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## ANNUAL MEETING OF BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Morning And Afternoon Sessions At Woodlawn, Night Session In Marion.

The fourteenth annual session of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will meet Tuesday of next week, October 13th. The morning and afternoon sessions will be held at the Woodlawn Baptist Church, and the night session will be held at the First Baptist church in Marion. Some of the visiting speakers expected to appear on the program are: Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, and the General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Mr. Perry Morgan, manager of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Dr. John Arch McMillan of Thomasville, Dr. M. A. Adams of Taylorsville, Rev. M. L. Lewis of Hendersonville, and Prof. M. H. Kendall, a member of the faculty of Mars Hill College.

The Blue Ridge Baptist Association is made up of thirty missionary Baptist churches located in McDowell county. These churches reported last year a total membership of 4,735, and gave for local work and missions \$33,403.73. They own church property valued at \$159,700.00.

A meeting of the clerks of the churches and members of the executive committee of this association has been called for next Sunday, October 11th, at 3 o'clock p. m., in the auditorium of the First Baptist church in Marion.

A tentative program of the proceedings of the approaching annual session is as follows:

**Tuesday Morning**  
**Woodlawn Baptist Church**  
9:45—Worship lead by Rev. H. Justice.

10:00—Roll Call of churches.  
10:20—Church records, Dr. B. F. Bray.

10:30 — Associational Missions, Rev. G. A. Condey.

10:40—The Liquor Problem, Dr. M. A. Adams.

11:00—Lord's Acre Plan, Rev. M. L. Lewis.

11:20—Election of officers.  
11:30—Sermon by Rev. W. F. McMahan.

12:15—Adjournment for dinner.

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
1:15—Worship lead by Rev. C. S. Waters.

1:30—Factual Reports Concerning Foreign Missions, Rev. R. I. Corbett; Home Missions, Rev. C. M. Johnson, and State Missions Rev. D. W. Hodge.

2:00—Twenty-five Years of State Missions in McDowell County, Rev. A. P. Sorrels.

2:10—The Co-operative Program, M. A. Huggins.

2:40 — Religious Literature, E. W. Parker.

3:00—The Baptist Hospital, Rev. W. C. Pate.

3:20—Orphanage Report, W. B. Connelly.

3:25—Address—The Baptist Orphanage, Dr. John Arch McMillan.

3:45—Christian Colleges: Wake Forest, Zeno Martin; Mars Hill, Rev. M. H. Kendall.

4:05—Historian's Report, Alonzo E. Davis.

4:30—Adjournment.

**Tuesday Night**  
**First Baptist Church**  
7:45—Worship, Rev. L. G. Redding.

8:45—Sunday School report, A. H. Mitchem.

2:10—B. T. U. report, Rev. W. Gordon Wilson.

8:20—W. M. U. report, Mrs. W. C. Pate.

8:30 — Address — Shall We Be Missionary Now, Perry Morgan.

9:15—Final adjournment.

**NEW JANITOR NAMED BY COMMISSIONERS**

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday Zack Owensby was employed as janitor for the court house with Earl Bell as assistant janitor. The board spent a busy day in the transaction of routine business.

## METHODIST STEWARDS ELECTED AT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE HELD HERE

Stewards of the First Methodist Church were elected to serve for the coming year at quarterly conference held at the church Monday evening.

J. H. Beaman was re-elected chairman of the Board of Stewards. Frank Goldsmith was elected vice-chairman and Eugene Cross, Jr., secretary. Other stewards are: H. D. Bishop, A. S. Bradford, H. T. Conley, R. Lee Conley, S. L. Copeland, Roy W. Davis, E. B. Gibson, Kelly Gilkey, Dr. J. F. Jonas, B. H. Laughridge, J. L. Martin, C. R. McCall, W. W. Neal, Sr., Joseph Noyes, Arnold Pyatt, Clarence Rabb, J. C. Rabb, Dr. K. W. Ramsey, G. H. Ross, W. Ray Smith, Jr., Charles G. Suttle, J. H. Tate, J. F. Wilkinson and William J. Wilkinson.

H. T. Conley was re-elected church secretary and treasurer.

Prior to the conference the Stewards were entertained with a supper given by J. H. Beaman and Dr. J. F. Jonas in the Methodist hut.

