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McDowell Goes Over the Top In Red Cross Drive

Donations Already Reported Amount To \$11,000, Exceeding Quota By \$800.

In the same splendid way in which McDowell county usually responds to all home front activities, she has gone over the top in the Red Cross War Fund drive. Eugene Cross, chairman of the drive now being conducted, announced yesterday that we had exceeded our quota by almost a thousand dollars. To date \$11,000.62 has been received by the Red Cross. The quota set for McDowell county was \$10,200.00.

In discussing the drive Mr. Cross said that the people of this section, as individuals, business firms and manufacturing units, had responded in a most excellent way. The spirit of backing up our men in action was manifested at all times, and the contributions in practically all cases were liberal, as the donors realized the importance of the work which they were assisting.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Cross said that there were several contributions yet to be listed. The sum of \$11,000.62 is the amount of money in hand as a result of the drive.

The entire official staff of the local chapter of the American Red Cross extends deep appreciation to all who made the War Fund drive a success.

N. F. STEPPE SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING

Kiwanian N. F. Steppe, was the principal speaker at the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Kiwanis Club. The subject of Prof. Steppe's speech was Vocational Guidance and its proper application to the individual. He pointed out that in order to make a success in any vocation it was necessary for one to have special training in some particular field especially in the line of work for which he was best equipped either naturally or by special training. He also revealed that many failures could be prevented if through vocational training a man could find out the type of work for which he was best fitted.

A short business session of the directors followed the meeting.

Dr. B. H. Harrison, Kiwanian from Kinstree, S. C., has transferred his membership to the Marion Kiwanis Club. He was officially introduced to the club by Barron Caldwell.

HONOR STUDENTS IN THE ARMED FORCES

A program was presented at the Monday morning assembly period at Pleasant Gardens School to honor former members of the student body who have joined the armed forces in the service of their country. A patriotic play "The Spirit of '44'" was presented by members of the eighth grade. The remainder of the program consisted of other patriotic numbers by members of the Service Club.

The school's service flag now has 240 stars representing former students who are now in all parts of the world.

EASTER SEAL SALE TO BE SPONSORED HERE

The McDowell County Society for Crippled Children has announced that the annual sale of Easter seals to finance the program for crippled children will be sponsored here this year. Coin containers are being placed in public places and seals are available at Workman's Store and the Welfare office in the court house.

SINGING CONVENTION

A singing convention will be held Saturday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock at the Yancey Street Baptist Church, located in Stump Town near the Clinchfield Baptist church.

All quartets, choirs, individual singers and the public are invited to attend. Those who wish to present musical selections are asked to see D. W. Messer.

PLEASANT GARDENS TO BE REPRESENTED IN STATE PLAY CONTEST

The play "A Job Well Done," written by Mrs. W. A. Young of Pleasant Gardens, will be presented at Chapel Hill this week in the state-wide dramatics contest for original plays sponsored by the University of North Carolina.

Students of Pleasant Gardens school who will take part in the play left this morning with Mrs. Young for Chapel Hill. They are Sybil Melton, Sue Moffitt, Laura Crawford, Roby G. Conley, Pete Gibbs and Clifford Johnson. They are accompanied by Bill Burnett and Robert Burnett who will serve as property managers.

LIFE OF SGT. EDWARDS SAVED BY MESS GEAR

Sgt. Joseph M. (Buddy) Edwards, Marine Corps infantryman and former resident of Marion, narrowly escaped death recently when his life was saved by his mess gear, according to a report released from Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

The report stated that a Jap sniper, already credited with killing eight Marines, selected Edwards as his ninth victim. The bullet, fired from the rear and above Edwards, penetrated the Marine's pack, toilet kit and steel mirror, but was stopped by his mess gear, nearest to Edwards' back.

Sgt. Edwards is the son of Mrs. E. R. Wells, of Gaffney, S. C. and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Baber of Marion. He made his home here for several years.

R. E. Rice Guest Speaker At Baptist Church Next Sunday

R. E. Price, editor of the Rutherford County News, will speak on "Temperance" at the First Baptist Church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Price is moderator of the Green River Baptist Association, a member of the Baptist Executive board and represented Rutherford County in the 1943 session of the legislature. He is an interesting speaker and his message will be of interest to the people of this community. Mr. Price is well known in this county.

