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Full-Time Health Unit For County Discussed Here

State Health Officer And Assistant Point To Advantages To Be Gained.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, and Dr. R. E. Fox, assistant to Dr. Reynolds, discussed with members of the McDowell County Board of Health here Tuesday night, the establishment of a full-time health unit in the county.

Dr. Fox explained that the unit could be conducted in cooperation with some adjoining county, or independently. A health unit conducted with some adjoining county would cost McDowell about \$4,500 a year, he said.

With a two-county unit McDowell would be required to have a full-time health officer, a sanitation officer, a county nurse, and an office clerk, he said.

Among the health programs that would be conducted in the county under a full-time health unit, Dr. Fox listed the following: School health supervision with the examination of pupils; immunization service against smallpox, typhoid, and diphtheria; a program for reducing maternal and infant death rates with the supervision of midwives; venereal disease clinics in cooperation with the local agencies; supervision of environmental sanitation; investigations as to the source of disease; 15 weeks of dental service to school children between the ages of six and 13; and educational, medicinal, nursing, and correctional aids to the indigent.

Dr. Reynolds explained the educational qualifications that were necessary for all health officers that would be employed in the county. He emphasized the importance to the county of an educational program on health, stating that a health unit in McDowell would enable teachers in the schools to receive instruction in health methods and how to teach them.

He pointed to the program of the State Board of Health, working through county health units, for the hospitalization and rehabilitation of crippled children, for the forced treatment of syphilitic persons, and for pre-natal and infant care education to mothers.

Declaring that any county without a full-time health unit suffers a social and financial loss, he stated that such a health organization would not be injurious to any local physician. The state laboratory saves the counties of the state \$2,000,000 a year, he concluded.

A discussion about the proposed health unit for McDowell county was conducted by members of the county Board of Health and the visiting state officers. Members of the county Board of Health taking part in the discussions were I. L. Caplan, N. F. Stepp, Zeno Martin, Dr. J. F. Miller, Dr. P. D. Sinclair, and Dr. D. M. McIntosh, all of whom have been appointed by the county Board of Commissioners to investigate the details of a health unit for McDowell county.

EASTER SEAL SALE IS COMPLETED IN COUNTY

The sale of Easter seals for the benefit of crippled children was completed here last week. Half of the funds derived from the sale of the seals in the county will be kept here to be used for the benefit of county children. The other half will go into a national fund.

Chairman of the seal sale was Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, who this week expressed appreciation for the cooperation she had received in the sale campaign.

Canada's population is 10,376,000.

COMMITTEES OF TRADE FESTIVAL ARE TO MEET

Further plans for the Marion trade festival, to be held April 18-20, will be made tomorrow night when all special committees for the festival will meet in the Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

According to plans announced for the trade program, three full nights of entertainment will be offered to all persons visiting Marion from April 18 through April 20.

The program for the festival is as follows:

Thursday night, April 18, a band concert, window displays in stores to be judged for sales appeal, a treasure hunt to be conducted through the stores and all stores to be open for the display of goods but no sales to be made.

Friday night, April 19, a band concert, a style and equipment show at the Marion high school auditorium, and all stores to be open for sales.

Saturday night, April 20, a band concert, a parade of new cars, an automobile show, a prize to be awarded to the largest family in town, all stores to be open until about nine o'clock for sales, and street dancing on Main street from about nine o'clock to eleven.

The festival is being sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of local civic clubs. Five committees have been appointed to handle the details of the program.

Prizes to be offered by local merchants in the treasure hunt will be on display in Marion within a few days.

According to Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, all merchants and townpeople are cooperating in working out the program and there is much enthusiasm about the event.

MAN KILLED NEAR OLD FORT BY LOCOMOTIVE

Tete Hollifield, of Andrew's Geyser, was instantly killed about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning when he was struck by Southern passenger train No. 22, about eight miles west of Old Fort.

The man had apparently been sitting on the tracks and had not noticed the approaching train, said Sheriff Grady Nichols, who investigated the accident.

