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Officers Of Marion Hospital And McDowell Medical Society Elected

Kirby Heads Hospital Board, And Jonas Medical Society; McIntosh Chief Of Staff.

Dr. Guy S. Kirby was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Marion General Hospital at a meeting this week, succeeding J. F. Snipes who recently resigned. Robert W. Proctor was re-elected secretary.

The executive board is composed of Dr. G. S. Kirby, chairman; Charles A. Harris, S. R. Cross, A. S. Bradford and R. W. Proctor. The finance committee is composed of the same members. W. W. Neal, Sr. and E. A. Beaman were elected members of the building committee.

The financial standing of the hospital was reported good and a complete report made to the Duke foundation. Miss Sadie Reid was elected superintendent of the hospital. Miss Reid has served as technician at the hospital for the past five years.

Following the election of the Board of Trustees, the hospital staff, which includes members of the McDowell County Medical Association, was elected.

On Wednesday night the hospital staff met and elected Dr. D. M. McIntosh chief of staff. At the same time the McDowell County Medical Society met and elected Dr. J. F. Jonas as president and Dr. Virginia Rowe as secretary.

Dr. George Rowe and Dr. R. E. McCall, now serving in the armed forces, were elected to active membership in the medical society, and Karl Jonas, Archie McIntosh and Harold Chapman, all senior medical students, were elected associate members.

TWO HOUSES AT WEST MARION DESTROYED BY FIRE ON MONDAY

Two houses in the Black Bottom section of West Marion were destroyed by fire Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock. The fire, which spread from one building to the other, was of an undetermined origin.

The flames were discovered in the two-room frame house of Dan Williams while his wife was taking his lunch to him at a furniture factory. It was stated. The fire spread rapidly and a few minutes later flames enveloped the three-room house close by occupied by Bishop Moore.

The buildings were beyond the city water lines. The fire department responded to the call, however, gave assistance in preventing the fire spreading to other buildings.

LEE LAVENDER INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

J. Lee Lavender, of Old Fort, was painfully injured Saturday night when the automobile in which he was riding overturned and rolled down a mountain side from highway No. 70, a short distance west of Old Fort.

Mr. Lavender was brought to the Marion hospital for treatment. He suffered severe cuts and bruises about the head but is reported to be improving.

Harry Clontz, of the Glades section, who is said to have been driving the car, was arrested on charges of reckless and drunken driving. He was permitted to make bond for his appearance in county court next Tuesday.

The car was badly damaged but the driver did not suffer any injuries.

REV. CHAS. LEAVELL TO PREACH AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

The Rev. Chas. G. Leavell, rector of Grace Episcopal church of Morganton, will conduct the services at St. John's Episcopal church here next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service will consist of Evening Prayer and sermon. Mr. Leavell has conducted services here several times recently and has made a very favorable impression with the members of St. John's parish. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

J. L. GOURLEY IS NAMED RECREATION DIRECTOR OF CARROLL BALDWIN HALL

J. L. Gourley has been appointed as director of Carroll Baldwin hall, the community building at East Marion, it has been announced by R. W. Twitty, vice-president and treasurer of the Marion Manufacturing company. Mr. Gourley assumed his duties last week and announced he is planning to develop an extensive recreation program for adults and young people as soon as possible.

Charles Hall, who has been in charge of the building temporarily several weeks, will be retained as assistant director, it is stated.

Mr. Gourley served as director of the Carroll Baldwin hall in 1931-35. He previously spent several years in Ohio, Louisiana and South Carolina in Y. M. C. A. work.

MRS. MASK HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEAR VEIN MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Myrtle Mask of Clinchfield suffered cuts about the back of her head Saturday night in an automobile collision near Vein Mountain on Route 221 south of Marion about 9:30 Saturday night.

J. T. Jolly, state highway patrolman who investigated the accident, stated the car in which Mrs. Mask was riding was driven by Roy Moody of East Marion while the other car was driven by Joe Brannon of Chester, S. C. Neither of the drivers were injured and no charges have been preferred against them.

Mrs. Mask returned to her home after given treatment at the Marion General hospital.

MINISTERS TO HOLD MEETING NEXT MONDAY

The monthly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association will be held at the Methodist hut here next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

A feature of the meeting will be a talk by Dr. D. E. Camak. His subject will be "The World Tomorrow."

Expect To Meet County Goal In Polio Campaign

Public Asked To Contribute To Drive; Birthday Ball Set For Friday Night.

The infantile paralysis campaign in McDowell county is progressing satisfactorily, according to Gilmer Graham, county chairman.

