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S. L. Copeland, Mill Official, Is Taken By Death

Died At Home Monday After Brief Illness; Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon.

Samuel L. Copeland, 74, first vice-president and treasurer of the Marion Manufacturing company and an outstanding church and civic leader here, died at his home Monday of a heart attack. He had been ill for one week.

Mr. Copeland was a native of Laurens, S. C., and came to Marion in 1908 in connection with the establishment of the cotton manufacturing concern in East Marion, which he served until the time of his death.

For many years he took a prominent part in the church and civic life of Marion. He was a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church of Marion, a Kiwanian, member of the board of directors of the Marion General Hospital, member of the city school board, vice-president and director of the Home Building association, a director of Baldwin hall, was treasurer of the East Marion cemetery, and was an original member of the county rationing board.

He had a wide acquaintance in the textile industry and was associated with the Cotton Textile Institute, was a member of the American Cotton Manufacturers association, and of the North Carolina Manufacturers association.

He was married to Miss Ethel Reese Waitt, who survives him, in 1914. Also surviving are two daughters, Dr. Mary Virginia Rowe of Marion and Mrs. Tom R. Buita of Evanston, Ill.; five brothers, W. O. and D. E. Copeland of New York city, R. J. Copeland of Clinton, S. C., L. O. Copeland of Savannah, Ga., and C. R. Copeland of Cocoa, Fla.; and two sisters, Misses Sara and Mary Copeland of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist church here, with the pastor, the Rev. D. E. Camak, and the Rev. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove cemetery.

Active pallbearers were J. F. Parker, W. A. McCall, Robert Landis, T. A. Moore, Robert W. Twitty, Charles A. Harris, C. A. Workman, and John A. Potat.

Honorary pallbearers: S. M. Beattie, Hugh F. Beam, Garfield Beaman, H. D. Bishop, Walker Blanton, J. D. Blanton, A. S. Bradford, C. P. Mathews, Barron Caldwell, W. R. Chambers, S. R. Cross, Eugene Cross, Jr., L. J. P. Cutlar, Roy W. Davis, Dr. B. A. Dickson, T. V. Ellis, G. W. Giles, W. K. M. Gilkey, J. L. Gourley, W. F. Grant, Dr. Wm. L. Hagna, T. H. Henderson, Carter Hudgins, C. Jack James, Dr. J. F. Jones, W. S. Jones, Dr. G. B. Justice, Dr. G. S. Kirby, W. W. Neal, Sr., Robert J. Noyes, Zeno Martin, J. H. L. Miller, Archie Mitchem, Neal Morris, W. L. Morris, R. E. McCall, W. C. McCall, E. W. Parker, J. W. Pless, Jr., B. F. Pollard, R. W. Proctor, J. C. Rabb, G. P. Seagle, W. S. Shiflet, J. F. Snipes, J. M. Snoddy, J. W. Streetman, Sr., Wayne Suttles, J. H. Tate, W. J. Toney, J. W. Winborne, Sam Yancey, C. O. Smith, H. D. Broome, A. F. Hunt, Dr. J. F. Miller, Dr. R. B. Butt, R. Lee Conley and W. C. Smith.

MERCHANTS MEETING THURSDAY EVENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday evening, July 8, promptly at quarter of eight, in the Fireman's room, City Hall.

All food dealers are invited to attend, as the Price Panel of Local Rationing Board will be present to discuss OPA problems.

It is hoped that all members be present, as officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members of the board are strongly urged to be present.

Other routine matters will be discussed and acted upon.

Guest Speaker



Robt. L. Patton of Morganton who will speak at the First Methodist church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

PATTON TO SPEAK AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH HERE SUNDAY

Robt. L. (Bob) Patton of Morganton, superintendent of Burke county schools, will speak at the First Methodist church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the absence of the pastor, Dr. D. E. Camak, who is attending the assembly at Junaluska.

Mr. Patton is an interesting speaker and is well known in this county.

For the past two years, Mr. Patton has spoken to various groups not only in North Carolina but in other states as well. Here's what the Charlotte Observer had to say about one of his talks recently: "Friend R. L. Patton, school man of Morganton, must have done something bordering on the oratorical scandalous to our Charlotte Lions when he regaled them with a speech.

"The reporters say that when he finished flooding them with his wit and wisdom, fun and philosophy, they gave him an ovation, standing to cheer for minutes.

