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## January Draft Quota Is Sent From M'Dowell

Over 100 Men Sent By Board To Camp Croft For Examination And Induction.

McDowell county's January quota for white selectees, numbering 113, left Tuesday for Camp Croft, S. C., to undergo final physical examination and possible induction into the armed forces.

Ray Smith was named group leader with Norman Stepp, John L. Sullivan, Guy Lonon, Clyde Norton and William McGalliard as assistant leaders.

A large number of the inductees were married men with children.

Personnel of the January call was as follows:

James T. Vallini, Herb C. Elliott, William O. Price, Howard R. McCurry, Jay Milton Willis, George W. Pope, William Ralph Penland, Lewis B. Condrey, Bernus Lee Duncan, William James Young, William A. McGalliard, William Fate Burnette, Paul R. Reynolds, Ray Milton Minish, James E. Mathis, James A. Clark, William J. Owensby, Guy S. Arrowood, Ray Garland Johnson, Rom B. Huskins.

Swan Berlen Ricker, John Patrick Ollis, Jr., William Harley Walker, Perry William Melton, Charles Franklin Cranford, James R. Robinson, Charles R. Pritchard, Albert N. Lawing, James W. Miller, Albert W. Grayson, Paul W. Sisk, Romeo Ward, Horace A. Norton, George D. Bartlett, Allan Roby Mathis, Mack D. Lail, Grady T. McCraw, Paul E. Simmons, Benjamin F. Huskins, Clarence Williams.

James A. Bright, Jack C. Gibson, William B. Blankenship, George G. Seagle, Dexter Wood, Henry F. Randolph, Jesse M. Arrowood, Herman V. Long, John L. Sullivan, John Kirby Davis, Clyde Monroe Norton, Howard C. McKinney, Lawrence Hollifield, Herbert A. Dellinger, Garrett E. Rice, Floyd Lee Edney, Charlie D. Presnell, James W. Stacy, Paul Leslie Harmon, Jr., Lenoir D. Carswell.

Johnnie Stockton, J. L. Laughridge, Jr., Barney F. Early, James C. Bates, Richard E. McCarthy, Paul D. Welborn, Norman F. Stepp, Pink Falls Lewis, John Avery Good, Lester Romie, Claude D. Workman, Howard O. Hunter, Floyd Milton Lowery, Charles Whisenant, Joe A. Lewis, Horace A. Odum, Russell R. Hoyle, Albert L. Greene, James G. Swann, Zolen F. Vess.

John R. Queen, John Henry Burnett, Clifford L. Wilson, Clyde K. Greene, Oscar L. Vess, Winston Worley, Tom Charles Hollifield, Willard F. Day, Horace R. Barnhart, Farlen L. McGinnis, William H. Massey, William R. Smith, Jr., Vinson U. Crisp, Charlie H. Goins, John Taylor Toney, William G. Lonon, Carl Glenn Mooney, Glenn B. Satterwhite, Albert Williams, James P. Lippard, Bernie Lee Fender and John Roy Smoot.

Transferred from other boards: Dale W. Boroughs, Horace G. Connor, Charles E. Lamb, John R. Spencer, Ernest H. McAbee, Ned W. Landis.

Delivered to other boards: Harold Lee Sparks, Clyde Weaver Williams, George Adam Sprouse, Doyle McSwain Davis, Willis Mainer.

## ERNEST YOUNG GETS SERIOUS BATTLE WOUND

Old Fort—Pvt. Ernest E. Young, Jr., son of Ernest E. Young of Old Fort, has been seriously wounded in action in the Port Moresby, New Guinea, area, according to a message received by Mr. Young from the war department.

The message said the young man was wounded Dec. 26, and advised the father that further information concerning Pvt. Young's condition will be forwarded as it is received.

In his last letter to his father in December, Pvt. Young wrote, "I got the job I trained for." In an earlier letter he had told his father to think back over news reports of April 12, "Tojo sent his men over and we gave 'em —," he said in his letter.

The elder Mr. Young is a veteran of the first world war.

## Reported Missing



Baylis Whitner Harrison, Jr., of the Merchant Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harrison, of Marion, is reported missing following action in the performance of his duties.

