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Light Vote Is Expected In The Democratic Primary Saturday

Interest Is Increasing In The Race For Representative And For Sheriff.

Democratic leaders here predict one of the lightest votes in recent years in the primary to be conducted next Saturday. Few party leaders expect the number of votes cast in McDowell county to exceed 2,500, while some of them placed the total somewhat below this figure.

Important factors which will bear on the number of votes is gasoline and tire rationing, as well as lack of interest in politics attributed to the war.

Then, too, the voting period will be shorter than in previous primary election. In the past, the polls have remained open from sunrise to sunset, but this year they will open at 6:30 and close at 6:30, under a primary law passed by the general assembly.

There are only two local contests, that for the nomination for the legislature and for sheriff, but as the primary draws nearer, interest in the two races is increasing.

Seeking the nomination for representative in the legislature are J. C. Rabb, incumbent, and W. W. Neal, Sr. In the race for sheriff are Grady Nichols, incumbent, and Ben E. Hendley.

Mr. Rabb, prominent business man and civic leader, represented McDowell in the last session of the legislature, where he was appointed on a number of committees.

Mr. Neal, well known business man, has served several terms in the legislature. He is chairman of the N. C. Park Commission and chairman of the board of the N. C. School for the Deaf, and has served as a member of other important boards.

Mr. Nichols is completing his second term as sheriff, having been elected for a term of two years in 1936 by a majority of 1,800. In 1938 he was re-elected for a term of four years by a majority of 2,000.

Mr. Hendley, a former deputy sheriff, was for ten years a special officer with the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Other McDowell candidates, who are unopposed in the primary and in the general election, are: I. L. Caplan, chairman; C. A. Workman, and Charlie L. Holland, incumbents, for county commissioners; J. F. Moody, incumbent, for Superior court clerk, and Sigrid J. Westmoreland for coroner.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion and Solicitor Clarence O. Ridings of Forest City, candidates for renomination in the 18th judicial district, are unopposed in the primary and the general election.

Next Saturday McDowell Democrats will help nominate the first Congressional candidate in the new 11th district, which embraces McDowell, Gaston, Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford, Yancey, and Madison.

Seeking the nomination are Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, incumbent from the old 10th district, now serving his 20 year in the national house of representatives, and Claude A. Woltz, Bessemer City attorney.

J. Herschel Sprinkle, Marshall business man and former Madison county representative in the legislature, was nominated here as the Republican candidate, but he failed to file in time to qualify.

In the U. S. Senatorial race, local Democrats will vote their preference between Josiah W. Bailey, incumbent, now completing his second six-year term, and Richard T. Fountain, former lieutenant governor.

The only candidates in the Republican primary here are Stoner W. Klutz, of Salisbury, U. S. commissioner, and Sam J. Morris, Raleigh attorney, who are seeking nomination to the U. S. senate.

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Buy War Bonds and you will be helping your country, even if you cannot fight.

VACANCIES FILLED IN THE OLD FORT SCHOOL

Mrs. Theodore R. Johnson has been elected Home Economics Teacher in the Old Fort School. Mrs. Johnson succeeds Mrs. Lucille Gray, who has had charge of the Home Economics at the Old Fort School for the past several years. Mrs. Johnson is well equipped for her work by way of training and experience. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where she is now doing special work in the field of Home Economics and has had a number of years of experience. For several years she was Home Economics teacher at the Pleasant Gardens School.

Miss Janet Nodine of Campobella, South Carolina, a recent graduate of Asheville College, and Miss Margaret Jaynes, of Newland, North Carolina, have been elected to fill the vacancies in the primary department. Both of these teachers come to McDowell county with strong recommendations. Miss Jaynes has been connected with the schools at Newland for a number of years and has the reputation of being a teacher of efficiency and success.

MUST SHOW THAT TIRES ARE USED CAREFULLY

Eligible applicants for new or recapped tires will be required after June 1 to show that they have not been guilty of abusing or neglecting their tires, it was announced yesterday from the local rationing board. Under this latest order, any mistreatment of a tire becomes the concern of Uncle Sam, and even persons who are eligible for tires must convince the board that they have given proper care to their old tires. Persons not eligible need not apply anyhow.

The ruling just received from Washington follows:

"Neither new nor recapped casings will be released to anyone who, in the opinion of the local rationing board has not given proper care to the tires to be replaced.