"That, of course, being interpreted means that figuratively the speaker laid them out in astonishment and excited reactions, stood them on their ears and tore them apart at the seams of their normalcy.

"Mr. Patton is, manifestly, an innovation, what you might call a wow of one."

J. H. Beaman, the lay leader, will preside at the services.

Due to the absence of Dr. Camak there will be no evening service next Sunday.

FARMERS FEDERATION PICNIC AT PLEASANT GARDENS AUGUST 4TH

The annual Farmers Federation picnic for McDowell county will be held at Pleasant Gardens on August 4. This year an effort will be made to concentrate on the war food production program and the war bond sales, it is stated. Max Roberts and A. C. Reynolds, Jr., will be in charge of the picnic.

A new feature of the picnic this year will be a food canning and drying demonstration.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR THE END OF THE FIRST HALF

The remaining games of the first half of the softball schedule will be played as follows:

Thursday: Cross Mill vs Broyhill and East Marion vs Firemen.

Friday: Broyhill vs Firemen and East Marion vs Merchants.

Saturday at 3 p. m.: Broyhill vs Clinchfield and East Marion vs Firemen.

Monday: Clinchfield vs East Marion and Merchants vs Firemen.

The play-off was scheduled to start on Tuesday.

Broyhill holds first place, Cross Mill, second, East Marion, third, Clinchfield, fourth, Merchants, fifth, and Firemen, sixth.

D. E. Poole, director, announced that the girls will play on the field from 10 to 12 a. m. and the boys 2 to 4:30 p. m.

It is less than 22 hours from Washington to Tokyo by air.

Price Ceilings Will Be Set Up In This County

Prices Will Be Established On Many Staple Foods Offered To The Public.

Monday night L. R. Hamilton, Field Price Officer, of the Asheville OPA, met with the Price Panel of Marion for the purpose of establishing fixed prices for Marion and McDowell County. Mr. Hamilton said that within the next week or ten days prices would be established on many of the staple foods offered to the public. He left a number of price questionnaires with the local board and requested that necessary information be obtained from a number of representative merchants in Marion and vicinity.

J. N. Morris is head of the Marion Price Panel and is anxious to assist merchants and patrons in the matter of price ceilings. It is felt that much of the red tape and misunderstanding will be discarded with the coming of fixed prices.

After fixed prices are set up the merchants will display fixed prices in the same manner as ration point values are now displayed. With this practice it will be an easy matter to determine the price on any commodity for sale. Fixed prices will enable the buying public to budget food buying as well as assisting merchants to establish retail prices with a minimum of red tape.

MARION SCOUT TROOP WINS FIRST PLACE IN CAMPOREE AT TRYON

The following Boy Scouts of Troop 3 of Marion under the leadership of Weldon Willis spent the week of June 21 at the Piedmont Boy Scout Camp on Lake Lanier at Tryon.

Wayne Willis, Carroll Willis, Howard Biggerstaff, Franklin Pace, Max Hemphill and Paul Jones.

The troop 3 boys won first place in the Camporee which is held at the camp each Friday morning through the camping season. Troop 3 of Morganton won second place.

The Camporee consists of contests held in the following crafts: Knot tying, fire by flint and steel, fire by friction, tent pitching, water boiling and canoe races. Troop 3 received for the first time the official scout ax which is presented to the winning troop by Mr. Schiele at the court of honor each Friday night.

Four Scouts from troop 1 of Glenwood and three Scouts of troop 1, Nebo, under the leadership of Fred Abernathy and fourteen Scouts from troop 6 of Marion under the leadership of J. H. Beaman also spent the week of June 21 at the Piedmont Scout Camp. All Scouts and leaders reported a good time and many of the boys are looking forward to another week in camp before the season is over.

GIBSON PROMOTED

Bryan Gibson, army air corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibson, has been promoted to Corporal, word received this week stated. Cpl. Gibson entered the service about four months ago and is now at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio. He was also made band leader of the Fifth Flying unit.

County Budget Estimate For New Fiscal Year Asks For \$234,531.01

A budget estimate asking for \$234,531.01 for operation of the county and schools during the fiscal year 1943-44 was proposed before the County Commissioners in session Monday. The commissioners will meet again later in the month to adopt the budget.

The budget estimate for the coming year is \$17,012.34 less than last year's budget.