## Marion Youth Listed Among Those Missing

Baylis Harrison Reported Missing Following Action In Performance Of Duty.

Baylis Whitner Harrison, Jr., 22, of the American Merchant Marines, is missing following action in the performance of his duties and in the service of his country, the Navy department has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harrison, of Marion.

Mr. Harrison, a native of Wall-halla, S. C., attended Kingtree high school and Clemson college in South Carolina before moving to Marion about four years ago.

In high school he was captain of the basketball team and was a letterman in football and baseball. In Marion he was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and was formerly employed by the Marion Manufacturing company. He joined the merchant marine in October, 1942.

His father, manager of the McDowell Cut Rate Drug store, Marion, believes the young man is missing in the Mediterranean theater of war, as he was last heard from on his fourth mission across the Atlantic to that sector.

### Text of Message

The telegram from Vice-Admiral R. R. Waesche, commandant of the coast guard, to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, reads:

"The navy department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Baylis Whitner Harrison, Jr., is missing following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country in the American merchant marine. The coast guard appreciates your great anxiety. To prevent possible aid to our enemies please do not divulge the name of his ship."

Besides his parents, young Mr. Harrison has a brother, Zane, and two sisters, Lila Earle and Lenora Janell, all of Marion. He also has a number of uncles and aunts in South Carolina and an uncle in Baltimore, Md., who is a naval officer.

## SURGICAL DRESSINGS PROJECT REOPENED

The Red Cross Surgical Dressings project has received more material and the work room is to be re-opened on Thursday of this week at two o'clock, Mrs. E. C. McMillan, surgical dressings chairman, announced this week.

Twice as many dressings are required in the 1944 quota as were required in 1943, it was stated, and the need for more workers is apparent.

The work room in the community building will be open each day from two until four o'clock except Saturdays and Sundays. Workers, however, are not required to work the full two hours, but may leave at any time.

Instructors are present each day to explain the work to new workers.

## HUGH F. BEAM MAKES TALK ON EDUCATION AT KIWANIS MEETING

R. W. Twitty, newly elected president of the Marion Kiwanis club, presided at the first meeting of the year since the installation of officers, last Tuesday evening. A large number of Kiwanians were present and H. G. Sain was a guest.

J. B. Laughlin was program chairman, and he presented Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion City Schools, who discussed "Education of Youth for a World of Law and Order."

Mr. Beam discussed the history of American education and the heritage that it has. In outlining the trends of current education the speaker said that many changes in education had been noted; that many additions had been made to the traditional three "R's", and that much emphasis was being given to vocational subjects.

"The type of world that we will have after the war and in the years to follow, will depend upon the type of education we give our boys and girls today," the speaker said. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Beam said that briefly present educational policies include: "Attention to the tree 'R's', character education, educational guidance, and limited specialized education."

The directors held a short business session after the close of the regular meeting.

## HOUSE AT WEST MARION IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The residence of Charles Martin, colored, in the West Marion community, was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The building, a two-story eight room structure, was entirely destroyed with all the household furniture and other contents. The fire started in the kitchen from a stove, and the building was in flames when discovered by members of the family in another part of the building.

The Marion fire department responded to the call and, although out of reach of the water line, was instrumental in saving another building close by use of water in the tank of the fire truck and supplied by other sources.

Insurance on the building amounted to \$900.

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE PLAN OYSTER SUPPER

An oyster supper will be given by the Civilian Defense organization at the Community building on Friday, January 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include special music and speeches. All divisions of the organization are expected to attend.

R. L. McMillan, State Director of Civilian Defense, will be the principal speaker.

## FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. HOLLAND FRIDAY

Mrs. Alice Holland, 66, died at her residence early Thursday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Hill Methodist church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. W. H. Bell, and burial made in the church cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Clifford Lee Holland; one granddaughter, Katie Elizabeth; and one sister, Mrs. C. D. Holland, all of Marion, Route 1.

## DRASTIC CURB ORDERED ON SERVICE DEFERMENTS

Washington, Jan. 7.—In a sweeping revision of the system for physical examination of draft-eligibles, selective service today abolished "screening" examinations by local boards and arranged for final examinations to be given at least 21 days before actual induction.

