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County Board Names Officials For the Primary

Registrars And Judges Named For Primary On May 27 At Meeting Saturday.

The McDowell County Board of Elections met Saturday and named registrars and judges for the county's 17 precincts in the primary May 27, it was announced Monday by T. W. Gowan, chairman of the board.

Members of the board in addition to Mr. Gowan are Roy W. Davis, Democrat, secretary, and E. W. Parker, Republican.

The registration books will open April 29 and remain open for three consecutive Saturdays—April 29, May 6 and 13—at the polling places. May 20 will be challenge day, one week before the primary.

The precinct registrars, Democratic and Republican judges in order are listed as follows:

Marion No. 1—Alvin Rader, registrar; John Finley and Jack James, judges.

Marion No. 2—Jack Morris, registrar; Justice Bright and one to be named.

Marion No. 3—Worth Biggerstaff, registrar; J. A. Cannon and Corn Buchanan, judges.

Marion No. 4—A. R. Flack, registrar; Fred Brooks and Martin Swann, judges.

Marion No. 5—A. W. Rader, registrar; Marion Padgett and Virgie Bradburn, judges.

Bracketts—George Rhom, registrar; Loyd Toney and W. R. Stone, judges.

Buck Creek—W. H. Hennessee, Jr., registrar; Tom Patton and Hezekiah Simmons, judges.

Dysartsville—Carson Jarrett, registrar; Frank Daves and J. P. Gibbs, judges.

Glenwood—Grayson Marlowe, registrar; Clyde Hemphill and J. O. Gordon, judges.

Higgins—E. L. Carter, registrar; J. H. Simpson and Sam Marlowe, judges.

Montford Cove—George Marlowe, registrar; Oscar B. Morgan and Manley Ledford, judges.

Nebo—T. W. Stacy, registrar; Jay Ballew and W. C. Fortune, judges.

Old Fort No. 1—Charles Tate, registrar; E. L. McDaniel and M. G. Turner, judges.

Old Fort No. 2—J. F. Harmon, registrar; W. C. Silver and R. W. Silver, judges.

Turkey Cove—Jim Boyd, registrar; Gene Good and J. Webb Hollifield, judges.

North Cove—J. M. Carpenter, registrar; Rhom Brown and Charles McCall, judges.

Crooked Creek—Fred Lytle, registrar; Clarence Gillian and J. W. Hogan, judges.

FIFTY-SEVEN McDOWELL MEN PLACED IN CLASS 1-A

Fifty-seven men have been reclassified and placed in 1-A for military service by the local draft board here during the past week.

The list follows:
Frank J. Beam, Edwin P. Hawkins, John P. Webster, John L. Swofford, William F. Roland, Paul W. Lavender, Everett L. Pyatt, Paul W. Toney, James L. Lane, John W. McCarthy, Henry C. Finley, J. D. Hayes, Ernest J. Wood, Clarence F. Biddix, Clyde R. McKinney, Bruce McNeal, Eugene M. Toney, Robert E. Morris, Joseph N. Presnell, Steve J. Lowery, Ralph M. Haynes and Albert H. Morgan.

Ted R. Souther, Alfred L. Thomas, Coman Kirkpatrick, Willard D. Brown, Paul T. Burnette, George Leicester, William L. Allison, Carl L. Price, O. P. Copeland, Henry A. Cook, Donald L. Turner, Orville Fender, James M. Robinson, Bernard W. Fender, E. O. Crawley, William H. McLean, Jimmie H. Bradley, Cecil J. Clontz, Ercel L. Barlowe, Robert G. Jarrett, Robert J. Gibson, Howard Williams, Romie H. Holmes, Richard Hensley, Walter W. Gibson, Harold M. Cordell, Lenard E. Moore, Leander W. Bruner, Paul A. Davis, James P. Arrowood, Claude F. Lonon, Grady H. Moody, William E. Burnett, Roscoe Mace and James D. Wyatt.

IMPORTANT CEILING PRICE MEETINGS HERE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Mrs. Pearl Humphrey, apparel and drug specialist from the district Office of Price Administration, Charlotte, N. C., is scheduled to meet with apparel merchants here Monday evening, April 17th, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting for drug merchants will be held at 9:30 Tuesday morning, April 18th.

These meetings will be held in the offices of the local War Price and Ration Board located in the City Hall building. All apparel merchants and druggists are urged to attend these very important meetings.

LT. WHITSON KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Word was received yesterday that Second Lieutenant Warren A. Whitson, U. S. Marine Air Corps, was killed in an airplane crash at Santa Barbara, California on Monday, April 10.