The body of the man was brought to Marion by the passenger train and sent to a local undertaking establishment. His identity was not learned until late Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hollifield; six brothers, Clyde, Charley, Greene, Carl, Wood and Clay Hollifield; and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth White-side, and Mrs. Pearl Williams, all of North Cove and vicinity.

CLOSING DATES, HOURS FOR STORES STUDIED

Recommendations for closing days and closing hours for business establishments in Marion were made Tuesday by a committee appointed for that purpose by the Marion Chamber of Commerce.

According to Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the committee discussed the Wednesday afternoon closing of stores during the summer time, holiday closing, and closing hours on Saturdays and other days.

The plans drawn up by the committee will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association at the next meeting of those groups. To go into effect the plans must be approved by those two organizations.

The committee, in making recommendations for closing dates and hours for local stores, sought to eliminate much misunderstanding that has been experienced by merchants over the observance of holidays and closing hours.

GRANGE MEETING APRIL 2

The Pleasant Gardens Grange will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 2, at 7:30 o'clock. The Boy Scouts who are sponsored by the Grange, will have charge of the program.

Election Board Calls For New Registration

Favored Over Relisting Plan; J. W. Streetman, Jr., Named Chairman New Board.

A new registration of McDowell county voters prior to the coming Democratic and Republican primaries was ordered yesterday by the McDowell county board of elections. A new registration was considered necessary and advisable by the Board after studying the present books and listening to requests from both parties.

The 1939 General Assembly passed a law requiring either a new registration or a relisting in every county. In either case, there will be three registration books—one for Democrats and one for Republicans to be used in primary elections, and one for both Democrats and Republicans to be used in the general election.

J. W. Streetman, Jr., was elected chairman of the board at an organization meeting held Saturday. G. W. Kirkpatrick was named secretary. G. F. Washburn is the Republican member of the board. The board will meet on April 6 for the purpose of appointing registrars and judges of the elections and to make arrangements for the primaries on May 25.

The members of the board attended a district meeting of election officials in Asheville Monday when representatives of the western counties met with State Chairman W. A. Lucas to receive instructions regarding the latest changes in election regulations.

HALL CALLS FOR PEACE AND ADEQUATE DEFENSE

The American Legion stands for peace and it is more eager for peace than other democratic groups in America because its members have experienced the horrors of war, said H. Dave Hall, speaking to members of the McDowell Post of the American Legion at its twenty-first anniversary celebration here last Thursday night in the Community building. Mr. Hall is Americanization officer of the North Carolina Legion and is from Belmont. He has been proposed as a candidate for commander of the North Carolina Legion next year.

To preserve peace in the United States, he said, an adequate army and navy is necessary. These armed forces are necessary for the same reason that we now have police to combat crime.

He pointed to the work of the American Legion in training young people in democratic ways to take over the work of their elders, and in teaching older men and women to work that the future welfare of their children might be made better. Mr. Hall was introduced to the assembly by R. K. Davis.

The welcome address for the Auxiliary was given by Mrs. H. C. Mangum, president of that group. The address of welcome on behalf of the Legion was given by J. P. Dodge, senior claims agent of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Toastmaster for the birthday banquet celebration was Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney. The invocation was given by Mrs. Preston Rabb.

Group singing of old war songs was led by J. K. Giles. The program for the celebration was arranged by R. K. Davis, Mrs. Ben Hendley and Homer Beaman.

RABB'S HAS INSTALLED FROZEN FOOD EQUIPMENT

The Rabb Grocery Company has recently installed equipment for the handling of frozen foods. Facilities at the store are now adequate to take care of a large stock of frozen foods, among which the store features frozen vegetables, fruits and meats.

The storage equipment of the Rabb Grocery Store is automatically controlled to assure customers that they will always receive frozen foods that are as represented.

State Figures On Unemployment Payments Given

Marion Office Has Paid Out In McDowell \$231,382 In Checks, Records Show.

The Marion Employment Service office, which serves the area embraced in McDowell county, has delivered \$231,382.54, included in 33,604 checks to unemployed or partially employed workers in that area in the past two years and two months, through February, figures compiled in the central office of the N. C. Unemployment compensation show.