"Tag Day" last Saturday was termed a success when \$153.00 was collected for the fund.

March of Dime boxes have been placed in the county and city schools in which pupils are asked to make donations.

Committees are at work on the drive and with the main event yet to be staged, reports indicate that the goal of \$334.00 will be reached, the chairman stated.

The closing event of the campaign will be the President's birthday ball which will take place at the Community building Friday night, Feb. 4, at 9 o'clock. Music for dancing at the birthday ball will be furnished by Frank Jackson's orchestra, of Asheville, accompanied by Dick and Joan Owens, tap dancers.

The hostesses at the ball will be Mrs. Rowe Mauney, Mrs. J. E. Neal, Jr., Mrs. Albert Shiflet and Mrs. J. A. Wier.

Members of the Francis Marion, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are cooperating in the sale of tickets for the birthday ball.

Chairman Graham is being ably assisted in promoting the drive by Mrs. J. A. Wier, S. J. Westmoreland and others.

Half of the funds raised in the campaign will be used for work among cripple children of McDowell county.

Special Drive Is Begun To Collect More Waste Fats

A special effort was begun here last week to intensify the waste fat salvage collection to increase the shipments of this material to be used in producing munitions of war, military medicines, civilian medicines and a wide variety of other war materials, according to announcement this week by Mayor J. F. Wilkinson.

Mrs. H. C. Mangum and Harry McCall, co-chairmen of McDowell county, together with Mayor Wilkinson appointed leaders for each zone of Marion at a meeting held in the city hall last Thursday. Every housewife is asked to turn in all waste fats to the following places for collection:

Holler's Market, Rabb Grocery Company, Dixie Home Store, and Rowe's Market.

In the event that it is impossible for anyone to take or send waste fat to points of collection, she is asked to call the leader of her respective zone, Mayor Wilkinson stated.

The list of zone leaders follows: Rutherford road, Mrs. H. C. Mangum; South Garden st., Spring st., and Lincoln avenue, Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Sr.; South Main st., Mrs. B. S. Clark; Morgan st., Mrs. W. R. Chambers; Henderson st., Mrs. J. C. Bowman; State st., Mrs. B. E. Byrd and Mrs. Rodney Hemphill; E. Court st., Mrs. Ben E. Hendley and Mrs. Harry McCall; W. Court st., Mrs. Georgia Nichols and Mrs. L. B. Coone; Church and Logan sts., Mrs. Carr Bell; North Garden and Madison sts., Mrs. Ernest Haire; McDowell avenue, Mrs. J. S. Wilson; Park ave. (lower end) Mrs. Arnold Pyatt; Park ave. (upper end) Mrs. Ray Brown; East Fort st., Mrs. Sam Proctor; N. Main st., Mrs. T. H. Henderson, and View Point Drive, Mrs. H. F. Beam.

Sixty gallon containers will also be placed at each of the city schools so that school children may deposit waste fat there.

Everyone in the community is asked to cooperate by bringing in all waste fat possible.

It was further stated that tin cans are also to be collected, and anyone who wishes to contribute them may call Mrs. James Miller.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM GIVEN AT GRANGE MEET

The Pleasant Gardens Grange meeting held Tuesday evening consisted of a patriotic program with special emphasis on the events of historical interest that occurred during the month of February.

The program opened with the singing of "America," and was followed by a talk by Mrs. J. H. L. Miller on "Respect Due to the Flag." G. C. Crawford instructed the group in the right way of saluting the flag and W. A. Young reviewed "The Famous Days in February."

Miss Geraldine Trinks, Miss Laura Crawford and Robert Burnett presented a radio skit entitled "The Little Things That Count." Mrs. W. A. Young told a patriotic story and the meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Melvin Burnett directed the recreation period and served refreshments.

PVT. WALL IMPROVES FROM BATTLE WOUNDS

Pvt. Warren J. Wall, 19, is "normally improving" from a wound he received Dec. 22 in Italy, according to a message from the war department received here Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wall of East Marion.

Mrs. Wall said she had not learned the nature of the wound.

A former Marion high school student, he worked at the Hickory Box factory before entering service in April, 1943, and about four months later he was sent overseas. He is a member of the army medical corps.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO HAVE JOINT MEETING

The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will have a joint meeting in the Legion room of the community building at 7:30 Tuesday evening, it was announced yesterday.

Point Values Hiked On Veal, Beef And Lamb

Pork Remains The Same Except For Loin Cuts; Value Of Cheese Boosted.

