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McDowell Board Sends Another Group To Camp

Contingent Of Over Hundred Men Go To Camp For Physical Examination.

A contingent of over 100 selectees left Marion Monday by special bus for Camp Croft, S. C. for physical examinations preliminary to entering the armed forces. A large per cent of the group are married men, many of whom are fathers.

These men will be given their pre-induction physical examinations at the Camp under the new system and those who pass will have at least 21 days before they are called up for induction.

E. W. Parker, Jr. was leader of the group with Ernest C. Bost, Jr., Benjamin M. Hawkins, Wade H. Hennessee, Jr., John William Poole, and Walter W. Wall, assistant leaders.

The men comprising the group were as follows:

Samuel N. Williams, Troy Lee Dyson, Mack Taylor, Jabez Finley, Wesley Madford, James Parker, Luther F. Roper, Lawrence E. Hollifield, Berley M. Williams, Julius E. Lawson, Kipling Stevens, Jay Milton Willis, Arlon R. Jones, Franklin Revis, Eugene Brown, Raymond R. Devinney, Hal Sain, Jack N. Reel, Wade H. Hennessee, Jr., Thomas H. Long, Charles F. Hendley, Talley Padgett, Clinton L. Brown, Ray E. Elkins, James M. Johnson, E. W. Parker, Jr.

Clarence G. Silvers, James E. Kent, Benjamin F. Potat, Ray M. Westmoreland, Douglas I. Pyatt, Lones G. Biddix, Jess W. White, Joseph B. Allison, Charles H. Childers, Jonas E. Holland, Cleve E. Tyo, John Swafford, Albert H. Laughter, Richard H. Revis, Willard G. Shuford, James W. Condrey, Curtis Parker, Richard Loftis, Edgar W. Thomas, Joseph W. Gilean, Alvin L. Hall, Clyde L. Perkins, Grover C. Hefner, Lloyd M. Bradley, Norman A. Bradley, Marion F. Hunter, Roy Long, Clarence Pittman, George R. Simmons, Warren G. Gragg.

James M. Davis, Lenoir D. Carswell, Ernest C. Bost, Jr., Frank E. Boone, Carl G. Mooney, William L. Webb, Raymond W. Smith, Chas. C. Lytle, Arthur E. Queen, Benjamin M. Hawkins, Glenn M. Hawkins, Lester J. McKinney, Reidie A. Byrd, George A. Silvers, Walter L. Allison, Bernie C. Hollifield, Tom Roland, Willie C. Davis, James F. Gragg, Johnson Allison, Lon H. Lawing.

George J. Morgan, Ostie L. Gibbs, Frank Y. Harris, William T. McPeters, Will R. Waycaster, Paul L. Gilliland, Stanley Clark, John William Poole, Robert G. Ellis, Alvin C. Williams, Eula D. Lytle, Marvin L. Robinson, Victor Church, Ambrose L. Radford, Ralph R. Bailey, Isaac B. Martin, Walter W. Walls, Arthur J. Moore, Phillip W. Hyatt, Hall T. Cline, Robert L. Young, John L. Prather, Roy Buchanan, Garland Bartlett and Robert M. Lawing.

The following were transferred to other boards:

Arlon R. Jones, Clyde L. Perkins, Edward C. Terry, Roy T. Brotherton, Paul D. Holler, Edward W. Thomas and William B. Condrey.

TAX AGENT TO VISIT MARION FEB. 23-26

A deputy collector of the Internal Revenue department will be at the court house in Marion February 23 through the 26th and March 1-7 and at Bradley's Drug Store in Old Fort on Feb. 19 to give advice or assistance to taxpayers in filing their income tax returns.

Returns are required by law of persons who during the calendar year 1943 were single and had \$500 or more income, were married and had more than \$624 income, were married and together with wife or husband had combined income of \$1,200 or more, or paid or owed a tax on 1942.

Returns must be filed not later than March 15.

