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Five Announce Candidacy For Nomination and Re-election On The Democratic Ticket

Offer For Re-election On Past Record; County Indebtedness Greatly Reduced.

In this issue, The Progress carries the announcement of the county officials who will be candidates in the May primaries. The announcements for re-election are: Z. L. Lackey, Register of Deeds; J. Clyde Rabb, Representative to the General Assembly; I. L. Caplan, C. A. Workman, and Charles Holland for commissioners.

Mr. Lackey is completing a four year term. He is well known throughout the county and is offering himself to the Democratic voters on his record. Mr. Lackey lives at Old Fort.

J. Clyde Rabb has represented the county for the past two terms in Legislature. He feels that his experience as Legislator better qualifies him now than ever before to represent the people and tax payers of the county in Legislature. Mr. Rabb is well known throughout the county, has been connected with the business life for many years. His home is in the Pleasant Gardens community.

The commissioners are well known to voters of the county. Mr. Caplan has been a member of the board for the past ten years, he has been chairman for the last eight years. He is a prominent business man in the town of Old Fort where he is engaged in the drug business. In making this announcement Mr. Caplan states that he is acceding to request of many voters throughout the county that he continue on the board. He further states that owing to war emergencies that he will not make any campaign in the May primaries, but will rely upon his record as commissioner for the past ten years.

Mr. Workman is a leading business man in the town of Marion. He is engaged in the mercantile business, he has been a member of the board of commissioners for the past eight years. Mr. Workman is recognized as a capable business man. He like Mr. Caplan is too busy to take time out to make a campaign. He feels that the people of the county will give him a vote of confidence in the May primaries for his work, effort, and cooperation with the other commissioners to give the county an able administration of county affairs.

Mr. Holland is a well known farmer of the Montford Cove section. He succeeded the late R. P. Morris as commissioner. He has held only one elective term. In offering for re-election, Mr. Holland states that he will continue to cooperate with the Board of Commissioners as a whole and will do everything he can to see to it that the county's affairs are efficiently managed, and that the tax payers will be given full value for the tax money.

In speaking for the county affairs, Mr. Caplan, chairman, states that the financial affairs of the county are in excellent shape. Figures showing the county's bond indebtedness indicate that the financial affairs of the county have been ably handled. When Mr. Caplan came in (Continued on last page)

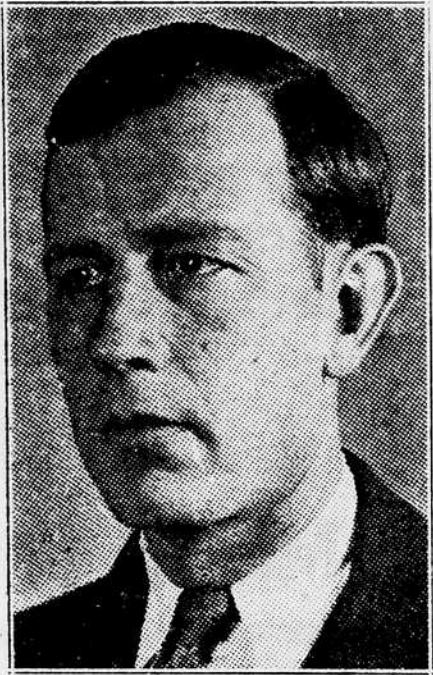
W. E. GRANT KILLED BY FALLING TREE AT OLD FORT LAST MONDAY

William Ewart Grant, 39, was killed Monday morning when a large tree fell on him in the woods back of his home near Old Fort.

At the time of the accident, he and his father, Mont L. Grant, were felling trees.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Gay McNeil Grant; one son, Robert Grant; two brothers, Otis E., of Newport News, Va., and Sgt. Locke Grant, of Victoria, Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. Leslie Woodford, of Akron, O., Mrs. Clyde Nesbitt, of Old Fort, and Miss Eula Mae Grant, of Newport News, and the father.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Old Fort Baptist church by Rev. D. C. Wesson, Rev. W. E. Pettit and Rev. H. C. Marley.



SEEKS RE-ELECTION—Zeb L. Lackey above, announces that he will enter the Democratic primary on May 27 for nomination and re-election to the office of Register of Deeds.

ORGANIZE SCOUTERS CLUB; OFFICERS NAMED

A Scouters club for McDowell county was organized at a supper meeting at the Community building here last Thursday night.