Whitson graduated with honors from the Marion high school and received his training at Paris Island, S. C., Quantico, Va., stations in Virginia and Florida, and New Orleans. He volunteered for the U. S. Marine Air Corps four years ago.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Whitson, three brothers and six sisters, Walter Whitson, Mrs. Clarence Duncan, Mrs. Paul Morris, Mrs. Carl McKinney, Misses Evelyn and Ruby Whitson, of Marion; Herbie Whitson of South Charleston, West Virginia, and Pvt. First Class Thomas E. Whitson, U. S. Air Corps in England.

P. T. A. MEETING TONIGHT AT PLEASANT GARDENS

The April meeting of the Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the community building at Pleasant Gardens school tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock. Features of the meeting will be a picnic supper and music by the rhythm band, under the direction of Miss Elsie House. Officers of the association will be elected for the ensuing year.

McDOWELL MEN LEAVE MARION FOR ARMED SERVICES

Sixty-two men who have been accepted for Army service left here Friday morning for induction at the army center in Fort Bragg.

The list follows:
William J. Stamey, Grady W. Goode, Earl H. Snypes, Chester B. Gilliam, Harrill L. Rumpfelt, Gene L. Simmons, John T. Padgham, Earl J. Brown, James Williams, Daniel H. Willis, Robert L. Allison, Fred R. Harris, Holden C. Duncan, James E. Mason, Richard G. Roberts, Turner L. Robbins, John A. Carr, Mitchell L. Chapman, Arnold B. Lytle, Pink Lewis, Charles A. McKinney, Thurston G. Haynes, Jesse P. Cannon, William H. Morrow, Robert G. Radford, John L. Lewis, Albert N. Burnette, Earl Isaacs, Robert L. Young, Clyde T. Whitesides, Ernest B. Hollifield, Roy T. Brotherton, Richard C. Carter, Albert H. W. Laughter, Curtis Parker, William Brown, William J. Brown, Albert A. Elliott, Benjamin C. Epley, Clyde W. Rayburn, Horace A. Poole, Carl F. Hensley, Jay V. Dixon, Baxter H. Wheelchel, Henry I. McGee, Roby L. Seagle, Joseph D. Gibson, William V. Hughes, Floyd W. Stikeleather, Alvin R. Bartlett, Woodrow A. Wall, Clifton R. McCormick, Harry M. Gilliam, Clyde W. Holland, Austin J. Harris, Clarence C. Wise, Joseph P. Roland, Howard C. Osborne, Dysart M. Hawkins, Paul G. Willis, Troy B. Marler and William P. Elliott, Jr.

In addition to the above list three men, Ozier G. Stevens, John Greene, and Norman G. Grant, were transferred to other boards.

MARION MERCHANTS TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday night, April 13, at 8 o'clock in the fireman's room, city hall. Price ceilings and others matters of interest to the members of the association will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

Finals Pleasant Gardens School Set For May 9

Former Governor Clyde Hoy To Deliver Commencement Address Sunday, May 9.

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoy of Shelby will deliver the commencement address to the senior class of Pleasant Gardens High School on the night of May 9 in the school auditorium.

The honor students of the class are Mabel Morgan, valedictorian; Opal Haynes, salutatorian.

The schedule for the remaining program of commencement is as follows:

Senior Class Play, "He Couldn't Marry Five," Friday evening, April 21.

Music Recital Friday evening, May 5.

Baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, May 7, at eleven o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. W. E. Abrams, pastor of the Clear Creek Baptist church.

Senior Class Night, May 8.

TROUT SEASON OPENS SATURDAY, APRIL 15

The trout fishing season in this area will open Saturday, April 15, it was announced this week by T. W. Gowan, county game warden.

Trout may be taken April 15th in the territory in and west of Alleghany, Wilkes, Rutherford and west of highway 18 in Burke and Caldwell counties, it was explained.

The Division of Game and Inland Fisheries reminded anglers that all persons over 16 years old who fish outside their home counties must have a State resident fishing permit which costs \$2.10, or a daily resident permit at sixty cents. The non-resident season license is \$5.10; non-resident daily permit \$1.10. Several counties require a county resident license of \$1.10.

The daily trout limit is 12; size limit 7 inches. No more than two days' limit may be possessed at one time.

The closed season for all other species of fish will be from April 15 to June 9, inclusive, it was stated.

Waters open the entire year to fishing for non-game fish, subject to state regulations, include Catawba river from Yancey bridge at head of Lake James to mouth of Crooked creek in McDowell county.

