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## McDowell Goes Over The Top In War Bond Drive

### Report \$75,000 In Excess Of The Amount Set In Fourth War Loan Campaign.

J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen for the Fourth War Loan Drive for McDowell county have issued an announcement to the effect that the quota of \$380,000 set for McDowell county has been reached and over-subscribed to the amount of approximately \$75,000.

Both Mr. Snipes and Mr. Morris were very high in their praise for the cooperation they had received in this work from the various committees appointed by civic organizations of the city. "The work of the ladies in this drive deserves special mention," said one of the chairmen in discussing the results of the drive.

The schools of the city and county also come in for a part of the credit. "Not only did the teachers and pupils but to the limit during the drive, but school children constantly reminded their parents that an extra bond should be bought during the campaign."

Of the quota of \$380,000 set for the county \$194,000 of this amount was to be in "E" bonds. For awhile it appeared that there might be some difficulty in reaching this objective, but the public in general gave their full support to the end that more than \$200,000 of the total bonds sold were purchased in the "E" series.

"The people of Marion and McDowell county," said the chairmen of the bond drive, "May always be counted upon to do their full share of any type of war work on the home front, and when it comes to buying bonds, in order that our boys might be given adequate and better equipment to do the job we have set out to do, the citizens were anxious for the opportunity."

Mr. Snipes and Mr. Morris were both anxious to express their appreciation to the public at large for the most excellent response and spirit of cooperation and sacrifice that was made in order that McDowell's quota of \$380,000 could be reached.

Sales in "E" bonds have been brisk during the past several days, with many persons appearing anxious to buy their bonds before the close of the Fourth War Loan drive. It is pointed out that all "E" bond sales through February 29 will count on the quota for the present campaign. With this being the fact McDowell county will doubtless increase her total sales before that date.

## ROBT. GOURLEY GIVEN RANK OF LIEUTENANT

Robert A. Gourley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gourley of Marion, has successfully completed his flight training at the Army Air Forces Pilot School at Luke Field, Arizona.

At graduation ceremonies Feb. 8, he received the Army Air Corps silver wings and a second lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Corps Reserve.

He received his preflight training at Santa Ana Air Base, Calif., and pilot training with Army Flying Units at Dos Palos and Lemoore Flying Fields, California, before entering the pilot school at Luke Field. He attended Marion High School and Davidson College.

## TO ASSIST VETERANS MAKING APPLICATION FOR MUSTER-OUT PAY

The McDowell County Post of the American Legion will assist veterans of this war, discharged honorably since Dec. 6, 1941, in making application for their muster-out pay, Commander Ben E. Hendley announced yesterday.

Commander Hendley announced that application forms and assistance in filing applications may be secured from the following: Mrs. Julia Stanley, C. B. Dobson, Watson Wilson, Ernest Haire, J. S. Wilson, Joe K. Giles, S. E. Proctor and J. E. Melton, of Marion, Dr. W. D. Allen and Ernest Haire of Old Fort.

## STORES WILL CLOSE EARLIER SATURDAYS, BOND SALES \$44,427

At the regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association Thursday evening a number of merchants present expressed their desire to begin closing their stores at 7 o'clock on Saturday evenings. After a survey of merchants was made this week it was found that the majority was in favor of this action.

Twenty-six stores, including grocery, dry goods, hardware and auto supply stores, it is announced will close at 7 o'clock beginning Saturday, Feb. 19.

Closing for a half holiday during the spring and summer months was discussed but no action was taken. It is hoped that the matter can be settled at the next monthly meeting or before.

The grand total of War Loan Bond sales by the merchants stood at \$44,427 when the curtain went down on the Fourth War Loan Tuesday evening. The merchants and their employees are to be congratulated on this amount of sales, and the fine spirit shown by the buying public.

Listed below are names of salespeople and others in the stores who have reached their quota of \$200.00 or more war bonds bought or sold since press time last week:

Mrs. I. V. Spires, Mrs. Louise Ricks, Virginia Burnett and Ruth Throneberg, Belk's Store; Mrs. Alma Bradley, McCall-Burgin Hardware Co.; B. W. Harrison, Henry Jamison and G. B. Finley, McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store and Charles Lytle, McCall-Burgin Hardware Co.

## HERMAN CROUCH PUT IN CHARGE OF USES OFFICE IN MARION

Herman Crouch has been appointed interviewer in charge of the Marion office of the U. S. Employment service which is a part of the Morganton district, it was announced by Manager H. Gilliam Parker.

