

MCDOWELL MEN REGISTERED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Registrants Serious as Approximately 3,275 Go To Polling Places Throughout County.

"Have you registered yet?" was a question asked hundreds of times yesterday as residents of McDowell county between the ages of 21 and 35 went to their regular polling places yesterday to sign up for peace time military training and service.

Lead, overcast skies throughout the day cast a shade of gloom over men eligible for military training, as they gathered at the polling places, each seemingly conscious of the seriousness of the step they were about to take and what it might mean. Sobriety prevailed at all polling places in the county with only occasional levity being observed.

By late afternoon yesterday approximately 3,500 registration cards had been delivered to polling places in McDowell. Frequent calls came in to headquarters here yesterday for the delivery of more cards as registration totals climbed throughout the day. Approximately 3,275 persons in McDowell are thought to have registered yesterday. On the basis of War department calculations, the number of men registered equals about 14 per cent of the population, and about one in 40 of these will be trained in the coming year. According to these calculations, only about 81 men in the county would be called for training this year, but this number will be decreased by voluntary enlistments which will be counted against the county's quota.

In the town of Marion, with 2,888 people, according to the 1940 census 404 would register and 10 would be trained by the army this year.

Approximately 75 volunteer workers throughout the county assisted with the registration yesterday, all reporting that the work was done in an orderly manner with the full cooperation of the public.

Polling places throughout the county opened for draft registration at 7:00 o'clock yesterday morning. Many Marion residents had already registered before 9:00 o'clock, taking advantage of the opportunity before going to work. Mills throughout Marion township had schedules arranged for providing time for their employees to register.

Marion men in precincts one and two registered at the Community building. Heaviest registration was expected there, over 1,500 cards having been delivered there late yesterday afternoon. Registration reached its peak at the Community building in the early morning and tapered off after that until the late afternoon when many mill employees rushed to the polls.

Special arrangements were made at the Community building for the registration of colored men. They flocked to the place throughout the day and several hundred are expected to have registered.

In most instances only about 15 or 20 minutes was required for the registration of a draftee. Each applicant was required to answer about eight questions, was given an identification card and a booklet of information about the draft.

The registration in McDowell was under the direction of T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county board of elections. McDowell men who will be eligible for actual military training will be passed on by the county draft board, composed of W. L. Morris, A. S. Bradford, Wm. S. Shiflet, and Dr. J. B. Johnson of Old Fort. Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney, will be appeals agent. All members of the draft board have not been finally approved but have been recommended by the President.

Registered men have been requested to keep in close touch with their local draft boards, which will have charge of deferments and the introduction of men, chosen by national authorities, to military service.

PILOT CLUB MEETING

The Pilot Club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. A. Workman on South Garden street Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY CONCERT TO BE PRESENTED AT THEATRE

The regular Sunday afternoon concert of classical and semi-classical music that has been presented in the Marion Community building will be given in the Marion Theatre next Sunday, October 20, it was announced this week. The concert will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and will be open to the public. No admission will be charged.

Albert Hewitt, of Marion, will be guest soloist on the afternoon program, along with Nelson Parker, of Marion. Mr. Hewitt will present several vocal selections and Mr. Parker will accompany and present piano solos. A program of recorded classical music has been arranged and will be played over special sound equipment. Selections to be heard include the Prelude to Act III of "Lohengrin," the "Second Hungarian Rhapsody" and "Finlandia."

The Sunday concerts are sponsored by the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WPA FORMED HERE

A county advisory committee to "promote, interpret and coordinate the professional and service division of the Works Progress Administration and community activities" in McDowell county was formed here last Friday when a group of interested citizens met in the court house. Walter J. Cartier was elected chairman of the committee and S. A. McDuffie, of Old Fort, vice-chairman. A secretary will be appointed.

Mrs. Lola V. Roberts, district director of the professional and service division of the WPA, appeared before the group and explained the need of such an organization in McDowell. The committee will help the people of the county to become better acquainted with the work of the WPA, and will study the needs of the county and direct WPA work into most productive channels, she said.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at the call of the chairman. Mrs. Roberts will be present at that time and will explain the organization of the WPA. An executive board will be appointed.

The Friday meeting was called by Mayor Zeno Martin. Among the McDowell residents attending the meeting were Mayor Martin, I. L. Caplan, S. A. McDuffie, Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, Hugh F. Beam, N. F. Steppe, Walter J. Cartier, Mrs. John Potest, Mrs. Walker Blanton and Mrs. Mary Burgin.