OLD FORT CONTRIBUTES \$547 TO RED CROSS FUND

Eugene Cross, chairman of the War Fund drive for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, states that during the past week he received an additional contribution of \$47.84 from Old Fort. This gift makes a total of \$547.84 received from Old Fort where the drive was headed by Horace Early and C. L. Norwood.

Mr. Cross further says that the co-chairmen of Old Fort reported that they had received a very hearty response during this drive and that the people of this community were definitely conscious of the excellent work being done by the Red Cross, and that they welcomed the opportunity of having a part in this work to the extent of contributions of \$547.84.

DR. HASSELL SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEETING

Dr. Hassell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Spindale, was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club last Friday. He gave an interesting talk on Japan and of his work there as a missionary.

MELTON PROMOTED

William R. Melton of Marion, pilot with a B-24 Liberator group in Italy, was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the USAAF. His wife, Mrs. Georgia Melton, resides in Marion.

Lt. Melton has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for participation in sustained operational activity against the enemy.

Dates Set For Registration For Canning Sugar

Registration Will Be Held At Various School Buildings April 27 And 28.

The local office of the War Price and Rationing Board announces that registration for sugar for home canning purposes will be held again this year. The dates set for this registration is on the afternoons of April 27 and 28.

The plan of registration is similar to that of last year with the registration being held at the various school buildings of Marion and McDowell county.

Only one registration will be held this year as compared to several last year, therefore, it will be necessary for all persons contemplating the need of additional sugar to make application for it on the dates set out above. The maximum amount of sugar available for home canning is the same as last year; that is, not more than 25 lbs. per person. Of this amount 5 lbs. has been available for the past several weeks through the use of sugar stamp No. 40 in War Ration Book No. 4. The remaining 20 lbs. may be obtained by making application at one of the school sites in the county on either April 27 or 28.

FREE CHECK TO BE MADE ON PRESSURE COOKERS

Everyone in Marion and throughout McDowell County who owns a pressure cooker is asked to bring it to the office of Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, on April 22 for a free check-up on valves and gauges by Mr. Bickle, agriculture engineer of Raleigh.

Although Mr. Bickle will not check the cookers until April 25, it will be necessary to have the cookers in that office by April 22 so that they may be labeled and ready for the engineer to check on Tuesday, Miss Steele stated.

It is especially stressed that all pressure cookers should be checked regardless of whether they operate satisfactorily or not, and it was also explained that the check must be made with the aid of an instrument especially designed for that purpose. Owners may call for their cookers at 2:30 p. m. April 25 and find out at that time what improvements should be made.

KEETER RETURNS TO THE STATE HOSPITAL

W. K. Keeter, who formerly had served in the capacities of business manager and steward, has returned to the staff of the State Hospital in Morganton as director of credits, collections and public relations, it is announced by the Morganton News-Herald.

Mr. Keeter, it is stated, has already assumed his duties and will spend part of his time in the field, traveling throughout the western half of the state in dealing with the families of patients and with public officials in the counties served by the institution.

Mr. Keeter is a former resident of Marion.

SGT. COOPER AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Sgt. Ruth P. Cooper, whose home is in Marion, has been awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, a unit of the Air Service Command, Army Air Forces, it has been announced by the field's public relations office.

The medals are awarded to women "who have demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation."

Sgt. Cooper is assigned to the WAC Detachment No. 1 and is serving as a typist with her organization. Before entering the Army on March 6, 1943, she was a cashier with Belk-Broome Company in Marion.

FIFTEEN MILLION MUST FILE TAX DECLARATIONS BY APRIL 15 THIS YEAR

By April 15 this year declarations of estimated 1944 income and victory tax will be required of some 15 million Americans, the Bureau of Internal Revenue predicts.

When the federal "pay-as-you-go" system of income tax payment was put into effect the middle of last year, it became necessary for the Bureau of Internal Revenue to make arrangements to collect income and victory tax in quarterly "pay-as-you-go" instalments. For a large number of wage-earners and salaried persons, their instalments were taken care of by employers' deductions from pay-checks. For some wage-earners and salaried persons and others whose income came from other sources, declarations—accompanied by instalments where taxes were due—were required.

In 1944, "pay-as-you-go" is in effect for the whole year, and withholding by employers is expected to take care of the tax obligations of most Americans. For others—farmers and farm laborers included—tax declarations and instalment payments still are necessary. Farmers—but not farm wage earners—may wait until December 15 to make their declarations, but if they wait, they must pay the entire amount due at that time.

The following single persons (married persons who have "separated" are considered single) must file declarations and if taxes are due, pay instalments by April 15:

1. Those who make more than \$2,700 in wages that are subject to withholding by employers.
2. Those who make more than \$100 from sources not subject to withholding, provided their total income, regardless of source, is expected to be \$500 or more.

