

YOUTH CONFESSES TO PART IN FIGHT FATAL TO BURGIN

**Jones Charged With Assault
Resulting In Death; Probable Cause Found In Court.**

A confession that he struck the blow which killed Raymond (Sandy) Burgin, Marion man whose lifeless body was found in a box car at Asheville last Thursday, was signed here last Saturday night by Charlie William Jones, 19, of West Marion.

Jones was given a preliminary hearing in county court here Tuesday. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the January term of Superior court on a charge of assault resulting in death. He will be held in the county jail here without bond.

In the statement signed by Jones he declared that he and Burgin had a dispute over bootleg liquor. The argument led to the blow which knocked Burgin down, causing his head to strike the box car floor with such force that it fractured his skull.

The altercation between Jones and Burgin was said to have taken place in a box car sidetracked near the Marion depot on the afternoon of election day last week. The two men, with Raymond Bledsoe and others, had gone into the car to take drinks of "popskull" liquor. After Burgin had been struck down, Jones said he and another man picked him up, saw blood dripping from his head, then dropped the wounded man and fled.

Burgin's body lay in the box car here for some time and several witnesses have told of seeing him in the car, but their suspicion was not aroused because they thought he was asleep. The car was picked up by a passing freight last Wednesday and carried to Asheville where the body was discovered.

Investigation of the case was started here last Thursday by Sheriff Grady Nichols, his deputies, and police Chief Lee Erwin when they had been notified of the discovery of the body. The officers had heard of a reported fight in the railroad yard on the afternoon of election day and began their investigations on the theory that the fight was connected with the death of Burgin. Last Friday, S. T. McGaughey, railway policeman of Asheville, was called into the case.

Considerable evidence in the case was uncovered last week-end when Bledsoe, 26-year-old East Marion resident, told his version of the fight between Burgin and Jones.

Confronted by the evidence of Bledsoe and other witnesses, Jones broke down and confessed here last Saturday night to officers after they had worked day and night to clear up the case.

Funeral services for Burgin were held at his home in West Marion Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

The deceased was a descendant of the well known Carson and Burgin families in this part of the state, but he had no close kinsmen living here at the time of his death other than his wife and two daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Davis Burgin; William Burgin, a son of Brooklyn, New York; and Juanita and Mary Burgin, his daughters.

M'INTOSH IS HONORED BY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Jr., of Marion, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Tenth District Medical Society at the organization's fall meeting in Hendersonville Wednesday night of last week. The meeting was attended by Dr. McIntosh, Dr. D. M. McIntosh Sr., Dr. J. F. Jonas and Dr. Paul Mc-Bee, all of Marion.

Officers of the society were elected Wednesday morning. Papers were read at the afternoon session and a banquet closed the meeting Wednesday night. Dr. A. B. Greenwood, of Asheville, was elected president of the society.

M'DOWELL DAIRY PLANT INCORPORATED BY STATE

The McDowell Cooperative Dairy, to be established near Marion by dairymen of this county, was incorporated by the state of North Carolina for 50 years on October 26 with capital stock of \$75,000, according to information received here this week.

A board of directors to serve the first term, or until their successors have been chosen, has been elected. The board consists of Zeno Martin, J. R. Jameson, W. C. McIver, Frank Goforth, S. M. Curtis, E. S. Frisbee, Jr., and J. H. Greenlee.

One thousand shares of preferred stock at \$50 par value and 1,000 shares of common stock at \$25 par value may be issued under the incorporation rules. Common stock holders must be producers of agricultural products, each such holder having only one vote at meetings of stock holders. Preferred stock holders will have no voting rights.

The cooperative will have seven directors, six to be elected from the members and the seventh to be appointed for one year by the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture.

The cooperative will be a milk and dairy product plant, established mainly for the pasteurization of milk. The date when construction of the plant will begin has not been announced.

BENEFIT CHECKS ARE GIVEN OUT IN COUNTY

A total of \$4,226 was distributed through the McDowell welfare office in benefit payments for the month of October, according to an announcement made here this week.

Payments amounting to \$3,179 were distributed to 324 persons in McDowell as old age assistance. A total of 108 children, representing 55 families, received aid to dependent children checks amounting to \$900. Aid to 11 blind persons in the county amounted to \$147 during the month.

MARION SCHOOLS HAVE BOOK WEEK EXHIBITS HERE

Relief Map Prepared By Students On Display With Other Works Of Pupils.

