

TOTAL OF 2,674 MEN REGISTERED IN THIS COUNTY

Figures Given For Each Of 17
Precincts In McDowell;
Draft Board At Work.

Official figures for the selective draft registration in McDowell county show that 2,674 men between the ages of 21 and 36 signed registration cards Wednesday of last week. The highest number to register in any of the 17 precincts in the county was recorded at Marion No. 1, where 474 men signed cards.

Registration totals at each of the precincts in the county were as follows: Turkey Cove, 101; Higgins, 30; North Cove, 105; Marion No. 1, 474; Marion No. 2, 453; Marion No. 3, 222; Marion No. 4, 327; Marion No. 5, 130; Glenwood, 61; Crooked Creek, 90; Bracketts, 15; Nebo, 114; Montfords Cove, 55; Dysartsville, 75; Buck Creek, 108; Old Fort No. 1, 152, and Old Fort No. 2, 157. Two registration cards were signed at the Marion General Hospital. Several cards were taken to the county prison camp where eligible men will be required to register upon release from the camp.

The numbering of registrants has not been begun in McDowell yet by the draft board. Members of the board are now busy mailing out cards of registrants who are not residents of the county and taking care of cards of county residents who registered in other places other than McDowell. The complete number of McDowell residents registered will not be known until all cards from other places have been received by the draft board, which has opened an office in the old treasurer's room on the first floor of the court house here. Members of the board are W. L. Morris, A. S. Bradford, Wm. S. Shiflet and Dr. J. B. Johnson. Robert W. Proctor, Marion attorney, is appeals agent.

The number of men registering for the selective draft in McDowell this year is more than double the number that signed for service in June of 1917. A total of 1,265 registered in 1917 as compared to 2,674 this year. Registration in McDowell this year, however, fell below war department estimates which were based on the theory that approximately 14 percent of the population, or 3,276, would register in McDowell.

MEMBERSHIP TAGS TO BE SECURED BY C OF C

New membership tags for the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce are being ordered for the year 1941, stated Secretary Walter J. Cartier this week. The new tags will bear a metal date plate that is interchangeable and will bear the following statement: "No subscription, donation, advertisement or other contribution will be considered by us until you have registered all facts regarding your proposition at the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce, and it has been found not to conflict with the principles adopted by the chamber."

C OF C MEET TODAY IS SET FOR OLD FORT

Old Fort members of the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce and all Old Fort merchants are requested to meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Old Fort Community building to discuss plans for a Christmas program that will be held in connection with a celebration that is being planned for Marion. The meeting will be presided over by Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber.

MARION MINISTERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Rev. J. C. Cornett, superintendent of the Marion district, Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist church, H. M. Wellman, Marion Mills, W. E. Ruffy, Marion Circuit, and H. C. Freeman, McDowell Circuit, are attending the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference at High Point this week.

PLAINTIFFS REST CASE IN ORCHARD SUIT HERE

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 damage suit against the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission, being heard in Superior court here this week before Judge Wilson Warlick, rested their case yesterday morning after plaintiffs' witnesses had been on the stand for over two days. Plaintiffs to the action are Supreme Court Justice Wallace Winborne, as trustee and executor of the W. W. Guy estate, and John Yancey, represented by J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Robert W. Proctor.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs have attempted to show through witnesses that the Holston and Heffner apple orchards, located in the northwest part of McDowell, were damaged to an extent between \$200,000 and \$250,000 when crossed by the Blue Ridge Parkway. Several orchardists have been introduced as witnesses for the plaintiffs since the case was begun here Monday. S. L. Homewood, McDowell farm agent, estimated damages at \$219,838. Other estimates were: Edward Heffner, manager of the orchards, \$245,000; Weldon Willis, local surveyor, \$219,250; and other estimates have run as high as \$250,000. Among the witnesses examined by attorneys were Robert McCracken, W. K. Boone, Hardy Sparks, and W. R. Franklin, each of whom estimated the damage at 75 percent.

The examination of defense witnesses was begun on yesterday morning when C. A. Black, Waynesville orchardist, took the stand. Mr. Black stated the orchard had been offered to him in 1931 at a sale price of \$100,000. He and other defense witnesses stated the orchard was in poor condition and part of it had been abandoned before the Parkway was built across it.