HOME CLUB MEETINGS ANNOUNCED FOR WEEK

The schedule for McDowell county home demonstration club meetings for the coming week has been announced by Miss Jean Steele, county home agent, as follows:

Thursday, March 23, at Glenwood school building, at 2 o'clock.

Thursday evening, community building at Pleasant Gardens at 7:30.

Friday, Jackson Creek club, with Mrs. Noah Vess, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, Sugar Hill, with Mrs. Laura Bright, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, Chapel Hill, at club house at 2 o'clock. This will be an all-day meeting with the morning hours devoted to quilting.

Wednesday, North Cove, school house, at 2:30.

The subject for this month is "Dishes prepared with little meat or meat substitutes."

ALL GRANGE MEMBERS ON RED CROSS ROLL

Members of the Pleasant Gardens Grange have enrolled 100% in membership in the Red Cross, according to announcement made at the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Burgin were welcomed into the membership of the Grange and Mrs. W. K. Gill was reinstated.

A most interesting and instructive program on "Gardening" was presented and afterwards Mrs. T. M. Burnett lead the group in a recreation period.

MAY SECURE DRIVERS LICENSE ON TUESDAYS

Announcement is made that A. C. Hensley, of the highway safety division, will be at the sheriff's office in Marion every Tuesday from 9 a. m. till 4:30 p. m. to issue drivers license.

Farm Clubs To Step Up 1944 Food Supplies

McDowell County Home Demonstration And 4-H Clubs Stress Production.

Members of the McDowell county home demonstration clubs and 4-H girls are preparing for another big year with emphasis being placed on food production and conservation, it is announced by Miss Jean Steele, county home agent.

During the month of February garden leaders gave demonstrations to 10 clubs without the agents' help. The women showed how to prepare the soil, and how to plant seed boxes. The setting out and thinning of strawberry plants, and the pruning of grape vines was also demonstrated by the group.

During the past month 11 neighborhood leaders' schools were held in the county, and during the winter some of the clubs have held all-day meetings to do work in home furnishing, sewing and other things. These meetings were held in addition to the regular lesson.

The county agent gave 135 canning demonstrations during the past year, and many demonstrations in food conservation were given by visiting home economics trained women.

In addition to the regular work of the clubs, members of both clubs and 4-H girls made a present to Moore General hospital of puzzles, ash trays, walking sticks, afghans, and rustic lawn furniture. The North Cove 4-H girls are subscribing to the Readers Digest in Braille for blind soldiers, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burgin gave the hospital a radio. Clubs have donated \$10 to the infantile paralysis fund and the war work chairman of the clubs sold a total of \$23.75 in Christmas seals.

FOUR GRINDSTAFF BROS. SERVE IN ARMED FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Grindstaff of Old Fort have four sons in the service.

Alvin grindstaff, seaman first class entered the navy Oct. 11, 1942, and is now somewhere at sea. Cpl. Paul Grindstaff entered the army Jan. 26, 1943, and is with the medical corps. Cpl. Homer Grindstaff entered the army May 23, 1943, and is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. Seaman Second Class George F. Grindstaff entered the navy Dec. 26, 1943, and is now stationed at Newport, R. I.

SERMON TOPICS GIVEN FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God's Rule Amid the Fortunes of War" will be the sermon topic at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School and Bible class will be conducted at 10 a. m. Pins will be given for attendance during the past year.

A Lenten meditation will be held at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will speak on the subject: "A Word of Request for Water." A small 9x6 reproduction of Hofmann's familiar painting "Christ in Gethsemane" will be given to all who attend.

The Waltham League will meet Friday night in the hut for a social gathering.

GIBSON PROMOTED

Ensign Carl W. Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gibson, has been promoted to Lieutenant (j. g.) Flying instructor at Pensacola, Fla.

Brief Wartime Rationing Guide

PROCESSED FOODS—Green K, L and M (Book 4) expire March 20. Blue A-8 through E-8 (Book 4) become valid Feb. 27 at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20.

MEATS AND FATS—Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 20. Red A8, B8, C8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20. Red D8, E8, F8 become valid March 12; expire May 20.

McDowell Men Are Assigned Draft Status

Over One Hundred Registrants Placed In Class 1-A By Local Service Board.