The meeting was opened by singing America, after which Rev. V. P. Crowder of Nebo gave the invocation. A bounteous supper was served by the ladies of the Lutheran church.

The meeting was called to order by John M. Snoddy, vice-president of this county, and all troops were recognized.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Carl Rankins, of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, was introduced by Hugh Beam. Dr. Rankin pointed out that many people think of scouting as a boys project only. He showed that scouting must be supported by the men of a community. He emphasized that a cub scout program should be started in this community.

Following the address by Dr. Rankin, a Scouters club was organized with 56 members. The following officers were elected: Frank Goldsmith, assistant Scout commissioner; Rev. V. P. Crowder, president; S. J. Westmoreland, vice-president; and Hugh Beam, secretary.

NAVY RECRUITER TO BE HERE TODAY AND FRIDAY

A Navy recruiter will be in the City Hall in Marion on Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14, and will accept an unlimited number of applications for enlistment in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve, and also from women for enrollment in the WAVES, it was announced here today by Chief Signalman C. J. Rhinehardt of the Asheville Navy Recruiting Station. The age limits for enlistment in the Navy or the Naval Reserve is 17 and 38 to 50, and for the Waves, 20 to 36.

Chief Rhinehardt urges all men 17 years of age to apply for enlistment in the Navy well in advance of their eighteenth birthday, for, as he points out, after a man becomes eighteen years of age and is registered for selective service, he may no longer voluntarily enlist in the Navy.

W. J. YOUNG PURCHASES ESSO SERVICE STATION

Young's Esso Station on North Main street has been purchased from Kenneth Young by W. J. Young, it was announced this week. Kenneth Young left Tuesday to enter service in the U. S. Navy. W. J. Young stated that the station would continue to operate as Young's Esso Station.

W. J. Young was employed as a salesman for Becker's Bakery before purchasing the station.

It took 581,000 gallons of oil to send American bombers to their first assault on Rome and bring them back to base.

\$13,013 Raised In Red Cross County Drive

Detailed Report Made On Contributions; Reports Made By Other Committees.

Dr. Carl W. McMurray, chairman of the McDowell county unit of the American Red Cross, presided at a meeting of this organization held in the community building last Tuesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to review the reports of the various committees and the work which they are doing.

Eugene Cross, chairman of the War Fund drive, gave a report showing that a total of \$13,013.07 had been raised during the drive. The quota for McDowell county was \$10,200.00, which was oversubscribed to the extent of \$2,813.07. Mr. Cross expressed his appreciation for the generous response he received from individuals, business firms and manufacturing establishments. The chairman also expressed his appreciation for the splendid work and excellent spirit of cooperation of all his co-workers. The detailed report of contributions received during the drive, as read at the meeting, is listed below:

Manufacturing plants, Otis Broyles, chairman, \$8,757.01.

Special contributions, S. R. Cross, chairman, \$1,951.00.

Residential district, Mrs. G. B. Justice, chairman, \$332.50.

Business district, E. P. Dameron, chairman, \$624.71.

City schools, \$232.18.

Miscellaneous contributions, \$39.60.

Outlying district, Homer Beaman, chairman, \$1,076.07.

Included in the contributions received from the outlying district was money received from county schools, \$390.57; Grange, \$13.50; Home Economics clubs, \$166.00, and miscellaneous, \$6.00.

Mrs. W. W. Neal, Jr., gave an interesting report for the production committee. This report stated that about an hundred ladies have given of their time in this work with approximately half this number working more or less regularly. During the past nine months special mention was made of the fact a group of ladies in Old Fort were doing good work in production, and that a club of ladies from Pleasant Gardens came in once a week to work in the Red Cross production room. During (Continued on last page)

LT. WILLIAM MELTON IS AWARDED AIR MEDAL

Second Lt. William B. Melton of Marion was awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in five missions against the enemy, it is announced by the Bureau of Public Relations, Air Corps. He is a pilot with a M-24 Liberator group operating from basins in Italy.

Lt. Melton is a graduate of Black Mountain high school and was employed with the U. S. Forest Service prior to his enlistment as an aviation cadet in June, 1942. He was given his wings and commission from Turner Field in April, 1943.