A jury of view has recommended a settlement of \$75,000 in the case. The trial is expected to continue throughout this week.

Defense attorneys in the case are Charles Ross, general counsel for the highway commission; E. A. Gardner, special counsel for the commission, and D. F. Giles, Marion attorney.

BRYSON IS SPEAKER AT LOCAL ROTARY MEETING

Mr. Herman Bryson, former state geologist of North Carolina, directed a discussion on minerals and mineral deposits in the state before the local Rotary club last Friday. He pointed to the extensive mining operations that are now being carried on in North Carolina and explained that much higher prices are being obtained for mine products in the state since war began in Europe. Mica is being used in great quantities as the United States prepares to train millions of men for military service, he said, and a great part of the product used comes from Western North Carolina.

Mr. Bryson was accompanied at the meeting by his associate, Chas. V. Magann, of Philadelphia.

The Rotary club voted to buy a silk marching flag for the Marion high school band. A committee was appointed to meet with representatives of other civic clubs, McDowell governmental units and the county medical association to study a county public health program and outline activities for health work. Appointed to the committee were Ralph Tate and Walter J. Cartier.

M'MURRAY TO CONDUCT INSTALLATION SERVICE

Rev. Carl W. McMurray will conduct installation services for Rev. M. G. Lyster at Clinchfield Presbyterian church Sunday night, October 27, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no evening services at the First Presbyterian church in Marion, it has been announced.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE TO MEET THIS MORNING

The committee of the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce planning the Christmas program for Marion and the county will meet in the Community building here this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Committees for each part of the Christmas program will be suggested and further plans for the celebration will be discussed. J. A. Wier is chairman of the Christmas program committee.

BRADFORD CHOSEN AS PRESIDENT OF LOCAL KIWANIS

Club Elects Neal Vice - President and Selects New Board Of Directors.

A. S. Bradford was elected president of the Marion Kiwanis club here Tuesday night, succeeding Cecil Dobson. Elected vice-president of the club was W. W. Neal, Jr.

Mr. Bradford has been a member of the Kiwanis club for some time and is manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company here.

A new board of directors was elected at the Tuesday night meeting. Members of the board are Hugh F. Beam, S. J. Westmoreland, J. B. Laughlin, M. W. Gordon, Jr., S. L. Homewood, Lee Conley, Jerry Griswold, Robert W. Proctor, J. N. Morris and W. S. Shiflet. A secretary will be elected at the first meeting of the board of directors.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, former governor of North Carolina, was a guest at the meeting. He spoke briefly touching on the work of the National Youth Administration in this state. N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, presented a request of the NYA for financial assistance in completing its program for the coming year. A committee composed of Mr. Steppe, Mr. Beam, and S. J. Westmoreland was appointed to consider the request.

Other guests at the meeting were Charles Ross, general counsel for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, W. E. Stevens of Lenoir, J. H. Hooten of Gastonia, Paul O. Nafe of Marion and Kiwanian M. W. Gindler of Salisbury.

M'LENDON TO SPEAK AT RALLY HERE OCT. 26

Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro, prominent attorney and former member of the state board of elections, will be the principal speaker at a Democratic rally to be held in the court house here Saturday night, October 26, at 8:00 o'clock. Major McLendon is widely known as an eloquent speaker and prominent lawyer.

The public has been invited to attend the rally and a special invitation has been extended to ladies. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Marion high school band.

The rally is expected to draw a large crowd as interest in the coming election grows and the Democratic campaign nears a climax.

OLD FORT MAN HURT AS CAR, TRUCK COLLIDE

James Peak, 28, of Old Fort, was critically injured last Saturday when his automobile and a heavy truck collided on Route 70, about one mile north of Marion. He was rushed to the Marion General Hospital here and was unconscious for several hours, suffering from a fractured skull, a crushed leg and a broken jaw and collar bones.

Peak's car was said to have collided with a truck driven by Earl Arrowood, of Burlington. No charges have been preferred against either driver.

According to C. A. Beard, state highway patrolman who investigated the accident, Peak was said to have driven his car off the highway to turn around. He was re-entering the highway when the collision occurred.