An outlay of \$42,606.50 is sought in the new budget estimate for the general county fund. The sum of

Civil Term Of Superior Court Begins Monday

Judge Zeb V. Nettles To Preside; Sixteen Cases Listed On Docket For Trial.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will convene the July term of Superior court here next Monday morning. The session will be for the trial of civil actions only.

A total of 16 cases have been listed on the calendar for trial at this term.

The jury list drawn for this term of court is as follows:

First week—L. J. Reel, Albert Jaynes, E. O. Crawley, Vernon L. Bradley, W. S. Burgin, Charlie Biddix, Floyd Young, T. G. Rhinehardt, I. H. Allison, Glen E. Pyatt, J. D. Wilkerson, H. R. Wilson, Tate McCurry, N. A. Revis, Dewey Hoyle, J. J. Parks, Geo. R. Bryson, Thomas W. Carswell, Bulo Holthfield, James L. Arrowood, A. E. Neal, Z. V. Hemphill, Hall Lawing, Guy Stepp, Mills Y. Hoyle, Dock Ayers, Belvin Moore, Robert Shuford, Clyde Rhom and Raymond Allison.

Second week—J. D. Blanton, D. F. Woody, W. W. Neal, Sr., H. C. Worley, D. T. Harris, A. A. Padgett, H. C. Hawkins, J. Edgar Hicks, O. S. Franklin, Theo. Brown, Joseph C. Christopher, James Bradley, Frank Glenn, Albert Elliott, Tillman W. Randolph, C. Guy Rabb, W. B. Pyatt, E. C. Jaynes, C. M. Hemphill, C. R. Hester, A. C. Walker, Ralph Fortune, Lee Bruner, Geo. W. Chapman, Lawrence Adkins, A. A. Halford, S. L. Simmons, R. L. Brooks, R. B. Byrd and Garfield Turner.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON AUGUST 9

The opening date of the McDowell county schools will be August 9th, it was announced this week by N. F. Steppe, county superintendent.

Thanksgiving holidays will be observed November 25 and 26. The Christmas holidays, ending with the fall term, will begin Tuesday, December 21, closing for a two weeks vacation. The Spring term will open January 3rd and close on April 28.

The county unit includes Old Fort, Pleasant Gardens, Nebo, North Cove and Glenwood high schools, Sugar Hill and Dysartsville elementary schools, and the Old Fort, Dysartsville, Bridgewater and Vein Mountain colored schools.

CHURCH DEDICATION DATE SET FOR SEPT. 5

The First Presbyterian church of Marion is now free of debt and plans are being made for the dedication services to be held on Sunday, Sept. 5, it was announced this week by the pastor, Dr. Carl W. McMurray. The dedicatory sermon will be delivered by Rev. A. R. Batchelor, only surviving former pastor of the church.

Extensive improvements have recently been made on the building, including repainting outside, and repainting interior with complete redecorating.

The complete program for the services will be announced later.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.

PVT. THOMAS DUNCAN FOUND DEAD BY TRACK NEAR MARION SUNDAY

Pfc. Thomas F. Duncan, of Clear Creek community, was found dead beside the Southern Railway track, three miles west of Marion last Sunday morning by the engineer of a west bound freight train. The engineer, who noticed the body by the track, stopped the train, notified the sheriff and coroner and waited until they had arrived to investigate the accident.

After an autopsy performed by officers from the Moore General Hospital staff, it was announced that there was no evidence found that Pfc. Duncan had been drinking. His commanding officer, Lt. John S. Milligan, who investigated the death said that details concerning the manner in which the soldier was struck by the train could not be determined. Coroner S. J. Westmorland returned a verdict of accidental death and said that no inquest will be necessary.

Pfc. Duncan was home for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skyler S. Duncan at the time he was killed.

Funeral services were conducted at the Clear Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Waters and Rev. J. J. Justice, U. S. army chaplain.

The soldier was given a full military burial with rites conducted by the McDowell post, No. 56, of the American Legion and an escort of honor with bugler from Moore General Hospital participating. Members of the Moore hospital contingent were pallbearers. The chaplain referred to Pfc. Duncan as a first class soldier with an A-1 record.

NYA OFFICIALS BEGIN LIQUIDATING CENTER

The first of 292 boys and girls, between the ages of 16 and 24, at the Asheville National Youth administration war production training project at Newbridge were sent home Sunday as officials planned immediate stoppage of the training program.

The action followed congressional action on Saturday ordering liquidation of NYA.

