

Final Plans Being Made For Trade Jubilee

Three-day Festival Offers Visitors Free Prizes Valued At \$500.00.

Merchants, civic clubs and service organizations of Marion are all making final plans this week for the observance of Marion's Trade Jubilee to be held here next week, April 18-20.

Three big days and nights of entertainment for all persons visiting Marion during the Jubilee have been planned. Approximately \$500 in prizes will be given away during the festival and free entertainment for visitors will be provided at all times during the Jubilee.

Festivities will get under way on Thursday night with a band concert. All stores in Marion will be open, but not for sales. The big feature of the opening night program is the treasure hunt, in which the many prizes offered by Marion merchants will be given away. Each store in town will give away numbered tickets. The person finding an article in some store having a number on it corresponding to the one on his ticket will be allowed to claim the prize.

In the second night of the Jubilee, Friday, April 19, the program will open with a band concert. A style show in which most Marion merchants and tradespeople will participate will be held in the Marion Theatre. The show is scheduled to begin at about 9:00 o'clock p. m. All Marion stores will be open for sales during the Jubilee program on Friday night.

On the closing night of the festival, Saturday, April 20, the climax of the three-day celebration will be reached with a street dance to be held on the main business block of Marion. A square dance of three divisions has been arranged for the occasion and music will be provided throughout powerful amplifiers. The Marion stores will be open for sales Saturday night until the street dancing gets under way. Prizes will be given away to the largest family in town for the Jubilee.

Prizes to be given away will go on display late this week in a vacant store on the Main street in Marion. Arrangements are being made to care for large crowds during the Jubilee.

BASEBALL CANCELED FOR YEAR AT SCHOOL

The schedule for the Marion high school baseball team has been canceled this year because of difficulties brought about by the recent fire in the school building, announced H. C. Holland, principal, this week.

In place of the baseball work an intramural program is being arranged at the school by coach Art Ditt. All students at the school are being encouraged to take part in softball and track activities. Play and instruction in these activities is conducted every school day afternoon from 3:15 to 5:00 o'clock. According to Mr. Holland, the directors of intramural athletics hope to include volleyball, tennis and other sports in their program as soon as possible.

The baseball team was handicapped by the loss of much equipment in the fire at the school and the dressing room and other facilities were damaged.

CANDIDATES FILE AS DEADLINE APPROACHES

Nine candidates for legislative and county offices have filed up until today with the McDowell County Board of Elections. With the filing deadline only two days away all candidates are expected to soon file with the board.

Three candidates have filed for the office of Register of Deeds. They are John Steppe, George Chapman and Zeb Lackey. Candidates for other offices have filed as follows: For the State Senate, L. J. P. Cutlar and Ashby Robinson; for the State Legislature, J. C. Rabb; and for county commissioners, I. L. Caplan, R. P. Morris and C. A. Workman.

TEACHERS TOLD TO AID PREVENTION OF CRIME

Quoting statistics on the annual cost of crime in the United States, Judge J. W. Pless, Jr., told city and county school teachers here last Saturday that a large part of the responsibility for the prevention of crime rested on their shoulders. Judge Pless spoke at a meeting of Marion school teachers in the high school auditorium. County teachers were guests.

Judge Pless pointed to the possibilities of community service and of building juvenile citizenship that were open to teachers. Courts attempt to enforce corrective measures on criminals, he said, but preventive measures are in the hands of public school teachers.

The teachers' meeting was presided over by H. C. Holland, chairman of the local unit of the North Carolina Education association.

Judge Pless was presented to the teachers by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools.

Following the address of Judge Pless, teachers adjourned to various rooms for study groups.

PLANS NEAR COMPLETION FOR NEW REGISTRATION

With the appointment of registrars and judges of elections here last Saturday by the McDowell County Board of Elections, arrangements for the new registration recently voted by the board were practically completed.

Revision of the registration books or a new registration was ordered for all counties by an act of the 1939 Legislature. Revision of the books in McDowell was declared too "expensive and impractical" by the Board of Elections and a new registration was ordered.

Under the state-wide act passed by the 1939 General Assembly 1940 primaries must be conducted without political markers and without absentee voting. Only Democrats will be allowed to take part in the nomination of the Democratic tickets and only Republicans will be permitted to have part in nominating the Republican candidates whose names will appear on the general election ballots in November.

At each registration place on Saturday, April 27, the day registration books open in this county, there will be two registration books, one for Democrats and one for Republicans. Each voter must register according to his party affiliation. So-called "Independents" will not be allowed to vote in the primaries, but must be registered on the general election book to vote in the final election.

The state-wide act governing primaries has simply eliminated the possibility of Democrats or Republicans participating legally in the nominating primary of the opposite party.

