly Denton, Robert Shuford, Henry Denton and Morris Cope, Troop 6, Morganton.

Tenderfoot—Irving McNeely, Dermont Berry, James Abree, Paul Roland and Vernon Williams of Troop 6, Morganton; Max Calloway, Allie Steppe, Wm. D. Burnette and Edgar L. Burnette, of Troop 1, Old Fort.

Second Class—Walter Church, Troop 1, Valdeese; Shelton Cartwright, Harold Whisnant, Billy Crosby, John Weaver, and Claude Barlowe of Troop 3, Morganton; Jeter J. Harris, C. Allen Grady, Rondell Baird, Christopher Lingerfelt, A. P. Lingerfelt, Jack Powell, A. S. M., and Bobby K. Hagan, Troop 6, Morganton; Dean Justice and Bobby Morris, Troop 1, Old Fort; Henry Stauffer and Emory Wilson, Troop 1, Marion; Walter Reel, Troop 3, Marion; B. H. Laughridge and Murray Craven, Troop 6, Marion; W. R. Williams, Billy Lewis and David Spainhour, Troop 1, Oak Hill School.

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DRIVE FOR FUNDS FOR SCOUTS TO BE MADE

Civic clubs of Marion will take part in a drive to raise the sum of \$800 or more for summer camp expenses for Boy Scouts, it was decided at a meeting of the board of directors of the Marion Kiwanis club last Tuesday night.

The need for funds for the Scouts was explained by J. D. Laughlin, who stated that summer camp expenses for each Scout amounted to about five dollars. In previous campaigns, he said, smaller sums have been raised but funds had been found insufficient to keep local troops in the same class as others of the council. Marion troops have been rather near the bottom, he said.

Attending the Kiwanis meeting were representatives of all civic clubs in Marion. At a directors meeting held after the banquet, March 21 was set as the date for the drive for funds for the Scouts and all clubs were asked to appoint six members from their organizations to take part in the work.

Chairman of the drive for funds is S. J. Westmoreland.

Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and guest speaker at the meeting, addressed Kiwanians and guests on the value of scouting. Contributions to the scouts are not donations, he said, they are investments in good citizenship. He stressed the value of scouting in making boys familiar with nature, in taking them off the streets, and in building character.

Paying for juvenile courts is short sighted business when crime among boys can be prevented by Scouting, he said. Around Marion 1,200 boys are available to Scout influence and an \$800 investment in these youths will be repaid many times, he said.

Six representatives from each civic club in Marion will meet at the Westmoreland Funeral Home Wednesday night, March 20, to work out details of the drive for funds.

Robert Proctor Is Appointed To Horton's Staff

Prominent Marion Attorney To Spend Much Of Time At Headquarters In Raleigh.

Appointment of Robert W. Proctor, of Marion, prominent attorney and Democratic leader, as a member of the headquarters staff of Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton, of Pittsboro in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor, was announced today by Mr. Horton, effective immediately. He will spend much time in the headquarters office in Raleigh and also will be active in organization work over the state.

Lieutenant-Governor Horton and Judge Daniel L. Bell, his state campaign manager, declared themselves "highly pleased with Bob Proctor's acceptance of this very important appointment," a position like those of Senator William B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, N. C., and Senator James A. Bell of Charlotte.

Mr. Proctor, a son of the late E. K. Proctor, Jr., and Elizabeth Dick Proctor, has been practicing law in Marion since 1926. In the primaries of 1936, he was one of the principal supporters of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. For some years, he has been Democratic chairman in McDowell county. He was a law partner of former Democratic State Chairman Wallace Winborne up to the time of the appointment of the latter as an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. For some time he was a member of the law firm of Pless Winborne and Pless.

In Masonry and Kiwanis activities Mr. Proctor is prominent. He is a member of Marion's First Baptist church, in which he has taught the Baraca class several years, and he is a past commander of the Marion American Legion.

Mr. Proctor is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and received his high school education in Lumberton. His mother was a granddaughter of Superior Court Judge John M. Dick and a niece of State Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Dick.

JAMES CHOSEN DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Crawford F. James, Marion hosiery manufacturer, was elected a delegate to the Republican national convention in Philadelphia in June at the convention of the Republicans of the eleventh Congressional district. The convention was held in Brevard, Monday.

Mr. James was also elected a member of the Republican state executive committee.

Mr. James was endorsed by McDowell Republicans last week as a candidate to the national convention. He has long been active in affairs of the Republican party, having served as chairman of the McDowell county executive committee for some time and having entered the race for Congress in this district in 1932.

Attending the convention from Marion were: C. F. James, Dr. Dean Crawford, county chairman, E. W. Parker, E. P. Crawford, W. R. Chambers, W. H. Hawkins, Claude Fortune, R. A. Poe, Mr. Black, and T. L. Klutz.

FIRE RUINS FURNITURE IN LOCAL DWELLING

Fire broke out in the house of Paul Simmons on Railroad street in Marion last Thursday afternoon and destroyed much furniture in the building before it was extinguished.

According to Mr. Simmons, the blaze is thought to have started from a small coal stove in a back bedroom. Practically all the furniture in the room was destroyed and a hole was burned in the ceiling. Furniture in other parts of the house was damaged by fire and water.

The blaze was discovered about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and was extinguished by the local fire department before much damage was done to the house. The house belonged to H. F. Little, of Spartanburg, South Carolina.