A complete summary of industrial, agricultural, social and historical highlights of the present day, on the North and South American continents has been made available to the public here this week in connection with the observance of Book Week, November 13 through 19. A huge relief map has been placed on display in the Community building here by the students of schools of the Marion city unit.

The map was drawn by Lynn Harris, landscape architect for the National Park Service, and different parts of it have been prepared for the display by the various schools in the city unit. Illustrations of industrial, agricultural, social and historical significance on all parts of the two continents outlined by the map have been prepared from articles of every description. There are mountains made from a mixture of shredded newspaper, salt, flour and water; orchards made of sticks and clay; factories made of cardboard and many other landmarks made of diverse materials.

The huge relief map covers a large part of the floor of the banquet hall of the Community building. Around the walls are displayed notebooks about life and conditions of the North and South American continents. Numerous posters, drawings and books are featured in the display, all emphasizing the importance of books.

The Book Week program is under the direction of Miss Marguerite Morris, librarian at the Marion high school. "Good Books Are Good Friends" is the theme around which Book Week is being conducted, she said. Students have been making studies about people in neighboring countries to have a better understanding of their neighbors, that they

EDUCATION SEEN AS FOUNDATION OF OUR DEFENSE

**Phillips Points to Schools' Part
In American Program; Says
Improvements Needed.**

"Education is the bed rock foundation of the defense of democracy in America today," stated Guy B. Phillips, professor of education at the University of North Carolina, in an address at McDowell county's Schoolmasters' "Public Relations" banquet here Monday night. Teachers have better opportunities than any other individuals to mold the future of this country by training youth, he said, in appealing to laymen to support teachers and take up the banner of education.

Mr. Phillips was introduced by N. F. Stepe, superintendent of McDowell county schools, to approximately 225 teachers, principals, other school officials, and individuals interested in education, who attended the banquet.

Education in North Carolina is shifting its goal to provide for the 85 out of 100 high school students who do not go to college, said Mr. Phillips. But the state is still far behind in education. While Washington officials are thinking of providing 14-year secondary education for youth, officials in this state are considering 12-grade schools. The place for laymen in this education for defense program is in supporting teachers who are working for longer school terms, better and less crowded bus transportation for children, better pay and adequate retirement provisions for teachers and better physical facilities for schools, he said.

Reporting on his investigations of schools in the state, while secretary of the North Carolina State School Board Association, Mr. Phillips said he found that federal funds for education in the state could not be secured because school facilities here are not adequate. The state ranks third in the Union in the training of teachers and 42nd in teacher salaries, he said. There are not enough school buses, physical plants are inadequate, and educational standards should be changed to meet existing needs.

The duty of schools should be to teach youth to assume responsibilities with its rights in a free society, he said. The school should be a community center and should seek the proper moral development of youth, not forgetting the economic background of the nation, state and county.

Education needs the support of all school officials and the public in moving wisely to defend democracy, for through education will the future of this country be determined, he concluded.

Guests at the banquet were introduced by S. A. McDuffie, president of the Schoolmasters' club of McDowell. Brief talks were made by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools; Dr. J. B. Johnson, chairman of the McDowell Board of Education; Senator-elect J. L. P. Cutlar, and representative J. C. Rabb.

Miss Louise Poteat presented a vocal selection, accompanied by Nelson Parker and Bernard Hirsch gave a saxophone solo, accompanied by Miss Julia Burton.

LODGE MEETS FRIDAY

The regular communication of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237 A. F. and A. M. will be held at the lodge hall here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Each member is requested to be present as business of great importance will be discussed.

might be better friends, she stated.

The display at the Community building will be judged this week by Mayor Zeno Martin, Will Erwin and Mrs. Jack James.

During Book Week high school girls are going to each elementary school to tell stories to the younger pupils.

The public has been invited to visit the display at the Community building and to join with the students in the observance of Book Week.

CLUBS OF COUNTY CONDUCT ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT DAY

**State Home Demonstration
Agent Guest Speaker On
Program Presented Here.**

McDowell county home demonstration clubs held their annual achievement day here last Friday with approximately 90 members from the 14 clubs in the county present. The group was addressed by Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent.

Pointing to the continual growth of demonstration club activity in North Carolina, Miss Current stated that at present 88 counties in the state are organized for club work. Demonstration club women now have their greatest opportunity to serve and they can aid in the defense program by helping to build the health and social welfare of the nation. She outlined the aims of demonstration clubs to be: home improvement, the building of friendship and cooperation, the expansion of health work, and the betterment of social and economic welfare of rural families.