CLOSING DATES, TIMES FOR STORES ARE SET

Four holidays during the year on which stores in Marion will be closed were agreed upon by members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, meeting here on last Friday night. The holidays set for closing were, Easter Monday, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

New closing hours for local stores were adopted, the changes to go into effect Monday, April 22. According to the new regulations, general stores will close at 5:30 p. m. on week days and 8:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturdays. Grocery stores will close at 6:00 o'clock p. m. on week days and at 8:30 p. m. on Saturdays.

Reports of the committees elected for Marion's Trade Jubilee were made and details of the festival were discussed.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY AT GLENWOOD FRIDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class of the Glenwood High School will present the annual senior play on Friday evening, April 12th, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The play, "Mr. Cinderella," is a three-act comedy with the following students taking part: Eugene Rummel, Willard Webb, Parks Hunter, Willard Seaman, Clyde Parker, Ivan Ridings, Elizabeth Hunt, Edith Morgan, Nora Mae Cannon, Sybil Owenby, Freddie McKinney, Shirley Ward and Hettie Upton.

Marion Music Students To Be In State Contest

Total Of 52 Pupils To Enter Trials In Greensboro To Be Held Next Week.

Approximately 52 music students of the Marion high school are expected to take part in the state music contest to be held in Greensboro April 16-19, announced music director Bernard Hirsch, this week.

The high school band will be entered in the contest and in addition several soloists and groups will compete in the state trials.

Marion students will compete with other "B" class schools in the state. Schools in the "B" class are those having enrollments of 250 to 750.

In the district music festival held in Asheville on March 30 musicians from the Marion high school won 10 first place ratings, having more entries in this class than any other school entered in the festival. Four soloists and groups were placed in the second division, bringing the total to 14 units from Marion that were made eligible for the state contest. The Marion high band did not participate in the festival. It received a one rating at the state contest last year and was not required to enter the district trials.

Marion high members planning to go to the state contest and their instruments are: flutes—Shirley Barish, Marie Griffin, Harold Goodman; oboe—Katherine Ledbetter; bassoons—Virginia Ellis, Edith Margaret Grant, Margaret Moore, Henry Leonard; clarinets—Virginia Mae McCall, Mary Shiflet, Carolyn Bower, Rachel Rabb, Bonnie Kirby, Swannee Ricks, Ann Laughridge, Mary Catherine Sebastian, Lawrence Atkins, Jack Sickle, Louise Patton, Margaret Westmoreland, B. H. Laughridge, Ruth Smith; saxophones—Mike McCall, Annabelle Londner, Bill Bolton; cornets—Bernard Conley, Harold Little, J. C. Bowman, Henry Dodge, Morris Laughridge, Doris Anderson, Bill Ledbetter, Bobbie Gladden; horns—Billy Alley, Clinton Norris, William Laughridge, Charles Riddle; baritones—Bobbie Gourley, Charles Wall; trombones—Bryan Gibson, George Kirkpatrick, E. A. Hendley, Charles Bolick; bass—John Snoddy, Otis Ledbetter; and drums—Vernon Rader, Mildred Mangum, Clifford Reece, and Sam Bowman. Other high school music students expected to enter the state contest are Louis Cutlar, Albert Gourley, and Clinton Noyes.

FLYNN GIVEN 60-DAY REPRIEVE BY GOVERNOR

Notice was received here this week by D. F. Giles, Marion attorney, that Governor Hoey had granted a reprieve in the case of Lee Flynn to June 28 to give time for further study of the mental condition of the defendant.

Flynn, convicted on a first-degree murder charge in McDowell county Superior court last January was to enter the gas chamber April 12, after the State Supreme court had dismissed his appeal last week. Flynn, a McDowell county farmer, was found guilty here of slaying his wife during a quarrel at their home in the Hankins community last October 9.

D. F. Giles was appointed to defend Flynn when the case came before the Superior court here.

According to a letter received here this week by Mr. Giles from Edwin Gill, commissioner of paroles, a field representative of the paroles commission will come to Marion soon to "make a full investigation on the ground, contacting any and all persons who may be able to throw any light on this man's mental processes."

SCOUT FUND

Approximately \$600 has been raised for the McDowell county Boy Scout fund, announced S. J. Westmoreland, chairman of the drive for funds in this county, this week.

There are still some persons who have not been contacted, he said, but indications are that the goal of \$800 set for the Boy Scout fund will be reached.

Convention Of Singers Draws Large Audience

Record Set For Attendance At Semi-annual Sing Of McDowell Society.

The largest crowd ever to attend any convention of the McDowell County Singing Society packed the court house here last Sunday to hear singers, gathered here from all parts of Western North Carolina. Some 62 singers took part in the program.

Guest musicians were welcomed to Marion by Mayor Zeno Martin. The program began at about 10:00 o'clock a. m. and continued through most of the day. Program director was A. H. Mitchem, president of the McDowell County Singing Society.