## 1,745 W. N. C. SELECTEES INDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER

In September 1,745 selectees from 21 Western North Carolina counties were sent to army induction stations by the 27 draft boards in the area, figures compiled in Asheville showed.

In terms of population, one man left Western North Carolina last month to enter the army for each 286 people. These figures do not include enlistments, which totaled more than 700 in September.

Sixty-three men were sent to camp by the McDowell county board.

Buncombe county, with approximately one-fifth of the area's half million population, led in the number of selectees, sending 385 men to camp. Graham county sent the smallest number, 24.

Rutherford county sent 147, Haywood, 130; Burke, 104; Avery, 50; Mitchell, 59; Polk, 45; Henderson, 103; Transylvania, 59, and Yancey, 42.

## DATES FOR MAKING GAS APPLICATIONS

Applicants for supplementary rations for the period beginning October 22nd must apply at the office of the Rationing Board in alphabetical order on the following days. It will be impossible to take care of rush of applicants on or about October 22nd and cars will be without gasoline if they do not apply before that time. The dates are as follows:

October 8th, G.  
October 9th, H.  
October 12th, I, J, K, L.  
October 13, M and Mc.  
October 14th, N, O, P, Q.  
October 15th, R.  
October 16th, S and T.  
October 19th, U, V, W, Y.

The Clinchfield Manufacturing Company and the Cross Cotton Mill now have an approved transportation plan for their employees who are now eligible for Grade II new tires where transporting four or more passengers.

Consumers of fuel oil need to do three things in order to get ready for fuel oil rationing. (1) Check fuel oil inventory as of October 1st. (2) Determine the amount of fuel oil purchased last year. (3) Determine the square foot area of their house by measuring each room to be heated.

## W. H. NEAL RECEIVES NAVAL PROMOTION

William H. Neal, who has been serving as yeoman in the U. S. Navy department at Washington, D. C., has been promoted to Second Class Petty Officer, according to word received here this week.

Mr. Neal is the son of Mrs. J. E. Neal, Sr. and the late Mr. Neal of Marion.

## RED CROSS RE-OPENS KNITTING PROJECT

The Red Cross production room in the community building will reopen this week, according to announcement by Mrs. Joseph Noyes, chairman of this project.

The production room is for the purpose of knitting army sweaters and it not to be confused with the Red Cross Surgical Dressings project in the basement of the community building under the direction of Mrs. E. C. McMillan. A quota of 133 army sweaters has been set to be completed as soon as possible and wool and instructions are available in the production room. A special urge has been extended by the War Department for every available person to assist in this work so that the quota may be reached.

The room will be open week-day mornings from 10 until 11 and afternoons from 2 until four. On Saturday mornings the room will be open from 10 until 12 and will be closed on Saturday afternoons, Mrs. Noyes stated.

## MRS. McCALL COMMITTED TO THE STATE HOSPITAL

Sheriff Grady Nichols left yesterday for Raleigh to place Mrs. Hugh McCall, who is said to have offered him \$200 last July to kill her landlady, in the state hospital for the criminally insane.

Commitment papers were signed at a hearing here Tuesday by Judge Paul J. Story after Dr. Guy S. Kirby, Morganton state hospital board chairman, and other physicians testified the young mother was ill with dementia praecox.

Mrs. McCall has been held in jail here since July 21 when she met Nichols in a local railroad station and not realizing that he was county sheriff was said to have attempted to hire him to poison Mrs. Charlie Mae Harshaw, whom she said she thought was in love with her husband.

## OFFICERS OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTED

At the regular quarterly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association held at the Methodist hut here last Monday Rev. F. R. Barber, pastor of Cross Mill and West Marion Methodist churches, was re-elected president of the Association. Rev. W. C. Pate was re-elected vice-president, and G. L. Wilkinson, secretary.

## WORD RECEIVED FROM CPL. JOSEPH EDWARDS

Word was received here this week from Corporal Joe (Buddy) Edwards of the U. S. Marines, by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Baber that he is well. He wrote "I am O. K. and well." The letter was written August 25.

## SCRAP CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY; SATURDAY COLLECTION DAY

Plans have been completed for an all-out effort to get scrap metal for Uncle Sam's war industries during the campaign now in progress.