The 46 white Employment offices, with 10 colored branches in as many cities with large colored populations distributed 1,969,006 checks for \$13,204,094.11 in the same two years and two months, less the 18,684 checks for \$215,095.21 sent to residents outside the state who had previously accumulated reserves in North Carolina. The distribution for January was 49,209 checks for \$285,382.35 and for February, last month, it was 59,775 checks for \$308,145.51.

In January, the Marion Employment office delivered \$5,008.12, included in 964 checks, and in February 1,023 checks for \$4,610.00 were distributed.

The white offices serve the territory outside the immediate area of the colored offices in ten centers by means of itinerant services to outlying points, the representatives on these weekly trips handling business for both white and colored residents.

Benefit payments of \$13,436,933.89 had gone to unemployed workers in the state of North Carolina from January, 1938, through March 20, last week, from the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, it was announced. Contributions and interest on the state's balance in the U. S. Treasury amounted to \$33,149,830.03 through last Wednesday, leaving a balance in the state fund as of that day of \$19,712,896.14, Chairman Charles G. Powell reports.

GARDEN CITY RESIDENT DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Clarence E. Poteat, of Garden City, 40, died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services will be conducted at Clear Creek Baptist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with the Rev. Summerlin, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Julius Henline. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Lewis Poteat; his father, Frank E. Poteat of Dysartsville; two daughters, Victoria and Charlotte Nell Poteat, of the home; three sons, Ray, Monyon and Douglas Poteat, of the home; three brothers, Jones Poteat of near Marion, Dewey Poteat of Busick, and James Poteat of Montfords Cove; and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Curtis of near Marion, Mrs. Charles Gaddy of Marion, and Mrs. Jonathan Ledbetter of Alexandria, Virginia.

DEBATING CONTESTS TO BE CONDUCTED MONDAY

The annual debating contests for schools in McDowell county will be held Monday night, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock. Debates will be held at the Glenwood, Old Fort, Pleasant Gardens, Nebo, and North Cove schools.

The subject to be debated will be "Should There Be Government Ownership of Railroads." In the Monday night contests a team from each school will meet a team from another county school, debating the opposite side of the question. Each school will debate both sides of the question, one team being required to visit another school and one presenting its side of the debate at its own school.

The county school winning both the affirmative and negative sides of the debating will go to Chapel Hill on April 19 to compete in the state contest, where winners from each county in the state will take part.

Patronize home merchants.

SINGERS ARE TO HOLD CONVENTION IN MARION

An all-day singing convention, sponsored by the McDowell county singing society, will be held in the courthouse in Marion, Sunday, April 7th.

The program for the convention will be dedicated to the late Professor George Sebren, of Asheville, a promoter of singing conventions, publisher and composer of hymns.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a. m. Sunday morning and is expected to last until about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Taking part in the singing convention will be singers from McDowell county, other counties in the state, and from South Carolina and Tennessee. Selections will be presented by quartets, duets, soloists, and singing of the entire assembly will be led by guest musicians.

The convention is held twice a year. The program on April 7 is under the direction of A. H. Mitchem, president of the McDowell county singing society. Other officers of the organization are John C. Burnett, vice-president, and Mrs. D. T. Roughton, secretary.

Guest musicians will be entertained at a Sunday luncheon, sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis club.

BAPTISTS TO HOLD ASSOCIATION MEET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Blue Ridge Baptist Association will hold a semi-annual meeting at the Clinchfield Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, March 31, 1940. All of the churches in this Association are expected to send representatives. The meeting is held primarily for the purpose of stimulating the work sponsored by the Association. W. R. Chambers, moderator, will preside. Rev. L. S. Redding, pastor of Dysartsville and Nebo Baptist churches will conduct the opening worship. A. H. Mitchem will speak on the orphanage. Dr. D. H. Crawford will discuss the Lord's Acre plan. Rev. L. V. Bradley, president of the Sunday School Convention, will review the work now being done in the Sunday Schools. W. Gordon Wilson, president of the Baptist Training Union, will announce his plans in the B.T.U. work. Mrs. R. O. Wilson of Nebo, president of the Women's Missionary Union, will give some interesting statistics of the work now being done by the women in the raising of money for Missions and in Mission study courses. Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, will report on the Biblical Recorder. Rev. G. A. Condrey, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of the Association will lead a discussion on Associational Missions.