ROBERT W. PROCTOR

DIRECTORS ELECTED AT FEDERATION MEET HERE

W. S. Burgin, of Old Fort, and J. H. Greenlee, of Marion, were nominated as directors of the Farmers' Federation at the annual meeting of McDowell county stockholders in the cooperative's Marion warehouse Saturday afternoon. About 150 farmers from all sections of the county attended, heard music by the federation's string band and brief addresses by James G. K. McClure, president of the farm cooperative, and S. C. Clapp, head of its seed department.

Mr. McClure pointed to the expansion of the Farmers' Federation this year with the establishment of warehouses in Bryson City in February and in Burnsville on March 4. The federation did a \$1,077,991.58 business in 1939 and showed a net profit of \$17,754.00, he said. This profit enabled the directors to declare a three per cent patronage dividend. A business of \$58,188.99 was done by the Marion warehouse last year, he said.

Stating that the federation hatchery was the only one east of the Mississippi growing four or more different breeds of chickens that had a U. S. certified grading, he urged that McDowell farmers expand their poultry business.

Mr. Burgin was nominated to succeed himself for a two-year term as a director and J. H. Greenlee was nominated to fill out the unexpired term of the late W. H. Greenlee. Directors are nominated at county meetings of stockholders and come up for election at the annual meeting of the entire organization. Nomination is tantamount to election.

A McDowell county advisory committee was elected as follows: W. S. Burgin, W. H. Greenlee, Charles W. Davis, North Cove; J. H. Morris, Glenwood; James McCall, Marion; John Robinson, Old Fort; J. A. Cannon, Marion; Dr. E. P. Crawford, Marion; Ben E. Landis, Dysartsville; C. D. Holland, Marion.

Mr. McClure introduced Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis, who claimed the unique record of having traded at the Marion warehouse every Saturday since it opened three years ago.

Coffee and cakes were served at the conclusion of the meeting by Mrs. Grady Walker, wife of the manager of the Marion warehouse.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS TO BE HELD AT NEBO

The annual recitation-declination contests for the high schools in McDowell county will be held in the Nebo high school building on Monday night, March 18, at 7:30 o'clock.

Participants in the contests will be representatives of the various high schools in the county who have won in elimination contests that have already been conducted in the different schools.

In the county contests Monday, awards of gold medals will be made to individual winners. The Grayson Neal medal will be presented to the winner in the boys' contests and the finalist in the girls' division will be awarded the Robert Smith medal.

To the school having the winning representative in the reading contest a silver loving cup will be awarded. According to the rules of the contest, the school winning the cup for two successive years is allowed to keep it permanently. Pleasant Gardens was awarded a silver cup last year for having won two years in succession. A new cup, to be given for one year to the winning school entry in Monday's contest, is now on display in the office of N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools.

M'Dowell G.O.P. Favors Pritchard In State Primary

Asheville Man Endorsed At County Convention; Attacks Roosevelt Administration.

George M. Pritchard, of Asheville, was endorsed for the Republican nomination for Governor of North Carolina by the McDowell County Republican convention in session last Saturday afternoon at the court house here.

Dr. Dean H. Crawford, Marion dentist, was re-elected chairman of the McDowell County Republican executive committee, and Mrs. Fred G. Washburn was named co-chairman. W. H. Hawkins, Marion real estate man, was named vice-chairman.

Earl Sebastian was chosen secretary of the convention and Mrs. Pearl Hall Queen, assistant secretary. E. W. Parker, hosiery manufacturer, was named treasurer of the county committee. Acting chairman at the convention was C. F. James, prominent hosiery manufacturer, of Marion.

Mr. James was endorsed as one of the delegates to the National Republican convention from the 11th congressional district. The name of Mr. James, a prominent Republican leader, was presented by Dr. Crawford, the county chairman.

Former Congressman Pritchard, keynote speaker of the convention, assailed the record of the Democratic party in local as well as state and national affairs. He condemned the use of the absentee ballot in politics and declared that the law permitting its use should be wiped off the statute books.

Attacking the Roosevelt administration, Mr. Pritchard stated that the president wanted to be the head of a one-man government. The actions of Roosevelt and James Farley have all been planned to build up their political prestige, he said, and the New Deal has been a "miserable failure." He was introduced by J. Lee Lavender of Old Fort.

Resolutions, asserting the belief of the Republican organization in the Constitution, were presented by the resolutions committee composed of G. F. Washburn, William C. Chambers, J. Lee Lavender, and C. A. McCall.

The resolutions condemned political racketeering, the exploitation of the spoils system, the taking away of local rights from local agencies, the increasing tax burden and the prevailing system of tax collections and foreclosure procedure. Repeal of the absentee ballot law was advocated and the right of persons holding public offices to intimidate and coerce relief and other public workers was challenged.

LAKE TAHOMA PURCHASE TO BE PLANNED FRIDAY

Further developments in the recently announced plan to purchase the Lake Tahoma property from the Kistler estate are expected to be made tomorrow night when a delegation from Marion will meet with Chamber of Commerce members and interested persons from Morganton, Hickory, and Valdeese, in Morganton.

A conference, at which plans for the Friday meeting were made, was held in Morganton, Tuesday. Attending the Tuesday meeting were a delegation from Marion composed of Walter J. Cartier, Eugene Cross, Jr., and J. F. Snipes, and members of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce and other interested persons.

According to Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, it is hoped that commitments on the stock proposition for the purchase of the Lake Tahoma property will be obtained at the Friday night meeting, most of the men planning to attend the meeting having expressed their intention to put the plan in operation.

NEW POSTMASTER

The Post Office department has announced the appointment of Clyde W. Rayburn as postmaster at Nealsville, succeeding Lee A. Rayburn, retired.