The following married persons (who have not "separated") must file declarations and if taxes are due pay instalments by April 15:

1. Those who have a total income of more than \$3,500 in wages that are subject to withholding by employers.
2. Those who make more than \$100 from sources not subject to withholding provided that—(a) their combined income, regardless of source, is expected to be \$1,200 or more, or (b) one individual income, regardless of source, is expected to be more than \$624.

MEETING OF CONCORD PRESBYTERIAL HERE APRIL 25TH AND 26TH

The regular annual meeting of Concord Presbyterian will convene in the First Presbyterian church here on April 25th and 26th. A large attendance is expected.

One of the highlights on the program will be an address Tuesday night, April 25th, by Miss Lucy Steele, of Peace Institute, Raleigh. This will be of especial interest to business girls and women, but everyone is invited. A detailed program will appear in next week's paper.

Mrs. Chas. A. Harris, who is a Presbyterian officer, will entertain members of the Executive Board at dinner on Tuesday evening, April 25th.

BENJAMIN I. WALKER IS GIVEN PROMOTION

Benjamin I. Walker, who has served in the China-Burma-India Theater of War for the past 12 months, has recently been promoted to the rank of Technician Grade V.

Technician Walker is the son of Mrs. Ellen Walker of Marion. Prior to induction into the Army he was employed by the Container Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland. Attached to an engineering unit located deep in the Indo-Burma jungles, Walker is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Bronze Star.

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ANNOUNCE NEW HOURS

The following Marion industrial plants will change the time of opening from 8 a. m. to 7 a. m. beginning on Monday, April 17, Mayor J. F. Wilkinson announced this week: Drexel Furniture Company, Broyhill Furniture Company, R. L. James and Son, McPar Hosiery Mills, Overlook Knitting Mill, Marion Hosiery Mills, Barnesline Hosiery Mill, Elizabeth James No. 2, Seagle Lumber Company and Josephine Mills.

Men Over 26 Gain Respite From Service

Those In Essential Work Not To Be Called Yet—Younger Class To Be Speeded.

Washington, April 9.—With most of the older men temporarily sidetracked, the nation's 6,400 draft boards will hustle this week to get men under 26 years old into combat-training to replace coming battle casualties.

The war department, in announcing that the army has reached its planned strength of 7,700,000, said last week this "peak" will be exceeded in April in order to begin at once the training of young men so they will be ready when needed to replace men falling in battle. Basic training takes three months.

Need Young Men Immediately

Then came Saturday's order from Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey to postpone all draft procedure for men 26 and older who are in jobs making a contribution to the war. Hershey said the army and navy told him they need young men now, even if it means failure to meet quotas of older registrants.

With this new and urgent emphasis on haste in April, it was obvious that if any substantial number of key men under 26 in vital industries were going to be deferred, selective service must get advice from other government manpower agencies and get it quickly.

Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt, who also heads the committee of manpower claimants, an inter-agency group, was reported today to be ready to hand General Hershey a list of 13 activities in which some deferments are recommended for younger men.

Transportation was on the list, but the Office of Defense transportation acknowledged that only a "small number" of transportation men under 26, such as train dispatchers, will be recommended for deferment.

The Hershey order concerning men 26 and older has confused many men scheduled to report for induction or physical examinations, and some boards themselves were unclear on their exact procedure. These general rules were laid down by a draft headquarters officer today:

1. If an individual is in doubt about what to do, he should contact his local board for instructions.
2. If a local board is in doubt, it should contact the state director.

The new order did not interrupt the current effort to persuade 4-F's to get into essential jobs.

LIEUT. H. E. NOELL, JR. REPORTED WAR PRISONER

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Noell of Shelby that their son, Lt. H. E. Noell, Jr., bomber pilot with the Eighth Air Force is officially stated to be a prisoner of war of Germany.

Lt. Noell, who was reported missing in action since February 10th, is believed to have parachuted to safety when his bomber was shot down over enemy-held territory in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Noell are former residents of Marion.

CPL. HUNTER RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Cpl. Parks Hunter has received the Presidential Citation for meritorious action in the South Pacific while serving in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Hunter resides at the home of Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Morrison. After being wounded at Guadalcanal he was honorably discharged and is at present employed by the National Carbon Company at Morganton.

WACS SEEK RECRUITS

The WAC booth at Belk-Broome Company will be open on Friday, April 21, from 11 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., it was announced last week. Information on the WACs may also be obtained by writing the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Asheville, N. C.