It is estimated the African and Sicilian campaigns alone cost the Germans 280,000 casualties.



PRESIDENT OF BOARD — Dr. Guy S. Kirby was elected president of the board of trustees of the Marion General hospital at a recent meeting of board. W. L. Morris is vice-president of the board and J. N. Morris, treasurer.

P. T. A. RECEIVES \$81.29 IN PAPER SALVAGE DRIVE

The Marion Parent-Teacher Association had the largest attendance of the year at the February meeting held Monday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., chairman of the Ways and Means committee, announced that to date \$81.29 had been received from the paper salvage drive. It was stated, however, that this report is still incomplete as all of the paper collected has not yet been baled for sale.

The Rhythm Band, composed of 49 children ages 6-10, displayed most unusual talent in their program of music. The band has been trained and directed by Miss Mary Love Bettis.

Eugene Cross, III, Frances Proctor, Pollyanna Adkins, and Patsy Teague presented several selections on tonettes. Hope McCall rendered a vocal solo and Eva Norton and Bill Hawkins sang a duet.

The meeting opened with a devotional by Mrs. G. B. Justice followed by a prayer by D. E. Poole. Mrs. Albert Shiflet read "Objectives of P. T. A."

Attendance prizes were won by Miss Annie Little and Mrs. Albert Shiflet's school rooms.

Guest prize was presented to Mrs. Hubert Martin.

STILL NEED \$30,000 TO MEET E BOND QUOTA IN WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen of the Fourth War Loan drive for McDowell county, report that reasonable progress has been made thus far in the bond campaign, with the exception of the sale in series "E" bonds. The report stated that the "E" bond quota for McDowell county is still about \$30,000 short.

Those in charge of this work are very anxious that this county meet its full quota. With this thought in mind every man, woman and child who possibly can is asked to buy an extra bond. It was pointed out that the drive officially closes February 15, and if we are to reach our quota it will be necessary that these bonds be purchased on or before the date mentioned.

A caravan of captured German field equipment stopped in Marion for a short while yesterday, but due to adverse weather conditions it was not possible for the equipment to be put on full display. Mr. Snipes and Mr. Morris had planned a public program in connection with the equipment exhibited by the caravan to stimulate bond sales, but were unable to go through the demonstration with prevailing weather conditions.

With only six more days remaining for bond sales during the campaign the public is urged to put forth every effort to meet the quota. If all who can will make the effort there is no reason why McDowell county can not go over the top with flying colors.

V. F. W. MEETING NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT, FEB. 15

There will be a meeting of Post No. 2865, V. F. W., at the Community building Tuesday night, February 15, at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by T. P. Gravette, post commander. All members are urged to attend.

McDowell Goes Far Over Quota In Polio Drive

Chairman Graham Reports Over \$500 Has Been Raised For Paralysis Fund.

The infantile paralysis campaign in McDowell county is already over the top although all receipts have not yet been totaled, according to figures released yesterday by Gilmer Graham, county chairman.

Mr. Graham stated that \$45 had been turned in by the Rotary Club and \$49.50 by the Francis Marion Club. \$150 has been received to date from the sale of tickets to the President's Birthday Ball, and the total of this sale has not been completed. About \$150 was received from "Tag Day."

The following reports from birthday greeting cards have been received from the county schools: Old Fort \$77; Pleasant Gardens \$105; Sugar Hill \$17, and North Cove \$18. Reports from other schools have not been received.

The goal set for McDowell county is \$344 and the above figures already exceed that amount by approximately \$173. Mr. Graham stated that he hoped a complete report could be made within the next few days.

All reports of the President's Birthday Ball termed it both a social and financial success.

BOND DRIVE AT OLD FORT OPENED WITH BIG SALES

A total of \$4,955 in war bonds was sold in Old Fort on Wednesday of last week when the Fourth War Loan drive was officially launched with a parade and rally at the Old Fort high school.

