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Blackout Set For Tuesday Is To Be Statewide

First All-North Carolina Test To Follow Former Blackout Rules.

Marion and McDowell county will participate in the first statewide blackout test next Tuesday night, September 29, some time between 7 and 12 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Chief of Police L. W. Erwin, coordinator, who attended a meeting of civilian defense officials in Raleigh last Thursday.

The date was selected because of its historical significance to North Carolina. It was on Sept. 29, 1919, that the 30th Division including a large number of Tar Heels, broke through the Hindenburg Line. "It is about time that someone recognized the boys of the last war and honored them in this one," State Civilian Defense Director Ben E. Douglas said.

Not even civilian defense heads in North Carolina's scattered urban communities will know in advance the exact hour of a statewide blackout test.

More of a surprise drill than any yet conducted here, the alert signal will be relayed from State headquarters only fifteen minutes before the blackout begins, thus giving defense staffs a quarter-hour leeway to rally their auxiliary forces before the lights-out alarm is sounded.

The blackout itself, which may be called at any time between 7 o'clock and midnight on the last Tuesday in this month, will last 45 minutes.

Identical regulations as those applying in previous practice tests will be observed. Residential and commercial lighting, except that in factories on defense construction, must be doused or blanketed. Trains and traffic engaged in interstate commerce will be allowed to move; other vehicular transport must come to full stop.

LEAGUE MAKES DONATION TO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Members of the Marion Softball League met Tuesday evening in the community building for final reports on the season. A report from the treasurer revealed a cash balance of \$238.38 after completion of the year's activities.

The board of directors voted to donate \$150 to the Marion High School Athletic Association. The secretary was instructed to place an order for a trophy to be awarded to the Cross Mill team, winner of the entire softball season.

The Association expressed itself as being well pleased with activities of the summer and voted for enlargement of the scope of activities, as well as making more elaborate plans for the coming summer.

MARVIN STEPPE TAKEN BY DEATH AT NEWPORT NEWS

Marvin Venard Steppe, of Old Fort, died of influenza in a Newport News, Va., hospital Tuesday evening, Sept. 15. Prior to a brief illness he was engaged in defense work in Newport News.

Funeral services were conducted at ten o'clock Saturday morning at the Old Fort Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Robt. M. Varner, and burial made in the Old Fort cemetery.

Mr. Steppe is survived by the widow, the former Miss Ann Foster, of Swannboro; his parents, Mr and Mrs. Charles Steppe, of Old Fort; a brother, Lytle Steppe, of Virginia, and a sister, Mrs. Arwin Wagstaff, of Old Fort.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Street improvement work is underway on Logan street. Included in the improvements is the raising of the sidewalk between Court and Henderson streets to the street level so as to prevent water overflowing the business houses on the lower side.

LUTHERANS EXTEND CALL TO H. F. MEYER TO BECOME MINISTER

The Rev. H. F. Meyer, of Savannah, Ga., has been extended a call to become pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church of Marion and Trinity church of Rutherfordton, to succeed Rev. Paul A. Boriack, who resigned to accept a call to St. Paul's church in Hilton, N. Y.

Several years ago Mr. Meyer was pastor of the First Lutheran church in Asheville and is well known by a number of people in Marion. He was the guest speaker at the dedication service of St. Matthew's church here in 1935. He has served congregations in Nebraska, Texas, North Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Meyer has not announced yet as to whether he will accept the call. During the vacancy Rev. J. L. Summers will be pastor in charge and will arrange regular services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. George McRee, Lutheran service pastor, from Camp Croft, S. C., will preach here next Sunday.

TIRES ALLOTTED BY RATION BOARD

The War Price and Rationing Board last week approved the purchase of one passenger tire and seven truck tires. Recaps were allowed for three passenger tires and three truck tires. Permits were also issued for the purchase of four tubes for truck tires.

They were allotted as follows: G. W. Kirby, trucker, two truck tires; Thomas Edgar Potat, textile worker-farmer, one truck recap; B. H. Laughridge, mail carrier, one passenger tire; Bruce Cowan, farmer, one truck tire; Bogard V. Lawing, farmer, two truck recaps and two truck tubes; B. Harrison Revis, furniture worker, three passenger recaps; Marlowe Brothers, farmers, one truck tire and one truck tube; A. Blanton Grocery Company, one truck tire and one truck tube; R. E. Young, wholesale meat and livestock dealer, two truck tires and one truck recap.

