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M'CURRY HOLDS FIRST M'DOWELL NUMBER DRAWN

Partial List Of Draftees Given; Board Proceeds With Conscription Work.

Secretary of War Stimson drew the first number in the nation's draft lottery Tuesday afternoon to start the conscription machine that will turn out millions of trained men in the United States. The first number drawn was 158. In McDowell this serial number was held by Howard Reid McCurry who will, if not deferred, be the first resident of the county to go into training.

Approximately 9,000 numbers were drawn in the national lottery Tuesday afternoon and night. It is expected that the holders of the first 650 numbers drawn are the only ones likely to go into training within a year's time. In the first 650 numbers drawn 54 correspond to numbers held by McDowell residents.

The McDowell county draft board posted the serial numbers of all registered men in the court house hall here last week. The board is expected to begin work immediately arranging the order numbers of registrants and preparing to send out questionnaires.

As soon as order numbers have been arranged and preliminary classification of registrants have been made the board will start sending out the questionnaires, 50 each day to registered men in the order their numbers were called in the national lottery.

Among the first McDowell residents holding numbers drawn in the national lottery are the following, with the first number indicating the order in which registrants will be called for military training or deferment and the second being the serial number set up last week by the county draft board:

- 1—158—Howard Reid McCurry
- 2—192—Robert Louis Kincaid, colored.
- 3—105—Horace Gordon Bartlett
- 4—2441—Gordon Jack Parker
- 5—2563—Clifford Edda Haynes
- 6—188—Edward Jackson
- 7—120—Frank Dewey Conley
- 8—2670—James Leon Mashburn
- 9—2451—Fred Edward Conner
- 10—2748—Richard Lee Tipton
- 11—2698—Roy Mathews, Jr.
- 12—846—John Edgar Harmon
- 13—161—Robert Ellen Buff
- 14—2470—Norman Fanning

- Steppe.
- 15—14—Charles Emmet McFalls
- 16—2489—Clyde Dranan McKinney.
- 17—2502—Robert Watson Twitty, Jr., colored.
- 18—2524—Vernon M. Suttlemyre
- 19—2437—Albert Herdon Halford
- 20—2534—Garrien William Wilson.

- 21—57—Clarence Edward Finley
- 22—2684—Frank DeLaney Mace
- 23—153—Arnold Treadway
- 24—19—Hugh Jefferson McCoy
- 25—2559—Coy Joes Withrow
- 26—2540—Governor Garfield Conley, colored.
- 27—766—Fred Hamton Cowan
- 28—172—Brooks George Westmoreland.
- 29—126—Earl Lloyd Fox
- 30—187—Berry Kenneth Burnette
- 31—2423—Gaston Harrill Wells
- 32—2546—William Alexander Doby.

- 33—1854—Taylor Boone
- 34—167—Ralph Lane Lewis
- 35—1369—Richard Judson Buckner.
- 36—162—John Avery Good
- 37—524—David Russell Rumpf
- 38—2447—Carl Wilson McGee
- 39—2484—Lester Romine
- 40—2567—Claude David Workman.
- 41—147—Howard Oliver Hunter
- 42—1300—Emanuel Muenen
- 43—1355—Lee Eldridge Miller
- 44—2510—Arthur James Calicut, colored.
- 45—2638—Jas. H. Conley, col.
- 46—689—John Daniel Willis
- 47—2527—Floyd David Mode
- 48—2657—Wallace Jackson Green.
- 49—1295—Miller Itto Wood
- 50—2672—Jay Milton Willis
- 51—1234—Fred Thomas
- 52—31—Ralph Milton Haynes
- 53—156—Sam Franklin Carswell

MARION SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE BOOK WEEK NOVEMBER 10 TO 16

The Marion City School System will observe National Book Week November 10 to 16. This is the date that has been set aside by schools and libraries throughout the nation, when children and adults alike will be asked to place particular emphasis on the reading of good books. The theme this year will be "Good Books—Good Friends."

The entire program for the Marion City School System will be supervised by Marguerite Morris, Librarian for the High School, and a novel plan has been devised by Miss Morris, in which practically every child in the city system will be given an opportunity to participate.

Following the general theme "Good Books—Good Friends", the local school will lay stress on the cooperation by the residents of all countries in North and South America in becoming better acquainted with one another. This will mean that, beginning with Canada and extending through both continents, an intensive study will be made of each country involved. It was thought by the Librarian that this is a particularly opportune period for such a study, coming at a time when our government is stressing the Good Neighbor Idea between the United States and South America.