The parade was led by the Marion high school band under the leadership of Glenn Palmer, and visitors taking part on the rally program included Cpl. John Bowers, Cpl. Chris Leone and Cpl. Frank Piscitelli. Three Old Fort soldiers, Sgt. John Burgin of the eighth army air force and Ray Turner and Bill Hensley of the navy also took part on the program.

A feature of the program was the placing of stars on the service flag. Gold stars were placed for Lester Hogan, Earl Eller, Jr., and Arnold Manick. One hundred and twenty-five blue stars were placed.

The school reported sales of \$3,905 in bonds against a quota of \$3,000. Following the program, out of town guests were entertained at a tea at the community building.

WAC REPRESENTATIVE WILL RECRUIT HERE

Sgt. Janice C. Knouse, Army Air Forces WAC representative temporarily stationed in Asheville, will be here Friday, February 18, for the purpose of enlisting women in the Women's Army Corps. She will be stationed in the WAC booth at Belk-Broome Department Store.

The Army Air Forces needs Air-Wacs to replace men. The Corps is open to all women of 20 to 50 years of age, of good moral character, without dependents, or children under 14 years of age. Two years of high school or its equivalent are necessary and each applicant must pass mental and physical examinations which are given in Asheville. All expenses while traveling to and from Asheville for these tests as well as lodging and meals while there are paid by the Government.

Almost every civilian job has an army equivalent. Wacs can do 239 different kinds of work on an Army Post such as photography, telephone operation, radio operation and repair, driver, clerical, library, office machine operation, medical technical. It is the patriotic duty of every true American woman to do her part in the War Effort and this is an opportunity to express good intentions in action.

Because of a more intelligent attention to foods, Americans have been on a better diet during the past year than at any time in their history, say nutrition experts with the U. S. Government.

Marion Mill Has Annual Meeting Of Stockholders

S. M. Hamill Re-elected President; Other Officers And Directors Re-elected.

Samuel M. Hamill of New York was re-elected president of the Marion Manufacturing Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors held here last Thursday.

Other officers elected were R. W. Twitty, vice-president and treasurer; Chas. A. Harris, vice-president and assistant treasurer; S. M. Beattie, vice-president and assistant treasurer; Terry A. Moore, secretary.

Directors re-elected include Mrs. Mary Hamill Lambert, Wilfred Andrews, Wm. J. Gallon, David Jennings and Samuel M. Hamill, of New York, Wm. K. Prentice, of Princeton, N. J., S. M. Beattie and J. E. Serrine, of Greenville, S. C., Chas. A. Harris, R. W. Twitty and C. A. Workman of Marion.

Out of town directors attending the meeting were David Jennings and Mrs. Mary Lambert of New York, Wm. K. Prentice of Princeton, N. J., S. M. Beattie and J. E. Serrine, of Greenville, S. C.

Samuel M. Hamill, president of the company, is in the U. S. Naval Air Force and was unable to attend the meeting.

COURT TO CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

The February term of McDowell Superior court will convene here next Monday with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presiding. The term is for civil cases only. Seventeen cases are listed on the calendar for trial at this term, as follows:

John A. Warlick vs Annie Ashley Warlick.

Samuel Wallace vs Virginia Rutherford Wallace.

Devoe M. Leonard vs Hattie M. Leonard.

Thomas Walter Anderson vs Letha Belle Hutchins Anderson.

Ruth Johnson Hopkins vs Ernest Lee Hopkins.

Beatrice Plimmons vs Charles Rogers.

John T. Byrd vs Laddie Hembill, et al.

Frances Roughton vs David Hervey.

Geo. W. Smith vs McDowell Furniture Co. (Protest by Plaintiff).

J. A. Duncan vs G. N. Brendle.

Mrs. Axie A. Hollifield vs Belk-Broome Co.

