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## County Schools Open August 9 For Fall Term

### Teachers Meeting Saturday; List Of Principals And Teachers Announced.

From information given out from the county superintendents' office the county schools will open for the fall term on Monday, August 9. This opening is several weeks earlier than in the past due to the fact the schools will operate nine months for the coming school year.

Practically everything has been completed for the opening and schools are expected to start full schedule Monday morning. During the summer, the buses have all been put into condition, supplies and equipment purchased and everything put in order for the opening.

On Saturday, the entire teaching force will meet at 10 o'clock at Pleasant Gardens School for an all day conference. This conference will be in charge of A. B. Combs and Miss Hattie S. Parrott from the State Department of Education. The education program under the twelfth year and ninth month set up will be the chief topic that will engage the attention of teachers on Saturday. Considerable addition has been made to the curriculum as well as re-organization of schools and procedure.

Principals and teachers for McDowell county schools elected for next year were announced by Supt. N. F. Stepe as follows:

Pleasant Gardens—High school: W. A. Young, principal; Mrs. Lula D. Sandlin, Miss Dois M. Turbyfill, Miss Martha Caroline Gray, Mrs. Nell W. Young and Richard Roberts. Elementary: Miss Jennie Hunter, Mrs. Mabel M. Haire, Mrs. Margaret Hartley, Miss Zelma Atwell, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, Miss Geneva Link, Mrs. Carl S. Gibson, Mrs. Sallie P. Willis, Miss Elsie H. House, Miss Lula Hicks and Miss Ola G. Wall.

Old Fort—High school: C. L. Norwood, principal; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Mary M. Miller, Miss Sara Elizabeth Whitesides, Mrs. Helen Ross Honeycutt and Mrs. Theodore R. Johnson. Elementary: Mrs. Gay M. Grant, Mrs. Margaret K. Greenlee, Mrs. Gladys W. Kanipe, Mrs. Lola A. Lonon, Mrs. Emily H. Bradley, Miss Margaret Marley, Miss Elizabeth Long, Mrs. D. M. Biddix, Miss Laura Hicks, Miss Janet Nodine, Miss Betty B. Radford, Miss Charline Hemphill, Miss Mary G. Burgin, Mrs. Beulah C. Nichols, Miss Della Williams and Miss Gladys B. Kluttz.

North Cove—High school: Frank W. Howell, principal; J. M. Tyler, Miriam Barnette, Mrs. Hazel Lombardy. Elementary: Misses Pearl Pritchard, Minnie Whiteside, Mrs. Frank W. Howell, Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Miss Stella Tate, Mrs. Grace M. Stepe, Mrs. Laura H. Brown, Miss Harriet E. Wilson and Miss Essie Hemphill.

Nebo—High school: E. W. S. Cobb, principal; Miss Rose L. Stacy, Mrs. Edith Davis and Miss Elizabeth Bowman. Elementary: Thomas W. Stacy, Mrs. J. Lindsay Miller, Miss Lottie H. Wilson, Mrs. Georgia S. Corpening, Miss Maggie S. Taylor, Miss Mary Sane and Miss Janet Helton.

Glenwood—High school: Fred Abernathy, principal; W. J. Cotten, Mrs. Mabel T. Bradsher, Mrs. Elsie W. Cotten, Mrs. Geraldine Johnson, J. J. Cox, and Miss Mary Frances Harrill. Elementary: Mrs. Richard A. Shaw, Miss Martha McGimsey, Mrs. Amoret L. Lonon, Miss Gaynelle Butt, Mrs. Edna Hemphill, Miss Estelle H. Washburn, Miss Mary Beam and Miss Ivareal Flack.

Dysartsville—Elementary: Mrs. Lona Laughridge, Mrs. Annabel Westmoreland and Mrs. Charles Stepe.

Sugar Hill—Elementary: Miss Lucille Holland and Miss Ruth Gibson.

### Colored Schools

Old Fort—Elementary: Wm. Campbell, Myrtle C. Hemphill and Fannie H. Rhufin.

Bridgewater school: Rose C. Greenlee.

Dysartsville: Bessie Taylor.

Vein Mountain: Inez Correll.

## TIRE QUOTA CUT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

The local War Price and Rationing board announces that requests for automobile and truck tires far exceed the quota given to McDowell county.

It is pointed out to the public that the tire quota for August is small and only those individuals who are doing work that qualifies them for preferred rating can possibly expect to obtain new tires and tubes as replacements. If your work does not put you on the preferred list it will be useless to apply for replacement tires or tubes.

## MAJOR A. L. BULWINKLE PAYS VISIT TO MARION

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, representative in congress from the eleventh district, accompanied by his secretary, Charles Flack, of Rutherford county, were visitors here this week. They spent Monday and Tuesday here mingling with friends and acquaintances and making new acquaintances, and visited several of the manufacturing plants. They left yesterday for Burnsville.