"To give time for widespread publicity, this part of the amendment does not go into effect until June 1. After that date, anyone who presents an inspector's report that a tire cannot be made fit for recapping or retreading, will be called upon to show that it did not become unusable through abuse or neglect."

VACANCIES FILLED ON THE FACULTY AT PLEASANT GARDENS

At a recent meeting of the committee, Mrs. George Sandlin of Old Fort was elected for the high school vacancy at Pleasant Gardens school caused by the resignation of John L. Johnson from the high school department. Mrs. Glenn Tolliver was elected to fill the vacancy in the Grammar Grade department caused by the resignation of Miss Edna Henderson.

Mrs. Sandlin is a teacher of long experience. For several years she was connected with the high school department of the Old Fort School. She resigned this position to complete her work for the Masters Degree at Columbia University, New York. Upon her return she was offered a position in the Marshall High School, Marshall, N. C., where she taught for several years. For the past six years she has been a member of the faculty at Glen Alpine High School. Mrs. Sandlin has a commendable record as teacher and comes back to her home county with the highest recommendations from the systems at Marshall and Glen Alpine. She will teach History and English at Pleasant Gardens High School.

Mrs. Tolliver came to Old Fort from Morganton several years ago. She is a graduate of the Appalachian Teachers' College in Boone. She has taught successfully for a number of years and is held in high esteem among the school teachers. She resigned her position at Old Fort to be with her husband, who is connected as teacher in the Pleasant Gardens School.

MERCHANTS ELECT OFFICERS; ECKERD NAMED PRESIDENT

Officers of the Merchants' Association were elected Tuesday evening at a meeting in the community building as follows: V. T. Eckerd, president; B. M. Isenhour, vice-president; Miss Earline Brown, secretary, and J. M. Lancaster, treasurer. A board of governors was appointed, but has not yet been approved.

A very enlightening discussion of the forty-day credit regulations opened the business session. Announcement was made that 30 members have been received into the association and an invitation was extended to other merchants to join and avail themselves of the credit records now on file in the office.

V. T. Eckerd, president, stated that one main purpose of the organization would be to make an effort to see that all information regarding government control of credit, prices, buying, inventories, etc., be passed along to the merchants.

According to plans made about fifteen merchants were to attend a meeting in Asheville last night. Among those attending were: R. H. Walker, V. T. Eckerd, David Blanton, R. C. Spratt, D. W. Taintner, C. A. Workman, Carl McCall, E. J. Ross, Mike Cowan, Jack Houck, I. J. Londner, Cato Holler and possibly others.

GROUP OF SELECTEES SENT TO FORT JACKSON

A group of forty-one young men were sent from here to Fort Jackson, S. C., Thursday for induction into the army. Seventeen of the men were volunteers.

The group included thirty-five McDowell men and six volunteers who had been transferred here from other counties.

Also accredited to McDowell's quota was Wilbur J. Rumpf, who was transferred to another county, from which he was or will be sent for induction.

Volunteers transferred to McDowell county were: Isaac McKenzie Player, Jesse Coe Bailey, Fred Davis, Fred Johnson Young, Eliza Alford Blankenship and James Guy Nichols.

The McDowell volunteers were: Williams Bruce Laughridge, Tracy Ed Stevens, Jason Shuford McKinney, William Sherrill Jones, John Bradford Loudermilk, Paul Vincent Lee, John Clarence Stroud, James Paul Morgan, Joseph Pless Hennessee, Arthur Ray Loudermilk, Reuben L. Bradley, Arthur Lee Lowery, James William Lamb, Claude Howard Swofford, Robert Clarence Haynes, and Walter Carl Parkins.

The selectees called from McDowell were: Todd Aunt Hollifield, James Franklin Stone, Jason Branch Pitman, Robert William Padgett, Paul Creighton Pennington, Jack Howard Vess, Howard Scott Hendrix, Howard Gildersleeve Gosorn, C. B. Crawley, Lindol Swofford, Troy Lee Cresawn, Fred Avery Gibson, Albert Malone Neal, Jonas Ray Morgan, Emmett Huntley Gray, Walter Barney Mode, Herman McKinley Pyatt, Forest Dean Painter, and George Moore, Jr.

DEMOCRATS PUT ON COMMITTEES AT THE STATE CONVENTION

McDowell Democrats were elected to State and district committees at the State Democratic convention in Raleigh last Friday.