V. E. Landers, trading as Consolidated Minerals Co. vs Herman J. Bryson, W. C. Alwine, et al.

R. H. Walker and Grover Turner vs W. A. Pendleton.

N. H. Souther, et al vs W. R. Parker.

Clyde C. Gibson vs James G. McCall, et al.

Paul O. Thomason vs Bertha C. Thomason.

Mrs. M. L. Godfrey vs Otis L. Broyhill Furniture Co., a corporation.

MARION CAGERS WIN OVER PLEASANT GARDEN TEAMS

Marion boys and girls trounced the well balanced teams of Pleasant Gardens here Tuesday in the first Marion cage tilt of the season. The game was the first to be played in the new gym.

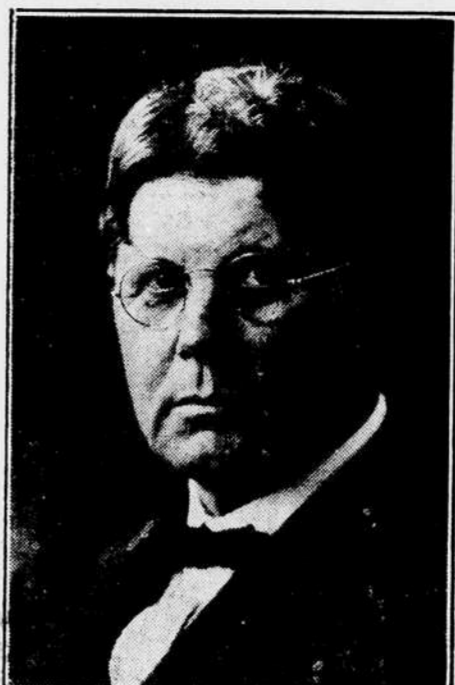
The girls were lead in their 20 to 19 victory by Dot Neighbors and Alta Godfrey while all the girls played a good game.

The boys were paced in their thrilling 15 to 7 win by Red Walker and Ray Robinson with splendid playing from the rest of the boys.

Coach Graham said that the Marion Rippers would continue their season with Old Fort there Thursday night followed with Glenwood here next Tuesday night.

OVERSEAS MAIL

Mail to soldiers overseas is five times greater than the peak of such mail in the first World War. It averages about 25,000,000 pieces a week, with about twenty-five per cent in the form of V-mail.



HEADS MEDICAL SOCIETY—Dr. J. F. Jonas was elected president of the McDowell County Medical Society at the annual meeting last week.

SUGAR STAMP FOR HOME CANNING IS NOW VALID

An amendment effective February 1, validated sugar stamp No. 40 in War Ration Book Number 4, for five pounds of sugar for home canning. This stamp for home canning purposes is valid as of February 1, 1944 and will remain effective to February 28, 1945.

The above action was taken now instead of on March 1, as originally planned, in order to take care of early fruit crops in the southern part of the country, where some consumers did not properly budget 1943 home canning allowances.

The public should understand that the allowance, made available under stamp No. 40, will be a part of the total allowance for the 1944 canning season. A maximum of twenty-five pounds is contemplated with twenty pounds obtainable by application to the local board of War Price and Rationing office.

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE APPOINTED LAST SUNDAY

The committee selected by the organizational meeting in December to appoint the Advisory Council of the McDowell Allied Church League for the Abolition of Beverage Alcohol met Sunday afternoon and appointed the following:

Old Fort—Van Hughes, A. A. Padgett, C. F. Noblitt, A. E. Davis, C. L. Norwood, C. E. Gilliam, H. J. Rockett, John Lanning, Mrs. Don M. Davis, James W. Hogan, Mrs. Harlow Noblitt, Mrs. Janie Reed, S. E. Tilson, Mrs. Tom Tate.

