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Decisive Vote Cast In All The Races Saturday

Grady Nichols Renominated For Sheriff And J. C. Rabb For Representative.

McDowell county Democrats went to the polls Saturday and made known their choice of party candidates in one of the most decisive primaries ever conducted in this county.

A total of 3,906 Democratic voters—several hundred more than expected—cast ballots in the nominating election for Sheriff, according to returns tabulated.

Grady Nichols was renominated for sheriff, defeating his opponent, Ben E. Hendley, by a majority of 1,732. Leading the entire ticket, Sheriff Nichols received 2,819 votes, and carried every precinct in the county except Dysartsville.

J. C. Rabb was also renominated for the house of representatives, defeating Neal by a majority of 762. Mr. Rabb received a majority in 13 of the 17 precincts.

A total of 3,774 votes were cast for representative in Saturday's primary compared with 4,348 cast two years ago.

Favored by McDowell's voters were Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle from the new eleventh district, who polled a majority of 2,176 over Claude B. Woltz, and U. S. Senator Josiah W. Bailey who drew a majority of 1,741 over Richard T. Fountain.

McDOWELL CHILDREN GIVEN TREATMENT AT CLINIC AT BALTIMORE

A number of children from McDowell County received treatment last Saturday at the clinic held at the Orthopedic Home in Baltimore, according to an announcement from the McDowell County Welfare Department. Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, case worker, was in charge of the group.

A group of patients was also taken from the county to Asheville Wednesday for operations to correct defects of the eye. These operations are made possible by the North Carolina Commission for the Blind. Mrs. Nelle Lonon was in charge of this group.

TWO WEEKS TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT TO CONVENE HERE MONDAY

McDowell County Superior court will convene here next Monday, June 8, for a two weeks criminal and civil term with Judge Hoyle Sink presiding.

During the first week criminal cases will be tried and the second week will be for civil cases.

Among the cases expected to come up for trial on the criminal docket are four cases for murder, one for highway robbery, several for assault with deadly weapon, and eight for driving drunk.

J. C. RABURN ELECTED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

J. C. Raburn, junior at Berea College, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Raburn, Marion, has been elected class representative on the Upper Division Senate, student-government body, and chairman of the social committee for next year's senior class. Duties of both positions begin with the fall semester. Raburn has been active in religious work with the Christian Endeavor Society and YMCA here.

McDOWELL INVESTS \$35,118.75 IN WAR SAVINGS BONDS IN MAY

McDowellites invested \$35,118.75 in war savings bonds during the month of May, reports Paul Nafe, McDowell county chairman of the war savings staff. This sum is \$718.75 in excess of the county's May quota.

So pleased was the Treasury Department with McDowell's response to the war savings bond plan that they have increased the June quota to \$45,800, it was stated. McDowell had been asked to sell \$34,400 worth of bonds in May.

McDowell's average bond sale for the five months of 1942 was \$25,120. The excellent showing in May was attributed to the fact that so many large mills and factories have installed payroll allotment plans.

Under this arrangement an employee authorizes his company to deduct 10 per cent from each pay envelope which he receives and to invest it for him in war savings bonds and stamps.

SOFT BALL SERIES TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW; OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The East Marion Sluggers of the Marion Manufacturing Company will play the Marion All-Stars tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock on the Marion high school athletic field in an exhibition softball game. The game will be the first in a summer series to be sponsored among the business and industrial workers and the youth of Marion by the Greater Marion Athletic Association.

A nominal admission fee will be charged, and the game will be over about 6 o'clock.

At its organization meeting Monday night the association elected R. W. Twitty, superintendent of the Marion Manufacturing Company, president; Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools, vice-president and treasurer; Paul Nafe, editor of the McDowell News, secretary; and Phil Hudson, athletic coach at the Marion high school, athletic director.

Three McDowell county industrial teams are already enrolled in the association. They are the teams of the Marion Manufacturing Company, the Cross Cotton Mills and the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company. Other McDowell industrial plants and Marion civic organizations are expected to come into the association by next week sponsoring teams and supporting the association financially.

SALE OF WAR BONDS FOR MAY TOTALS \$31,781.25 AT MARION POSTOFFICE

The sale of war savings bonds for the month of May at the Marion post office totaled \$31,781.25, Postmaster Barron Caldwell said Monday. This amount is only \$2,618.75 under the quota assigned to the entire county for May and is \$11,781.25 more than the post office sold in April.

Mr. Caldwell reported the sale of war savings stamps during May at \$2,349.

Postal receipts for last month were \$2,735.06, \$55.14 under April's receipts, but an increase of \$514.52 over May, 1941.

Receipts for the first five months of 1942 totaled \$13,552.94, an increase of \$1,700.77 over the same period in 1941.

METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL COMPLETED

The daily Vacation Bible School of the First Methodist Church was completed Friday and a picnic was enjoyed on the church lawn.

