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## Trade Jubilee Declared To Be Successful Event

### Crowds Brave Weather To Take Part In Festival; Dance Postponed.

Marion's Trade Jubilee was decidedly a success in spite of the bad weather, said Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, this week, after interviewing merchants who had participated in the celebration.

Rain and cold weather, which threatened throughout the week-end to halt the festivities, caused the postponement of the street dance last Saturday night. Plans outlined here call for the dance to be held later in the year in connection with some other event.

Thursday night a larger crowd than was expected took part in the treasure hunt, the opening event of the Jubilee. Some 10,000 tickets bought for distribution to treasure hunters were soon given out. Ticket holders crowded the stores in search of prizes. The hunt for treasures continued throughout Friday and Saturday, and up until today only three-fourths of the prizes had been claimed.

Some 48 merchants participated in the Trade Jubilee. Of these 35 offered prizes in the treasure hunt.

Many Marion store windows were decorated for the festival. A judging committee inspected these windows Thursday night and selected the three they thought best in sales appeal. First place was awarded to Workman's for a display featuring Paris shoes. Second prize winner was Rose's 5 & 10 with a window featuring candies. Third place was won by The Leader for two windows displaying clothing with a background of flowers.

Friday night's festivities opened with a concert by the Marion high school band on the courthouse lawn. Spotlighting the program was the style show at the Marion Theatre. Approximately 27 merchants and business firms in Marion had models entered in the show and some merchants had several models.

Styles in clothing for men, women and children were shown with the models being introduced to the crowd that packed the theatre, by Walter J. Cartier. The show was arranged by the Junior and Senior Woman's clubs of Marion.

The Marion business district was crowded with visitors Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, but the street dance planned as a climax to the festival was postponed.

Throughout the festival frequent announcements were made over a public address system installed in the business district of Marion. Activities were directed by this means with the announcing being done by Mr. Cartier.

Mr. Cartier, acting on behalf of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, was general supervisor of the Trade Jubilee. Advertising for the festival was under the direction of V. T. Ecker, president of the Chamber of Commerce. The treasure hunt was arranged by a committee composed of Cato Holler, chairman, Dan Hitchcock and J. E. Evans. The style show was under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, chairman, Mrs. Will Erwin and Mrs. Rowe Mauney.

Mr. DeVere has been active in optometry in Marion for several years and recently opened a new office in Morganton.

### FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE JUST OUTSIDE MARION

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the home of C. E. Ricks, just outside the city limits of Marion on the Asheville highway, early last Thursday morning.

The fire was first noticed at about 3:00 o'clock a. m. Thursday morning. The Marion fire department was notified too late to save any of the structure. The building was situated next door to the State Highway garage and was the property of the State Highway Department.

Practically all furniture and clothing of the Ricks family was destroyed in the fire. Houses adjacent to the blazing building and the highway garage were protected by the Marion fire department.

## FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT IN COUNTY OUTLINED

The sum of \$2,935,163 in Federal funds was expended in McDowell county between March 4, 1933, and June 30, 1939, it was stated in a report of the Statistical Section of the Office of Government Reports, received by The Progress this week from Senator Josiah Bailey.

Of the total Federal funds allotted to this county \$284,970 represented loans that are repayable, it was said. The greater part of these loans were made by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation which issued the sum of \$125,992 to 82 borrowers between 1933 and 1936. Other agencies making substantial loans in the county were the Rural Electrification Administration, the sum of \$61,375 to one borrower; the Rural Rehabilitation division of the Farm Security Administration, the sum of \$27,373; the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the sum of \$40,000; and the Farm Credit Administration, the sum of \$26,600 to 26 borrowers, as of December 31, 1938.

Funds spent outright in the county during the six-year period amounted to \$1,667,587. Of this amount the greatest part was spent by the Public Roads Administration which accounted for the sum of \$670,052. Funds expended in the county by some of the other agencies were \$422,745 by the Works Progress Administration; \$277,323 by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration; \$111,215 by the Civil Works Administration; \$80,149 by the Public Buildings Administration for Federal buildings; and \$48,272 by the Public Works Administration.

In addition to both the repayable and non-repayable funds McDowell county received \$51,656 in housing insurance from the Federal Housing Administration and \$30,950 from the Public Roads Administration as active projects allotments.