JIMISON AND MANLEY, GUEST SPEAKERS AT KIWANIS LUNCHEON

The weekly dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club was held Tuesday evening in the community building. Among the guests present was Captain Robert Jimison, who will be remembered by many Marion people as the lecturer of the Collins entertainment festival last fall. Although not scheduled to speak, Captain Jimison was introduced and asked to say a few words.

He made a most interesting talk on his activities during the summer as deep sea diver in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of his work was to locate a submarine which was believed to have gone to the bottom of the Gulf. Attempts failed, however, because of the depth of the water at the point in question. Another incident of particular interest related by Captain Jimison was his experience in locating a merchant ship loaded with rubber. He explained how bundles of rubber in the ocean were loosened at an appointed time so that they might float to the surface of the water.

W. S. Shiflet, program chairman, introduced Leo Manley, who is in charge of National Youth Administration work in this area. Mr. Manley outlined completely the NYA program, pointing out various changes that had been made recently in order to comply with present war demands. He stated that the NYA was attempting to participate in the program of National Defense by training workers in age groups from 17 to 24 inclusive. Mrs. Nelle Alexander is local representative working with Mr. Manley in this program.

W. S. Shiflet extended an invitation to members of the Kiwanis Board of Directors to attend a chicken barbecue to be given at his summer home at Busick on Thursday evening of this week.

Prior to the war, India raised the most cattle; China the most hogs; Australia, the most sheep.

Gas Rationing Coupons No. 2 Are Now Valid

No. 1 Tickets In A Book Expire; Supplement Applicants To File Oct. 6-19.

No. 2 gasoline rationing coupons for holders of basic "A" books must now be used for the purchase of gasoline, with the eight No. 1 coupons having legally expired at midnight Tuesday night.

The September 22 deadline for using No. 1 coupons arrived at midnight Monday night, and thereafter for the next two months the No. 2 coupons are legally usable in buying gasoline.

The "A" book coupons run in series of eight tickets, each good for four gallons, with the eight representing a two-months supply it was pointed out by the local rationing board.

All applicants for renewal of gas coupon books B and C which expires on October 22nd should appear at the office of the Local War Price and Rationing Board in alphabetical order as follows:

- October 5th, A and B.
- October 6th, C.
- October 7th, D, E and F.
- October 8th, G.
- October 9th, H.
- October 12th, I, J, K, L.
- October 13th, M and Mc.
- October 14th, N, O, P, Q.
- October 15th, R.
- October 16, S and T.
- October 19th, U, V, W, Y.

These new coupon books cannot be used until October 22nd.

The local War Price and Rationing Board suspended the operation of one of the cabs of the Black and White Cab Company for one month for violation of the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation by withholding gas rations for that period. Any non-compliance with these regulations will be dealt with promptly through tire and gas rations, it was announced.

J. B. HENSLEY IS SHOT WHILE ON HUNTING TRIP

J. B. Hensley, merchant of East Marion, was taken to the Rutherford Hospital last Saturday afternoon for treatment of wounds in the chest, face and arm, sustained while hunting squirrels near Marion with two friends, Robert Finley and Theo Hollifield.

Sheriff Grady Nichols, who investigated, said that Mr. Hensley was near the top of a hill and Mr. Hollifield was on the slope when the latter fired a .12 gauge shotgun at a squirrel 50 yards away. A moment later, it was reported, Mr. Hensley's head appeared in view and Mr. Hollifield, mistaking the motion for that made by a squirrel, fired again, part of the load striking Mr. Hensley.

The wounded man was given emergency treatment by a Marion physician and then taken to the hospital in Rutherfordton.

No arrest was made, Sheriff Nichols stated, as the shooting was considered accidental.

MERCURY DROPS FROM 93 TO 50 DEGREES

The temperature of Marion has ranged from 93 to 50 degrees during the period from September 15-21. The greatest variation in any one day was shown last Friday when the thermometer showed a drop from 92 to 61 degrees. The lowest temperature for the week was 50 degrees Monday morning.

