

CHAMBERS AGAIN NAMED MODERATOR OF BAPTIST BODY

M. W. Gordon Elected Clerk And Deaton, Treasurer; The Next Meeting At Clinchfield

The 12th annual session of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association met with the Bethel Baptist church Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

W. R. Chambers, for the fourth time, was re-elected Moderator. Other officers were elected as follows: Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor of the Old Fort Baptist church, vice moderator;

Dr. B. F. Bray was appointed Biblical Recorder representative and Alonzo E. Davis, E. W. Parker and A. H. Mitchem were appointed Orphanage representatives.

Next year the Association will meet with the Clinchfield Baptist church and Rev. J. E. Henline was designated to preach the annual sermon; alternate, Rev. Paul Reese.

MRS. FRED A O'NEAL, FORMERLY OF MARION, DIES IN STATESVILLE

Mrs. Freda O'Neal, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hyams and former resident of Marion, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Lippard, at Statesville, N. C., last Saturday morning after an illness of several months.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Statesville conducted by Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, of St. John's Lutheran church.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO PLAN PARADE, SPEAKING

Young Democrats of McDowell county will meet in Democratic headquarters here Friday night, October 12, at 7:30 o'clock to lay plans for a torch light parade and a speaking, with J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, as a possible speaker.

MERCHANTS DIVISION OF C OF C TO HAVE MEET

The first meeting of the fall season of the merchants division of the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Community building here tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

The merchants will set a date for the Christmas sales opening and plan a shop early campaign. They will also discuss a proposal of the executive committee for having a merchandising institute here during the winter for sales people and store owners and operators.

All merchants of McDowell county are being invited to the meeting tomorrow night. A special invitation has been extended to the merchants of Old Fort.

AUDITORS GIVE REPORT ON TAXES IN M'DOWELL

The McDowell county commissioners at a recent meeting made a final settlement with Sheriff Grady Nichols for 1939 taxes and received the auditor's report. According to the report the total bill for last year's taxes was \$203,064.17.

The percentage of taxes collected on 1939 taxes by Sheriff Nichols was 92.2 per cent and the total percentage uncollected was 7.8 per cent.

The 1940 books will be released to the sheriff in a few days and a discount of one-half of one per cent will be allowed provided 1940 taxes are paid on or before November 1.

BEAM HEARD AT LOCAL MEETING OF ROTARIANS

The public schools are destined to play a vital role in the national defense program, Hugh F. Beam, city superintendent of schools, told Marion Rotarians last Friday night.

Realizing that democracy is on trial in this world crisis, he stated, educators have dedicated themselves to the task of preparing boys and girls to take their places in the economic life of the community and of training them in good citizenship.

Mr. Beam discussed briefly the organization of schools and stated the policy of the state to be to provide minimum standards of education for every child, giving equal opportunities to all.

John R. Abee, Jr., was in charge of the program at the Friday meeting. Guests were Rev. J. J. Wood, Rotarian Tom Rose of Shelby, and Miss Louise Potat.

CLAY MAY SERVE AS LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR

R. S. Clay, former police chief of Marion, has been appointed delinquent tax collector of the town by the board of aldermen, it was announced this week. Mr. Clay has not accepted the position yet. Should he take the job, he will succeed J. Y. Lonon.

The aldermen, at their monthly meeting here Tuesday night, considered a petition drawn up by Marion residents protesting against a local welding plant, which the petitioners charged disturbed the peace of the town at night. The board held the matter for further consideration.

CORNETT TO PREACH AT FIRST METHODIST

Rev. J. C. Cornett, superintendent of the Marion district, will preach at the First Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7:30. Following the regular evening service the fourth quarterly conference will be held.

Rocky Mount police have registered more than 2,100 bicycles this year.

REGISTRATION BOOKS TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 12

Registrars Designated To Serve For Election And During The Draft Period.