A number of McDowell County men have been placed in class 1-A for military service, according to a re-classification list announced by the local draft board. The list placed in 1-A follows:

Nelson Willis, Jr., Porter O. Mace, Robert E. Buff, Carl Tilley, Forest L. Bost, Edwin C. Cranford, Earl J. Smith, Robert J. Gibson, Gus West, James A. Cuthbertson, Roy E. Allison, Venson C. Walker, Charles A. McCormick, James R. Odear, Howard N. Wise, Andrew R. Finley, Norman A. Rickett, Albert L. Finley, David E. Warren, James H. Young, Jr., Clifford E. Haynes, Wilburn Stevens, Orville C. Allen.

Howard B. Williams, Charles A. Beard, Nesbitt A. Asbury, Paul G. Ray, Woodrow W. Harris, Raymond R. Pyatt, Ransom Simmons, James A. Killough, Howard H. Lavender, William R. Gregg, James W. Gibbs, Marvin W. Owenby, Isaac N. Logan, James A. Kirby, Theodore F. Turner, George L. Smith, Ray A. Rhom, Arnold L. Ward, Ransom Robertson, Lawson Buchanan, Calvin W. Stevens, Clarence P. Dixon, Ezra Hamilton and Ernest L. Tate.

Kenneth E. Rhinehardt, Clarence S. Burgin, William L. Stockton, Robert Byrd, Jr., Bis Lewis, Harry Swofford, Theron F. McCauley, William R. Thomas, Lawrence R. Parker, John W. Loftis, Dennis L. Morgan, Clarence A. Queen, Marvin A. Hollifield, Will A. Evans, Anderson U. Myers, Romine L. Brown, Arnold J. McCall, Everette G. Johnson, Walter H. Padgett, George W. Smith, Leo F. Poteat, Scott W. Harrison, Thad W. Stewart, Walter L. Bledsoe, John R. Morrow, Lloyd Hollifield, Vernon F. Ellis, Richard Hensley, Walter W. Gibson, Elmer L. Gibson, Roy M. Camp, Erby H. Morris, Clarence D. Freeman.

Richard A. Shaw, Adie A. Wiseman, Jr., Jackson G. Houck, Richard P. Noblitt, Harley Willis, Jr., Ralph D. Patton, Harold M. Cordell, Charlie H. Thomas, Terence M. Poteat, George P. Mace, Macon O. Lewis, Pryor E. Williams, Theo. J. Hollifield, Everett L. Plemmmons, Ralph A. Rutherford, Jack Elliott, John E. Baker, Jeff A. Ollis, Gordon M. Thornton, William E. Hyatt, Lawrence L. Rumpfelt, James C. Rabb, Robert W. Hervey, Dallas C. Duncan, Glenn D. Pyatt, James E. Jones, Frank J. King, Willard Johnson, Curtis K. Poteat and Vernon T. Eckerd.

SERMON TOPICS GIVEN FOR FIRST METHODIST

The sermon topics at the First Methodist church for next Sunday have been announced by the pastor, Dr. D. E. Camak, as follows: At 11 a. m., "Helping Jesus"; 7:30 p. m., "The Rock of Refuge." The Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting will be held Sunday evening at 6:30.

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Billy Bolton, ministerial student of Lenoir Rhyne College, will conduct the services at St. John's Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion Thursday morning at 10:30 conducted by Rev. Albert P. Mack, of Rutherfordton.

MCDOWELL BOY SCOUTS ADVANCED AT HONOR COURT FRIDAY NIGHT

The March Boy Scout court of honor for McDowell county was held at the First Methodist church here last Friday night.

The meeting was opened by singing America, followed by the invocation by Dr. D. E. Camak, and repeating the Scout oath led by R. M. Schiele, Scout executive.

Advancements in rank were made as follows:

Tenderfoot: Joe Jenkins, Earl Bright and James Duncan, troop 4, Marion; Richard Collins, troop 6, Marion; Lawrence Berryhill, Albert Brooks, Phillip Davis, Clarence Seagle and Dean Taylor, troop 3, Marion; Billie Durham, troop 1, Ashford.

Second class rank: Max Cordell, Charles Inscor and Billie Walker, troop 3, Marion.

First class rank: Carl Rayburn, troop 4, Marion.

Tenderfoot Air Scout candidates: Hunter Ballew and Jack Corpening, troop 1, Nebo.

Merit badges were awarded as follows:

Animal Industry: Jimmy Ray, troop 6, Marion.

Cooking and Firemanship: Rodger Patterson, troop 4, Marion.

Forestry: John Beaman, troop 6, Marion.

First Aid: Eugene Toney, troop 1, Nebo.