PLEASANT GARDENS P. T. A. GIVES \$60.25 TO CANNERY

The Parent-Teacher Association of Pleasant Gardens received \$60.25 from a recreation night program last Friday evening, it was announced yesterday.

The proceeds will be contributed to the community cannery, it was stated.

New Ration Book Regulations

Officials of the local War Price and Rationing board wish to call to the attention of the public that new regulations have been received from OPA headquarters concerning procedure when ration books have been lost or stolen.

The new regulations, effective immediately, states that before the local War Price and Rationing board

Cherry Speaks At Rotary Club Meeting Here

Candidate For Governor Discusses Government; Club Officers Elected.

R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, Democratic candidate for governor, was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club here last Friday.

The speaker was introduced by Thurman Richie, former townsman.

Mr. Cherry gave an interesting talk on "State Government." He explained briefly the financial structure of the state, the various services rendered and the importance of being prepared to assist young men and women now in the service at the close of the war.

In discussing the financial condition of the state he explained how a large surplus had accumulated solely on account of war conditions and stated that the money ought to be used to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the state.

Mr. Cherry stated that in his opinion the greatest war problem was that of returning approximately twelve million service men and women to civilian life. About one-third of them, he explained, will face changed conditions and stated that it is the duty of the government and civilian organizations to cooperate in some definite manner in giving them assistance in returning to a peacetime life.

Dr. Macon Hewitt was elected president of the club for the ensuing year succeeding Marshall Dark.

Other officers elected were as follows: A. C. Hewitt, Jr., vice-president; J. A. Wier, secretary; Hubert Martin, treasurer, and Lloyd Hair, sergeant at arms.

The board of directors is composed of the following:

Dr. Macon Hewitt, A. C. Hewitt, Jr., J. A. Wier, B. A. Buff, Marshall Dark and J. P. Jameson.

Guests at the meeting included R. I. McKinnis, R. W. Proctor, R. W. Twitty, W. D. Lonon, Charles McCall, Joe K. Giles and Sammie Home-wood, honor student of the Marion high school for the month.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE OF \$1176.80

Receipts for the quarter ending March 31 reached a total of \$11,163.30, Barron Caldwell, postmaster, stated yesterday.

For the corresponding period last year receipts were \$9986.50, it was stated. Thus the quarter just ended shows an increase of \$1176.80 over the March, 1943 quarter.

Records at the post office also show the total sales of "E" bonds during January, February and March, 1944 as \$74,193.75.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Lenten services will be conducted at St. John's Episcopal church Friday evening (Good Friday) at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Albert P. Mack of Rutherfordton.

The service next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. Peter Lambert of Penland.

L. G. REDDING RESIGNS PASTORATE AT OLD FORT

Old Fort—The Rev. L. G. Redding of Old Fort resigned as pastor of the Greenleaf Baptist church Sunday morning, effective the first of September. He has been pastor four years. Mr. Redding will continue as pastor of the Cherry Springs Baptist church for half time.



MARION VISITOR—R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, visited friends in Marion last Friday and was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club.

PROCTOR AND LONON TO MANAGE CHERRY'S CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY

Robt. W. Proctor, prominent Marion attorney, and W. D. Lonon, Marion attorney and solicitor of county court, were named last week to manage R. Gregg Cherry's campaign in McDowell county.

Mr. Cherry of Gastonia, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, spent last Friday afternoon in Marion in the interest of his campaign here. He stated while here that he had visited practically every section of the state and that he was confident of receiving the nomination in the primary. He was given a cordial welcome here.

Messrs. Proctor and Lonon, co-managers, plan an active campaign in behalf of Mr. Cherry's candidacy in this county.

38 McDOWELL MEN LEAVE MARION FOR ARMED SERVICES

Thirty-eight men who have been accepted for Navy service left here Tuesday morning for induction at the army center in Spartanburg.

The list follows:

Thomas Y. Angell, Clifton Raper, Wayne C. Dillingham, Donald R. Harvey, Locke C. Tate, Edgar A. Allen, Eligh M. Davis, Jones E. Poate, James E. Smith, Daniel J. Whitener, Jessie L. Reel, Goler Holtsclaw, William R. Granger, Jno. Carl Edwards, Charles H. Smith, Roy D. Grant, Willard R. Ricks, James T. Brooks, Sr., Carl W. Houston, Herman A. Summey, Walter F. Jackson, Louis R. Thomas, William H. Poteat, Edgar B. Henline, Robert J. Grant, James L. Ferguson, James V. Reynolds, Ralph A. Gibbs, Kenneth Young, William B. Wright, Donald D. Duncan, Edward Sherlin, Calvin E. Vess, Roy P. Hensley, David C. Lowery, Harlan R. White, Paul E. Plack and Donald J. Burnette.