Approximately 58 completed the course. The school was conducted by: Mrs. J. H. Beaman, director, Dr. J. H. Barnhardt and Mrs. J. F. Jonas, leaders of devotionals, Mrs. Zach Owensby, teacher of beginners, Mrs. G. L. Conley, Mrs. Arnold Pyatt, Mrs. Clyde Cannon and Miss Betsy Lee Erwin, primary teachers, Miss Martha Lee Martin, junior teacher, Mrs. W. D. Lonon, intermediate teacher, Mrs. L. B. Coone, music director, Mrs. R. B. Crisp, handicraft director, and Mrs. G. B. Justice, recreation supervisor. Mrs. Charles H. Smith served as secretary.

Official Returns of Democratic Primary, May 30th, 1942

PRECINCT	Legislature		Sheriff	U.S. Senator		Congress		
	RABB	NEAL	NICHOLS	HENDLEY	BAILEY	FOUNTAIN	BULWINKLE	WOLTZ
Marion No. 1	401	331	537	206	632	117	568	128
Marion No. 2	291	270	428	143	365	178	400	117
Marion No. 3	261	59	248	112	184	132	239	51
Marion No. 4	295	167	338	171	306	150	352	70
Marion No. 5	121	75	132	67	71	121	150	35
Buck Creek	142	32	119	51	133	32	130	28
Old Fort No. 1	155	43	149	54	149	40	149	30
Old Fort No. 2	176	58	192	55	138	88	171	39
Crooked Creek	64	24	68	20	70	6	42	25
Montford Cove	51	23	61	14	56	16	57	14
Glenwood	72	36	88	19	84	21	79	19
Dysartsville	47	55	38	65	81	21	77	14
Bracketts	19	8	26	3	26	2	20	6
Higgins	23	30	33	21	46	7	48	6
Nebo	105	87	137	62	150	45	122	43
Turkey Cove	12	129	137	8	134	6	106	11
North Cove	33	79	96	16	100	2	104	2
TOTAL	2268	1506	2819	1087	2725	984	2814	638

AMOUNT CANNING SUGAR BASED ON NUMBER QUARTS

The local rationing board has received notice of the liberalized allowances of sugar for canning.

Instead of five pounds per person for the season, the allowance will be not over one pound for every four quarts of canned fruit and one pound per person for preserving, jams, jellies, etc.

Any adult member of a family unit may make application for all people in the family. Sugar ration books must be presented at time of application.

Beginning the week of June 8th, applications can be made at the following places and times in the different communities of McDowell County.

Marion — Marion High School, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 2 to 5 o'clock.

Clinchfield — "The Barn", Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Wylie in charge.

East Marion — Community Building, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5, Miss Mamie Stacy in charge.

Nebo — School Building, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5, Miss Rose Stacy in charge.

Glenwood — Mr. Livingston's Home, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5.

Greenlee — Presbyterian Hut, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Mrs. Francis Bradsher in charge.

West Marion — School Building, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Mrs. Lula McCurry in charge.

Dysartsville — School Building, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Miss Lillie Pyatt in charge.

Pleasant Gardens — Community Building, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Mrs. Bruce Gibbs in charge.

North Cove — Guy Lonon's Store, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Mrs. Guy Lonon in charge.

Sugar Hill — Mrs. Chas. Holland's Home, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Miss Lucile Holland in charge.

Ashford — Mr. Garvel English's Home, Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5 with Mr. and Mrs. Garvel English in charge.

Negroes of Marion and vicinity — Negro High School — Tuesday nights 7 to 9 o'clock; Greenlee Corporation in charge.

CCC CAMP ENROLLMENT TO BE MADE JUNE 19

Any boys interested in making application for enrollment in the C. C. C. camps are asked to call at the office of the Welfare Department before June 19 as an enrollment will be made at that time. Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, Superintendent of Public Welfare announced this week.

NYA SEWING PROJECT CLOSED HERE SATURDAY

Marion's NYA girls sewing project was closed Saturday in accordance with an order issued by Leo H. Manley of Asheville, director of the sixth North Carolina NYA area.

Mr. Manley said that National Youth Administrator Aubrey Williams of Washington, D. C., has called for the closing of all NYA projects which do not train youth for employment in defense industries or produce a product used directly by the armed forces.

Mrs. Ralph Alexander, NYA interviewer, will interview all girls who were assigned to the sewing project for placement in girls' defense resident centers or for employment on the NYA clerical and hospital projects in McDowell county.

Mrs. Bessie S. Carr, who has been supervisor of the Marion project, began her new duties as the supervisor of the Sardis NYA Resident Center at Charlotte Monday. "She did a splendid job with the Marion girls sewing project," said Mr. Manley.