While Marion's whirlwind scrap drive is to be conducted by the Kiwanians, Boy Scouts and Junior Woman's Club members this week, the schools throughout the county have already started rounding up old metal.

W. G. Ballew, chairman of the salvage committee, said yesterday that detailed reports had not yet been made, but that Clinchfield school pupils have assembled about 2000 pounds and several truck loads have been collected at West Marion and a large quantity at North Cove school.

The drive is in full swing at Old Fort schools with the community divided into areas called patrols, each of which is under the supervision of the teachers. Prizes have been offered to the individual bringing in the most poundage, the club obtaining the most and also the room getting the most scrap.

The discovery of 100 tons of iron and old war metal, boilers and engines and discarded machinery at an abandoned gold mine was re-

## Quota Exceeded In McDowell In War Bond Sales

More Than \$80,000 Was Invested By People Of The County Last Month.

McDowell County's sale of war bonds for the month of September totaling \$80,310.25 exceeded the quota of \$62,500.00 by \$17,810.25, Paul O. Nafe, county chairman, announced last week.

Marion Theatre lead the sale of bonds with a final total of \$52,059 and Marion Post Office was second with a total of \$20,775. Other points of sale throughout the county were reported as follows: First National Bank \$4,645.00; Old Fort post office 1,481.25; Bank of Black Mountain at Old Fort \$675.; Nealsville post office \$618.75; Marion Industrial Bank \$37.50 and Cross Cotton Mills \$18.75 making a grand total of \$80,310.25.

## REGISTRATION BOOKS TO OPEN OCTOBER 10

Registration books for the November election, expected to be one of the quietest in the county's history, will open in McDowell on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Registrars will be at the 17 voting precincts places in the county on three Saturdays to register new voters or those who have moved. If you wish to vote on Nov. 3, your name must be on the registration books.

Lee Young is registrar for Marion precinct No. 1 and Eugene Keeter is registrar for Marion No. 2.

## McDOWELL'S MONTHLY TIRE QUOTA ANNOUNCED

The State Office of Price Administration has announced the tire and tube quota for the month of October and provides that McDowell County shall receive five new tires and 15 Grade II tires for passenger cars. Twenty-one recaps and twenty-one tubes for passenger cars are allowed.

Twenty-seven new truck tires will be allotted to this county, thirty-six truck tire recaps and 32 truck tubes.

## METHODIST SERVICE

Rev. McRae Crawford, of Gilkey, will preach at the First Methodist Church at the morning service Sunday and Rev. J. O. Banks, pastor of the East Marion Methodist Church, will preach at the evening service.

## POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE THIS YEAR

Postal receipts for the month of September reached a total of \$2746.82. As compared with a total of \$2379.32 for September, 1941 an increase of \$367.50 is shown, Barron Caldwell, postmaster, stated.

The total receipts for the quarter ending September 30th is \$8548.59. At the close of the same quarter last year the total was \$7711.40 showing an increase of \$837.19.

## MARION RIPPERS LICK HICKORY TEAM 15-13; MEET MORGANTON FRIDAY

The Marion High School Rippers opened their home season of football on the local high school athletic field last Friday with a 15-13 victory over the Red Tornadoes of Hickory. It was a hard and exciting game from start to finish and one full of thrill for fans and supporters of the high school gridsters.

Marion received to begin the game, but after a grounded pass and a fifteen yard penalty elected to punt. Hickory made several short gains but likewise had to kick. After the ball had exchanged hands several times, Green, all South Carolina high back of last year and fullback for the visitors, was able to score for the Tornadoes.

Marion received and after several gains kicked to the five yard line. Hickory attempted to punt but James Bryd, flankman for the locals blocked the punt for a safety. Shortly thereafter F. Harris behind beautiful interference ran for fifty-six yards and a touchdown. He also converted the extra point and the half ended 9-6 in favor of Marion.

In the second half Hickory was again able to score and Buff drop kicked the extra point, putting Hickory again in the lead 13-9. Each team fought hard for an advantage, but it was in the middle of the final quarter when Marion, with F. Harris handling the ball, threw a long pass to V. Harris for the final score which listed Marion 15, Hickory 13. The try for extra point was wide.