Beginning on Tuesday of last week official readings were as follows: Tuesday, high 90, low 60; Wednesday, high 89, low 64; Thursday, high 90, low 64; Friday high 92, low 61; Saturday, high 93, low 63; Sunday, high 81, low 63; Monday, high 80, low 50.

Tucson, Ariz., is the only walled city in the United States.

Wingate Resigns His Position As Fire Chief Here

Also Resigns Position With Funeral Home To Accept Place In Landis.

The resignation of Fire Chief Marvin C. Wingate was announced Tuesday to become effective at the end of this month. Mr. Wingate succeeded C. E. Bolick as fire chief last year, and when Marion's committee on civilian defense was organized, he was placed in charge of all the auxiliary firemen, approximately 100 in number.

Mr. Wingate came here about four years ago from Kings Mountain, where he was a member of the volunteer fire department. While here he has been employed by the Westmoreland Funeral Home.

Mr. Wingate will leave the first of October for Landis, where he has accepted a position with the Linn-Wright Funeral Home. Mrs. Wingate will remain here a few days before joining her husband in their new home.

At their regular monthly meeting of the firemen Thursday night honor will be paid their departing chief with a farewell party. Jack James and Walter Morgan are in charge of arrangements.

At this meeting, it is announced, the firemen may select a successor to Mr. Wingate.

VOGLER CALLS ON TAR HEELS TO GIVE SCRAP

Raleigh, Sept. 22. — Declaring that America's blast furnaces will be compelled to curtail production during the winter months unless the American people do an exceptional salvage job, James B. Vogler, state salvage chairman, appealed to North Carolinians today to give their full co-operation to their salvage committees and to newspapers and community groups sponsoring salvage programs.

Approximately seven million tons of scrap must be made available to steel furnaces by the first of the year in order to carry them through the winter months and only half this amount is now on hand, Vogler said. For the last five months scrap stock piles have been steadily rising, after many previous months of continuous decline, and it has been estimated that the necessary quota can be met if there is immediate intensification of scrap collection programs, he said.

REVIVAL SERVICES UNDER WAY AT PRESBYTERIAN AND BAPTIST CHURCHES

Revival services are being held this week at the First Presbyterian and First Baptist Churches. These services have been well attended and the enthusiasm is reported gratifying.

Baptist services will continue through Sunday, September 27, with services at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. daily, except Saturday. Sunday morning service will be at 11 o'clock.

The Presbyterian revival will continue through October 2 with services at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. daily and on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

REV. PEEPLES NAMED RECTOR OF ST. JOHN'S

Te Rev. David N. Peebles, who has been supply pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church for the past two years, has accepted the rectorship of this parish. The call was extended at a recent meeting of the vestry.

REV. WILSON IS NAMED NEBO BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. W. Gordon Wilson, who has been serving as supply pastor of the Nebo Baptist Church, has been called to serve as regular pastor of that church. Mr. Wilson was recently ordained as pastor in a service at the First Baptist Church.

MARION HIGH OPENS FOOTBALL SEASON AT NEWTON; SCORE 6 TO 6

The Marion High School football season opened last Friday in a game between Marion and Newton at Newton which closed with a score of 6-6. The Marion team made twelve first downs to Newton's three. During the first half the local team played entirely within their own territory.

Late in the first period Von Ray Harris crashed through the left side of the line for the first touchdown, but Fred Harris' attempt at an extra point failed.

At the end of the second quarter the ball was on the Newton six inch line with four downs to go. The Newton boys came back strong in the second half and scored the last quarter. The Newton attempt for placement also failed and the score was tied at 6-6.

Coach Beam stated that the Marion team played well, but that the greatest weakness was in blocking. Practices this week have included especial drilling in blocking and considerable time has been spent in perfecting plays to be used in the game which will be played with the Shelby high school Friday night at Shelby, Mr. Beam explained.

The Shelby game will have to be played without Robert Gibson, who was in the opening line-up for the Newton game, and Roy Hendley, who played a large portion of the game, Mr. Beam said. Gibson has entered the service of the U. S. Navy and Hendley has been absent for several of the recent practices. The homecoming game will be played on the Marion High School field with the Hickory high school on Friday, October 2.