Beginning with the lower grades, children will be assigned different sections of the two continents for their study, and as a culmination of the entire project, a huge map showing the relationship of one country to the other will be displayed in the Community building's main auditorium during the entire week November 10-16.

It is planned for approximately two thousand children to take part in the forming of this map, and Miss Morris thinks that there will be a considerable amount of interest shown by the parents of the school district.

Already work has been assigned by the Librarian to each of the elementary schools, including the colored school, and the children are this week making bibliographies of books pertaining to all of the countries in North and South America. This list of books contains history, travel, and novels. The children are also making posters that will emphasize the Good Neighbor Idea.

During the entire time that work is going forward on this project, teachers will lay particular emphasis on the importance of the people of our own country knowing more of the customs and habits of the people in the adjoining countries of Central and South America.

DREXEL EXPANDS AS BUILDING IN M'DOWELL BOOMS

Four New Additions Being Made By Furniture Company; Many Homes Built.

A remodeling and construction project involving the demolition of one building and the erection of four new ones has been launched by the Drexel Furniture Company here.

Last week workmen started tearing down one of the main buildings, some 100 by 200 feet in area, which will be replaced by a two-story brick building with basement measuring 236 by 125 feet.

Another crew is laying foundations for a three-story frame building 60 by 150 feet in ground space, while a similar structure nearby is almost completed. A few months ago a three-story frame building, 90 by 125 feet, was finished at the plant. About a year ago, the company erected a new boiler room of brick and installed a 250 horsepower boiler. Recently another boiler of the same size was added.

Company officials have declined to reveal the cost of the project but it has been estimated that it will be in excess of \$100,000. The factory normally employs about 400 people and is a branch of the Drexel firm, two plants being located in Drexel and Morganton.

Hammers are ringing daily

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JOHN HUNT LOSES LIFE IN WATERS OF LAKE JAMES

Marion Youth Loses Life Saturday When His Boat Overturns; Funeral Monday.

John Edward Hunt, 23, of Marion, was drowned in Lake James last Saturday afternoon when a light speed boat he was driving capsized about 200 feet from shore.

The drowning occurred about 5:30 in the afternoon and the body was recovered from about 40-foot water two hours after friends saw him sink for the last time with rescue just a few inches away. Jimmy Hendrix, an employee of a camp on Lake James, had paddled out to Hunt's overturned boat to rescue him but reached the scene of the accident only in time to see Hunt disappear beneath the water.

According to witnesses, Hunt paddled around in the water for some time after his boat had capsized and had succeeded in pulling off coveralls which he had been wearing, before he went down for the last time. Friends on the bank shouted for Hunt to hold on to the over-turned boat, but he was said to have become excited and not to have attempted to reach it. He was regarded as a very good swimmer.

Hunt was an employee of the James Full-Fashioned Hosiery mill of Marion, and a son of A. F. Hunt, who retired recently after many years as superintendent of Marion Manufacturing Company.

Hunt was a speed boat enthusiast and only recently won first place in a race for light boats. He was also an airplane enthusiast. He had already enrolled in a flying school in Glendale California, and was to leave for school in one week.

He was a graduate of the Marion High School and was a member of the National Honor Society. He attended Davidson College and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Monday afternoon at East Marion Methodist church by Rev. H. M. Wellman, assisted by Rev. A. Burgess, former pastor, Rev. Von King and Rev. J. W. Kelly. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hunt of Marion; one brother, Frank P. Hunt, of Charlotte; and seven sisters, Mrs. A. G. Greene and Mrs. Calvin Morris of Charlotte, Mrs. David Stepp of East Marion; and Misses Marguerite, Doris, Jane and Kathryn Hunt of the home.

Pallbearers were Robert Lambeth, Charlie Smith, Sam Hemphill, Harold Chapman, John Abee, Victor Bridges, Jack Ballew, Smith Jaynes and James Goldsmith.

CITY TEACHERS ARE TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

All teachers of the Marion city unit will meet in the central high school auditorium here on Saturday morning, November 2, at 10:00 o'clock. Principal H. C. Holland, president of the local unit of the North Carolina Education Association, will preside.

Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of city schools, will speak on school finances, explaining how budgets are prepared for final approval and the proportionate amounts of state and local monies provided for efficient operation of schools.