Under the new system, which is to become fully effective Feb. 1, post-induction furloughs also are abolished. Currently these are three weeks for those inducted into the army and one week for those who go into the navy.

Aimed at complying with the mandate from congress for pre-induction physical tests and eliminating uncertainty by draft eligibles over whether their physical condition meets ser-

## Bank Officers And Directors Are Re-Elected

Chambers Heads Both Institutions; A Highly Successful Year Is Reported.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank was held in its banking house on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. W. R. Chambers, president of the bank, presided at the stockholders' meeting.

J. N. Morris, cashier, made a detailed report of the progress of the bank during the year 1943. It was reported that the resources of the bank had climbed from \$2,394,079.99, on December 31, 1942 to \$2,919,157.22, on December 31st, 1943, or a gain of \$525,077.23, and that the deposits are now more than two and one-half million dollars. It was also made known that there had been added to the surplus of the bank, during the last year, \$20,000, and that the capital and surplus, as of December 31st, 1943, was \$255,000. It was also disclosed that the bank had, during the past year, participated in the war effort by buying Government bonds in the amount of \$470,900.

The stockholders re-elected as directors W. R. Chambers, W. L. Morris, J. N. Morris, William C. Smith, J. F. Snipes, A. S. Bradford, C. A. Workman and Sam M. Yancey.

The directors re-elected W. R. Chambers president of the Bank, W. L. Morris, vice-president; J. N. Morris, cashier, and W. F. Grant, assistant cashier.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Industrial Bank was held in its bank building on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. W. R. Chambers, president of the bank, presided.

The president reported that the Marion Industrial Bank had enjoyed another successful year of operation, and that the volume of loans had been increasing for some months. This Bank was organized in 1929, and has a capital of \$25,000, and also a surplus of \$25,000. Its resources, as of December 31st, 1943, was \$115,469.82.

The stockholders re-elected as directors W. R. Chambers, J. F. Snipes, Zeno Martin, T. H. Henderson, C. A. Workman, J. C. Rabb and Sam M. Yancey.

The directors re-elected W. R. Chambers president of the bank, C. A. Workman, vice-president, and William Treverton, cashier. Miss Doris Hill, who has been an employee of the bank for several years, was elected assistant cashier.

## MARION MERCHANTS TO MEET THIS EVENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday evening, January 13, at 7:45 in the firemen's room of the city hall, Mrs. Ethel B. Crisp, secretary, announced this week.

Price ceilings and other matters that may be presented at the meeting will be discussed, it was stated.

## Fourth War Loan Quota For McDowell Is Set At \$380,000

MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS OF MYSTIC TIE LODGE

Recently elected officers for Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, of the Masonic Order, were installed at the regular communication held in the Masonic hall last Friday night. J. G. Beaman, a member of the local lodge, conducted the installation ceremony as a representative of the state grand master.

The new officers installed were R. L. Conley, worshipful master, succeeding Roy W. Burleson; B. P. Davis, senior warden, succeeding Mr. Conley; Dr. B. A. Dickson, junior warden, succeeding Joe Cuthbertson; W. G. Ballew, senior deacon, succeeding C. S. Gibson; J. L. Gourley, junior deacon, succeeding Sam Yancey; Roy W. Burleson, secretary, succeeding C. B. Landis; B. H. Laughridge, treasurer; W. R. Nesbitt, tyler; Rev. Thos. L. Klutz, chaplain; Clarence Wise, senior steward; and Fred Brooks, junior steward.

## Marion Visited By The Heaviest Snow Of Season

Six And Half Inches Fell Here Saturday Night And Sunday; Freeze Checks Melting

Marion and most of Western North Carolina experienced the heaviest snowfall of the season last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

This was the second snow of the season and reached a depth of six and one-half inches Sunday morning. Buss schedules were cancelled for the day and church attendance was cut for the third consecutive Sunday due to bad weather. Highways were scraped and bus schedules were resumed Sunday night.

Snow began falling early Saturday morning, covering the ground until shortly before noon. Snow, sleet and rain fell at intervals during the afternoon, turning to the general snowfall about 7 o'clock.