Coach Beam praised his boys for the fight and spirit which enabled them to come out on top. The Harris brothers at backs were good and Ayers and Noblit gave a good account of themselves in the line. Little and A. Byrd also come in for a share of the glory.

This week the Orange and Black have worked hard for the game with Morganton which will be played in Morganton Friday night at eight o'clock. The locals are looking for a good fight as Morganton is the defending conference champions and boast an excellent combination.

The probable line up will be as follows, Noblit, center; Little and A. Byrd, guards; J. Walker and Robinson, tackles; James Byrd and Ayers, ends; V. Harris, Q-back; F. Harris and Walker or Jack Byrd, halves; Bryson, full back.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IS UNDER MANPOWER BOARD

The U. S. Employment service and the National Youth Administration have been transferred to the War Manpower Commission as a part of that agency's move to control all manpower and training for the war effort. The employment service was formerly under the Social Security board, it was stated by Manager H. Gillam Parker, manager of the Morganton employment office.

Paul V. McNutt, head of MMC, urges all employers to do their hiring through the Employment service to make possible an orderly flow of workers to war projects and to prevent pirating and job-shopping, Mr. Parker stated.

## H. G. PARKER ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB FRIDAY

The Rotary Club had as guest speaker at their weekly luncheon meeting Friday H. G. Parker, manager of the Employment Service Office of Morganton.

Mr. Parker explained the set-up of the employment office since the Marion and Morganton offices were merged.

## Marion P.T.A. Will Sponsor Health Lyceum

Addresses Made By Supt. Beam And D. E. Poole, Principal; Reports Given.

The first regular meeting of the Parent - Teacher Association was held Monday afternoon in the auditorium of the Marion High School. The meeting opened with a song and invocation was given by D. E. Poole, principal. Objectives of the P. T. A. were read by Mrs. R. W. Proctor, president.

Superintendent Hugh F. Beam made an address and in his opening remarks commended the parents for taking time to attend the meeting in the midst of a time when everyone is busy with wartime duties. He stated, however, that the future of our country and of democracy rests upon the shoulders of the boys and girls in the schools today and that it is vitally important that parents cooperate with teachers and school officials in promoting a program to train youth. He urged that the group make their enthusiasm as contagious as possible and thereby increase the attendance for meetings throughout the year.

At the close of his remarks Supt. Beam introduced D. E. Poole, principal of the Marion High School, who spoke briefly emphasizing the remarks made by Mr. Meam, and urging a spirit of cooperation between parents and teachers in assuming the responsibility of their organization. Mr. Poole closed by introducing the new teachers in the schools this year.

Mrs. Proctor extended a welcome to the teachers.

Reports were heard from committee chairman and a motion was passed to assist in the Red Cross Surgical Dressings project. A motion was passed to devote as much time as possible to work on the Red Cross Surgical Dressings project and the P. T. A. members named Thursday afternoon between the hours of two and four o'clock as their special time for serving in the work room.

An agreement was also reached to sponsor a health lyceum here. October 11 was named as tag day when tags will be sold by school children to raise funds for providing meals to underprivileged children at low cost and in some cases without any charge.

## SIX DELINQUENTS ARE REPORTED BY DRAFT BD.

The following list of selectees have been notified twice by the office of the McDowell County Draft Board to appear for physical examinations and have not reported. These persons are now classified as delinquents.

James Alexander Staffer, of Marion; John Carl Ray, of Nealsville; Erwin Massey, of Old Fort; Wilfred Hardin Bradley, of East Marion; Foy Sutherland Smith, of Newport News, Va., and Ray Benjamin Laughter, of Marion.

## KAISER COMPLIMENTS OLD FORT SONG WRITER

Old Fort, Oct. 3. — Carl Lee White, of Old Fort, composer of popular songs, has received compliments from Kay Kaiser, the famous band leader, on his work in "Say Adieu," a song which has been placed in the files of Paramount Pictures. He has also been complimented by such name band leaders as Jimmy Dorsey, Vincent Lopez, and Guy Lombardo. His latest song, "Always in Front," is a war composition.

## JAMES GREGORY BEGINS TRAINING AT FORT KNOX

James Gregory of Marion has reported at the armored force replacement training center at Fort Knox, Ky., an announcement received here from Fort Knox stated. He will be given a 12-week training course to fit him for duty with the army armored force.