TO BEGIN REVIVAL AT EAST MARION BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor of Old Fort Baptist church, will assist the pastor, Rev. R. Von King, in a revival meeting to begin next Sunday, October 20 at East Marion Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Pettit will deliver his opening message on Sunday evening at the regular worship service. The services are planned to continue day and night for two weeks daily at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The public will be welcomed to these services. Rev. Pettit is a talented speaker, and a successful pastor and evangelist. Before coming to Old Fort he was pastor of Arkwright Baptist church in Spartanburg, S. C. He has many friends throughout this section. He is the vice-moderator of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association for the coming year.

WILKIE RALLY AND BARBECUE TO BE HELD

Members of the Marion Wilkie club will stage a rally and free barbecue at North Fork clubhouse tomorrow night, October 18, at 7:30 o'clock. The club house is located beyond Yancey bridge on the North Fork road.

The meeting has been advertised as a "Non-Partisan" and "Independent Democratic Wilkie Rally." Free barbecue will be given to all persons attending the meeting. A special invitation has been extended to ladies to attend.

WELFARE MEETING TO BE HELD HERE NOV. 19

Mrs. W. B. Aycock, director of county organization for the State Welfare Board, announces that a district welfare meeting will be held in Marion on November 19th.

SEALED BIDS ON MARION PLANT WILL BE ASKED

Referee Holds Hearing Here To Study Future Of Furniture Firm.

Plans for continuing operation of the bankrupt McDowell Furniture factory under new ownership were discussed here last Friday at a hearing before Isaac T. Avery, federal referee.

R. S. Crisp of Lenoir, former official of the company, announced that he could organize a corporation to take over the plant and keep it going without loss of a day's work.

Mr. Avery ruled, however, that sealed bids for the purchase of the firm would be sought and that they would be opened at a hearing in the courthouse here October 23.

The factory is now being operated in the trusteeship of W. E. Stevens, of Lenoir, who has been given authority to keep it running until November 15 to protect the interests of the creditors.

Previously Mr. Stevens announced that the company had assets of \$467,293.84. Outstanding liabilities, he said, included a \$100,000 first mortgage and \$195,039.47 owed to secured and unsecured creditors.

The factory was placed in the hands of state receivers last August but later was transferred to the jurisdiction of Federal Judge E. Y. Webb who named Mr. Avery, of Morganton, to act as special master of the hearings.

Since production during the next six months or so depends largely on orders obtained at the Chicago furniture show, opening October 28, Mr. Avery agreed that Mr. Stevens could prepare a number of sample suits for exhibition there.

A number of small controversial matters were brought before Mr. Avery during the hearing Friday.

Most of the time was spent arguing the merits of a claim that the bankrupt concern owed over \$1,500 to its company store operated by L. M. Hemphill, and that this should be given a preferred classification because the debt involved coupons issued in lieu of wages to workmen.

Mr. Avery reserved decision on this question until a later date.

M'Lendon Is To Speak IN MARION OCTOBER 26

Major L. P. McLendon, prominent in Democratic party work in North Carolina for many years and former chairman of the state board of elections, will speak at the court house in Marion on Saturday night, October 26, at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced this week. Major McLendon comes to Marion in connection with the Democratic campaign in McDowell which will be climaxed Saturday night, November 2, with a torchlight parade and an address by J. M. Broughton, candidate for governor.

The parade, led by the Marion high school band, will move up Main street, then out West Court street to the high school where Mr. Broughton will speak.

SATURDAY NAMED AS DAY FOR TAG SALES

The annual milk bottle Tag Sale day, sponsored by the Marion Parent-Teachers association, will be held here Saturday, October 19, it was announced this week. The tags will be sold by the Marion school children and the proceeds will be used by the lunch room at the local school building. Tag sales are under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Proctor. Sales will begin at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL ELECTION BEGINS

Registration for the November general election opened last Saturday in the 17 precincts of the county. Registrants will be at the polling places from 9 a. m. until sunset for the next two Saturdays to register voters who have become of age or moved from one precinct to another since the last registration.

The third Saturday after today will be for challenges.

SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

Damage Suit Against the State Highway Commission Scheduled For First Week.

A special two weeks term of civil court convenes here Monday, October 21, with the case of John Yancey, and others, vs. State Highway and Public Works Commission, a \$200,000 damage suit in which a jury of view has recommended a settlement of \$75,000, scheduled to be tried during the first week. Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, will preside during the two-weeks term.

