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McDOWELL RESIDENTS TO COOPERATE IN BIG SCRAP METAL DRIVE OCT. 5-21

Drive In County To Start Monday; Collection To Be Made In Marion Oct. 10.

Residents of McDowell County are making preparations to participate in the all-out scrap metal collection campaign beginning October 5 and continuing through October 21.

W. G. Ballew, chairman of the McDowell County Salvage committee, stated yesterday that preparations for the drive were well underway and indications are that McDowell County citizens will rally 100 per cent to the call to arms.

Plans have been completed for an extensive drive throughout the county beginning Monday, October 5, which will be centered around the schools of the county. N. F. Stepp, county superintendent of schools, will serve as chairman of the county school committee.

Mr. Ballew announced that members of the Junior Woman's Club will canvass the town Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week urging citizens to collect all scrap possible and place it in some convenient place where it will be picked up by truck on Saturday, October 10.

The Kiwanis Club has named R. L. Conley, A. S. Bradford and W. S. Shiflet on a committee to take trucks around town on Saturday in quest of the scrap. Other Kiwanians will assist them from time to time.

The campaign will be a concentrated effort to bring out every pound of scrap metal in Marion and McDowell County to help meet this nation's war needs.

It is estimated there are eight to 10 million tons of scrap metal rusting away in homes, on farms and around industrial establishments. The three-week drive is designed to get the vast majority of this mighty store of vital scrap metal to Uncle Sam's war furnaces.

It is estimated that within 14 days after the scrap metal is shipped to the mills by the junk dealer, the finished steel plates from this very metal are on their way to some shipyard or other essential war industry.

Already McDowell residents have collected at least 1,500,000 pounds of scrap metal during the past five months, but Mr. Ballew pointed out that there is still a great deal of old metal lying around which is desperately needed by the Nation's war industries.

Last summer, he said, many thought that most of the available scrap in the County had already been collected, but during the intensive drive put on in August, 700,000 pounds were brought in.

He paid particular tribute to the Cross Cotton Mill here which to date has contributed 150,000 pounds of old machinery, worn and broken parts, and other old metal from its warehouse.

He also lauded the city and county schools, the Boy Scouts, the Farm and Home Demonstration Agents, local garage men, the WPA, junk dealers, and business and industrial men all over the county for their help in getting in the scrap.

Funds from the sale of scrap collected by the Kiwanians will be donated to the U. S. O., it was announced.

Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of city schools, promised that pupils in the schools over town would be urged to bring in an average of a pound of scrap every day—the proceeds to be used in feeding undernourished children and for other school purposes.

At East Marion last Friday, Robert W. Twitty, superintendent of the Marion Manufacturing Company, organized children of the community and started them ransacking the village for old metal.

J. B. Laughlin of Clinchfield, McDowell county vice-president for the Scouting program (has promised)

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COLD USHERED IN BY HEAVY RAINFALL HERE; FROST TUESDAY MORNING

The first cool snap of the season was felt here Sunday night and Tuesday morning following almost two days of steady rain. It rained almost continuously Saturday, starting early Saturday morning and continued until Sunday afternoon, followed by a much lower temperature.

From official records kept by C. A. Nichols in the city hall, it is learned that rainfall for Saturday and Sunday amounted to 2.37 inches with the mercury falling to the lowest point since early spring. Fires were lighted in many stoves, fire places and furnaces for the first time this fall.

Monday morning the temperature dropped to forty degrees followed by the season's lowest of 31 degrees Tuesday morning. A rather heavy frost was reported in different points in the county Tuesday morning. Some damage was done to tender vegetation.

The temperature for the past week ranged from 84 high to 31 low, as follows:

Thursday, high 84, low 45; Friday high 76, low 49; Saturday high 66, low 54; Sunday high 74, low 52; Monday high 65, low 40; Tuesday high 65, low 31.

RED CROSS WORK PROJECT SHOWS STEADY PROGRESS

The Red Cross Surgical Dressings project has produced 15,000 surgical dressings to date, Mrs. E. C. McMillan, chairman, announced this week and the quota for this county is 30,000. Mrs. McMillan stated that the work is progressing rapidly and that new workers are present in the room each day.

In addition to the number of individual workers being added to the project, a number of civic clubs and church groups have agreed to devote time to this work. Of particular interest was the vote passed by the Junior Woman's Club at their meeting this week to adopt the work of surgical dressings as the major project for the year and to work every Tuesday evening in the Red Cross work room.

The work room is in the basement of the community building and is open each week day at two o'clock. For those persons who cannot work at any other time the room is open on Friday evenings.

Mrs. McMillan stated that while progress of this work is encouraging, there is still a demand for additional workers and urges the cooperation of every individual.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT CLEAR CREEK CHURCH MONDAY NIGHT

A series of revival services will start at Clear Creek Baptist church Monday evening, Oct. 5, and continue through October 14. The Rev. Z. W. Rotan, pastor of 16th Street Baptist church in Greensboro, will assist the pastor, Rev. C. S. Waters, in the services. Services will be held every evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

P. T. A. WILL HOLD FIRST MEET OF SCHOOL YEAR

The Parent-Teacher Association will hold the first regular meeting of the year on Monday afternoon in the auditorium of the Marion High School, according to announcement by Mrs. R. W. Proctor, president.