Mr. Crouch, well-known Morganton man, will spend five days a week in Marion in the new USES office on the third floor in the court house, and will spend each Saturday in the Morganton office, of which the Marion unit is an outpost. He will be in Marion from Monday through Friday. He will also be in Old Fort every Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Crouch was formerly claims interviewer with the Unemployment Compensation commission, but under the change he was officially transferred from that agency to the U. S. Employment service, it was explained.

## MISS BADGETT TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION AT PLEASANT GARDENS

Miss Rose Badgett, Home Economist of the F. S. A., will give a demonstration in cheese making in the Pleasant Gardens Community building next Tuesday evening, February 22, at eight o'clock.

The program is being sponsored by the Pleasant Gardens Grange and all interested patrons in the community are cordially invited to attend. Following the demonstration there will be a short recreational program and refreshments.

This year the Grange has planned several programs on food conservation that will benefit not only Grangers but everyone in the community. This will be the first in a series of programs and it is hoped that the entire community will take advantage of this opportunity.

## MARION CAGERS LOSE TO OLD FORT BOYS, GIRLS TIE

Marion, in its second game of the season, came off with a loss to the boys and a tie for the girls.

The girls lead Old Fort until the last minute of play, when Deane of Old Fort shot a goal to tie the game with Marion 10 to 10. Kanipe led Marion and Deane led Old Fort in high scoring.

Old Fort took the lead against the boys in the first three minutes of play and held it to win 23 to 20. Nesbitt led Old Fort with Red Walker leading Marion in high scoring.

Coach Graham said the boys and girls would try for revenge Thursday night in the new gym with Old Fort and will continue with Glenwood here next Tuesday night.

## Morris Again Heads Building, Loan Association

### Officers And Directors Re-elected Monday Night; Total Assets \$668,216.83.

The McDowell Building & Loan Association has just finished a very successful year, despite world conditions, it was learned at the annual meeting of the shareholders held last Tuesday evening.

The assets of the association for the year totaled \$667,216.83, according to the annual report of Mrs. A. L. Epley, secretary and treasurer.

Loans made during the year totaled 88 amounting to \$89,375.00 it was revealed in the annual report which showed the loan volume below the average of recent years due to wartime restriction on new construction. Investments in war bonds for the year amounted to \$3,700 in new purchases, and reserves were increased by \$7,000, it was reported.

Directors of the association were re-elected as follows: A. S. Bradford, W. R. Chambers, T. H. Henderson, A. F. Hunt, Wm. Treverton, W. L. Morris, D. M. McIntosh, J. F. Snipes, J. H. Tate, C. A. Workman, Mrs. A. L. Epley.

The directors re-elected the following officers: W. L. Morris, president; J. F. Snipes, vice-president; W. R. Chambers, attorney; Mrs. A. L. Epley, secretary and treasurer. The association has 869 shareholders.

## J. R. JIMESON TO OPEN FEED STORE IN MARION, SATURDAY OPENING DAY

John Ray Jimeson, well known resident of McDowell county, announces the opening of Jimeson's Farm Supply at 127 South Main street in the store room next to the Marion Progress office on Saturday, February 19. Mr. Jimeson announces that he will carry a supply of feeds, seeds, hardware and farm supplies, also baby chicks and brooders.

Announcement is made that cold bottled drink will be given each person making a purchase on the opening day next Saturday.

Mr. Jimeson was engaged in the dairy business for 15 years, but recently discontinued the business due to war conditions.

## ROTARIANS TO PLAY GRANGE IN BASKETBALL

The Pleasant Gardens Grange observed Valentine with a holiday program and party at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening.

Announcement was made that the Marion Rotary Club and the Pleasant Gardens Grange will have a basketball game next Monday evening. Announcement was also made that Miss Rose Badgett, FSA supervisor, will give a demonstration on cheese-making at the Pleasant Gardens school house next Tuesday evening and the public is cordially invited.

G. C. Crawford and J. R. Jimeson gave a report of a Grange meeting they attended in Hendersonville last Thursday.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. A. Young.

## RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST MONDAY

The six room dwelling house occupied by Leon Butler colored, and owned by M. W. Gordon, on the Airport road, was destroyed by fire about 7:30 o'clock Monday morning. The building was in flames when the fire was discovered and very little of the household furniture was saved.

The fire department responded to the alarm and prevented the fire from spreading to other buildings close by.