## WEATHERSPOON TO BE SPEAKER AT REVIVAL

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, professor in the Louisville Seminary, will be the guest speaker at a revival and "evangelistic campaign" to be conducted in the Marion First Baptist church during the week of May 12-19, it was announced this week by Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor.

Dr. Weatherspoon is a former resident of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College. He is recognized as one of the outstanding teachers and preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention, said Dr. Bray.

Services during the revival week will be conducted in the morning and at night. The time of the services and soloists who will take part in the revival program have not been announced.

## DEVERE CHOSEN OFFICER OF OPTOMETRY SOCIETY

Dr. P. N. DeVere of Marion was elected first vice-president of the North Carolina Optometric Society at a meeting of the Society in Greensboro this week.

Dr. DeVere has been active in optometry in Marion for several years and recently opened a new office in Morganton.

During the state convention of Optometrists, held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week, he was elected chairman of the resolutions committee for the convention.

Dr. Luther M. Dicus, of Washington, director of the American Optometrical Association, was principal speaker at the convention. He addressed the assembly on "Public Health Optometry."

## LOCATION OF IDEAL CLEANERS IS CHANGED

The Ideal Dry Cleaners of Marion moved into their new quarters on West Henderson street this week.

The new building housing the cleaning plant is a one-story brick structure adjacent to the Laughridge Furniture Store. Some new equipment has been placed in the plant and the installation of machinery is now being completed.

No cessation of cleaning work has been brought about by the change in the location of the plant and regular cleaning and pressing is now being done at the new plant.

## Four Principals Are Re-elected For The County

### To Serve McDowell Schools For Another Year; Teachers To Be Appointed.

Principals at the Old Fort, Glenwood, Pleasant Gardens, and Nebo schools have been re-elected for another year, it was announced this week by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools.

The appointments of principals was made last week at a meeting of district committees and the county school board.

Principals who have been re-elected are S. A. McDuffy of Old Fort, C. L. Norwood of Glenwood, W. A. Young of Pleasant Gardens and Stanley Livingston of Nebo. A principal to succeed E. V. Gouge at the North Cove school has not been selected.

According to Mr. Steppe, the district committees for McDowell county schools will meet before May 15 to elect the teaching personnel for the various schools. Under state laws teachers must be notified about the election of teachers for next year before school closes.

## BAND CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 3

Fresh from a successful trip to the State Music contest in Greensboro, the high school band is ready and anxious to demonstrate its ability before local music lovers. The concert originally was scheduled for March, but due to the fire and attendant difficulties, the program was postponed to Friday, May 3rd. Though the concert is a bit belated in point of time, the quality of the performance will probably be improved to the extent that it will be worth waiting this long for.

Due to a number of requests, one of the concert numbers will be included in the program. However, the concert has been planned not only to interest the audience but also the players, and contains some very popular selections. Two numbers, "Pavanne" by Morton Gould, and "Lady of Spain" have been exceedingly popular on the radio this winter and will be presented along with the well known "Glow Worm" by Paul Lincke. The program includes the usual number of marches and other music to round out a balanced band concert.

It is hoped that everyone interested in music and the band will attend this concert.

## BROUGHTON TO SPEAK HERE NEXT THURSDAY

J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, will speak in Marion Thursday night May 2, it has been announced. Mr. Broughton was in Marion last Thursday making preliminary plans for his campaign in McDowell county and greeting friends.

Announcement was made this week that J. G. Neal, of Marion, has been appointed manager of the Broughton campaign in McDowell county.

According to Mr. Neal, Mr. Broughton will speak in the courthouse here at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

## PARSONS TO PREACH AT EAST MARION SUNDAY

Rev. Joe Parsons, who is assisting Rev. J. A. Brock, of Spindale in a revival meeting at Spencer Baptist church, will preach at East Marion Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend this special service and hear Rev. Parsons.

## DEMONSTRATION MEET

A county demonstration will be held in the Dysartsville school building, May 1 at 2:30 o'clock p. m., it was announced this week by Miss Jean Steele, McDowell home demonstration agent.

The program will be under the direction of Miss Clinard, of the Ball Canning Company.

## Extensions Of Electric Lines Discussed Here

### REA Official Pays Visit To County In Interests Of Rural Power Facilities.

Julius Austin, of the Washington offices of the Rural Electrification Administration met with a group of Burke and McDowell county residents here last Saturday and discussed the extension of electrical lines into some rural sections of the two counties, announced County Farm Agent S. L. Homewood, this week.