BLACKOUT TEST HERE REPORTED SUCCESSFUL

Marion, with two blackout tests behind it, joined with the rest of North Carolina on Tuesday night in a state-wide 45-minute test which found sirens screaming from mountains to the seashore. The test was reported highly successful.



Since the birth of our nation the newspaper has provided that protection for it has continually been on the alert to protect the rights of the people, to call attention to the shortcomings or the encroachments of government. It has also been the principal medium for developing an informed electorate. Most of our young people today have the benefit of at least a high school education. Many go on to college. But the newspaper continues their education for the rest of their lives. Newspapers are truly the school books of democracy.

MRS. BERTHA HEMPHILL APPOINTED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mrs. Bertha Morris Hemphill has been appointed attendance officer for the county schools, entering upon her duties Monday, September 28th.

Under the old law school attendance problems were handled by the Welfare Department, but the last Legislature removed this responsibility from the Welfare Department and placed it upon the Boards of Education. Under the law all children between the ages of 7 and 14 are required to attend the public schools. In the past there has been very little violation of the attendance law, but owing to the fact that a few parents are neglecting to send their children to school it becomes necessary to have an Attendance Officer.

Mrs. Hemphill is contacting the county school principals this week to secure a list of children not in attendance. Parents will be notified and unless they enter their children it will be necessary for Mrs. Hemphill to take legal action.

Mrs. Hemphill is well known throughout McDowell county. She is the daughter of the late R. P. Morris, for a number of years county commissioner in McDowell County. She taught in the schools of the county for several years and is, therefore, familiar with school attendance problems. The schools are fortunate in being able to secure her assistance in keeping children in school.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO CONTINUE THROUGH FRIDAY

The revival services at the First Presbyterian church will continue through Friday evening of this week with the Rev. John R. Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., assisting the pastor and delivering inspiring sermons.

The services, which are being held at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., are well attended and much interest is being shown.

62 McDOWELL MEN ARE SENT TO CAMP CROFT

Sixty-two registrants from McDowell county left here last Friday morning for Camp Croft, S. C., for induction into the army. It was the second largest number of men called by the local selective service board to date.

Carlton Gilkey was made leader of the group and Frank Hunt, assistant leader.

The registrants called for service were:

Ray Harold White, Arnold Treadway, Ray John Wyatt, Roger Rashio Arrington, Herman A. Summey, Frank Perrin Hunt, Curtis Dula Hawkins, Carlton Gilkey, Lawrence John Corn, Harley Cleo Dalton, Duard Bradley, William Lee Fox, Thomas F. Duncan, Jeter Kanipe, James F. Duncan, Jesse Randolph Hogan, James R. Brown, Lloyd Edgar Nunnally, Eugene C. Patterson.

Ralph W. Vess, John Arthur Davis, Fred R. Hall, John Shuford, E. J. Parkins, Roby C. McClure, Oliver Wendell Sisk, Everette C. Baucom, Thurston Byrd, Roy E. Smith, Roy W. Epley, John G. P. Houck, John Shuford, Charles W. Mace, Cecil R. Church, Fate O'Dear, Ivey McCarthey.

James H. Arrowood, Theodore F. Wilson, James P. Brookshire, John Willis, Clifton K. Wilson, Billy W. Simpson, Robert W. Johnson, Ersel Smith, David E. Buchanan, Erwin B. Hollifield, J. C. Raburn, Jr., James L. Smith, Clarence Frye, Harold M. David, Rose Velt Price, James K. Wilkinson, Jesse M. Sherlin, Avery O. McIntosh, Ollis Lanning, Sherman L. Dalton, Marcus A. Kelly, Walen W. Parker, Ben B. Burgin, Guy B. Burnette, Arvil J. Ray Wilson, and Ernest D. Baugh.

METHODIST SERVICES

Rev. L. B. Abernathy, of Elkin, will preach at the First Methodist Church at the regular morning service and Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, district superintendent, will preach at the evening service.

Marion Squad Faces Hickory In First Home Game Friday

Marion High School football team will play the first home game Friday with Hickory on the Marion High School athletic field at 3:30 o'clock. This home-coming game will be preceded with a parade by the Marion High School band.

Marion won over Shelby in a game at Shelby last Friday with a score of 20-0. Marion started the game with good driving and Fred Harris scored late in the first quarter. Hard driving was continued in the second quarter with Von Ray Harris crossing the line for a touchdown one minute before the half

closed. Fred Harris kicked both extra points in the first quarter.

Shelby came back strong in the third quarter and threatened to score, but were held for downs. Marion revived in the last quarter and made a third touchdown with James Bryson plunging the line for score. Harris' attempt for placement failed. Coach Beam stated that throughout the game regular formation plays were used with a number of passes interspersed among them. Special mention was made of plays made by Little, Ayers, Noblitt, Byrd and Harris.

Gas Rationing To Start About November 22nd State Campaign Opens Today To Get Scrap Metal

Basic Weekly Ration About Four Gallons; Speed Limit 35 Miles An Hour.