In addition to the above list three men Edwin V. Lawing, John T. Messer and Thomas H. Norman were transferred to other boards for induction.

VFW ELECTS OFFICERS AT RECENT MEETING

At a recent meeting of Mount Mitchell Post 2865 of Veterans of Foreign Wars the following officers were elected for the year:

Barron P. Caldwell, Post commander; Troy W. Riddle, Senior Vice commander; Benjamin H. Chapman, Junior Vice commander; W. Ed. Conley, Quartermaster; J. Edison Houck, Advocate; George A. Con-drey, Chaplain, and Julius G. Brooks, Trustee.

These officers and those appointed will be installed at the regular meeting in the Community Building April 18.

This will be an important meeting as plans must be made to help care for service men and women when they return.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO HAVE JOINT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Legion room of the community building, according to announcement this week.

Food Stamps Have No Date Of Expiration

No Change, However, In Manner In Which They Become Good, It Is Announced.

Expiration dates for food stamps are out for the duration, housewives are reminded by the war price and rationing board.

Red and blue stamps in war ration book No. 4 will be good indefinitely, but no change in the manner in which stamps become good will be made. Housewives will continue to get three red stamps worth 30 points every second Sunday and five blue stamps worth 50 points the first of every month.

Removal of expiration dates on red and blue food stamps in war ration book No. 4 applies to all trade levels as well as to consumers.

This change in no way affects the time within which brown stamps V, W, X, Y and Z in war ration book No. 3 and green stamps K, L and M in war ration book No. 4 must be used by the trade.

Initial dates of current ration stamps follow:

Red (ration book No. 4) meats, fats and oils, canned fish and dairy products:

A8, B8 and C8, Feb. 27; D8, E8 and F8, March 12; G8, H8 and J8, March 26; K8, L8 and M8, April 9; N8, P8 and Q8, April 23. Good for 10 points.

These stamps have no assigned expiration date, either for consumers or the trade.

Blue (ration book No. 4) processed foods:

A8, B8, D8 and E8, Feb. 27; F8, G8, H8, J8 and K8, April 1. Good for 10 points.

These stamps have no assigned expiration date, either for consumer or the trade.

Stamp No. 30—Sunday, Jan. 16.

Stamp No. 31—Saturday, April 1.

These stamps have no assigned expiration date, either for consumer or the trade.

Sugar stamp No. 40—Saturday, Jan. 29 (home canning). This stamp is good in the hands of the consumer through Feb. 28, 1945. It cannot be used without ration book account after Mar. 31, 1945, and may not be deposited to ration bank account after Apr. 10, 1945.

The following food stamps have expired in the hands of consumers. They must be used by the trade within the time indicated below:

Brown stamps (ration book 3) V, W, X cannot be used without ration bank account after Mar. 27, and may not be deposited to ration bank account after Apr. 6, 1944.

Green stamps (ration book 4) K, L, M, cannot be used without ration bank account after Apr. 20, and may not be deposited to ration bank account after June 30, 1944.

W. M. U. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AT CLEAR CREEK CHURCH NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual associational meeting of the W. M. U. of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will be held at the Clear Creek Baptist church Wednesday, April 12, it was announced this week by Mrs. C. C. Parker, associational superintendent.

A very interesting program beginning at 10 a. m. has been arranged for the day, it is stated. Miss Attie Bostic of Shelby, a returned missionary, will be the principal speaker. Others who will take part on the program include Miss Ruth Keller of Granite Falls, new field worker, and Mrs. E. S. Elliott of Cherryville.

Representatives from the various churches throughout the county will attend the meeting. Everybody is invited to attend.

CADET Wm. ALLEY ENTERS PILOT SCHOOL IN MACON

Aviation Cadet William R. Alley, Jr., of Marion, has completed the first stage of his flight training at the AAF primary school in Douglas, Ga., and has been transferred to Cochran Field, Macon, Ga., for the intermediate stage of his flying training.