Home Repair: Arthur Price, Jack Sherrill and Winfred Sherrill, troop 2, Marion; Vance Wilson, troop 1, Nebo; Claud Townsend, troop 1, Ashford; Jack Murray, troop 4, Marion; Pat England, troop 6, Marion.

Pathfinding and Personal Health: Henry S. Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Public Health: Franklin Pace, Ralph Gouge and Jackie Lonon, troop 3, Marion.

Star Rank: Roy Davis, Jr., troop 6, Marion; Jack Corpening, troop 1, Nebo.

Bronze Eagle Ualm: John Beaman, troop 6, Marion.

Postage Rates To Be Increased Effective Sunday, March 26

First class mail for local delivery will cost three cents postage beginning March 26, Postmaster Barron Caldwell stated yesterday. Post and postal cards are unaffected.

The rate increase is one of several affecting postage rates, and fees for money orders, registered, insured and C. O. D. mail, the postmaster pointed out.

Air mail stamps, which formerly cost six cents, have jumped to eight, for mailing from one postoffice to another on the U. S. mainland, including Alaska.

However, the rate of six cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, established in October, 1942, will be the same for air mail sent to or by the armed forces overseas, served through army and navy postoffices.

Mailing charges on parcel post have increased three per cent, except for books and catalogues for which there is a separate rate schedule. The cost of mailing a book weighing a pound or under is now four cents, each additional pound adding three cents to the charge. Library books may also be mailed for four cents for the first pound, the increase per pound thereafter being a cent.

Slight revisions upward have been made in the cost of money orders, registered and insured mail, and on C. O. D.'s. Surcharges have also been added.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT EAST MARION

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the two-story frame dwelling house owned by W. C. McCall and occupied by Beeler Boone at East Marion last Friday afternoon. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock, and had already made considerable headway before the alarm was given.

NEW RESIDENCE

Thos. E. Hall is erecting a five-room residence on North Garden street.

Gowan, Davis, Parker On New Election Board

M'Dowell County Group Named By Officials At Raleigh Last Saturday.

T. W. Gowan, of Pleasant Gardens, and Roy W. Davis, Marion attorney, Democrats, and E. W. Parker, of Marion, will constitute the new McDowell County Board of Elections. They were appointed Saturday by the State Board of Elections in Raleigh.

Mr. Gowan, the present chairman, has been a member of the county board for several years. Mr. Parker succeeds W. H. Hawkins, Republican member of the board for the past two years, and Mr. Davis succeeds the late G. W. Kirkpatrick.

The board will meet in the near future to organize. Since the registration books will open next month, the new election board, which is responsible for the conduct of elections in the county, is expected to appoint the registrars and judges—one registrar and two judges, one of the latter a Republican, for each precinct—in the near future.

The State Board of elections also fixed dates and meeting places for county board chairmen to meet with members of the State board to discuss the handling of absentee ballots of servicemen. One of these six regional meetings will be held in Asheville on April 3.

The board also offered two amendments to the regulations governing the soldier absentee ballot bill, designed to simplify the mailing and handling of ballots used by service personnel.

The amendments to the absentee regulations provide that a separate register be set up for absentee voters (servicemen only) and also provides that a second record book be kept of those members of the armed forces whose names have been submitted for registration but who are not qualified for various reasons.

Another amendment provides that county elections board chairmen mail ballots to service personnel within the continental United States as soon as possible after an application is in hand.

The registration books open at the polling places April 29. They will be open for three Saturdays, and the third Saturday after April 29 will be challenge day.

The first primary will be held on May 27, and the second will come on June 24.

JACK REYNOLDS SPENDS LEAVE AT HIS HOME HERE

Second Class Petty Officer Jack Reynolds, who is serving in the army transport branch of the Merchant Marines, arrived last week from the South Pacific to spend a leave of about two weeks at his home here.

Reynolds has been in service about six months. He received his training at St. Petersburg, Fla., but was able to complete this training sooner than the required length of time because of his previous experience in radio work.

Reynolds explained that the work of the army transport men is to transport troops to battle areas and bring wounded men back to the states.

NEW RECRUITS

New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes Illinois, include two Marion men. They are Charles Grayson Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vernon Nichols, and Charles Hagen Childers, husband of Mrs. Mary Martha Childers, Ashworth avenue.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill, and naval procedure. Soon they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service school, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Each time Uncle Sam pays out a dollar for food for the Allies, almost 17 cents goes for dehydrated foods.