Washington, Sept. 26. — Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced tonight that nation-wide gasoline rationing would start probably about November 22 with a basic ration of slightly under four gallons a week.

Motor fuel rationing for the country's 27,000,000 private vehicles—patterned after the system now in effect on the Atlantic seaboard will be merged with tire rationing into a single program, Henderson said. He did not explain how this would be accomplished.

Earlier in the day Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, called for a nation-wide speed limit of 35 miles an hour. Compliance with this, Henderson announced, will be a basic requirement for obtaining both tire and gasoline rations.

In addition, tires on all cars must be submitted every 60 days after rationing starts for on-wheel inspection to insure that proper care is given them.

The 35-mile limit speed limit on all highways and streets was decreed in an official ODT order. It did not carry enforcement or penal provisions but Eastman said he would request the governors of all states to make it effective "through proclamation or otherwise." The governors will be asked to call upon state and local officials for strict enforcement.

The speed limit was ordered effective October 1 for all vehicles except trucks and buses operated by common carriers over regularly-scheduled routes and for the latter October 15.

Motor vehicles operated by the armed forces or under their direction were exempted, as were cars driven in emergencies "for the protection and preservation of life and health or for public safety." The latter must be held to "reasonable" speeds consistent with the emergency existing.

An ODT spokesman said the action was taken under the wartime powers of president Roosevelt, delegated to Rubber Director William M. Jeffers and by the latter to Eastman.

Henderson did not explain how the speed limit would be tied in with the rationing.

The gasoline rationing program will give to each automobile, on the minimum A-card basis, enough gasoline for 2,880 miles of driving a year, reckoned at 15 miles to the gallon.

No date was set for registration of the 20,000,000-odd motorists to be brought under gasoline rationing but the OPA said the plan was expected to be in full operation about November 22.

More than six weeks will be required to organize the huge undertaking and distribute the necessary forms and coupons.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT CROSS MILL BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 7TH

A revival meeting will begin at Cross Mill Baptist church Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th, and continue until Sunday, Oct. 18, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Pate. Rev. E. W. Bailes, pastor of Florence Baptist church of Forest City, will assist the pastor in the services.

Services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MEETING OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION HERE MONDAY

The regular quarterly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association will be held at the Methodist hut in Marion next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, it is announced by Rev. G. L. Wilkinson, secretary. All ministers in the county are urged to attend.

Every Citizen Asked To Help Prevent Serious Decline In Steel Output.

Raleigh, Sept. 28. — North Carolinians are urged to shed their coats and really get into the scrap!

Over 50 newspapers, covering the length and breadth of the state, today announced plans for a state-wide contest with \$3,300 worth of War Bonds as prizes for collectors turning in the most scrap metal during the three-week drive beginning October 1.

The mighty scrap crusade, inspired by the lagging production of war vital steel because of lack of scrap metal, is being sponsored by the newspapers as a means of adding impetus to the salvage drive now underway.

Their goal is a roundup of every piece of scrap metal that can be found.

It's going to take hard work—and plenty of it! It's going to take aching backs and blistered hands! And it's going to require plenty of loyal, patriotic cooperation!

But participating newspapers know it can be done, and with the help of every North Carolinian— young and old, rich and poor, big and little—the job will be done.

In a message to participating newspapers, WPB Chief Donald Nelson said increased scrap collections are necessary "to avert a serious decline in steel production."

Steel mills in the United States— industrial giant of the world— have facilities to produce 90 million tons of steel annually, but this year they will produce only about 85 million tons.

They need scrap! And they need it now!

It's every citizen's duty to help—to gather all the scrap metal he or she can find and hurl it smack into the faces of Adolf Hitler and associates. During the three weeks beginning October 1, North Carolinians will have ample opportunity to show how far they are willing to go in backing up the boys at the front.

Special arrangements for handling the scrap are being made. As far as the prize contests go, it makes no difference whether the scrap metal is donated or sold. Sponsoring newspapers are interested only in getting the scrap—now.

Citizens of Nebraska, which recently concluded a similar campaign, collected 136,171,012 pounds of scrap metal in just three weeks—104 pounds per capita.

North Carolina should do better. Newspapers enrolled in the campaign thus far have a combined circulation of over 600,000, largest ever united in a single effort in North Carolina. After the contest gets underway, the papers will carry tabulations as reported from the

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EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MOVED TO CITY HALL

The U. S. employment service office has been moved from the Kirby Block on west Court street to the second floor of the city hall.

Since the transfer of W. C. Wicker, Marion manager, to Rockingham, the local office has been functioning as a branch of the Morganton office. H. G. Parker, manager of the Morganton office, who is also in charge of the Marion branch, stated that every effort will be made to provide Marion and the county with the service needed.

Harlan H. Enloe, interviewer in charge of the local office, announced he will be in the office here, using the same room in the city hall with the Marion Merchants Association, every week day except Tuesday afternoon when he will be in the Mayor's office in Old Fort.

Local workers and employers may file applications for positions, compensation benefits, workers, and the like as before, it was stated by Mr. Enloe.