The registration books to list new voters will open Saturday, October 12, at 9 a. m. and close at sunset October 26. All voters who have moved into the county, or their precinct, or who have become of age and have not registered, since the last general election in 1938, must register if they desire to vote Nov. 5.

The law requires the registrar to be at the polling place from 9 a. m. to sunset on October 12, 19, 26. On Nov. 2 will be challenge day. If you wish to register and cannot go to your polling place on these dates, see your registrar. You cannot vote unless your name is on the registration books.

The registrars in the precincts also will serve for registering young men from 21 to 35 years of age, inclusive, on draft registration day, October 16.

Young men who are ill, who cannot help being out of the county, or who will have some other legitimate excuse for not registering on the sixteenth, will be permitted to register later with the county draft board.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the general election, but the General Assembly changed the absentee ballot law at the last session to permit ballots to be issued solely by the chairman of the board of elections. The prospective voter must handle the matter himself or through his wife or husband, mother, father, sister, or brother as agent.

Registrars for the seventeen voting precincts in McDowell county have been announced by T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county board of elections, as follows:

- Marion No. 1—Reid Bird. Marion No. 2—Highland Hawkins. Marion No. 3—G. W. Biggerstaff. Marion No. 4—J. E. Roland. Marion No. 5—Lester Waters. Bracketts—George Rhom. Buck Creek—Bud Hennessee. Dysartsville—Paul Laughridge. Genswood—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—J. F. Harmon. Turkey Cove—Gene Good. North Cove—J. L. Carpenter. Crooked Creek—Glenn Bradley.

WINNERS IN CANNING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Miss Jean Noblitt of Old Fort won first place in McDowell county's 4-H club canning contest, receiving the award from Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, last week. Other winners in the contest were Martha Hoppes, of North Cove, second; and Mary Sue Tisdale, of Old Fort, third.

The prize winning jars of canned goods of Jean Noblitt have been sent to Raleigh and have been entered in the state fair.

Miss Marjorie Hoppes, of North Cove, entered a dress making review in Raleigh last Friday.

ROAD PETITION GETS APPROVAL OF BOARD

The McDowell county commissioners approved a request of petitioners here Monday for the widening of and surfacing of a three-quarter mile stretch of road near West Marion school. About 20 families were said to live on the road and a church and store are located there. The road is located near the West Marion school, forming an intersection with Sugar Hill road at that point and leading to Glenwood road.

PICK MEMBERS OF DRAFT BODY IN M'DOWELL

W. L. Morris, A. S. Bradford, And W. S. Shiflet Recommended by Local Committee

Three members of the McDowell county draft board, a medical examiner and government appeals agent were recommended Saturday to Governor Hoey by a committee composed of J. F. Moody, clerk of Superior court; N. F. Stepe, county superintendent of schools, and T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county board of elections.

Recommended for members of the draft board are W. L. Morris, A. S. Bradford and W. S. Shiflet, Jr. J. B. Johnson of Old Fort was recommended for physician and Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney, for the position of appeals agent.

All members of the board and the other two recommended will serve without compensation. The medical examiner will make all necessary physical examinations and the appeals agent will prepare appeals from decisions of the local board.

The board will make final decisions affecting the introduction of citizens into the military service, the governor's letter said.

Registration for the draft will take place between 7 o'clock in the morning and 9 o'clock at night, October 16 at the following polling places:

- Marion Numbers 1 and 2, Community building; No. 3, Clinchfield Company Store; No. 4, old school building; No. 5, Cross Mill school; Montford Cove, school building; Higgins, Rex Wilson's; Bracketts, Plack's Store; Glenwood, Pyatt's Store; Old Fort 1 and 2, Community building; Crooked Creek, Cherry Springs; Nebo, Annis store; Buck Creek, Community building; Dysartsville, school building; Turkey Cove, Childer's store; North Cove, Wiseman's store.

MARION WPA PROJECT GETS FINAL APPROVAL

The \$24,362 WPA project for the construction of a playground and a small sewer pumping station in north Marion was approved by President Roosevelt last Saturday and it is expected that work on the project will begin about the first of November, it was announced here the first of this week.