The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, president of demonstration clubs in McDowell. The devotion was by Mrs. Greenway.

Mrs. Miller gave a report on the year's work of demonstration clubs in McDowell. Reports on the preparations of foods were given by the following: Mrs. W. M. Tisdale, eggs; Mrs. Griswold, meats; Mrs. E. B. Wright, vegetables; Mrs. D. V. Elliott, fruits; Mrs. Crawford, milk and cheese; Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, beverages; and Miss Maude Silver, cereals. Each displayed a prepared food illustrating their talks.

Awards and prizes were presented as follows:

Perfect attendance for one year, Mrs. G. A. Gregg, Mrs. Evelyn Williams, Mrs. G. B. Marlowe, Mrs. Laura Bright, Miss Lottie Wilson, Miss Cumile Biddix, Mrs. F. S. Bradsher, Mrs. E. G. Dysart, Mrs. L. L. Tate, Miss Jean McKoy, Mrs. O. G. Lonon, Mrs. C. F. Biddix, Mrs. Lola Shirlen, Mrs. J. L. Early, Mrs. Homer Ledbetter, Mrs. Marion Wilkerson, Mrs. W. M. Tisdale, Mrs. Mary Porter, Mrs. J. H. Barnes, Mrs. C. A. Morris, Mrs. Fred Morris, Miss Elizabeth Poteat.

Reading certificates: Mrs. J. C. Mason, Mrs. E. B. Wright, Mrs. Edna Brinkley, Mrs. Avery Washburn, Mrs. Roscoe Hoppes, Mrs. G. W. Wilson.

Five-year attendance: Mrs. Don Davis, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, Mrs. J. W. McCurry, Mrs. M. R. Nanney.

Perfect attendance since club organization: Mrs. J. H. Barnes, Mrs. W. M. Tisdale, Mrs. L. L. Tate, Mrs. E. G. Dysart, Mrs. C. F. Biddix, Miss Cumile Biddix, Mrs. F. S. Bradsher.

For completing required home improvement during two-year period: Mrs. R. V. Horton, Miss Maude Silver, Mrs. J. E. Hicks, Mrs. Ernest Dysart, Mrs. W. B. Gibbs, Mrs. A. L. Fletcher, Mrs. L. B. Willis, Mrs. D. V. Elliott, Mrs. J. H. Revis, Mrs. W. M. McIver.

The 14 home demonstration clubs in McDowell are located at Sugar Hill, White Pine, Bethlehem, Dysartville, West Marion, Nebo, Cherry Springs, Pleasant Gardens, Ebenezer, Glenwood, Chapel Hill, North Cove, Turkey Cove, and Greenlee. A report on the work of each club was presented at the Friday meeting here.

According to Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent, the 14 clubs in the county now have a total membership of 303 and the formation of four new clubs is being considered.

SCOUTS CLEAR RUNWAY AT MARION AIRPORT

Marion Boy Scouts, under direction of Rev. W. A. Jenkins and Walter J. Cartier, cleared undergrowth from around the runway at the Marion airport last Saturday.

The landing field was enlarged considerably by the work of the Scouts and was made safer for planes, according to Mr. Cartier.

PLANS NEAR COMPLETION FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Final plans for Marion's Christmas sales program are being made here by members of the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce, announced Secretary Walter J. Cartier, this week. Arrangements have been made for using additional decorative lights on the streets this year, he said, and a canopy of lights will be used on the square at the court house corner.

Decorative lights will be strung on one block each of East and West Court streets, leading from the square, and will be placed on North Main approximately a block above the square. Hemlock rope will be draped over posts in the business district.

The Christmas sales program will officially open November 21 with a Santa Claus parade on Marion's Main street. The committee planning the parade is under the supervision of Ralph Tate. It is expected that decorated cars and other vehicles will be used in the parade and Santa Claus will be conducted to the square in front of the court house where he will distribute gifts to children.

All Marion stores are expected to be completely stocked with Christmas goods when the program opens on the 21st. All decorations will be up by that time and the Christmas program will continue here through December 25.

General chairman of the sales program is J. A. Wier. Members of the Junior Woman's club will assist in arranging the financial part of the program.

BOARD APPROVES TWO ROAD WORK REQUESTS

McDowell county's commissioners approved two requests for road improvements in the county here last Thursday. Petitioners living along the routes presented the requests.