The Sardis NYA Center is a defense project, training girls chiefly in radio.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

P. G. Conner, of Ruth, Rutherford county, sustained a skull fracture and other injuries in an automobile accident near Old Fort last Saturday night. His condition was reported slightly improved yesterday.

While he is being treated at Marion General hospital, Willis Gregg, about 30, of Ruth, alleged driver of the car in which Mr. Conner was riding, was being held in the county jail here on an open charge pending the outcome of Mr. Conner's injuries.

Sheriff Grady Nichols said the machine failed to negotiate a sharp curve at Dripping rock, on Route 70 a few miles west of Old Fort, and crashed into the rough side of the rock at a fairly high rate of speed. The machine was badly damaged, it was reported, but Mr. Conner was the only person injured seriously.

HARDING C. NOBLITT AWARDED B. A. DEGREE AT BERA COLLEGE

Harding C. Noblitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Noblitt, of Marion, graduated from Berea College with a B. A. degree in Political Science at commencement exercises there Monday.

Noblitt has been outstanding on the campus both for his scholastic record and his extra-curricular program. He has been a member of the Public Affairs Forum three years, serving as president during his senior year; is a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, honorary forensic organization and Pi Gamma Mu, honorary social science society.

He has been a member of the student board of governors, serving as finance chairman during his junior year; was treasurer of the junior class, and president of the graduating class. While on the campus he has distinguished himself in oratorical contests by winning first place in the Peace Oratorical contest during his sophomore year and first in the Men's Oratorical contest during his junior year.

He was a member of the winning debate team at Midwestern Tau Kappa Alpha convention this year. Noblitt has been appointed graduate assistant in Political Science at Duke University for next year.

SEVEN BUS RUNS WILL START ABOUT JUNE 15

Seven new daily bus runs between Asheville and Salisbury, via Black Mountain, will be added about June 15, it was announced by officials of the Queen City Coach company. These buses were scheduled to start yesterday, but postponement was made necessary by failure to obtain the required equipment. Under the new schedule, when it becomes effective, bus service between the two cities will be hourly from 8 a. m. through 7 p. m. Under the new schedule, bus service through Marion will be hourly from 9:30 a. m. through 9:30 p. m.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick Re-elected Head Of Welfare Dept.

Under New Set-up Instituted Appointment Is Made For Indefinite Term.

At a recent meeting of the McDowell County Board of Public Welfare, Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick was re-appointed as superintendent of public welfare for the county. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has served in this capacity for the past ten years, having been appointed to this position in 1933.

A new public welfare set-up is now in use in the state, following changes in the organization made by the last legislature. Under the new plan each public welfare head is required to pass a merit examination before his appointment to the office.

For the first time in the history of the State's welfare program the superintendent chosen this year will serve for an indefinite term, being given tenure under the merit system installed last year and required by the Federal government in order that the State and counties may continue to receive funds under the Social Security act.

Previous terms of welfare department heads in the counties have expired every two years.

Members of the McDowell board of Public Welfare are R. V. Wilson, chairman; J. F. Harmon and J. H. L. Miller.

J. MARK HUNTER, WELL KNOWN CITIZEN, DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

John Mark Hunter, 72, well-known McDowell county saw mill operator of the Buck Creek community, died at his home on Marion Route 4 Sunday night after an illness of a little more than one week.

Mr. Hunter, a native of Yancey county, moved to McDowell as a young man and was engaged in the lumber business for many years.

Funeral services were conducted at Clear Creek Baptist church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. W. F. McMahan. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia Hoover Hunter; five children, Mrs. Sophia Loftis, the Misses Abbie and Joyce Hunter, Mrs. Martha Silvers, and Mrs. Ruth Silvers; a step-son, Spud Smith; two brothers, Will and Dave Hunter; a sister, Mrs. Robert Smith; 14 grand-children; three step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. All except Dave Hunter, of route 1, Old Fort, live in the Marion, route 4, community.

BAILEY WINS BY BIG MAJORITY; BULWINKLE ELECTED IN DISTRICT

Raleigh, June 1.—There won't be any new faces in the North Carolina congressional delegation—not for a while anyway.

Saturday's Democratic primary brought overwhelming victories to Josiah Bailey and all eleven of the incumbent representatives.

Only four of the 11 incumbent congressmen were opposed. They were Representatives Herbert Bonner of the first district, John H. Folger of the fifth, W. O. Burgin of the eighth and A. L. Bulwinkle in the 11th. All four won easy victories.

RUFF AWARDED PRIZE AT HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

John A. L. Ruff, son of the Rev. Thomas B. Ruff, pastor of the Old Fort Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Ruff, has been awarded the Rosewell Page prize of \$25 in public speaking at Hampden-Sydney college, it has been learned here.

Young Ruff, a sophomore, was also awarded the trustees' literary medal and the Literary key, both scholastic honors. Several weeks ago he was elected a member of Sigma Upsilon, national honorary fraternity.

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