Freezing weather Sunday night sealed the snow into a crust of ice, which showed no signs of melting until about noon Monday.

The county schools were closed Monday and Tuesday as travel was more difficult in the rural sections than on the main highways. The city schools opened Monday as usual.

With the streets and sidewalks covered with snow and a coat of ice, travel Monday morning was hazardous for both motorists and pedestrians, but no serious accidents were reported.

The low reading Saturday was 32 degrees and 39 high, with a temperature of 27 low and 35 high for Sunday. On Monday morning the temperature dropped to 13 degrees above zero, only one degree above the coldest day recorded this season—12 degrees on December 16 and 24.

Town crews took advantage of the melting period Tuesday to clear the business section of the bulk of the accumulated snow which had been sealed by the overnight freeze.

It was generally agreed that this was one of the prettiest snows seen here. The trees, shrubs and other objects bearing their coat of white presented a fascinating sight, resembling a beautiful Christmas card.

## FIVE MARION BOYS OF MAY DRAFT NOW OFFICERS

From the group drafted from Marion last May for the army, five Marion boys were sent to the 483rd Ordnance Evacuation Company in a California Camp. All five Marion boys are now non-commissioned officers in this company:

Sgt. J. M. Lancaster, Jr., Cpl. Woodrow Lail, Cpl. Bryce N. Pendergraft, Cpl. Newland T. Lawing and Cpl. Walter W. Walker.

## Campaign Opens January 18; Meeting of Key Workers to Be Held Monday Night.

McDowell county has been assigned a quota of \$380,000 for the Fourth War Loan drive, which will start January 18, it was announced yesterday by J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen.

The county's quota of E bonds is \$194,000, with a quota of \$186,000 for other types of bonds.

Major emphasis throughout the drive will be placed on the quota for individual purchases, it being the plan of the treasury department to seek as many investors as possible.

Although the quotas are slightly less than in the Third War Loan, the Treasury Department is asking each county to sell approximately thirty per cent more E war bonds than in the last campaign.

This means that McDowell county citizens will be asked to dig deeper than ever in the purchase of bonds during January 18-February 15.

McDowell's organization to meet its share of the \$126,000,000 purchases set as a goal for this state is now being perfected, and the chairmen have called a meeting of key workers to be held at the community building next Monday evening at 7:30 to make final plans for the campaign.

The nation's goal for the forthcoming campaign has been set at \$14,000,000,000 and of that amount five and one-half billion dollars is to be raised directly from individuals.

Slogans that will be used in the campaign are "Let's All Back the Attack" and "Let 'Em Have It—Buy Extra Bonds."

Mrs. C. A. Workman will act as chairman of the women's division, it was stated.

## C. W. SIMPSON, PRICE ANALYST, CONFERS WITH PRICE PANEL

C. W. Simpson, Price Analyst, from the Charlotte War Price and Rationing office, met with the Price Panel of the local OPA last Tuesday night and discussed several problems confronting the local board. Mr. Simpson stated that the educational period of price control was over and that the program is now well under way.

Among other things that were discussed was services and used consumer durable goods. Price ceilings on various services and for used consumer durable goods are being established. Much importance is being attached to used consumer durable goods and the market for such items. It was pointed out that many items in durable goods are not now being manufactured, because many manufacturing plants have been converted to meet war needs, therefore the necessity of placing ceilings on all used durable goods.

All retailers are advised that prices must be filed with the local War Price and Rationing board, and also that lists of prices must be exhibited in places of business.

A very slight increase in the retail price of coal was noted for this area.

Under present regulations the transfer of any used truck can be made only through an application filed with the War Price and Rationing board.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Members of local Home Demonstration Clubs and the men of each community will hold joint meetings under the direction of S. L. Home-wood, county farm agent, and Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent as follows:

Bethlehem: Thursday at 2:30 at the lodge.

Dysartsville: Friday at 2:30 at the school.

Turkey Cove: Monday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. D. Hollifield.

Nebo: Tuesday at 3:45 at the school.

Cherry Springs: Wednesday at the community building at 2:30.

Glenwood: Thursday at 2:30 at the school.

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