The plaintiffs to the damage suit action, Supreme Court Justice J. Wallace Winborne, as executor and trustee of the W. W. Guy estate, and John Yancey have charged that the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway has damaged the Holston and Heffner apple orchard to an amount between \$200,000 and \$250,000. They charge that the State Highway Commission appropriated 206.76 acres of land, containing approximately 6,825 "valuable apple trees" for the Parkway, and that surrounding property has been damaged.

Other cases scheduled to be tried during the term are C. F. James et al, vs. W. W. Faw, et al; B. S. McKinney vs. E. J. Randolph; Sterchi Bros. vs. Mrs. Frank Waters; Andrew Rumpf vs. Ida Rumpf; Mrs. Ruby Bennett vs. J. R. Bennett; Mrs. Annie Duncan vs. Bernus Duncan; and Frank D. Glenn vs. G. P. Seagle.

NOTED CLERGYMAN AT ST. MATTHEW'S SUNDAY

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe the annual Mission Festival next Sunday. The speaker at the 11 o'clock service will be the Rev. Rudolph S. Rasmeyer, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church of Baltimore and also chairman of the Mission Board of the Southeastern Lutheran District. The purpose of the Mission festival, it is stated, is to comply with the Savior's last wish to His followers "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Special emphasis in this service will be upon the purpose and blessing of foreign missions.

Special music will be rendered with Albert Hewitt as soloist.

The Rev. Rasmeyer will address the annual convention of the N. C. Lutheran Woman's League at Rutherfordton Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. There will be no services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church on Sunday night.

C. W. WILSON RE-ELECTED RECORD CHIEF 40TH YEAR

For the 40th consecutive year C. W. Wilson, of Clinchfield, has been re-elected chief of records of the Improved Order of Red Men for this district.

Mr. Wilson was re-elected Saturday night at the district meeting at the lodge. Other officers are Quincy Morgan of Marion, sache; S. R. Mashburn, of Asheville, prophet; C. C. Alexander of Arden, senior sagamore; and Luther Anders of Asheville, junior sagamore.

George Pennell, Asheville attorney, delivered the principal address. The address of welcome was made by R. L. Bishop of Asheville, and the response was by G. W. Kinzely of Marion.

MCDOWELL TEACHERS TO ATTEND NCEA MEET

Teachers of the Marion city unit and of McDowell county schools will attend the district meeting of the North Carolina Education association in Asheville Friday of this week. They will be accompanied by principals of all McDowell schools and Superintendents N. F. Steppe and Hugh F. Beam.

Superintendent Beam has been recommended for the presidency of this district of the N.C.E.A. and the recommendation has been supported by many educational leaders throughout the district.

LOCAL PASTOR ELECTED FIRST ZONE DIRECTOR OF LUTHERAN LEAGUE

At the zone rally last Sunday at St. Stephen's Lutheran, Hickory, Paul A. Boriack was elected spiritual director of zone No. 1 of the North Carolina Walthers League. Zone No. 1 comprises all of Western North Carolina including Hickory. The Walthers League is the young peoples organization of the Lutheran church.

Other officers elected were Miss Mona Huffman, of Hickory, president; Dorothy Hawn, of Hickory, vice-president; secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Huffman, also of Hickory. The above officers together with Rev. Boriack constitute the Executive Board of Zone No. 1. Other officers to be appointed are the chairman of Christian Knowledge and of Christian Service departments. Both offices are to be filled by representatives of the Asheville or Rutherfordton and Marion leagues.

The early spring zone rally will be held in Marion. In the near future the executive board will meet in Marion with Rev. Paul A. Boriack to outline an intensive and far-reaching program for the year.

The local Lutheran pastor is also serving as spiritual advisor to the North Carolina Lutheran Laymen's League and as Visitor of Circuit No. 7 of the Southeastern Lutheran District.

COUNTY HEALTH UNIT DISCUSSED BY ROTARY

Discussion about a health unit for McDowell county was held at the regular weekly meeting of the Rotary club last Friday with Carl S. Gibson, county health officer, explaining the advantages offered by a county unit. Mayor Zeno Martin discussed the proposal at some length, giving figures on the approximate cost of a unit in the county and explaining details of the work that would be accomplished.

Action to be taken by the Rotary club was left up to the board of directors. The directors are scheduled to meet tonight at 7 o'clock in the Marion Drug Company.