The playground planned in the project will be constructed on the vacant lot beside the Community building. It is expected that wading pools, tennis courts and other recreation facilities will be placed on the grounds.

The sewer pumping station will be placed in north Marion and will enable home owners on View Point Drive and North Main street to connect their homes with the sewage disposal system of the town.

The \$24,362 project calls for a Federal appropriation of \$16,564, which has been approved, and a sponsor's appropriation of \$7,808.

HUNTING PARTY ENDED HOLLER KILLS MOOSE

Cato Holler, James Cooper and Lyda Burnett have returned from a hunting trip on the Alaskan border, which lasted about five weeks. The party visited Yellow Stone Park in Wyoming, and other states included in the tour were Utah, Montana, Virginia, Kentucky, Idaho, Nebraska, Washington, Ohio, Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Oregon and California.

The party fished for rainbow trout and hunted grouse, geese, ducks and other game. The fish caught were said to weigh from 1 1/2 pounds to almost 12 1/2 pounds.

The hunting party stayed at a ranch house about 50 miles from Quesnel, British Columbia, and hunted about 12 miles from the ranch. Mr. Holler killed a moose which was guessed to weigh around 1000 or 1100 pounds. Mr. Holler stated that he was having the head of the moose mounted and that it would be sent to him some time in December as a Christmas present.

CHERRY IS SPEAKER AT DEMOCRATIC RALLY

"In North Carolina, Democrats can point with pride to a record of achievement since 1900," stated R. Gregg Cherry, former chairman of the Democratic executive committee, opening McDowell county's Democratic campaign at a rally held at the Pleasant Gardens school last Saturday afternoon.

"During the past 40 years, education has been made available to every child in the state and the money appropriated for schools has increased from \$100,000 in 1900 to \$27,500,000 in 1940," he said. "Eighty-four cents of each dollar for schools is paid to teachers, as compared to 70 cents of each dollar in the state ranking next to North Carolina."

Democratic government has brought 11,000 miles of hard surfaced roads to the state and 47,000 miles of secondary roads, and farm-to-market roads are being constantly improved, he said. The health work of the state has resulted in an increase of eight years in the life span of North Carolinians and the state is providing needed aid for dependent children, the blind and aged.

"Governor Hoey will go out of office with the state debt reduced by about \$27,000,000," stated Mr. Cherry, "and he will be succeeded by another progressive Democrat, Mr. Broughton."

He called upon McDowell county voters to support Roosevelt, stating they should not turn from one who has helped every American.

Mr. Cherry was introduced by Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, as a successful lawyer, past commander of the American Legion, former speaker of the house, and former chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, spoke briefly, urging support for Roosevelt. He charged that Willie had adopted the program of the Democratic party and stated that Willie was a loyal Democrat until the government "touched" holding companies with which he was affiliated.

America has enjoyed prosperity under Roosevelt, he stated, the national income increasing approximately 100 per cent during the past eight years. He declared Roosevelt to be thoroughly acquainted with international and domestic problems, knowledge that Willie does not possess.

Congressman Weaver was introduced by Robert W. Proctor, of Marion, who presided over the rally. Mr. Proctor also introduced J. F. Moody, clerk of Superior court; L. J. P. Cutlar, candidate for the state senate; J. C. Rabb, candidate for the house; Sheriff Grady Nichols; R. P. Morris and I. L. Caplan, county commissioners; Zeb Lacey, candidate for Register of deeds; and Solicitor Clarence Ridings. Mr. Ridings urged McDowell Democrats to arouse interest in voting.

Robert James, president of McDowell Young Democrats, sponsors of the rally, spoke briefly.

Approximately 250 people attended the rally, which closed with a free barbecue dinner held on the school grounds. Music as presented by the five Drake sisters, of Hendersonville, proved very popular with the audience, the girls being called upon several times for encores.