## CPL. JARAMILLO TO ADDRESS ROTARY MEET

Cpl. Noni Jaramillo, recruiting officer of the WAC, will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting Friday at noon. All members are urged to attend.

## Ration Tokens To Be Used By Shoppers Soon

### Information Is Provided By OPA On How New System Will Work, Starting Feb. 27

Washington.—Introduction of ration tokens throughout the country Feb. 27 will bring a number of changes in the present method of paying the ration cost of processed foods, meats and fats. The Office of Price Administration has prepared the following information to give consumers a better understanding of how the new system will work.

Q. Will OPA give each consumer a certain number of tokens when this new program begins, just as everybody was given a supply of ration stamps?

A. No. The only tokens you will get are those your retailer gives in change, beginning Feb. 27.

Q. Why will I need ration change?

A. You will need change when tokens go into use because each red and each blue stamp in your ration book will be worth 10 points. It will not longer be easy to give your dealer an exact number of points as it was when you had eight, five, two and one-point stamps to use.

Q. If each stamp will be worth 10 points, will I have more points to spend than I do now?

A. No. You will have almost exactly the same number of points that you have now. You will simply use fewer stamps during any one ration period. That's one advantage of the new plan, since handling fewer stamps will cut down the work of your retailer and will make your ration book last longer.

Q. When each stamp is worth 10 points, how will OPA adjust the rationing program so as to give me the same number of points per month that I have now?

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER TO BE OBSERVED HERE WITH UNION SERVICE

"World Day of Prayer" will be observed by all churches, civic organizations and members of the community in a service at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 25.

In urging the attendance and support of every person in the community, leaders stated that the need for a World Day of Prayer was obviously greater now than at any previous time.

## WALKER AND TURNER ARE GIVEN JUDGMENT OF \$350

The February term of McDowell Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convened here Monday with Judge J. W. Pless presiding.

In the case of R. H. Walker and Grover Turner against W. A. Pendleton, the plaintiffs were awarded judgment in the sum of \$350.

Two divorces were granted during the week. Ruth Johnson Hopkins versus Ernest Lee Hopkins and T. T. Mauldin versus Iva M. Mauldin.

## MISSING SEAMAN IS PRESUMED TO BE DEAD

Baylis W. Harrison, Jr., 22, of the American Merchant Marines who was recently reported missing, is presumed to be dead, the Maritime War Emergency Board reports.

A formal "certificate of presumptive death" was received from Washington by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Harrison, of Marion, who had been notified in January that their son was "missing following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country."

The certificate said that Harrison, who had the rating of utility seaman, "is presumed to have died on or about December 2."

The young merchant seaman entered the Merchant Marine in October 1942. He is believed to have lost his life in the Mediterranean theatre of war as he was last heard from on his fourth mission across the Atlantic.

## PLEASANT GARDENS P. T. A. OBSERVE FOUNDER'S DAY; PAGEANT IS PRESENTED

The February meeting of the parents and teachers of Pleasant Gardens School was held on Thursday evening in the school auditorium with the vice-president, Mrs. Henry Stauffer, presiding. Devotionals were conducted by the Rev. W. E. Abrams, pastor of the Clear Creek Baptist church.

The fourth grade groups of Mrs. Ernest Haire and Mrs. Locke Tate were presented in a combination health and patriotic pageant. A Founder's Day program was presented by Mrs. W. A. Young, assisted by Mesdames J. H. L. Miller, J. R. Jimeson, Fred Willis, and Carl Gibson, and the Misses Lois Turbyfill and Jenny Hunter. The annual Founder's Day silver offering was taken.

Mrs. Melvin Patton reported on the recent county-wide P. T. A. meeting held at Old Fort with district and state officers present. Mrs. Patton expressed the hope that the local organization would immediately take steps to respond to the plea for an active department of recreation to meet the needs of the "teen age."

The principal, W. A. Young, announced that the organization had met half its obligation to finance the project of the construction of the community cannery.

Mrs. Haire's and Mrs. Tate's grades won respectively the honors in the parent count.

## DR. BRAY RESIGNS AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HERE

The Rev. Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marion, has announced his resignation, effective July 1.

He has served his pastorate here for more than 12 years, having come to Marion from Wadesboro, where he was pastor of the Baptist Church for a number of years.

The resignation was accepted by the congregation "with regret."