Guests of the Friday meeting included Mayor Martin, Mr. Gibson, and Rotarian Fred Hallenback of High Point.

The following program chairmen were announced: October 18, Albert Hewitt; October 25, Macon Hewitt; November 1, Clarence Rabb; and November 8, Walter J. Cartier.

REPORT \$5,735 PAID TO JOBLESS HERE DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

In the distribution of \$16,370,462.19 to unemployed and partially unemployed workers on North Carolina in the 33 months of benefit payments through September, the 46 white employment offices and 10 colored branches distributed 2,595,147 checks, Chairman Charles G. Powell of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, states.

This distribution included 30,516 checks for \$325,473.68 going to out-of-state workers who had previously established wage credits by work in North Carolina.

During the month of September, 1940, the distribution of jobless benefits amounted to \$413,506.75, included in 79,795 checks, of which 2,211 checks for \$19,551.36 went to out-of-state claimants with wage credits in North Carolina.

The McDowell Employment office distributed \$268,667.33, embraced in 41,260 checks, in the 33 months of payments in the area served by the office, through September. In the month of September, this office distributed 1,179 checks for \$5,735 to the unemployed in the area.

LOCAL STORE TO SELL NEW LINE OF GOODS

The Streetman Drug Company of Marion this week received a large shipment of Hanna's Green Seal paints which will be handled by the store in the future in this territory. Featured in the large stock of paint now on display at the store are outside paint, floor and hard-finish enamels and wall finishes of all kinds. The paints to be sold at Streetman's have been distributed in this territory for many years. The store now carries a complete stock to fill all painting needs.

DEDICATION OF GILKEY PARK IS SET OCTOBER 20

Refuge Area And Lodge To Be Named For Late Member Of The Board.

Dedication of Gilkey Memorial park and Gilkey Memorial lodge in the Mt. Mitchell Game refuge near Busick has been set for Sunday afternoon, October 20, at 4 o'clock, according to Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor club, member of the state board of conservation and development and chairman of the state parks committee.

The ceremony honors the late John Q. Gilkey, long active on the conservation board and in its program, and precedes the semi-annual meeting of the conservation and development board and a conference with officials of the Great Smoky Mountains National park regarding erection of tourist facilities in the park area and along the Blue Ridge parkway.

Santford Martin of Winston-Salem, whose service as a member of the board is described as having paralleled that of the late Mr. Gilkey, will deliver the dedicatory address following invocation by the Rev. B. F. Bray, of Marion. Hundreds of visitors, including prominent state officials and friends of Mr. Gilkey, are expected to be present at the dedication, for which music will be furnished by the Marion high school band.

Constructed of native stone and consisting of a living room, auditorium, kitchen and several bedrooms, the memorial lodge will be used as conference quarters for board members, game protectors, foresters and others of the department of conservation and development. Adjoining are a fish hatchery and game refuge containing a collection of native wild animals.

"It would not be possible for us to erect a more fitting memorial to John Quince Gilkey," Mr. Roberts declared. "Both the park area and the lodge itself are entirely the result of his planning and it is, therefore, highly appropriate that they be dedicated to his memory. Through his work for the state and his own unselfishness, Mr. Gilkey has built for himself a far more lasting memorial in the memory of his associates."

Highlight of the dedicatory exercises will be the unveiling of a bronze plaque containing a profile of Mr. Gilkey and a tribute.

LOCAL ELEVEN LOSES GAME TO SHELBY, 13-0

With Moore, fullback, making the scoring plunges, Shelby high school tallied in the second and fourth quarters and defeated the Marion high school eleven, 13 to 0, in Shelby last Friday afternoon. Handicapped by the loss of several players who were out because of injuries, Coach Art Ditt's Marion squad entered the game with Shelby being favored to win.

Robertson, Good, Hawkins and Harris sparked the play for the local eleven, while Moore was outstanding for Shelby.

The Marion high eleven rests this Friday, no game being scheduled. On October 25 the squad goes up against Forest City, there. After the week's rest it is expected that the full team will be in shape to tackle Forest City.

PTA SUPPER AT NORTH COVE SCHOOL TONIGHT

The North Cove school Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a supper to be held this evening from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock in the school building. Proceeds from the supper will be used to buy equipment for the lunch room so that it may be opened for school children. There will be a small charge of 25c per plate. Everyone is invited to come.

DULA HAWKINS HONORED

Dula Hawkins, who is a law student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been elected vice president of his class. Mr. Hawkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins.