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Every Citizen Is Urged To have been closing on Wednesday af-Reach McDowell's Goal.

McDowell County's Red Cross War Fund drive opened in earnest last Wednesday. The county's goal this year has been set at \$10,200, which is a considerably larger figure than any amount raised for Red Cross in prior drives.

A report from Gene Cross, chairman of the War Fund drive, states that to date \$2,748 has been received. A large portion of this amount is the result of house-to-house canvass headed by Mrs. G. B. Justice, to talk on present day problems afchairman of the residential district. fecting the grocery business. The above quoted figure does not include contributions from industrial organizations, which will be forth- MARION HIGH BAND TO coming on or before March 15.

Red Cross officials want to emphasize that the present drive for for Red Cross war funds. There- The following program will be pre- failed. fore, every citizen is urged to give as sented: liberally as he can afford. An extra McDowell county might mean the by Rombert; "Spirit of Youth Over- chairman, in which he stated he explained that the more members difference in the life or death of ture" by Sordillo; "On the Alamo," wished to express his appreciation to that patronize and support their cosome boy on a battlefield.

on the war fund drive have made, March," Hall; "Ole South," Zamec- campaign. "This outstanding job," percent patronage refund will be play which is being sponsored by the values continue for frozen foods, and are continuing to make, contact nik; "Starlight," arranged by Al- he stated, "was only accomplished paid on 1943 purchases. with every citizen in the county, but ford; "Orphens Overture," Fall; through intelligent planning and Max Roberts, Educational Direct- rived here this week. in covering this large territory it is "Bomber Command," Taubman; persistant effort, and it should be a or, told off some of the projects "Victory Vanities," the three act Declaring consumption of canned possible that some individual may be "The Donkey Serenade," Friml- great source of satisfaction to you now being developed by the Federa- musical comedy, is made up entirely fruits is about 18 per cent ahead of missed.

In order that every person might Banner." Main street. These booths will be ed at the piano by Daphne Goodman. outstanding record made possible by from 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. in the solo. you have already made a contribu- band's repertorie is exhausted. tion, try to make another one. Through such contributions citizens of McDowell county are saying to the soldiers of this nation, and of our Allies, that we are ready to go with you hand in hand to any battle front.

Mrs. John Poteat, chairman of the Woman's Division of Civilian Defense, is supplying workers for the Red Cross booths during the mornings and members of the Junior Woman's Club have been asked to make Number Larger. Than Previous munition. Although off duty, Ser- Miss Ruth Rabb. up the personnel in the afternoons.

The quota for McDowell county is not yet in sight. It is necessary for every person within the boundaries of McDowell county to give as liberally as possible. Do not forget to make an extra contribution to one men left here last Friday morning Gray, Jr., Director General of the of the Red Cross ladies at some time for pre-induction examinations at Military Railway Service, Transpor- TO COLLECT WASTE during the period when the Red Camp Croft. In the group were 164 tation Corps, in his office somewhere Cross Booth is in operation.

PLEASANT GARDENS **DEFEATS MARION HI** IN DOUBLE HEADER

Pleasant Gardens High School basket ball teams defeated Marion High School in a double-header basket ball contest in the local gym on Wednesday evening. Both games were close and hard fought, Pleasgirls score was P. G. 18, Marion 17.

Walker of Marion led the attack as Laughridge, Richard C. Carter, high scorers for their teams in the Luther Brown, Albert C. Kelly, boys game, while Hennessee of Thomas Y. Angell, Donald R. Har-Pleasant Gardens and Godfrey of vey, Jones B. Rumfelt, Homer O. Marion did likewise for the girls.

the high degree of sportsmanship shown throughout the games.

PVT. CLAUDE B. BOST

Camp Rucker, Alabama. From Medford. Camp Rucker he left for oversea duty.

DRY GOODS STORES TO JOIN IN HALF HOLIDAY; **MEET TONIGHT AT 7:45**

Furniture and dry goods stores of Marion will close their places of business each Wednesday afternoon, be-Red Cross Fund iness each Wednesday afternoon, beginning April 5, and continuing through August, it is announced by the Marion Merchants association.

Auto supply and grocery stores Give Liberally In Order To ternoons for some time, and now that the furniture and dry goods stores have joined them in the movement, the merchants are unanimous in this movement. This is considered a patriotic move to give employers and employees an early start with their victory gardens. They are reminded that the nation's goal for victory gardens this year is 22,000,-

> All merchants are reminded to attend the regular monthly meeting at the city hall Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock. Grocerymen are especially urged to attend the meeting tonight as a special speaker will be present

GIVE CONCERT MARCH 10

"Ama Mater"; "March of Youth," \$25.00 or \$50.00 contribution from by Olivadoti; "Deep in My Heart" arranged by Yoder; "Sanctuary of the people of McDowell county for operative the larger their savings The various committees working the Heart," Ketelbey; "S. I. B. A. the fine record made during the will be. He announced that a five

Group Of 193 Sent To Camp For Examination

Group, 7 Volunteers.

fathers and several well known busi- in Italy. ness men.

and Jay V. Dixon.

Others comprising the group were as follows:

Carroll M. Davis, Charles A. Kinsley, James W. Moore, Edward Sher-Stauffer of Pleasant Gardens and Effler, Benjamin R. Daves, Joseph F. quarters has announced. Roland, Edgar C. Nevins, Roscoe M. Both teams were commended for Wise, Clyde W. Rayburn, Columbus D. Brown.

Lewis E. Reynolds, Locke C. Tate, Horace A. Poole, Carl F. Hensley, Clyde T. Whitesides, Edgar AWARDED PURPLE HEART A. Allen, John R. Ellis, James T. Curtis, Floyd W. Strikeleather, Hol-Pvt. Claude B. Bost, now serving land M. Shuford, Hillard F. Watson, N. Ellis, Leroy Effler, Pink Lewis, He received his basic training at Charles A. McKinney, James T.

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McDowell Goes Far Over Quota In 4th War Loan

Exceeding Quota By \$141,-519: E Bonds Over Quota.

Federal Reserve System.

Total bond sales for the county W. S. Burgin was re-elected as a

Of special significance was the period of two years. fact that the large E bond quota was | Committee members, all of whom \$252,187.50 which topped the quota Franklin, W. J. Porter, W. Edgar of \$194,000 by \$58,187.50 or 130%. Morgan, J. M. Parker, C. E. Jarrett,

enviable position among the coun-Greenlee, Mrs. J. H. Greenlee. The Marion High School Band will ties in the nation, by substantially James G. K. McClure, president funds is not merely a regular Red appear in concert Friday evening at exceeding the total quota and the E of the Farmers Federation, presided Cross roll call but that it is a drive 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. bond quota, on which many counties at the meeting. He told of the pro-

> from J. Gerald Cowan, regional done by the cooperative in 1943, he in your county was so successful."

ute, Red Cross booths are being phone solo "At Dawning," by Char- joined with the chairman in thank- grams. placed in business establishments on les Cadman. He will be accompaniing the people of the county for the open during the hours of 10:00 a. m. Mike is a very talented saxophonist their purchases and also expressed GRANGE APPOINTS to 1:00 p. m. in the mornings and and the audience is sure to like his grateful appreciation to the newspapers and to various firms conafternoons from March 10 through At the conclusion of the regular tributing to the advertising cam-March 14. As you pass by a booth, program marches will be played for paign and to all who assisted in the stop and make a contribution. If those who care to remain until the sale of bonds in Marion and through- ant Gardens Grange Tuesday eveout the county.

BARTLETT IS AWARDED MEDAL FOR HEROISM IN SICILIAN CAMPAIGN B. Patton.

3, Marion, has been awarded the chairman; Bill Burnett and Mrs. W. Soldier's Medal for heroism display- A. Young. ed during the Sicilian campaign.

train loaded with gasoline and am- Miller, chairman; W. A. Young and geant Bartlett voluntarily joined a! After the business session a pro-Quotas; 164 Fathers In geant Bartlett voluntarity John on "Improvements for the 16 cars of explosives from the burn- Home," was presented.

The medal was presented person- Mrs. T. M. Burnett. A group of 193 McDowell county ally by Brigadier General Carl R.

> Sergeant Bartlett is a son of Mr. operating battalion of the MRS.

WOODY PROMOTED

Annual Meeting Of Federation Held Saturday

Report Sales Of \$521,519.00, W. S. Burgin Reelected Director: Progress Made Told By men's army corps. McClure And Roberts.