All of the government owned equipment, materials, buildings, and supplies at the Asheville project will be turned over immediately to the Property Utilization branch, Procurement office of the Treasury Department, it was stated by Leo H. Manley, project manager. This is expected to be accomplished by the end of the week.

The remainder of the trainees will be returned to their homes this week, Mr. Manley said. Those qualified for war jobs will be placed as soon as possible. Twenty-five boys and girls originally notified to report to the Asheville project today were notified Saturday night not to come.

In the past 12 months, approximately 1,400 youths have been placed in war plants as a result of their training at the Asheville war production training project.

MAY REDUCE TAX RATE FROM \$1.60 TO \$1.50

The city tax rate for the next fiscal year may be reduced 10c making the rate \$1.50 on each \$100 assessed valuation.

The Board of Aldermen in session Tuesday night tentatively set the rate at \$1.50 and authorized the tax collector to accept payments of 1943 taxes on that figure.

The board will formally adopt the tax rate and budget at a meeting some time this month.

W. S. Shiflet was appointed trustee of the fireman's relief fund to succeed Robert B. Smith.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Legion room of the community building to install officers of both organizations for the coming year.

L. L. Fonerberger, of Asheville, commander of the 18th district, will be in charge of the installation service.

All ex-soldiers and their wives are invited to attend whether members of the Legion or not. Fried chicken will be served free to all who attend. Music will be furnished by a string band.

Points On Beef, Other Cuts Of Meat Increased

Raised 1 To 2 Points; Four Vegetables And Five Fruits Increased In Point Values.

Higher point values went into effect Sunday for beef, some cuts of veal, lamb and mutton, canned fish, catsup, chile-sauce, four vegetables and five fruits.

The few reductions that were made included canned green beans, tomato paste, small sizes of juices, margarine and cream cheese.

The changes effective Sunday, were announced by the OPA in Washington Friday.

Increases of 1 to 2 points were ordered for all beef cuts including hamburger, veal and lamb chops and veal lamb legs.

Beef is the scarcest since rationing began, the office of price administration said in announcing the new point values. While it is hoped that the supply will improve some time this month, it added, rationing has been based on the present low supply situation which is almost nine per cent below that available last month.

While changes in ration values are usually announced at the end of the month, a spectacular increase in the meat supply might permit lowered points before August, OPA men said.

Pork supplies while down also are almost double those of beef and the OPA is "encouraging consumption" by raising the point "prices" of other meats. This forces the housewife to buy less-expensive (from the viewpoint of ration value) meats or else take a cut in the purchasing power of her red stamps.

Point values of canned fish were boosted 50 per cent. The jump is necessary, OPA said, because demand has been so high that supplies are being used up too rapidly. During the summer months, the OPA added, more fresh fish is available.

Officials said advance announcement of the changes might permit a "run" on such things as tomato catsup or chili sauce (which will go up 7 points in the pint size) or on canned fish (up 4 points). But they declared the problems of distributing the new charts and tables to the nation's grocers and butchers made inevitable a time-lag of a day or two between the announcement and the effective date.

Here are the major changes over last month's ration tables:

Beef—up 1 point in all cuts except standing 7-inch and 10-inch blade ribs which are up 2 points.

Veal—up 1 point in loin, rib chops, and leg roasts; round steak up 2 points.

Lamb and mutton—up 1 point in loin chops, leg chops and steaks, leg and sirloin roasts.

Pork—unchanged except fat meats used as substitute for lard which are down 1 point.

Lard and margarine—down 1 point.

"Process" butter—(A new item sold mainly in the South) set at 4 points a pound.

Cheese—group I and group II, such as cream cheese, swiss edam, cottage, etc.—Down 1 point. Cheddar remains unchanged.

Canned fish—up 4 points a pound, including tuna, sardines, salmon, Shrimp, Oysters up 2 points.

Vegetables—(No. 2 can) lima beans, up 1 point; whole kernel corn up 1 point, other corn, up 2 points; peas, and tomatoes, up 2 points; tomato catsup and chili sauce (pint size), up 7 points. Down are fresh shelled beans (8 points), green and wax beans (3 points) and certain of tomato paste, puree and sauces.

Fruits—(No. 2 can) apples, up 2; apricots, and fruit cocktail, up 4; peaches and pears (No. 2 1/2 can) up 2.

Vegetable and fruit juices in the 7-10 ounce size were cut in half to one point a can. Pineapple juice is excepted.

FIGHTING
Saving food is one of the most effective ways for the average citizen to help win the war.