Marion—J. C. Rabb, J. H. Tate, J. H. Beaman, W. A. Young, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, M. B. Patton, W. S. Haynes, Adam Hunt, O. L. Silver, Chas. Holland, W. E. Morgan, Mrs. E. P. Crawford, R. O. Wilson, Watson Wilson, Jay English, B. F. Polard, G. S. Kirby, Jr., Mrs. C. A. Workman, Mrs. R. I. Corbett, L. K. Payne, W. R. Bursleson, J. G. Price, W. S. Jones, J. A. Walker, R. O. Wylie, L. Reed McCurry, R. W. Proctor, W. R. Chambers, E. P. Dameron.

Local officers elected in December are: M. W. Gordon, Jr., president; Dr. J. F. Jonas, vice-president, Mrs. Bessie Carr, secretary, and W. F. Grant, treasurer.

An active campaign will be carried to every part of the county to rid McDowell of the curse of beverage alcohol in any and every form, Mr. Gordon stated. All denominations in McDowell county have joined in this movement and the help of every one interested in the matter will be appreciated, he said.

The McDowell unit is part of a state-wide organization with headquarters in Lexington, N. C. Dr. I. G. Greer of Thomasville is president of the organization and L. A. Martin of Lexington is executive director.

ANNUAL B. & L. MEET MONDAY NIGHT, FEB. 14

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the McDowell Building & Loan Association will be held at the office of the association in the Marion Industrial Bank building Monday night, February 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports of officers, elect directors and officers for the coming year and transact other business.

Merchants And Employees Push Sale Of Bonds

Report Sales Amounting To \$37,670 Since Fourth War Loan Drive Started.

Much of the hard hitting spirit has been shown by local merchants in the Fourth War Loan drive by selling and buying the amount of \$37,670 in war bonds, issue value, since the drive started. This figure is the amount to date and efforts are not lagging on the part of salespeople and their "Boss" to help put the drive over.

The effort will continue so if you are asked to buy bonds when you are shopping in local stores don't be surprised for all stores are really behind the loan drive. The idea originally was to have each store clerk to buy or sell at least \$200.00 in "E" bonds. Many of these energetic people have far exceeded this amount, and are continuing the good work.

The merchants and employees total sales include sales and purchases of "E" bonds, "F" bonds and all other series.

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.
M. 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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Miss Lurline Corpening, Belk's.
Miss Lucille Payne, Belk's.
Miss Elizabeth Poteat, Belk's.
Mrs. G. R. Klutz, Belk's.
Mrs. Pearl Ledbetter, Belk's.
Mrs. Ruby Eckerd, Belk's.
Miss Sue Carver, Belk's.
Miss Marietta Burgin, McCall-Burgin Hardware Co.
G. W. Wilson, The Firestone Store.

Mrs. Clyde Cannon, Marguerite Shoppe.

Dr. E. A. Tennant, Tainter's.
Pat Davis, Laughridge Furniture Co.

Landis Laughridge, Laughridge Furniture Co.

Miss Ruth Smith, Manager Wallace Store.

TWENTY-SIX OF GROUP UP FOR EXAMINATION REPORTED ACCEPTABLE

Twenty-six of the contingent of 36 selectees sent to Camp Croft on January 29 for physical examination were found acceptable for service in the armed forces, the local board has been advised. The list follows:

For the army: Harold J. Robinette, Robert L. Hester, Willard P. Thomas, Ernest J. House, James A. Sisk and Joseph E. Seaman.

For the navy: Luther G. Huffman, Luther C. Allison, Armour G. Kelly, Erwin R. Allison, Jimmy C. Burleson, Paul E. McCoy, Carl Leslie Grooms, Jesse Turner Baker, Jr., John Floyd Moore, James Riddle Rhymer, Wayne B. Morrow, Charles G. Nichols, Dean E. Padgett, Charles F. Elliott, David C. Lowery, Charlie Ray Thomas, Worley B. Green, Frank L. Wacaster, Hiland C. Hawkins and Benton D. Signon.

HOWELL PROMOTED

Jack Howell, U. S. Marines, has been promoted from Staff Sergeant to Master Technical Sergeant, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. H. S. Dills.