McDowell County exceeded its Farmers Federation stockholders quota in the Fourth War Loan in a in the McDowell county area met at big way, according to the final re- the Federation warehouse last Satport received by J. F. Snipes and J. urday morning. It was the annual N. Morris, co-chairmen, from the meeting at which committee members and directors are chosen.

during the Fourth War Loan was director for McDowell county to \$521,519.00 which exceeded the serve for a period of two years. quota of \$380,000.00 by \$141,519 Tom Gowan, McDowell county director, was named in 1943 for a

substantially oversold. Sales of E were re-elected, are as follows: W. bonds during the campaign totaled S. Haynes, J. A. Moody, Gurney Thus McDowell county gained an W. F. McCrary, Tom Gowan, J. H.

gress of the Marion warehouse Messrs. Snipes and Morris have through the years and in talking received a letter of congratulations about the large amount of business TO PRESENT MUSICAL

THREE COMMITTEES

Three committees were appointed at the regular meeting of the Pleasning, it was announced yesterday.

Mrs. J. R. Jimeson was appointed chairman of the "Ritualism and Religion" committee. Those serving with her are J. R. Jimeson and M. Republicans To

The following Youth Committee S|Sgt. Millard M. Bartlett, Route was appointed: R. G. Roberts, Those appointed on the Member-

Fire broke out in several cars of a ship Committee are: Mrs. J. H. L.

The social hour was directed by

PAPER NEXT SATURDAY

Arrangements have been made The vounteers, all fathers, includ- and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett of Han- for the collection of waste paper atorial conventions, elect a county ed Hudson H. Brown, chief of police kins. In civilian life Sergeant Bart-throughout the town next Saturday chairman and other officers, a counof Marion; Herman W. Martin, Wil- lett was a telegraph operator for the morning, according to announceliam P. Elliott, Jr., Tice W. Hicks, Clinchfield Railroad. He is now ment made by a group of ladies in Donald D. Duncan, Clifton Roper serving in the same capacity with an charge of the drive. Housewives, ly come before the convention. merchants and others are asked to place it in a convenient place where afternoon at 3 o'clock and elect del-James N. Woody of Route 4, Ma- it may by collected by trucks early egates and alternates to the county ant Gardens winning by a one point lin, Calvin E. Vess, William J. Stam- rion, and the 373rd Field Artillery Saturday morning. Everybody is margin in each game. The boys ey, Roy D. Grant, Jonas Frank Jack- 100th Infantry Division, has been urged to aid in this important war score was P. G. 15, Marion 14; the son, Holden C. Duncan, James E. promoted from private first class to activity. Paper is used extensively Mason, Carl W. Houston, Horace C. technician fifth grade, division head- in the war effort and today it is one of the most critical of all items.

PROCLAMATION

I hereby declare March 10, 1944, as JOIN-THE-WAC DAY for the town of Marion and surrounding community.

I urge all women who are eligible to respond and meet with the WAC Recruiting Officer who will be in Marion on the above day. I have been asked by the Women's Army with the U. S. Army in Italy, has Jesse L. Reel, Harold L. Walker, Corps to make this proclamation due to the urgent need for been awarded the purple heart, ac- Glenn F. Searcy, Richard G. Rob- women in the service. By your enlisting you will relieve cording to word received by his pa- erts, Woodrow Seagle, Marion Blev- some soldier doing home duty for active service in foreign rents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bost of ins, Thomas W. Throneburg, Robert battlefields where they are so terribly needed.

Therefore, I urge you to answer the call of your country Fort McClellan and was then sent to Brooks, Harry R. Mason, Edgar T. just as the men have so gallantly done.

J. F. WILKINSON.

Mayor of Marion.

RECRUITER TO BE HERE FRIDAY FOR ENLISTING WOMEN IN ARMY CROPS

Lt. Opal E. Brindle, assistant RC TG officer at the Army station in Asheville, accompanied by Sgt. Marie MacFeely, visited Marion last week making arrangements for Sgt. MacFeely to attend a WAC booth here, in order to facilitate enlisting of the women of Marion in the wo-

The booth will be located at Belk-Broome Company's store and will be open on Friday, March 10, from 11 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Women are urgently needed in the WAC particularly at this time, Lt. Brindle stated, in view of the plans being made for invasion and the

The Army of the United States has 239 kinds of jobs for women, it portant canned vegetables. is stated. Qualified women enlisting in the women's Army corps at this time may choose the job and station of their initial assignment.

To be eligible to join, a woman must be between the ages of 20 and the United States, have no children grapefruit juice. Also hiked are the under 14, have good health, excellent character and two years of high school or its equivalent.

If interested in enlisting, see the recruiter at Belk's store Friday from 11 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

COMEDY AT EAST MARION

Stothart, and "The Star Spangled and your co-workers that the drive tion. These include the livestock of East Marion people. It will be schedule, OPA designated these and dairy herd improvement pro- staged at the East Marion Grammar higher values for popular sized cans: be given an opportunity to contrib- Mike McCall will play the saxo- Co-chairmen Snipes and Morris grams and the poultry and egg pro- school auditorium on Friday and Peaces and pears up 13 points to Saturday, March 17 and 18.