## DR. CAMAK SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING ON TUESDAY EVENING

Dr. D. E. Camak was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening. The thought of Dr. Camak's address was peace after the war.

In outlining a permanent post war peace he suggested the following steps: First, that the peace must provide the political framework for a continuing collaboration of the United Nations and, in due course, of neutral and enemy nations. Second, that the peace must make provision for bringing within the scope of international peace must make provision for an organization to adapt the treaty structure of the world to changing underlying conditions. Fourth, that the peace must proclaim the goal of autonomy for subject peoples, and it must establish an international organization to assure and to supervise the realization of that end. Fifth, that the peace must establish procedures for controlling military establishments everywhere. Sixth, that the peace must establish in principle, and seek to achieve in practice the right of individuals everywhere to religious and intellectual liberty.

Finally Dr. Camak said that living by the Golden Rule was the only assurance of a permanent peace, which means that True Christianity must prevail throughout the world.

J. H. Beaman announced that the budget for Boy Scout work in the county was \$850.00 and that a campaign would start immediately to raise this amount. The committee to assist in this drive from the Kiwanis club was W. S. Shiflet, Hugh Beam, W. G. Ballew and Lee Conley.

The Kiwanis club accepted an invitation to meet with the Rotary club at their regular meeting Feb. 25th.

The committee for the Fourth War Bond drive reported that the quota of \$100,000.00 had been over subscribed and that the actual amount in cash reported by the club was \$101,956.25.

H. C. Sain was received into the club as the youngest Baby Kiwanian at the meeting Feb. 8.

Guests at the meeting were Bobby Gourley, E. G. Roberts, R. C. Darman, U. S. A., J. H. Beaman, and M. C. Blackman of Philadelphia.

## Red Cross War Fund Drive To Open March 1

### Quota Of \$10,200 Is Set For McDowell County; Eugene Cross Chairman Of Drive.

The Red Cross roll-call drive for McDowell county will be held from March 1 through March 15. The quota set for this county is \$10,200, which is one of the largest requests ever made by the Red Cross of the citizens of this section; however, it must be remembered that this is war time and that the duties of the Red Cross are heavy.

The Red Cross at the present time is confronted with responsibilities of unprecedented proportions as the war enters its most crucial stage. Its wartime services include helping servicemen with personal problems, sending food parcels to war prisoners, aiding families of servicemen, assisting disabled veterans, collecting life-saving blood, making surgical dressings as well as many more services.

Our quota is high, but with everyone doing his bit we should reach it. The local organization of the Red Cross is an excellent one, with Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at its head. Mrs. Bessie Carr is executive secretary and Miss Doris Hill is treasurer.

Plans for conducting the drive have been completed and are mapped out according to plans similar to those used last year. Eugene Cross is chairman of the drive and is being assisted by a number of other local citizens who realize the importance of Red Cross work.

R. W. Twitty is chairman of the planning committee and has worked with Mr. Cross and other members of the committee in developing plans for the drive.

Various committee chairmen, other than those mentioned above, for this work include: S. R. Cross, special gifts; Mrs. G. B. Justice, residential district; E. P. Dameron, business district; Otis Broyhill, group registration; Homer Beaman, outlying territory; Hugh Beam, publicity.

## THREE McDOWELL MEN HELD ON ARSON CHARGE

Sheriff Grady Nichols announced Friday that he had sworn out warrants for three men accusing them of burning down the North Cove high school garage and four school buses on last June 7. The men are Jayson Burnett, Sid McCall and Vick McCall, residents of the North Cove community.

Burnett was released under a bond of \$3,000, since he was a minor at the time the crime was committed, and the other two were held in default of \$6,000 bond each.

## TO AID WITH STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS

Representatives of the North Carolina Revenue department, working out of the State tax office in Morganton, will begin late this month to assist taxpayers in filing their State income and intangible tax returns for 1943.

F. L. German, deputy field commissioner for Burke and McDowell counties, announced the following schedule to make assistance available to various communities: Old Fort, February 25; Marion, McDowell county courthouse, March 1-8; Morganton, tax office in court-house, March 8-15.

All returns must be filed by March 15.

## LAWRENCE G. BRAZZELL IS FATALLY BURNED

Lawrence Gilbert Brazzell, Sr., was fatally burned at his home in Rock Hill, S. C. about two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held in Rock Hill Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mary McConnell, of Marion, N. C., one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sherer of Rock Hill; a son, L. G. Brazzell of the U. S. Army overseas, and one brother and one sister.