Congressman Bulwinkle is visiting various sections of his district while congress is in summer recess. His speaking schedule includes several places on the itinerary. He was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon here Tuesday evening.

## RED CROSS PROJECT NEEDS MORE WORKERS

The Red Cross Surgical Dressings project has received the June, July and August quota of surgical dressings, Mrs. E. C. McMillan, chairman of that project, announced this week and more workers are badly needed.

The work-rooms are open from 2 until 4 o'clock Monday through Saturday and Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 for the benefit of any who can not come during the day.

Kit bags are ready. Anyone who will make one is asked to call at the Red Cross Knitting Room.

## Maj. Bulwinkle Guest Speaker Of Kiwanians

W. G. Ballew, president of the Marion Kiwanis club, presided at the regular meeting of the club, held in the Community building last Tuesday evening. The attendance was excellent and the club was host to several local and out-of-town guests.

Charlie Harris was in charge of the program and requested Barron Caldwell, postmaster, to introduce the speaker. The guest speaker was Major A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman representing the eleventh congressional district, of which McDowell county is a part.

The address given by Major Bulwinkle was very interesting and instructive, as he outlined the vast war program of the United States and the united nations. The speaker was able to give a vivid picture of the part business and industry are playing in war production.

He traced the output of critical war material and fighting equipment at the beginning of the war and at the present time, showing how, in many cases, the output has been doubled, trebled, and even quadrupled. Enough small ammunition has been produced since January 1 to fire 15,000 shots at every soldier in the axis army.

But this is not enough, the speaker pointed out. To bring the war to an early end calls for the total effort of every American citizen. We must not be satisfied, and must not permit anything to slow down work of any type on the home front.

In conclusion the speaker let it be known that there is much work to be done in connection with the peace that is to come after the war. He said that democracies can not hope to survive if there is a war to fight every twenty to twenty-five years. We must make this peace secure.

Among the guests present were: Justice J. Wallace Winborne, guest of J. C. Rabb; Marvin Flack, secretary to Major Bulwinkle and guest of Robert Proctor; S. E. Whitten, guest of Barron Caldwell; and J. C. Bowman, Jr., guest of Cato Holler.

## Commissioners Adopt Budget, Set Tax Rate

### McDowell's Tax Rate Next Year To Be \$1.25 On \$100 Valuation Of Property.

The McDowell County board of commissioners in session Monday adopted a budget of \$263,399.27 for the fiscal year 1943-44 and set the tax rate at \$1.25 on the \$100 valuation, the same as last year.

The new rate is based on approximate valuations of \$17,594,696.00.

Broken down, the rate of \$1.25 on each \$100 property valuation will be distributed as follows:

General county fund, 15c; general county health fund, 3c; general county poor fund, 12c; special expense fund, 5c; county schools, current expense, 4c; Marion school capital outlay, 5c; school debt service, 24c; highway debt service, 45c; funding debt service, 4c; court house debt service, 8c.

## REV. KRETZMANN TO ADDRESS LUTHERANS

The Rev. A. R. Kretzmann, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke in Chicago, Ill. will be guest speaker at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church next Sunday morning, August 8th, the service beginning at 11 o'clock. Members and friends of St. Matthew's congregation will remember Mr. Kretzmann's visit last year when he delivered an inspiring message at the local Lutheran church and was enthusiastically received.

Rev. Kretzmann serves as pastor of a large Chicago congregation which numbers over 2100 adult members. Because of his exceptional ability in directing work among young people, he has been engaged as lecturer during the two weeks of the Walther League Bible Camp which is being held at Linn-Haven from August 1st to August 14th.

The St. Matthew's Lutheran Laymen's League will meet Tuesday evening, August 10th at the home of Mr. J. H. L. Miller.

The Ladies' Missionary Society will conduct its regular meeting at the church on Wednesday August 11th at 8 o'clock.

The Walther League will meet Friday night August 13th, 7:30 in the church basement.

## LAST OF NO. 3 RATION BOOKS MAILED OUT

The huge task of issuing War Ration Book Number 3 to every citizen in North Carolina has now been completed, according to an announcement from the Charlotte War Price and Rationing board. The books were handled from the Charlotte office, with that city being the mailing center for the entire state of North Carolina. Charlotte was one of thirty-eight cities in the United States selected for this task.

Applications for War Book Number 3 were to have been made during the month of June directly to the Charlotte office. All Number 3 books should now be in the hands of those applying for them. In case the books have not been received the applicant should take the stub from the original application and ask for assistance from the local rationing headquarters. In the event that an application has never been made, application forms may be procured at the local War Price and Rationing board.