Rev. Nane Starnes, of Asheville, one of the outstanding Baptist ministers of Western North Carolina, will close the meeting with an inspirational address.

LOCAL HOSPITAL GETS DUKE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Marion General Hospital has received an appropriation of \$3,313 from the Duke Endowment fund, it was announced this week.

At a meeting in New York the trustees of the Duke endowment appropriated \$961,250 for 120 hospitals and 42 orphan homes in the Carolinas. According to an announcement released from Charlotte, the 120 hospitals receiving appropriations reported 40 per cent of their work as charity in 1939 as compared with 43 per cent in 1938.

Eighty-three other hospitals in North Carolina shared in the appropriations. Since the establishment of the Duke endowment, \$13,833,342 has been appropriated to hospitals.

B. T. U. MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY APRIL 7

An Associational Baptist Training Union meeting will be held at the First Baptist church in Marion on Sunday, April 7, at 2:30 o'clock. Contests will be held for Better Speakers, Intermediate Sword Drill, and junior memory work. The winners will represent this Association at the regional meeting in Gastonia Saturday, April 13th. All who wish to enter are urged to be present.

Plans will be made for transportation to the regional meeting in Gastonia April 12th and 13th.

Baise Allots Road Damage Repair Fund

This Division Is Given \$149,300 For County And State Roads.

Raleigh, March 22.—Chief Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise yesterday allocated \$1,887,000 among North Carolina's 10 highway divisions to repair damages caused by snow and cold weather last winter.

At the same time, Baise said that a recent 3,800-mile survey of the highway system had convinced him that the state was not protecting properly its investment in roads. He estimated that \$10,000,000 would be needed annually, in addition to regular maintenance appropriations, to prevent highways from depreciating, and that \$50,000,000 for widening and elimination of curves would be required to bring the roads up to "standard."

Damage last winter, the engineer said, was slight compared with the winter of 1935-36.

"This survey has definitely shown that many of the paved highways, particularly of the higher type, which were built from 15 to 20 years ago, are rapidly fatiguing, and in many cases wearing out," he added. "This condition is due not so much to the adverse weather as to old age."

"It will, undoubtedly, require a large amount of funds during the next few years to maintain properly many of these old pavements. If the trunk line highway system is to be kept abreast of the times and in adequate condition to take care of the ever increasing traffic demands, it is going to be necessary to spend a very large amount of funds on standardization work as well as for maintenance in taking care of accelerated deterioration."

The money to repair the winter damage was allotted recently by Governor Hoey from the highway fund surplus. The total made available by Hoey was \$2,000,000, but \$113,000 was earmarked for repair to the Wright Memorial bridge, leading to Dare county, which was damaged during the winter by ice jams and a storm-tossed barge.

The remaining \$1,887,000 as divided by Baise among the 10 divisions, includes:

Division No. 9 (Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Alexander, Irredell) — State highways, \$80,800, county highways, \$68,500.

Division No. 10 (Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham) — State highways, \$90,100, county highways, \$59,900.

Division highway engineers and commission members will supervise the allotment and expenditure of funds within the various divisions. Most of the repair work will be done by the commission, rather than being let out to contractors.

GOAL FOR BOY SCOUT DRIVE MAY BE REACHED

Approximately \$400 has been turned in for the McDowell county Boy Scout fund, announced S. J. Westmoreland, chairman of the drive for Scout funds, this week.

Several committees have yet to report their collections, he said, but indications are that the goal of \$800 set for the campaign will be reached.

All civic clubs in Marion have cooperated in the drive to raise funds that Boy Scouts of the county might enjoy summer camp work and pay their equipment expenses. The drive was begun last Thursday by members of local clubs.

MITCHELL CHOIR WILL GIVE PROGRAM HERE

The Mitchell College a cappella choir of 68 voices, under the direction of Prof. E. B. Stimson, will sing at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at eight o'clock.

The choir has conducted programs before in the Presbyterian church before large audiences.

All members of the choir are students at Mitchell College.