WEST MARION CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING DAY

The West Marion Methodist Church will observe homecoming day on Sunday, October 11, instead of next Sunday as originally scheduled, Rev. F. R. Barber announced this week.

A worship service will be held at 11 a. m. and lunch will be served on the grounds. A special musical program will be given in the afternoon.

Everyone is invited to attend.

BORIACK PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Paul A. Boriack, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church here for the past ten years, preached his last sermon last Sunday morning. He has accepted a call to St. Paul's Anglican Lutheran church in Hilton, New York, and will leave the latter part of September to assume his new duties there.

The Rev. Mr. Boriack, a native of Lincoln, Texas, received his early training in the elementary schools of that state, and later entered St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1929. In 1930 he took post graduate work at the seminary for A. B. D. degree and is now working on a thesis which will complete the course.

He was ordained on October 20, 1930 and, after serving one year, as assistant pastor of Luther Memorial Chapel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he came to North Carolina. He first went to Trinity Lutheran Church in Rutherfordton which had been organized early in that year by the Rev. Leslie Frerking of Charlotte. He came to Marion a few months later and founded St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, holding his first service here on February 14, 1932. He has continued as pastor of both churches until the present time.

The two churches had a small enrollment which has been increased to a total of 300 for both churches. The two churches now have nine organizations functioning actively. Last year the young people of St. Matthew's won ten first prizes in the national talent quest of zone 1 of the North Carolina Walthers League.

During the past ten years the two congregations have acquired six lots, two chapels, a parsonage and a servicable hut. About twice (Continued on last page)

Future Guides To Operations Of Draft Given

More Than Ten Million Men Seen In Armed Forces By The End Of 1943.

Washington, Sept. 20. — While the uncertainties of the war preclude any authoritative forecast of the ultimate strength to which the army and navy will grow, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey indicated today that more than 10,000,000 Americans would be under arms by the end of 1943.

Hershey and his aides gave these guides to future operations of the draft in an interview clarifying and recapitulating the various orders and announcements issued piecemeal in recent weeks:

The supply of single men, including those with dependents, will be exhausted this fall and calls for childless married men will begin generally in December or January as the strength of the army alone tops 4,500,000 by the end of this year.

See Fathers Called

Unless congress authorizes the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds, the supply of childless married men will be exhausted about a year from now and the calling of men with children will begin around Oct. 1, 1943.

Even the drafting of the teenagers might do no more than delay the calling of family men because the total number of men who ultimately will be required for the service is not yet known. Approximately 2,250,000 teen-agers registered this year for drafting after they reached 20, but so many of them have enlisted that perhaps no more than 1,000,000 are left.

Not every single man will be called before the general calling of married men begins, nor will every childless married man be called before the general calling of men with children, because local draft boards may still consider dependency and occupational factors.

Although dependency deferment was largely eliminated by the act providing allowances for dependents of service men, it may continue to be granted if the local board decides that hardship might result in a particular case. Thus a single man with dependents might under some circumstances be deferred even though men with children were being drafted.

HIGH COURT TO DISCUSS ORCHARD CASE THIS WEEK

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—The state supreme court resumes its fall session this week with a full docket, featured by an extended controversy between McDowell county landowners and the state highway commission.

Landowners, headed by John Yancey and J. W. Winborne, trustees, sought \$200,000 compensation for lands condemned for use on the Blue Ridge parkway. The courts awarded them \$56,000.

The landowners then sued for interest on \$56,250 from the time the land was taken over by the government until the date of the court order granting the compensation. This request was denied in McDowell superior court and in the supreme court.

The case scheduled this week concerns the landowner's contention that they are entitled to \$1,125 interest from the time the former judgement commission, which won in superior court, asserts that the state would not pay interest unless it "expressly engages to do so."

SERVICES AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. C. Smathers, of Rutherfordton, will preach at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning at the regular 11 o'clock service.

Rev. F. R. Barber, pastor of Cross Mill Methodist Church, will preach at the eight o'clock service Sunday evening.