## MISS HUGHES ASSIGNED TO SCHOOL IN ATLANTA

Old Fort.—Miss Ruth C. Hughes, after completing the WAVE indoctrination course at Hunter college, N. Y., has been assigned to take Link instrument training at the naval air station, Atlanta, Ga., according to information received here. She now holds the rating of seaman second class, and on completing the present course will be assigned to duty as an instructor.

She is an alumna of Asheville college and taught last year in the Swannanoa school. She is the younger daughter of Mrs. Annie Hughes and the late Robert Hughes of Old Fort.

## McDowell Area Hunting Dates Are Announced

### Squirrel Season Will Start On October 1; Deer Season To Open Nov. 1.

The bear season in McDowell county will open on October 15 and close on January 1, it was announced this week by T. W. Gowan, McDowell county game protector.

The deer season opens November 1 and closes November 30. The daily bag limit on bears is two a day and for the season, while the hunter may bag one deer a day or three during the season.

The season on raccoon and opposum opens on October 15 and runs through February 15. There is no bag limit on these.

Quail and rabbits may be hunted from November 25 to February 10. The daily bag limit on quail is ten per day or 150 for the season. The rabbit daily bag limit is ten, while no season limit is booked.

The squirrel season opens in McDowell county on October 1 and runs to January 1. Only six squirrels may be bagged in a single day.

The ruffed grouse season opens Nov. 25 and closes Jan. 1. The bag limit is two a day or 10 for the season.

The duck season in this county opens November 2 and runs through January 10.

There is no open season on wild turkeys in McDowell county.

## DEAN CONDREY DROWNED AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA., FUNERAL HERE TUESDAY

Funeral services for Dean Newman Condrey, 27, a welder at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, who was drowned when the boat from which he was fishing capsized in the James river July 21, were held at Stroud's Chapel Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. R. Barber, assisted by Rev. Mr. Parker.

Mr. Condrey's body was recovered Saturday about four miles from the point at which he was drowned. Two companions in the boat with him at the time of the accident were saved. One of them swam to safety, according to reports, while the other is said to have clung to the overturned boat until help arrived. The deceased had been residing at Newport News for about three years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruby Ellen Condrey; his father, Rev. J. A. Condrey; three brothers, Wayne and J. L. of Marion and W. G. of Newport News; and two sisters, Mrs. D. A. Bowman of Ingalls, and Mrs. Everett Crisson of Newport News.

## SHELBY CHILD DROWNED IN LAKE NEAR SHELBY

Eugene Harris, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harris, was drowned in the lake at the North Lake country club in Shelby last Thursday afternoon.

The little boy had gone to the club with his mother and was in the club's bowling alley where the mother was playing with a group of friends when he apparently wandered out alone without being seen.

His father, who was at the local baseball park attending a game, had been called to the club, and it was he who located the fishing pole and recovered his son's body from the water.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Episcopal church in Shelby.

Mrs. Harris is the former Miss Grace Mary Justice, a daughter of Dr. G. B. Justice of Marion.

## MRS. STEPPE IS NAMED WAR RECORD CHAIRMAN

After conferring with civilian defense officials here during the week, Mrs. Craven, of the state headquarters of civilian defense, has announced the appointment of Mrs. N. F. Stepe chairman of the war records committee for McDowell county.

## McDOWELL COUNTY MAN IS KILLED IN ACTION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Old Fort—Lester Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hogan of the Bethlehem section of McDowell county, has been killed in action in the South Pacific war theater, according to a message received by his parents from the war department Wednesday night. He is the first service man from the Old Fort area to be killed in action in this war.

The telegraph said the 31-year-old soldier met death on July 12. Other details were not included in the message.

In his last letter to his parents, dated July 3, the soldier informed them that he was preparing to leave on a mission and advised them not to expect a letter from him for some time.

Before entering the service, he was manager of the Hogan Grocery store at Old Fort. He was the first of four brothers to enter the service.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by five brothers, Britt and Carroll, both of whom are believed to be in foreign service with the army, Randolph, training in Texas until recently, and Bill and Bud Hogan, both at home; Mrs. Brooks Lytle and Mrs. Elma Setzer of Old Fort, and Mrs. Charles Lytle of Marion, sisters.

## MARION MAN IS HELD PRISONER BY GERMANS

Cpl. James C. Hicks is being held at a German prison camp, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hicks of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks had previously been advised that he had been captured in Tunisia, according to a message read by the German radio from Berlin March 6. This information was received through someone who had heard the broadcast.

Cpl. Hicks entered the army Jan. 28, 1941, and was at Fort Bragg 18 months prior to going to England for overseas duty.