The board voted to ask the State Highway and Public Works Commission to hard-surface about one-half mile of Yancey road from the Fleming Avenue intersection where the concrete now ends. The petitioners' request for the improvement for public use of a road leading from Highway 70 south, located near the Clear Creek road, was granted.

FIRST OF DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED BY BOARD

**Thirty McDowell Men, Signed
For Voluntary Induction,
Receive Eight-Page Forms.**

The process of "classification and selection" of McDowell county registrants for military training was formally begun here Tuesday when fifty questionnaires were mailed by the county draft board to registered men in the county holding order numbers one through 50.

The first questionnaires were sent out to some 30 young men in McDowell who have signed at the local draft board office for voluntary induction. These 30 men, if accepted, will be the first to go to military training camps from McDowell county. The quota for the county has been set at 122. This number will begin training some time between now and June, 1941. The 30 men who have signed for voluntary induction and others who have gone into service since the registration will be counted against this county's quota.

Among the men signing recently for voluntary induction are S. B. McFalls, William Norman Harris, Robert Woody, William Bruce Laughridge, Floyd James Banks, Isaac Brittain Martin, Sam Franklin Fairchild, Leon Louis Lawson and Calvin David Thomas.

Questionnaires will be sent out from the local draft office to registrants until enough eligible men to fill the quota have been found. Fifty of the eight-page forms are being sent out each day. An advisory committee to assist registrants in filling out the questionnaires has been appointed in Marion and other groups for other parts of the county will be

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WELFARE BOARDS OF DISTRICT WILL HAVE MEET HERE

**Chairman Of State Board To
Be Speaker At All-Day Ses-
sion Here Tuesday.**

Col. William A. Blair of Winston-Salem, chairman of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for 36 years, will be the luncheon speaker at the Marion meeting of county welfare board members, superintendents, staff members and county officials from the 19 counties of the western district when they gather here for their annual conference next Tuesday, November 19.

The conference theme for 1940 is "The Community and Public Welfare". James A. Glover, Nash county welfare head, will bring his message as president of the State Association of County Welfare Superintendents at the morning session opening at 10:00 o'clock.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Welfare commissioner, will talk on "The Public Welfare Program and its Relationship to Other Programs in the Community". Nathan H. Yelton, director of the division of public assistance will discuss community cooperation with administration of the public assistance program. Miss Les- sie Toler, social work consultant for the public assistance division, will talk on public welfare services to the community.

Dr. James Watson, director of the mental hygiene division, will preside at an open forum on "Mental Hygiene Services in the Community", and Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, of Duke University, will head another forum discussion on the merit system in North Carolina. Dr. de Vyver is the merit system supervisor for the plan soon to be instituted for all state and county welfare workers.

President of the western district conference is Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, McDowell county welfare superintendent; Miss Ina Tyler, Polk county, is secretary.

Counties included in the district are: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.

OFFICIAL RETURNS GIVE DEMOCRATS BIG LEAD

Official election returns for McDowell county show that voters last week gave Roosevelt 3,074 majority over Willie with Democratic candidates for other offices receiving more than double the votes of their Republican opponents.

The highest McDowell vote for any candidate was received by J. C. Rabb, candidate for the state House. Official totals for McDowell voting for state, county and national candidates are as follows:

President—Roosevelt 5,290; Willie 2,216.
Governor—Broughton 5,325; McNeill, 2,114.
Congressman—Weaver 5,248; Jarrett 2,110.
Lieutenant-Governor—Harris 5,242; Leavitt 2,097.
Secretary of State—Eure 5,252; Ferree 2,109.
Auditor—Pou 5,249; Van Hoy 2,082.
Treasurer—Johnson 5,243; Gragg 2,088.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Erwin 5,271; Pace 2,090.
Attorney-General—McMullan 5,242; Browning 2,090.
Commissioner of Agriculture—Scott 5,246; Allen 2,090.
Commissioner of Insurance—Bonney 5,259; Phelps 2,076.
Commissioner of Labor—Shuford 5,251; Russell 2,072.
State Senate—Cutlar 5,300; Matheny, 5,152.
State Representative—Rabb 5,301; Haynes 2,075.
Register of Deeds—Lackey 5,295; Poe 2,090.
County Surveyor—Allanach 5,206.
County Commissioners—Caplan 5,169, Workman 5,191, Morris 5,185; Banning 2,143, Lonon 2,127, Nesbitt, 2,151.