Arrowood was said to have sustained no injuries in the accident. Peak's car was practically demolished and the truck was damaged to a small extent.

WORKERS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS AT AIRPORT

Marion Boy Scouts and volunteers from local civic clubs will work together in the near future to clean up Marion's airport and cut down undergrowth that has collected around the field, according to plans outlined here this week.

Workers will clear the field around the edges and make it safer for plane owners who may wish to use the facilities of the local airport.

HUGH F. BEAM IS NAMED HEAD OF TEACHERS GROUP

Superintendent Of Marion City Schools Succeeds W. L. Lathan of Bryson City.

Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools, was elected president of the Western District Teachers' association at the closing session of their 18th annual convention in Asheville last Saturday.

Mr. Beam succeeds W. L. Lathan of Bryson City, superintendent of Swain county schools. Other officers elected were J. B. Jones of Transylvania county, vice-president, and Miss Louise Clark of Candler, secretary. More than 2,300 teachers from the 18 western counties attended the two-day meeting. The Teacher's association is a part of the North Carolina Education association.

Officers of the 14 departmental groups were elected with Mrs. Nelle Young of Pleasant Gardens being chosen secretary of the dramatic arts group; Miss Elsie House of Pleasant Gardens, vice-president of primary teachers; W. J. Waters of Pleasant Gardens, president of the grammar grades group; and S. A. McDuffie of Old Fort, secretary of district principals.

Mr. Beam was suggested for the presidency of the association some time ago. He has been very active in school, civic and business activities in Marion and McDowell county for the past 14 years. He began his work here 14 years ago as a teacher in Marion high school. After a few years he was made principal of the high school and for the past five years has been serving as superintendent of Marion city schools.

He is a past president of the Marion Kiwanis club and is now serving on the board of directors of this organization. He has long been active in church and Sunday School work and is now teacher of the Young Men's Bible class of the Presbyterian church. For several years he has been active in Boy Scout work and has served as Scout master. He is well known throughout the state in educational circles.

Teachers and principals of McDowell city and county schools attended the Asheville meeting. They were accompanied by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, and Mr. Beam.

EAST MARION SCHOOL ORGANIZES P.T.A. GROUP

The Parent-Teacher Association of East Marion school was organized last Thursday afternoon. The meeting was opened with a program given by the fifth grade directed by Mrs. Giles and Miss Poteat. The program consisted of Scripture reading, prayer and a safety play.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Homer Beaman. She spoke to the parents and teachers on the history, purpose and program of the P.T.A.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. Robert Landis, president; Mrs. David Steppe, vice-president; Miss Millie Kanipe, secretary, and Mrs. Tate McCurry, treasurer.

A large number of parents and friends of the school were present and gave their names for membership.

After the meeting refreshments were served and a short social hour was enjoyed by all.

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED ON FURNITURE COMPANY

An extension of time for receiving sealed bids for the purchase of the McDowell Furniture Company was ordered here yesterday by Isaac T. Avery, referee in bankruptcy, at a meeting of creditors of the company. No bids on the property had been received up to yesterday and Mr. Avery extended the time limit to such date as a suitable bid shall be received, not later than November 15th.

The payment of preferred claims of several creditors was ordered yesterday.

Patronize home merchants.



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ROBERT MCNEILL TO SPEAK AT RALLY IN MARION FRIDAY NIGHT

Robert H. McNeill, of Statesville, Republican gubernatorial nominee, will speak at a Republican rally at the court house here Friday night at 8 o'clock, it is announced by Dr. Dean H. Crawford, county chairman. Mr. McNeill is an able and well informed speaker and all citizens who are interested in state and national affairs are invited to attend, Chairman Crawford said.

Republican leaders of McDowell county hope that a large attendance will be present to hear Mr. McNeill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET AT HARMONY GROVE SUNDAY

The Blue Ridge Baptist Sunday School Association will meet with the Harmony Grove Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27, it is announced by J. A. Walker, superintendent. The theme of the program will be "Evangelism in the Sunday School." The program, beginning at 2:30, will be as follows:

- 2:30: Devotional, Julius Parker.
- 2:40: Roll Call of Churches.
- 2:50: "Bible Evangelism," W. E. Pettit.
- 3:15: Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Price.
- 3:20: "How Can We Carry On Effective Evangelism in Our Sunday Schools?" Paul Reese.
- 3:45: Adjournment.