The establishment of electrical lines in the Dysartsville and North Cove communities in McDowell county was discussed.

According to J. A. Wier, manager of the Marion branch of the Duke Power Company, a study of the electrical needs and requirements of residents of the North Cove section will be made this week. The possible power load that will be consumed by that community will be estimated, he said, and electrical lines will be extended into that section if enough users of electricity are found to justify the work. Interest shown by residents of the North Cove section has indicated that there might be enough power users to justify the extension of lines into that area, he said.

## STREETMAN APPOINTED MANAGER FOR HORTON

J. W. Streetman, Jr., of Marion, prominent Democratic leader in McDowell county was this week appointed county manager for Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor, it has been announced. Mr. Streetman has resigned as a member of the McDowell county Board of Elections to be free to give time to the Horton campaign. He will be succeeded on the Elections Board by T. W. Gowan, former chairman of the Board.

Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney who was appointed some time ago to the headquarters staff of Mr. Horton, will continue in this advisory capacity. He will spend much time in the headquarters office in Raleigh and also will be active in organization work over the state.

## DEBATERS OF OLD FORT ELIMINATED IN CONTEST

The Old Fort high school debating teams lost out in the annual state debating contest held in Chapel Hill last week. In the first day's trials the negative team of Old Fort met the affirmative debaters of Bessemer high school. The affirmative team of Old Fort met the negative team of Lake Lure high school. All entries debated the question, "Should There Be Government Ownership of Railroads."

In elimination trials in McDowell county last month the Old Fort teams won over the Pleasant Gardens negative team and the Glenwood affirmative team.

Winners in the state contest were the Monroe high school, first, and the James A. Gray high school of Winston-Salem, second.

## WORK ON COURTHOUSE WING IS BEGUN HERE

Work on the \$50,000 WPA project for an addition to the McDowell county courthouse to house a jail was begun the latter part of last week.

Excavation work is now being done in the rear of the courthouse. Approximately 45 men are employed on the project. Superintendent of the work is J. L. Early.

It is expected that approximately eight months will be required to complete the project. Some changes in the present courthouse will be made necessary, such as the building of new partitions and doors and the changing of wiring and plumbing equipment.

The interior of the courthouse is being painted this week with all but the first floor having been refinished up to this time.

## NEGRO IS BEING HELD HERE IN DEATH CASE

Tom Rutherford, 38 year old negro of the Black Bottom section of McDowell county is being held in the county jail here pending an investigation of the contents of the stomach of Charles Dale, 53, who was found dead in the Black Bottom section on April 12.

Dale was found behind a negro church in that section on the afternoon of April 12 and was first thought to have had a heart attack. Later, after another negro became ill after having allegedly drunk some of Rutherford's whiskey, county officials sent the dead man's stomach contents to Raleigh for analysis.

Rutherford is at present being held on charges of robbery and larceny. He was alleged to have taken about \$24 from Dale.

Rutherford's trial has been set for May 7. No information has been received here about the analysis of the stomach contents of Dale, it was announced yesterday.

## SUITS FILED AGAINST OLD FORT EX-OFFICIALS

Suits totaling \$10,740.87 against the former Mayor and board of aldermen of Old Fort were filed with the Clerk of McDowell County Superior Court here last week by John V. Robinson, present Mayor, and the incumbent board.

The first of the suits charged that C. L. Tate, while serving as a member of the board of aldermen, had been elected chief of Police of Old Fort and had received \$1,625 as salary for the police office during the period 1935-37, while serving as a member of the board. The suit was filed against J. F. Harmon, former mayor, Dr. J. B. Johnson, George E. Moore, H. R. Early and T. H. Kanipe, former aldermen.

In the second suit, J. F. Harmon, while serving as mayor of Old Fort and superintendent of waterworks and collector of taxes, was charged with having deposited only \$20,043.08 in taxes while he was said to have collected a total of \$22,998.23, leaving \$2,954.25 unaccounted for.

In the third suit, Harmon, Johnson, Moore, Early, Tate and A. J. Harris, who served from 1937 until the present board was elected last June, are asked for \$5,367.32 which was said to have been unaccounted for in collections from the waterworks and town taxes.

The fourth of the suits, filed against Harmon, Johnson, Moore, Early and Harris, alleges that Tate, while serving on the town board, 1937-1938, was elected chief of police and received \$803.30 as salary. The town of Old Fort is asking for this sum which was termed an illegal expenditure since it is claimed that a member of the board of aldermen cannot hold any other public office or position of profit.