Robert W. Proctor of Marion was elected to represent McDowell on the State executive committee, from the eleventh district, and Grayson Neal was picked as McDowell's member of the Congressional executive committee.

McDowell county's place on the Judicial executive committee was filled by W. D. Lonon, while O. F. Adkins was selected as a member of the senatorial executive committee.

Delegates from McDowell county attending the convention included W. W. Neal Sr., Grayson Neal, O. F. Adkins and J. C. Bowman.

JAMES JOHNSON, JR. MADE SECOND LIEUTENANT

James H. Johnson, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Marion, was recently commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps at Columbus Air Base at Kaye Field, Mississippi.

Superior Court Criminal Term Starts June 8

Heavy Docket, Including Four Homicide Cases, Listed On Docket For Trial.

The June term of McDowell county superior court will open for a two weeks term here on Monday, June 8. Judge Hoyle Sink of Lexington will preside.

The criminal docket will be taken up the first week, leaving the second week for the civil docket.

There is quite a heavy criminal docket. Among the cases scheduled for hearing are four for murder, one for highway robbery, several for assault with deadly weapon, and eight for driving drunk.

Delbert Lewis, Marion laborer, will face trial for his life on the charge of strangling his wife to death here on last September 6.

Henry (Bud) Fisher, who is charged with the fatal shooting of Vic Rutherford, negro, at the Little Mountain Filling Station on March 9, is also facing trial at this term.

The case of Robbie Goode, negro woman, charged with shooting Luther Gardner, colored, through the head last January, is scheduled for trial at this term.

A manslaughter charge against Vernon Homer Teague, of Forest City, alleged driver of a car in which William Moore, of Forest City, was killed near here last September, is also on the court docket.

Other cases on the docket included are:

Victor Robinett, highway robbery.

Charlie Gillespie, assault with deadly weapon.

W. E. McDaniel, operating motor vehicle without license and reckless driving.

Jack Godfrey, reckless driving and driving during revocation of license.

Roy Rice, secret assault.

Charlie Yow, seduction.

James Branch, assault on female.

Elmer Setzer, forgery.

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REPORT 1200 POPPIES SOLD HERE SATURDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary's Poppy Day sales here Saturday exceeded the highest expectations when the supply of 1200 poppies was sold by 11 o'clock, Mrs. J. F. Miller chairman stated. Gross sales totaled \$163.

Laura Crawford received first prize for the greatest sales, Goldie Cooper received second prize and Clara Justice third prize.

Miss Marguerite Wilson, of Clinchfield, sold 503 poppies at Clinchfield Mill, Mrs. B. S. Clark, secretary stated.

GLENWOOD BAPTIST TO HAVE REVIVAL

The Glenwood Baptist church will hold a series of revival services beginning Sunday, May 31st, and continuing through June 14th. Rev. Lawrence V. Bradley, Jr., of Harmony, N. C., son of L. V. Bradley of Marion, will preach each evening at 8:30 o'clock. There will be a Daily Vacation Bible School held each day from 8:30 until 11:30 a. m. Miss Abolene Creson will assist the pastor, Rev. M. F. Hall in the Bible School. Everyone is invited to attend. Special music will be rendered through the services.

CARL GIBSON GRADUATES FROM BREVARD COLLEGE

Carl William Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Gibson, of Marion, was one of 99 seniors to graduate from Brevard College at commencement exercises here Tuesday.

He is a graduate of the Marion high school with the class of 1939. At Brevard he held membership in the Delphian Literary Society, was a member of the tennis and track teams and took part in the C. P. T. training program given at the college. He plans to enter the Navy Air Corps next summer.

MOVEMENT UNDER WAY FOR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Considerable enthusiasm is being developed for a recreational program for the boys and girls of Marion and for the business and industrial employees of our towns. It was pointed out work of this nature is greatly needed because of limited transportation facilities due to restrictions on travel under war rationing conditions.

A group of interested citizens are meeting at the high school auditorium at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon to study ways and means for developing this work.

The general thought is that attention will be given to the boys and girls in the mornings during the summer and that attention will be given to business and industrial employees in the afternoons and early evenings. The plan will include recreation in tennis, softball and volleyball.

All interested persons are invited to attend the organizational meeting and to offer suggestions for the work at hand.