MORGAN ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

W. E. Morgan, of the Glenwood section was elected chairman of the county committee to administer the soil conservation program in McDowell during 1941 at a meeting of delegates from all townships in the office of County Agent S. L. Homewood here Monday. Mr. Morgan succeeds W. C. McIver as chairman of the committee.

Other members of the committee elected were John T. Haney, vice-chairman, succeeding W. E. Morgan; and Winslow S. Burgin, member, replacing J. N. Carpenter. J. E. English and W. C. McIver were elected alternates.

The duties of the county committee consist of setting up crop allotments for farms in the county working under the program, the signing of all applications and general supervision of soil conservation work in McDowell.

MOTOR CLUB OFFICE TO HANDLE LICENSE TAGS

The local office of the Carolina Motor Club is laying plans for the sale of 1941 license plates which go on sale here December 1, it was announced here this week. About 4,000 tags are expected to be received by the office in the first shipment.

The club office is located in the Community building in Marion and is open six days a week. Three people are expected to handle the tag sales to take care of the rush soon after the opening.

According to Walter J. Cartier, the local Motor Club office has saved Marion car owners much time and money, enabling them to purchase license plates here. In addition many outsiders have been brought to Marion by the facilities offered by the local office, he said.

GILKEY LODGE IS DEDICATED IN GAME REFUGE

Park And Lodge Dedicated To Memory Of North Carolina Conservationist.

North Carolina Sunday paid tribute to the late John Quince Gilkey of Marion, who devoted his life to the development of this region, by dedicating to his memory a lodge and park in the Mount Mitchell game refuge.

More than 300 persons gathered at the lodge for the formal exercises preceding the unveiling of a bronze plaque bearing a relief of Mr. Gilkey and mounted at the entrance to the lodge.

Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, of which Mr. Gilkey also was a member since it was founded in 1925 by Gov. A. W. McLean, delivered the principal address.

"For the launching and completion of this Mount Mitchell enterprise, now recognized as one of the most valuable developments in our whole conservation program, we owe more to the late John Quince Gilkey of Marion, than to any other man," Mr. Martin said. "It was he who first dreamed this development and he never ceased his efforts until he saw his dream fulfilled."

"As we dedicate this building and park, may each of us also resolve to dedicate ourselves to the high task of carrying on the great movement for conservation and development of all the resources of North Carolina—both human and material—with something of John Quince Gilkey's vision and indomitable spirit."

Mr. Martin referred to Mr. Gilkey's untiring zeal in pushing plans for the Blue Ridge Parkway, developing fish hatcheries and conservation areas, improving the state road system, and aiding the conservation and development department in boosting the industrial growth of the state.

Josh L. Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount publisher, introduced Mr. Martin after a brief talk by R. Bruce Etheridge of Manteo, director of the State department.

The dedication ceremonies were opened with an invocation by the Rev. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion.

Little Elizabeth Little Proctor and Eugene Cross, 3rd, grandchildren of Mr. Gilkey, pulled aside the North Carolina State flag that veiled the bronze plaque during the exercises.

Other members of the board present for the exercises and a meeting to be held at the lodge later were Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte, James J. Stone of Greensboro, Col. John L. Harrelson of Raleigh, James C. McNair of Laurinburg, W. Roy Hampton of Plymouth, Thurmond Chatham of Winston-Salem, E. L. Bugg of Greensboro, Charles E. Ray Jr., of Waynesville, Walter Lambeth of Charlotte, John R. McLaughlin of Statesville, Josh L. Horne of Rocky Mount, and Paul Kelly of Raleigh.

The lodge, erected over a period of several years following 1934, has eight bedrooms, five bathrooms, a kitchen, dining room and assembly hall. It is constructed of native stone and timber at an elevation of 3,100 feet about four miles southeast of the peak of Mount Mitchell.

Mr. Gilkey died in Marion last July.

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 27. The concert will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon and will be open to the public. Last week's concert was postponed because of a conflict with other activities.

Albert Hewitt, of Marion, will be guest soloist on the afternoon program. Recorded classical gems will round out the program.