EUGENE CROSS SCHOOL GIVEN HIGHEST RATING

Announcement that Eugene Cross school here has been given the highest rating accorded an eight months school by the state was received last week by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of the Marion city schools.

H. Arnold Perry, in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at Raleigh, wrote Mr. Beam that the school is classified in the II-A rating, determined on a basis of the physical equipment, instructional supplies, school management, division of classes among teachers and subjects, and all teachers having grade A certificates.

Mrs. Garland Williams is principal of the school, which has seven teachers and 233 pupils enrolled.

P.T.A. MEETING

The Pleasant Gardens P.T.A. will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in the Community gymnasium. The meeting will be held as an informal party.

HORSE, CATTLE SHOW DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Program Climaxed By Saddle Horse Exhibitions; Award Winners Are Announced:

Crowds thronged the fair grounds near Marion all day last Friday to witness the annual horse and cattle show sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis club. The program for the show was climaxed by eight saddle-horse exhibitions, held in the afternoon before a crowd estimated at about 2,000.

The program for the afternoon was begun with a parade of draft horses and cattle that had won awards in the morning show. To the strains of band music furnished by the Marion high school band the prize winners circled the show ring.

W. R. Chambers, Marion attorney, opened the saddle horse show with a brief talk, pointing to the aims of the fair association to provide an annual fair for McDowell county at which agricultural and industrial interests would be represented and entertainment for all county residents would be provided. The 75-acre tract on which the horse and cattle show was held was purchased by a group of Marion residents interested in an annual fair for the county, he said. Shows to be held at the fair grounds will be operated on a non-profit basis and with the support of McDowell county people a fair can be made a valuable asset to McDowell agricultural and industrial life, he said.

The horse show opened with the five-gaited exhibition. W. L. Morris, riding his attractive mount, "Belle," captured first place in this division. Second place was won by C. A. Workman, riding "Flash" and third place was taken by Mr. Asbury, mounted on "Scatterbrain."

Louise Miller completely outclassed a large field of feminine riders, taking first place in the ladies' class on horsemanship and first in the boy and girl class. She won first in the ladies class riding "Shorty."

Judged the most attractive and best trained horse in the show was "Tony," belonging to Ray Smith. "Tony" was winner of the confirmation award.

The horse show was judged by C. J. Lynch, a member of the Tryon Riding and Hunt club. His decisions were as follows:

Men: Five-gaited class — W. L. Morris, first; C. A. Workman, second; Mr. Asbury, third.

Ladies on horsemanship: Louise Miller on "Shorty", first; Mrs. Charles Greenlee on "Nelle", second; Joyce Westmoreland on "Peavine", third.

Three-gaited class: Ray Smith on "Tony", first; Buster Miller on "Silver Nip", second; S. J. Westmoreland on "Peavine", third.

Walking class: W. L. Morris on "Jim Crow", first; Buster Miller on "Silver Nip", second; J. C. Rabb on "Brownie", third.

Boys and girls under 18: Louise Miller, first; Pete Gibbs, second; Janie Gill, third.

Pony class: Ned Dobson, first; Jimmy Gibbs, second.

Adult and child: S. J. Westmoreland and Patsy Kirby, first; J. N. Morris and Louise Miller, second; J. C. Rabb and Kenneth Rabb, third.

Confirmation winners: Ray Smith, first; C. A. Workman, second; W. L. Morris, third.

The horse and cattle show formally opened Friday morning with a parade down the Main street of Marion, led by the high school band. Following the parade, the judging of draft horses and cattle was begun at the fair grounds with first place awards being given in 26 classes.

Draft horse and cattle entries were judged by J. A. Wilson, farm agent of Polk county. The following stock owners were awarded prizes for their entries:

Best stallion: J. E. Jameson. Best horse or mare: Marion Padgett, first; J. C. Rabb, second; Albert Anderson, third.

Best colt, 1-2 years old: J. E. Jameson, first and second; Justice

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