LEGION MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

The annual American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary memorial service will be held Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church at 11 o'clock. Dr. B. F. Bray will deliver the memorial sermon and special musical numbers will be given.

Members of the Legion and Auxiliary are asked to meet in front of the community building at 10:30 o'clock and march to the church in a body. They will be accompanied by Boy Scout Troop Number 6.

OFFICER CAPTURED BIG STILL ON TOM'S CREEK

A big steam distillery was destroyed on Tom's Creek last Friday in a raid made by county officers, Sheriff Grady Nichols announced Monday.

The officers captured about 200 pounds of sugar and fifty-five gallons of Karo syrup, and destroyed a large quantity of whiskey and mash.

The still was in operation and Hillman Largin was arrested and placed in jail. He was given a hearing Tuesday in county court on a charge of distilling, and sentenced to a term of six months on the roads.

FARM WOMEN ATTEND DISTRICT MEET HELD AT MARION FRIDAY

An approximate 150 women attended the meeting of the second district of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs from seven nearby counties at the Marion high school building Friday.

The principal address was given by Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, Administrative Director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mrs. Sewell stressed the importance of the work now being done by the farm women in connection with the war effort and stated that the women have gotten a vision of what they have to do if we were to continue to have the opportunities of this land of ours.

She further stated that this land was purchased at great cost and that if necessary sacrifices would be made to keep it. She closed with a toast to the American girl and her mother.

Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, second vice-president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, also addressed the group extending a cordial welcome and expressing her appreciation of the efforts made to attend the meeting. Speakers were presented by Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, assistant state Home Demonstration Agent.

Greetings were also extended by Mrs. Tom Miller and Mrs. Anna C. Rowe and response made by Mrs. Ralph Abernethy.

A short talk was made by Superintendent Hugh Beam complimenting the women on their work and stating that it was worthwhile and constructive particularly under present conditions.

War Is Theme Of Democratic State Meeting

Nine Months School Term For State Endorsed; McLendon Sounds Keynote.

Raleigh, May 22.—War was the theme of the biennial off-year North Carolina Democratic convention here today.

The speakers based their topics on the war, the attendance was cut by war-restricted transportation facilities, and the convention moved with a smoothness and unity of action that only war can bring.

The keynote address by Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro was just what the delegates wanted to hear.

Major McLendon asserted that the American people had underestimated the war job, but he promised that the enemies of the country had received only a token of what is to come in this "war to the finish—to the death."

Governor Broughton, in a brief talk before the convention, replied to Major McLendon's description of him as a "great war governor," by declaring, "I did not wish to be a war governor, but my ambition is to be a victory governor."

Joseph Daniels of Raleigh, former United States ambassador to Mexico, who, along with Don Elia of Asheville read the party platform, called the delegates to stand in honor of another war president, Woodrow Wilson, under whom Daniels served as secretary of the navy in the First World War.

Not only was the attendance of the average delegate cut, but there were fewer notables in attendance.

In its war platform, the party pledged itself against increases in state taxes during the conflict and urged that a nine-month school term be provided for every North Carolina child.

It also pledged support to a proposed constitutional amendment under which the several agencies charged with administering the state school system would be consolidated under a single state board of education.

It urged that the state government be operated in accord with the soundest fiscal practices and vowed that the budget will be kept balanced. At the same time, it promised that all essential state services will be maintained.

No extraordinary expansion of the state's normal activities and no substantial increases in the state's appropriations will be made.

Full co-operation with the Federal government was promised, and the party ruled out politics for the war and invited members of all parties to aid in solving the state and national problems.

About the national and state administrations, the platform praised President Roosevelt for "his wise and effective handling of the foreign and defense policies," and termed Governor Broughton as one of the "great governors of North Carolina."

PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE SCHOOL COMPLETED

The Vacation Bible School of the First Presbyterian School will have commencement exercises Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a part of the regular evening service. Fifty-six students were enrolled in the school and Mrs. C. A. Harris served as superintendent. The program for the evening will feature memory work, songs, hand-work and other courses that were taught in the school.

MERCHANTS WILL JOIN BOND DAY SALE JULY 1

Local retail merchants, along with those all over the nation, will devote 15 minutes to the promotion and sale of war stamps and bonds on July 1. Vernon T. Eckerd, president of the Merchants Association, said the government had been assured of the support of the merchants in the nation-wide tribute to America's war effort.