Mr. Holland has announced that various committees of the local unit will be appointed and will outline their work for the year.

After adjournment of the general assembly departmental meetings will be held with the high school group discussing home room assembly.

CHRISTMAS SEASON IS TO OPEN NOVEMBER 21

Marion merchants, meeting in the Community building here Wednesday morning, agreed to officially open the Christmas season in Marion on November 21 with a parade down Main street.

The merchants appointed committees to handle the different parts of the Christmas program.

BROUGHTON TO SPEAK AT RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Democratic Nominee For Governor To Address County-Wide Rally in Marion.

Hon. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will speak at a county-wide Democratic rally in the court house here Saturday night, November 2, at 8:00 o'clock. The Saturday night meeting will climax the Democratic campaign in McDowell county, only one more week-day remaining before the election on November 5.

Mr. Broughton's speech will climax a program for the night that begins with a torchlight parade on Marion's Main street. The parade will form on South Main street and go to the court house. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Marion high school band, which will play on the court house lawn.

All county and several district candidates are expected to be present for the meeting which is being sponsored by McDowell Young Democrats. The public is cordially invited to attend the rally and a special invitation has been extended to ladies.

NYA WORK DISCUSSED AT ROTARY MEET HERE

The need for financial aid for a National Youth Administration project now being carried on here by McDowell county girls was explained before the Marion Rotary club here last Friday by Mrs. Nelle B. Alexander, NYA supervisor.

NYA girls in this county are very much in need of a larger and better place to work, stated Mrs. Alexander. The project is now being carried on in the court house on the third floor. A small hall and one or two small rooms are all the working space that is available.

Business and civic interests in Marion are being asked to help provide better housing for the NYA project that might be moved to some other place if better quarters are not provided. The Rotary club voted Friday to join with other civic clubs in helping the project in any way possible.

Featured on the Rotary program Friday was a display of NYA handicraft articles that have been made in McDowell. Attracting most attention were sturdy, well built chairs made by the Old Fort unit. Other articles in the display included hooked rugs and rugs made on looms made by the NYA, comforts, articles of clothing, pottery of all kinds, baskets and straw mats, woven handbags, canned goods and surgical and first-aid supplies. The hospital supplies are prepared for use by NYA workers with materials furnished by the Marion General Hospital, which in turn uses the completed products.

Mrs. Alexander was presented to the club by Macon Hewitt, program chairman for the meeting. Guests were Vernon T. Eckerd and Billy Alley.

MARION HIGH TO HAVE INTER-SQUAD GAME HERE

An inter-squad game between the members of the Marion high school football squad will be played on the school athletic field here Friday afternoon in place of an outside game. The Marion team rests this weekend after downing Forest City 7 to 2 last Friday. Fred Harris of Marion crossed the Forest City goal line for the only touchdown of the game after a 30-yard run in the first quarter. A second Marion touchdown in the second quarter was called back for off sides.

Forest City's two points came on a safety after Marion had held its opponents on downs on the Marion four-yard line. A Marion player was downed behind his own goal line and Forest City picked up two points for the safety.

The locals resume their schedule here November 8 when they play the North Carolina School for the Deaf. On November 15 they tackle Cherryville here and complete the season playing Morganton there November 22nd.

To Speak Here Nov. 2



HON. J. M. BROUGHTON

M'DOWELL PROPERTY IS VALUED AT \$16,753,998.

McDowell county tax books for 1940, showing a total property valuation of \$16,753,998, were turned over to Sheriff Grady Nichols last Thursday. A tax rate of \$1.16 on the \$100 valuation has been placed on property in the county for 1940 and tax assessments for the year amount to \$201,180.53.

The total bill for 1939 taxes was \$203,064.17, of which 92.2 per cent was collected, leaving \$15,780.55 uncollected.

J. L. Nichols, deputy tax collector, has announced that one-half of one per cent discount will be allowed on all 1940 taxes paid before November 1. No discounts or penalties will be in effect for November, December and January, but after February 1, 1941, a one per cent penalty will be imposed and after March 1 a two per cent penalty.

After April 1 the penalty will be increased at the rate of one-half of one per cent each month.

JOHN WEAVER DIES AT HOME IN CALIFORNIA

John Weaver, a former resident of this county and well known here, died at his home in Los Angeles, California, on October 15. He was a brother of Mrs. E. B. Baber and Mrs. H. H. Tate of Marion. He was 74 years of age and had been in declining health for some time.