Most canned vegetables have been assigned lower point values for February, but the ration stamp cost of most cuts of beef, lamb, and veal were boosted slightly.

In announcing two-point reductions for such items as corn, beets, tomatoes, and spinach, Price Administrator Chester Bowles heeded the request of commercial canners for lower values, but at the same time he dashed their hopes for outright removal of vegetables from rationing.

Canners had reported "sympathetic reception" by OPA of their appeal, which was based on estimates that supplies of home-canned vegetables are large.

"The rumors (of a point holiday) are without foundation," Bowles declared. "The truth is that our food needs are fully as great this year as last. The military demand is greater. Civilian purchasing power and demand are greater."

Indications are, he added, that less processed food will be available to civilians this year than last.

The new point tables, which went into effect Sunday, show increases in the canned-fruit category for apple sauce, fruit cocktail, peaches, and pears, while grapefruit is given a zero rating and lower values are designated for apricots, cranberries, plums, and prunes.

In a new separation of jams, preserves, jellies, and marmalades as to fruit type, point reductions are general for two-pound jars, with lower values also ordered for a few one-pound sizes.

Changes in the meats-dairy products chart, also effective Sunday, raised beef, lamb, and veal cuts one to two points a pound and also boosted the values on all types of cheese two to four points a pound.

Except for loin cuts, which are increased one point a pound, pork values are unchanged.

The canned vegetable reductions are as follows for popularized cans: Beets, cut to 2 from 4 points; corn, regular pack, from 10 to 8 points; vacuum packed corn, from 13 to 10 points; tomatoes, from 10 to 8 points; mushrooms, from 18 (Continued on last page)

WAR BOND HONOR ROLL MERCHANTS AND EMPLOYEES

The following is a list of merchants and employees who have bought or sold the minimum of \$200 in war bonds or stamps during the Fourth War Loan drive:

Miss Bonnie Hill, Workman's. Mrs. Guy Kirby, Workman's. Mrs. Georgia Nichols, Workman's. Mrs. L. D. Atkins, Workman's. Mrs. Roby Conley, Workman's. Mrs. T. M. Hemphill, Workman's. Albert Greene, Workman's. Fred Lentz, Workman's. Mrs. Marvin Atkins, The Leader. Mrs. L. N. Grindstaff, The Leader. Miss Elwyn Hill, Belk's. Mrs. Newell Byers, Belk's. Miss Pearl Ricks, Belk's. Mrs. Cleo Davis, Belk's. W. R. Nanney, Belk's. Jack Whetstone, Belk's. W. B. Parker, Roy's Curb Market. Miss Josephine Blanton, Blanton's Store.

Richard Blanton, Blanton's Store. Mrs. B. W. Harrison, McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store.

Mrs. Jack Houck, Marion Cash Store.

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WAC RECRUITER TO BE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Sgt. Janice C. Knouse, air WAC recruiting officer for the Women's Army Corps, will be at the WAC booth at Belk-Broome Department Store next Wednesday for the purpose of enlisting women in the Women's Army Corps and will gladly answer any questions concerning the service.

Marion School Service Group Is Announced

In an impressive ceremony at the high school last week a service flag was presented to the school. This flag was the gift of the 1943 senior class.

The roll of honor contained the names of sixty-eight former high school pupils who have enlisted in the service of the Nation since Pearl Harbor. In addition to the number named above four faculty members are also under the colors. The faculty members include: Bernard Hirsch, band director and music teacher; Howard C. Holland, principal; Arthur Ditt and Chas. Walters, athletic directors. Phil Hudson, who succeeded Coach Walters, joined the Navy air corps but was later discharged on account of physical disability.

The service flag contains one gold star which is for Louis Guy Flack of East Marion, who was killed October 26, 1942, while serving on an aircraft carrier in the Solomons.

The former students now in service in the army, navy and marine corps were listed as follows:

Ernest Austin, Doyle Ayers, Charles Ray Baker, Herman Baldwin, James Banks, Jack Beck, Charles Bolick, Kenneth Bradford, Arthur Byrd, Jack Byrd, James Byrd, Howard Burgin, Dumont Chapman, George Clontz, Ralph Davis.

Burford Dickson, Dewey Dickson, Marvin Flack, Thomas Flemming, Frank Fortune, Bob Gibson, Albert Godfrey, Harold Goodman, Bruce Harris, Fred Harris, Von Ray Harris, Ray Hawkins, Harold Hendley, Roy Hendley, Robert Horton.