C. F. James of Marion spoke briefly welcoming the musicians to Marion. Adam F. Hunt, superintendent of East Marion Mills, paid respects to the memory of George W. Sebring, deceased, former composer, musician, and singer to the memory of whom the convention was dedicated.

Guest musicians were entertained at lunch by the Marion Kiwanis club.

Quartets taking part in the singing convention were: The Gospel Four, of Burke county; the Melody Boys of Hickory; the Creasman quartet of Asheville; the English quartet of Valdese; the Lake City quartet; the Sun Ray and Silver Creek quartets of Burke county; the Riding Sisters of Valdese; Cherokee Indian quartet of Jackson county; the Victor quartet of Valdese; the Spruce Pine four; the Sebring Fast Steppers of Asheville; and the East-Marion quartet.

Trio selections were presented by the Fite sisters of Forest City and the Sunny Grove trio of McDowell county.

Solos were presented by Miss Ruby Magnus of Forest City and Mr. Gosnell of Asheville. Accompanists were George Horne of Forest City and Miss Ramsey of Asheville.

The next convention of the McDowell County Singing Society will be held here September 1, 1940.

THOS. A. PORTER DIES AT HOME AT OLD FORT; FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Thomas Alexander Porter, 81, a prominent McDowell county farmer, died at his home at Old Fort on last Saturday morning. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Porter owned several farms in that section of the county and was active in various farm organizations. He was a member of the Old Fort Presbyterian church and was well known throughout the county.

His grandfather, Captain Thomas Hemphill, fought in the Revolutionary War at Kings Mountain and was one of the first settlers of McDowell county.

Mr. Porter was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Martha Anna Porter, four sons, W. H., W. J., and A. Y., of Old Fort, and J. B. of Huntington, Va., five daughters, Mrs. I. C. Wilson of Old Fort, Mrs. Milton Cooper of Washington, whose husband is clerk for the ways and means committee, Mrs. D. C. Terrell and Mrs. C. T. Elliott of Atlanta, and Miss Nell Porter of Greensboro; one brother, W. Y. Porter of Swannanoa, 12 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Old Fort Presbyterian church with the Rev. W. E. Pettit officiating.

LOCAL BOYS TO ATTEND C.M.T. CAMP AT FT. BRAGG

Supt. N. F. Stepp, Citizens Military Training Camp representative for McDowell county, announced today that as of April 1st two young men of this county, Hugh Alfred Lee and Lawrence M. Nelson, Marion, had been accepted to attend the C. M. T. Camp to be held at Fort Bragg, June 12-July 11.

There are still three vacancies for McDowell county. Young men who wish to attend this camp are urged to submit their applications now.

PRECINCT OFFICIALS ARE APPOINTED FOR PRIMARY MAY 25TH

At a meeting of the McDowell county Board of Elections held last Saturday, composed of J. W. Streetman, Jr., G. W. Kirkpatrick and G. F. Washburn, precinct election officials for the May 25th primary were appointed.

All registrars are Democrats. One Democrat and one Republican judge are named in each precinct.

The precinct officials named are as follows, registrars being listed first, the second named being the Democrat judge and the third being the Republican judge:

Marion No. 1: Reid Bird, registrar; W. H. Hill and E. W. Parker, judges.

Marion No. 2: Highland Hawkins, registrar; Pless Hennessee and J. E. Hicks, judges.

Marion No. 3: G. W. Biggerstaff, registrar; J. A. Cannon and Reid Taylor, judges.

Marion No. 4: J. E. Roland, registrar; H. D. Broom and Straley, Curry, judges.

Marion No. 5: Lester Waters, registrar; Marion Padgett and Virgil Bradburn, judges.

Bracketts: George Rhom, registrar; M. L. Arrowood and Ben Gallion, judges.

Buck Creek: Bud Hennessee, registrar; Tom Patton and H. Simmons, judges.

Dysartsville: Paul Laughridge, registrar; Frank Daves and Roy Suttles, judges.

Glenwood: W. E. Morgan, registrar; Clyde Hemphill and J. O. Gordon, judges.

Higgins: Rex Wilson, registrar; J. H. Simpson and Sam Marlowe, judges.

Montford Cove: George Marlowe, registrar; C. L. Holland and Burpee Harris, judges.

Nebo: E. L. Tate, registrar; T. W. Stacy and Archie Jaynes, judges.

Old Fort No. 1: C. L. Tate, registrar; Ed McDaniel and M. G. Turner, judges.

Old Fort No. 2: S. F. Mauney, registrar; W. C. Silvers and R. W. Silvers, judges.

Turkey Cove: Gene Good, registrar; Jim Boyd and Lester Hollifield, judges.

North Cove: J. L. Carpenter, registrar; Rhom Brown and C. A. McCall, judges.