## Softball Games Moving at Rapid Click; New Faces

Even more enthusiasm has been injected into the softball games, which have been moving at a rapid click during the past several weeks, by the arrival of several new faces in the sport. The Marion Manufacturing Company's team now boasts a fast-ball artist.

Large numbers of fans have been turning out for the games and interest has been keen from start to finish. Many of the games have been won by close margins and the winners could not be proclaimed until after the final ball had been tossed over the plate.

A number of the most important games are yet to be played and the public is invited to come out and support some team in the league.

The standing of the teams after Tuesday's games are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Marion Mfg. Co.	7	0	1000
Cross Cotton Mill	4	2	666
Broyhill Furn. Co.	4	3	583
Clinchfield Mfg. Co.	4	3	583
Marion Firemen	2	4	333
Marion Merchants	1	5	160
Drexel Furn. Co.	0	4	000

The softball schedule for the coming week is listed below:

Friday: Drexel vs East Marion; Merchants vs Firemen.

Monday: Broyhill vs Cross Mill; Merchants vs Drexel.

Tuesday: East Marion Field; East Marion vs Broyhill; Merchants vs Clinchfield.

## WM. F. BROWNE AT ARMY AIR TRAINING SCHOOL

Pfc. William F. Browne, a son of Mrs. W. F. Browne of Nebo, has reported at Gulfport, Miss., for training as an airplane mechanic at the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command school for airplane mechanics specializing in cargo and transport type airplanes.

Before entering military service, Pfc. Browne was a student at the University of North Carolina.

Nutritionists are teaching us that some of us are starving while eating too well but not rightly.

## Farmers Picnic Held Wednesday By Federation

### Approximately 600 Persons Purchase Bonds And Stamps Valued at \$2,500.

Approximately 600 people had bought \$2,500 worth of war stamps and bonds by three o'clock at the Farmers Federation picnic at Pleasant Gardens yesterday. C. A. Reynolds, field secretary and stamp and bond drive chairman of the Federation, praised the war drive record of McDowell county in his address.

"We want to make war production the main emphasis of our picnics this year," James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, told the gathering. Summarizing the cooperative's progress, he said that during the last six months it has done more business than in any equal period in its history. "By all its projects," Mr. McClure explained, "the Farmers Federation is creating new wealth for the farmers of western North Carolina." He said the cooperative has shipped the equivalent of 54½ car loads of eggs out of the region since January; and these are vital war foods as well as a new source of income.

County agent S. L. Homewood also stressed the farmers part in the war, saying, "Without food we are up against it on the fighting front." Other speakers on the program were Bynum Buff, FSA superintendent, Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, Dr. Dumont Clarke, director of the Farmers Federation religious department, Max Roberts, religious director, and Grady Walker, manager of the Marion warehouse, who is soon going into the army. Representative J. C. Rabb greeted the audience, and C. S. Waters, pastor of Clear Creek Baptist church, opened the meeting with prayer.

On the musical program, Mrs. W. H. Greenlee, who is over 70 years old, roused great enthusiasm by her, "Chicken song." Ernest Hairé, corporal from Fort Eustis, played the fiddle in his uniform. Other performers included the Pleasant Gardens Future Farmers String Band, with Clifford Johnson, Delmar Walker, Billy Walker, Billy Nunnally and Earl Burnett, Charles Bryson of Marion, A. L. Winters and son Clarence, of Crossnore, Betty and Eugene Boone of Asheville, Betty Huntley of Fairview, Frank Reed's singers from Buncombe county, and the Asheville Mountain Boys, radio artists.

Picnic contests at noon and in the afternoon caused excitement. After watermelons, lemonade and lunch was served by the PTA, Mrs. T. W. Gowan, chairman, relay races were held for the young people. Winners were Clinton Dobbins, Donald Morgan, Bill Jaynes, Clarence Winters, Harold Rice, Willard Davis, Donald Anderson, Sybil Jaynes, Martha Sue Dobbins, Betty Anne Hemphill, May Morgan, Helen Harvey, Sammy Wiseman, Jay Green, Charles Buy, Guy Wages, Jean Wiseman, Lucille Davis, Virgil Wilkerson, Grady Walker, Red West and Reginald Wiseman. Winners of the Tug of War were W. G. English, W. J. Bright, Ted Revis C. F. Ledbetter, Vergil Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Houck, who have been married 55 years, were pronounced the oldest married couple, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Wiseman, who were wed 2 months ago, were named the most recently married couple.

Clyde E. Cannon, who is serving in the Navy Seabees, has been promoted from Second Class Petty Officer to First Class Petty Officer, according to word received here last week.

Cannon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Cannon.

## CANNON PROMOTED TO 1ST CLASS PETTY OFFICER

North Carolina peaches have made the "most complete failure on record." All fruits are quite short and apples indicate about one-third of a full crop prospect.