VERDICT OF JURY GIVES \$100,000 IN DAMAGE SUIT

Motion Of Defense To Dismiss Verdict Is Continued By Judge Warlick.

A \$100,000 verdict for the plaintiff in the Holston-Heffner orchard damage suit against the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission was returned here last Friday night by a McDowell county Superior court jury. The plaintiffs were ordered to recover the sum with interest from April 28, 1937, and the costs of the action.

Plaintiffs in the action were Supreme Court Justice J. Wallace Winborne, trustee of the W. W. Guy estate, and John Yancey owners of the orchard. They charged that construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway through the orchards damaged their property to the extent of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Charles Ross, general counsel for the Highway commission, asked that the verdict be set aside as excessive. Consideration of the motion by the court was continued to some future time because of the absence of former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, attorney for the plaintiffs.

In returning its verdict the jury stated the property had been damaged to the extent of \$100,000 and no benefits had accrued to the property from the construction of the Parkway.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs were Mr. Ehringhaus and Robert W. Proctor. Representing the State Highway commission were Charles Ross, E. A. Gardner and D. F. Giles.

LOCAL PASTORS TO RETURN TO CHARGES HERE

Rev. W. A. Jenkins Returned To First Church; Cornett District Superintendent.

Perusal of the list of appointments announced by Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte just before adjournment of the second annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church last Friday night in High Point shows few changes in the Marion district. Rev. J. C. Cornett is appointed as superintendent of the Marion district for his third year and Rev. W. A. Jenkins returns to the First church of Marion to continue his third year as pastor.

Rev. H. C. Freeman goes to West View in the Statesville District and is succeeded on the McDowell circuit by Rev. G. L. Wilkinson.

Appointments for the Marion district are as follows:

Marion District
District superintendent, J. C. Cornett.
Avery, J. L. McGalliard.
Bakersville, R. C. Nimon; Bald Creek, J. N. Snow; Bostic, W. L. Scott; Broad River, J. O. Cox; Burnsville, J. S. Folger.
Cliffside-Avondale, T. R. Wolfe; Connelly Springs, J. N. Randall; Elk Park, J. J. Wood; Forest City, W. H. Groce.

Gilkey, C. R. Ross; Glen Alpine, R. L. Young; Henrietta, M. C. Reese; Linville Falls, MacRae Crawford.
Marion-Cross Mills, F. R. Barber; First, W. A. Jenkins; Marion Mills, H. M. Wellman; Marion Circuit, W. E. Ruffy.

McDowell, G. L. Wilkinson; Mica-ville-Timton Hill, M. A. Lewis; Mill Spring, M. W. Edwards.

Morganton—First, Fletcher Nelson; North Forest, G. F. Hood; Morganton circuit, G. R. Stafford; Old Fort, M. F. Moores; Old Fort circuit R. E. Ward.

Pleasant Grove, C. H. Peace; Rutherfordton, F. C. Smathers; Rutherford College, J. R. Duncan; Spindale, J. L. Ingram; Spruce Pine, M. T. Hips; Sunshine, C. B. Way.

Table Rock, V. P. Crowder; Valdese, O. B. Mitchell; district missionary secretary, F. C. Smathers.
For the Marion district Rev. J. C. Cornett, superintendent, reported 448 professions of faith; benevolences, \$10,956; Golden Cross, \$331; pastors' salaries, \$50,101; orphanage \$4,768; conference organ, 325.

FINAL RITES FOR L. A. MARTIN HELD TUESDAY

Larston Augustus Martin, 70, life-long resident of Marion, died suddenly at his home here last Sunday afternoon after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Martin was known by his many friends in this section as "Gus." He was formerly a civil engineer and for several years has been in the real estate business. He was known as quite a traveler, having toured the United States from coast to coast some six times and made friends in all parts of the country.

Funeral services were conducted at McCall's Funeral Home here Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Julius Henline. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Surviving are two nieces, Daisy Augusta Martin and Bobby Virginia Martin, both of Cross Mill, and one nephew, Anthony Martin of Johnson City, Tennessee.

EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE BANQUET TO BE NOV. 7

The fall employer-employee banquet, sponsored by the McDowell county Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Community building here next Thursday night, announced Secretary Walter J. Cartier this week.

The largest crowd yet to attend a banquet here is expected for the meeting. The program for the Christmas season in Marion will be discussed and a social-recreation period will be held.