John D. Shaw, of Charlotte, and G. F. Washburn of Marion, are attorneys for the town of Old Fort.

## ALFRED GRANT IS FATALLY HURT NEAR OLD FORT

Alfred Grant, 25, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning from injuries suffered while he was at work deepening a well at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grant, about four miles from Old Fort.

Mr. Grant's neck was broken when a tub of rock fell on his head. Surviving are his parents, two brothers, Joe and Earl Grant, and one sister, Norma Grant.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bethlehem Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Pettit.

## METHODIST MEETING

Mr. Floyd Todd, district lay leader of the Gastonia district of the Methodist church will be the guest speaker at a meeting of pastors, stewards and laymen to be held in the First Methodist church in Marion, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The theme of the meeting will be the "Forward Movement."

## ATTEND HORTON MEETING

R. W. Proctor, county manager accompanied by J. W. Streetman, Jr., and W. D. Lonon, attended the meeting of the Horton campaign managers in Raleigh Friday afternoon, followed by a dinner Friday evening for county managers and statewide workers.

## New Registration For May Primary Starts Saturday

### Books Will Be At The Polling Places On Each Saturday Through May 11th.

The registration for the May Primary will open in each of McDowell county's 17 precincts next Saturday and remain open through Saturday, May 11.

There will be an entirely new registration of all qualified voters in the county. Previous registration will not entitle persons to vote in the primary unless they register with their respective registrars.

The registration books will be at the polling places on each of the three Saturdays during the period they are to remain open. The hours are from 9 o'clock in the morning to sunset. On other week days persons eligible to register may have their names listed by visiting the registrars at their homes or business places.

Under the new provisions of the law there will be separate primary registration books for the Democrats and Republicans. Persons who list themselves as independents and have no specific party affiliations will not be allowed to vote in the primary contests but, of course, will have the right to cast their ballots in the general election in the fall. Separate ballots will be used for the Democratic and Republican candidates.

The following is a list of the registrars appointed by the board of elections for the various precincts of McDowell county:

- Marion No. 1—Reid Bird.
- Marion No. 2—Highland Hawkins.
- Marion No. 3—G. W. Biggerstaff.
- Marion No. 4—J. E. Morgan.
- Marion No. 5—Lester Waters.
- Bracketts—George Rhom.
- Buck Creek—Bud Hennessee.
- Dysartsville—Paul Laughridge.
- Glenwood—W. E. Morgan.
- Higgins—Rex Wilson.
- Montford Cove—George Marlowe.
- Nebo—E. L. Tate.
- Old Fort No. 1—C. L. Tate.
- Old Fort No. 2—S. F. Mauney.
- Turkey Cove—Gene Gode.
- North Cove—J. L. Carpenter.
- Crooked Creek—Glenn Bradley.

## NEW CLOSING HOURS GO IN EFFECT HERE

New closing hours for Marion stores went into effect here Monday. The new times for closing have been set by the Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce. Under the present plan general merchants close their doors at 5:30 p. m. on week days and at 8:00 p. m. on Saturdays. Grocery and food shops close at 6:00 p. m. on week days and at 8:30 p. m. on Saturdays.

The Chamber of Commerce has set Easter Monday, Thanksgiving and Christmas as days on which all Marion stores should be closed.

## THERMAL BELT MEDICAL SOCIETY HAS MEETING

Approximately 50 doctors from McDowell, Rutherford, Cleveland, and Polk counties attended a meeting of the Thermal Belt Medical Society, held at the Marion Lake club last Thursday night.

Among the speakers at the meeting was Dr. Paul McBee of Marion who used as his subject, "Middle Meningeal Hemorrhage." Other speakers included Dr. I. A. Phifer of Spartanburg, S. C., Dr. John Hamrick of Shelby, and Dr. Austin Woody of Tryon.

Dinner was served to members of the society and guests.

## COUNTY WIDE MEETING OF WOODMEN OF WORLD

Hon. T. E. Newton, W.O.W. state manager, and A. B. Galloway, district manager, will be the principal speakers at a county wide meeting of the W.O.W. at Pleasant Gardens Community building Monday evening, April 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. All the W.O.W. camps in the county are urged to attend. Each camp is requested to bring sandwiches.