Crooked Creek: Glenn Bradley, registrar; Fred Lytle and Jim Hogan, judges.

AGRICULTURAL FACTS ON McDOWELL COUNTY

According to the last facts available, crops in McDowell county in 1938 were valued at \$284,072. This total was split up among the different crops as follows: corn, \$156,100; wheat, \$18,600; oats, \$1,310; rye, \$4,784; tobacco, \$1,600; cotton, \$530; Irish potatoes, \$21,500; sweet potatoes, \$21,290; soybeans, \$23,900; cowpeas, \$5,180; peanuts, \$240; and tame hay, \$29,038.

In the year 1936 there were 2,073 farms in the county. Of these farms 1,366 were under cultivation. Some 49.3 per cent of these had less than 10 acres under cultivation. Some 27.2 per cent had 10 to 20 acres; 21 per cent had 20 to 50 acres; 1.9 per cent had 50 to 100 acres; 0.5 per cent had 100 to 220 acres; and 0.1 per cent had over 220 acres. In the same year 1,280 farms in the county had corn on them. Some 19.0 per cent of the farms had less than two acres of corn; 36.8 per cent had two to six acres; 23.4 per cent had six to 10 acres; 18.3 per cent had 10 to 25 acres; and 2.5 per cent had over 25 acres.

In 1936 some 135 farms in the county had sows. Some 81.3 per cent of the farms had one sow; 12.5 per cent had two; 3.0 per cent had three to four sows; 1.6 per cent had five to six; 1.6 per cent had seven or more. Some 1,025 farms had chickens. Of these 7.5 per cent had less than 20 hens; 28.9 per cent had 21 to 50 hens; 2.4 per cent had 51 to 100 hens; 0.8 per cent had 101 to 200 and 0.4 per cent had 201 or more.

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Rev. Peter Lambeth of Penland will preach at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Church school and Bible class at 9:45.

Bishop R. E. Gribbin visited this parish last Sunday and conducted the services Sunday evening.

Large Section Of Parkway Drive To Be Open In 1940

Dodge Sees Lake Tahoma As Attraction To Travelers Over Scenic Highway.

More than 65 per cent of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia will have been completed or be in various stages of construction in 1940. This includes more than 320 miles of motorway, free from sharp curves and steep grades, out of a total of approximately 500 miles, threading the picturesque mountains between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, and the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. About 140 miles of Parkway motor road in the two states is entirely completed, providing a continuous passage over first class pavements. This stretch between Deep Gap, North Carolina, and Adney Gap, Virginia, opens on or before June 1, 1940. Add to this the 105 mile Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah Park which is open for use and there is a total of 245 miles of first class roadway, all with an average elevation of 2500 feet above sea level. There are certain other sections which are at present surfaced with stone, on which the final asphalt surface may be applied this summer, and which will be used at the travelers risk subject to necessary construction operations. This includes a section of eight miles between Asheville and the famed Rhododendron Gardens, and a fine stretch of 40 miles between Buck Gap and Grandfather Mountain.

The Blue Ridge Parkway land office of the State Highway Commission in charge of J. P. Dodge, has just received a supply of 1940 Blue Ridge Parkway folders and maps, prepared by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior. Information is given as to the location and extent of finished Parkway, what to do, where to stay, where to dine, including regulations to be observed while on the Parkway. The development of recreational facilities will go forward this year in numerous wayside parks, adjacent to the Parkway itself. Two parks under construction are the Cumberland Knob Park at the North Carolina-Virginia line, and the Bluffs Park in Wilkes county. Lodges and overnight cabins within the recreational areas are not expected to be completed during 1940. It is suggested that each day's travel be planned ahead and that picnic lunches be provided. Although accommodations in cities and communities along the Parkway vary from the finest hotels to modest cabins, it is anticipated that there will be a shortage for the traffic expected during the summer.

In discussing the matter of accommodations, Major Dodge states that Parkway officials wish to encourage the development of popular resorts, hotels, lodges, and tourist courts in communities adjacent to the Parkway. Asked about the proposed development of Lake Tahoma, and what it means to the town of Marion, Major Dodge stated that this would be an example of the type of development which would be most attractive to visitors using the Parkway. Being located within a few miles of the motor road and easily reached

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FARMERS WILL SUPPLY MILK FOR SHELBY PLANT

Twenty-two farmers of McDowell county had signed with County Agent S. L. Homewood early this week to furnish milk for a plant of the Carnation Milk Company that is being established in Shelby. Last week only 12 farmers had signed for the route.

The 22 farmers have agreed to furnish milk from 60 cows for the Carnation Company this year and to raise this number next year.

Plans recently outlined in this county call for the establishment of the milk route in McDowell on May 15. Trucks from the Shelby plant will collect milk locally from places to be designated. It is expected that the routing of the trucks will be planned Monday, April 15.