> in conjunction with the play, prom- sauce up 5 to 25, cherries, except ises to be full of fun and excitement. Maraschino, up 9 to 36, and figs up Containers will be placed in con- 9 to 30. venient places where you may cast | Tomato catsup goes up 5 points to your votes for your favorite baby. entertainment will be made next total of 6 for No. 2 cans.

Marion; Precinct Meetings On Friday Afternoon.

The biennial Republican county convention will be held in the court house in Marion next Saturday afaicording to announcement made by entered in the Western Carolina W. H. Hawkins, acting county chair-

The convention will name delegates to the State, judicial and senty executive committee, and transact other business that may proper-

Chairman Hawkins announced bundle securely any paper for which that precincts throughout the county families by general circumstances they have no means of disposal and will hold their meetings on Friday

RUTH GRADUATES AT NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The week's graduation exercises for aviation students at the Naval at Chapel Hill the author plans to Training School, Naval Air Training expand the material into a three-Center, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, act play using the same plot, setting, saw Bluejacket Francis Ruth of Ma- and characterization. rion, recognized as eligible to qualify for the petty officer rate of aviation machinist's mate, third class.

The graduate was sent to the specialty school on the basis of his recruit training test scores which indicated aeronautical ability.

PLEASANT GARDENS

The Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thurs- Ga. day evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

The fifth grade will present a playlet "Helping Uncle Sam."

Ration Values Of Vegetables Slashed By OPA

Canned Fruits, However, Get Sharp Boosts: Other Changes Made This Week.

The OPA has given victory gardeners and home canners a pat on the back, saying they did a "magnificent job" last year and deserve "full great need for men for jobs only credit" for lower ration values which went into effect Sunday and will continue through April 1 for several im-

Meantime, however, the ration values of canned fruits get sharp

More points will be required, too, for tomato juice, and for the first time since early December ration 49, inclusive; must be a citizen of stamps will be needed for buying ration values on orange juice and blended citrus juices, grape juice, tomato catsup and canned fresh lima beans.

> Point reductions were ordered for vegetables, in popular sized cans, as

Peas down from 10 to 3 points, tomatoes from 10 t 5, corn 10 to 8, asparagus 15 to 10, and fresh shell-Y. M. C. A. MARCH 18-19 ed beans 8 to point-free rating.

A zero rating is also assigned for Florence M. Moor, director for dried prunes, raisins, currants and 'Victory Vanities," the home talent mixed dried fruits, while present East Marion Y. M. C. A. boys, ar- preserves and jellies, dry beans, baby foods and soups.

43, pineapple and fruit cocktail up The "Victory Baby" contest, held 7 to 43, apples up 6 to 18, apple

a new value of 23 points, while to-Further announcement about the mato juice is hiked 3 points to a new

Grapefruit juice, previously pointfree to move out the old pack, is assigned a one-point value to "assure better distribution" of the new pack coming to market. Orange juice and blended citrus juices, re-Meet Saturday quisitioned by the armed forces last year but now reappearing on store year but now reappearing on store shelves, are given a 2-point value for No. 2 cans, up from a zero rating. Convention Will Be Held In Grape juice goes from 4 to 6 points for a pint.

PLEASANT GARDENS IS REPRESENTED AT DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

The play, "A Job Well Done," written by Mrs. Nelle Young of ternoon, March 11, at 2:30 o'clock, Pleasant Gardens High School, and Dramatic Festival at Lee Edwards High School was well received by an appreciative audience and was highly praised by critic judges.

> The comedy-drama centers around a war time theme. It pictures conditions in a modern home, emphasizing the need to become adjusted to new conditions imposed by demands for work and sacrifice made upon of war.

> Mrs. Young's offering was one of two county high school plays accepted in the state-wide dramatics contest. The play will be presented at Chapel Hill in April in the original play contest sponsored by the University of North Carolina.

> After the production of the play

TWO KNUPP SONS NOW SERVE WITH THE COLORS

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Knupp, of the Mt. Hebron section near Old Fort, have two sons serving with the col-

Sgt. Everette Knupp entered the PTA TO MEET THURSDAY army in March, 1942, and was sentto California for desert training. He is now stationed at Fort Benning,

> Cpl. John W. Knupp won his wings at gunners' school, Las Vegas, Nev., two weeks ago and is now at Tampa, Fla., for further training.