Charles Lindsey, Harold Little, William Laughridge, Otis Ledbetter, Marvin Lovin, Truitt Lowdermilk, Eugene Mask, Walter Mask, Ralph McCurry, Charlie McGimsey, Bill Miller, Harold Murray, James Neighbors, Ellis Norton.

Lloyd Patterson, Ernest Poole, Lewis Poole, Claude Revis, Howard Revis, Charles Riddle, Dan Robinson, James Ray Robinson, Bill Rowe, Oehmig Rowe, Francis Ruth, James Satterfield, John Sexton, Bill Smith, Kenneth Smith.

John Snoddy, Louis Stevens, Wayne Stiles, Hubert Stroud, Bill Walker, Fred Washburn, John Wellman, Darwin Willis.

Captured Nazi Equipment To Be Shown Here

Tank Destroyer And Field Kitchen To Be Shown In Marion Wednesday, Feb. 9.

A caravan of captured German equipment will visit Marion next Wednesday, February 9, in the interest of the Fourth War Loan campaign.

In making up the special caravan, the captured German equipment is scheduled to arrive in Marion at ten o'clock Wednesday morning and will be displayed on Main street opposite the court house. The caravan will remain here for lunch and leave for Asheville about one o'clock.

Two pieces of captured German motorized equipment, a 76 mm. tank destroyer and a half-track field kitchen will be displayed here by the 12 soldiers from Camp Davis. The display to the public is the kind of equipment which the Yanks are facing in their fight against the Nazis and the kind which must be surpassed with American equipment bought with money invested in war bonds.

The display is expected to draw a large crowd and stimulate greater interest in the bond drive.

Figures from the Federal Reserve Bank showing the amount subscribed were not available yesterday, but it was stated that the county must intensify its campaign for the sale of extra bonds if the goal is to be reached before the Fourth War Loan comes to a close February 5.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.

New Hi School Building Now Used By Pupils

Plans Being Made For Formal Dedication Of \$75,000 Gym At Early Date.

Pupils of the Marion High school are now enjoying the use of the Music, Science and Physical Education building. More than five hundred pupils, enrolled in the central unit of the Marion, City schools, have been enjoying the use of this building for the past thirty days, according to a statement from Hugh Beam, superintendent of the city schools.

The statement from Mr. Beam further stated that practically all of the interior work is now completed. After a few finishing touches of paint, along with several other minor details, the building will be completed. Mr. Beam said that at an early date an invitation will be issued to the public for formal dedication of the building. Plans call for a basketball game for those who are interested in sports, music will be provided for those who support the band, and a general open-house event will be extended to all who attend.

The new athletic building was started under a W. P. A. program, and the local school board worked in cooperation with this government agency, not only in constructing the gymnasium, but also in rebuilding a portion of the high school building which was damaged by fire early in 1941. Under the program worked out with W. P. A. the high school building was completely renovated, and the west wing of this building, which was completely destroyed by fire, with the exception of the outside walls, was rebuilt. In the rebuilding of this section of the building a modern library, with ample shelving space and a work room, was provided, as well as six additional classrooms.

The gymnasium is a structure valued at \$75,000. Plans include two physical education rooms, 2 science rooms, elevated music quarters and the main gymnasium floor. The basketball court, provided on this floor is eighty by forty-eight feet. A balcony has been provided for sports fans.

The complete cost to the citizens of this county for the new Music-Science-Physical Education building, combined with the renovation of the high school building and the rebuilding of the library, plus the addition of six classrooms and a new stair tower, is approximately \$170,000.00. Even though the building program was a slow process, the additions could not have been made at this low cost, except through the cooperation of the WPA.

The boys and girls attending the high school will receive many advantages through the new facilities now available for them. For the first time since the band was organized will it have adequate space for its work. Up until this date all band work had to be held in the auditorium and in basement halls. All types of athletics had to be held out-of-doors, except for about six weeks (Continued on last page)

MAY REPLENISH LOSS OF GASOLINE FROM FIRE, THEFT AND ACCIDENTS

Trucking companies, farmers, and other bulk users of gasoline may replenish losses from their storage facilities resulting from fire, theft, accident or other extraordinary circumstances, under a procedure announced this week by the Office of Price Administration.

Up to the present there has been no provision in the gasoline rationing regulations allowing the recovery of lost gasoline by this class of consumers. However, a procedure is already in effect for dealers and distributors of gasoline to recover unavoidable losses.

Under the new procedure, bulk consumers suffering a loss of gasoline from their storage facilities may apply for replenishment at the local boards which originally issued the ration or the board in the area where the gasoline was stored.