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## Candidates File With Board For County Offices

### Rabb And Neal File For Democratic Nomination For House; GOP Enters Ticket.

The filing deadline in McDowell county arrived Saturday evening with fifteen seeking office, but only one contest looms in the coming primary.

J. C. Rabb, incumbent, and W. W. Neal, Sr., former legislator, both of Marion, filed their candidacies for the Democratic nomination for the house of representatives.

Zeb L. Lackey, incumbent, of Old Fort, and E. C. Hawkins, of Marion, both filed as candidates for the office of register of deeds, but Mr. Hawkins withdrew from the race Monday.

Uncontested in the Democratic primary for re-election are I. L. Caplan, C. A. Workman and C. L. Holland for county commissioners, and E. A. Allanach for surveyor.

W. L. Morris also filed as a candidate for re-election as a member of the county board of education. He has no opposition.

B. L. Robbins, constable in Marion township since 1915 with the exception of two years, also filed and is unopposed for nomination and re-election.

Republicans filing are E. P. Crawford, of Montfords Cove, for house of representatives; C. M. Pool of Marion for register of deeds; J. N. Nesbitt of Old Fort, C. Y. Banning and E. W. Parker, both of Marion, for county commissioners.

### DR. BRAY WILL PREACH BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT NORTH COVE SUNDAY

Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the Marion Baptist Church will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon for the seniors in the North Cove High School auditorium, April 23rd, at 3 p. m.

Dr. Bray is well known throughout the county and he will doubtless have a large audience for this commencement sermon.

On Friday evening, Judge J. W. Pless will deliver the annual address at 8 p. m. Judge Pless has a reputation for able speaking. He has spoken to several of the schools in the county in the past. The people in the North Cove Section are pleased with the announcement that Judge Pless will speak at their school during this year's commencement program.

### MRS. WORKMAN CITED FOR WORK IN FOURTH WAR LOAN

Mrs. C. A. Workman, chairman of the McDowell County Women's Division War Finance Committee, has been presented a citation issued over the facsimile of the Surgeon General U. S. Army, in recognition of the great service rendered in behalf of the Fourth War Loan Drive.

The citation read: "This citation is presented to Mrs. Ada Taylor Workman in appreciation for the sale of 30 E bonds amounting to \$6,468.75 to equal the purchase price of approximately 5.9 per cent participation in Ambulance Plane campaign."

### C. R. McCALL BECOMES OWNER OF THE BENNETT PROPERTY ON N. MAIN

C. R. McCall has purchased from the Bennett estate the property on corner of Main and Fort streets, now occupied by the McCall Funeral Home, it was announced yesterday. The funeral home will be continued at the present location and Mr. McCall announced that extensive improvements will be made on the property in the near future.

### PLEASANT GARDENS GRANGE MEETING

The third and fourth degree of grange work was given at the regular meeting of the Pleasant Gardens Grange Tuesday evening.

Afterwards a recreation program was directed by Mrs. T. M. Burnett and refreshments were served.

### 114 MEN GO TO CAMP CROFT FOR SERVICE EXAMS

One hundred fourteen McDowell County men left here yesterday for pre-induction examinations at Camp Croft. The list follows:

Nelson Willis, Jr., James A. Killough, Harley Willis, Jr., Andrew R. Finley, Tice W. Hicks, William F. Roland, Paul W. Lavender, Albert L. Finley, Willie Gatha Mace, Cecil J. Clontz, Errel L. Barlowe, John P. Webster, George M. Wiggins, Clarence F. Biddix, Ira F. Knupp, Fiburn Dellinger, David E. Warren, Clyde R. McKinney, Albert H. Morgan, Arnold L. Ward.

Ransom Robertson, Lawson Buchanan, Calvin W. Stevens, James H. Young, Jr., Willard Johnson, Curtis K. Poteat, Paul V. Lusk, James R. Ward, Ollis V. Vess, Homer E. Robertson, Lawrence H. Bartlett, James R. Clontz, Wade Miller, Roscoe J. Ruffelt, Loy Max Toney, Virgil G. Hollifield, Elmer L. McGinnis, Floyd A. Bruner, Bruce V. Hoilman, Horace J. Hall, Frank R. Hall.

Arlon T. Bank, Arnold L. Morgan, James H. Finley, Velvie Hugh Dalton, Wilburn Renn Miller, Charles A. McCormick, Lat E. Robinson, Max Jack Hollifield, Parry L. Tiley, James L. Finley, Howard H. Lavender, Everette L. Hutchins, Enoch W. Shirlen, Thad W. Stewart, Clyde G. Rabb, Adie A. Wiseman, Jr., Eugene Causby, Terrence M. Poteat, William L. Early.

Pryor E. Williams, James E. Jones, Fred R. Smith, Eugene V. Lewis, Joseph E. Cuthrell, Addie Y. Causby, Lewis H. Johnson, Roy Woody, Bruce McNeal, Eugene M. Toney, Robert E. Morris, Joseph N. Presnell, Steve J. Lowery, J. D. Addison, John C. Ayers, Clarence E. Finley, Ralph M. Haynes, Flake S. Moffitt, Willie B. Taylor, Norman A. Osborne, Frank J. Beam, Wilburn Stevens.

James T. Taylor, Wade B. Ruffelt, Jasper F. Davis, Earl Grindstaff, Frank J. King, William K. Gill, Jr., Ruben Hutson McKinney, Daniel W. Adams, Jr., Everett L. Pyatt, Paul Webb Toney, James L. Lane, James A. Carswell, John W. McCarthy, James L. Gill, Raymond C. Dennis, Ray Andrew Rhom, Charles H. Trinks, Henry C. Finley, J. D. Hayes, Ernest F. Price, Ernest J. Wood, Homer Lawing, Donald J. Evans, Andrew G. Owensby, George C. Brian, Robert G. Palmer, Elmer E. Mann, Wade Johnson Ruffelt, Carl Phillips, Elmer V. Willis, John H. Willis and Willard Mills.

## Democrats Of McDowell To Hold Meetings

### Precinct Meeting Will Be Held At Voting Places Saturday, April 22, At 2 P. M.

Democratic precinct meetings will be held throughout the county next Saturday in preparation for the county convention April 29, it is announced by R. W. Proctor, chairman of the McDowell county Democratic executive committee.

The county convention which will be held at the court house in Marion at 11 o'clock on Saturday of next week will elect delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on May 4.

County conventions will be held throughout the state on April 29 under the party's plan of organization. Chairmen of McDowell's 17 precincts who will be named next Saturday will hold a session following the convention to elect officers and otherwise prepare for the 1944 election campaign.

Democrats will hold their precinct meetings at 2 o'clock Saturday, assembling at the polling place to elect a precinct committee and to name delegates to the county convention April 29, according to notice issued by the county chairman.

### GARDENS

Canners have been asked to set aside about 40 per cent of this year's pack for war uses as compared with 25 per cent last year. More and better Victory Gardens are needed this year.

## Annual Meeting Of Presbyterian Here Next Week

### Session Will Be Held At First Presbyterian Church Wednesday, April 26.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of Concord Presbytery will meet in the First Presbyterian church here on Wednesday, April 26th, with the president, Mrs. W. H. Goodman, of Kannapolis presiding. Fifty churches are included in this presbytery, covering an area in western North Carolina from Salisbury to Old Fort. Registration will begin at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday. The local Auxiliary president, Mrs. B. F. Pollard, will extend greetings, after which Dr. Carl McMurray will conduct the worship service.

Among the distinguished guests will be Mrs. Geo. U. Baucom, Jr., of Raleigh, Synodical president, and Dr. G. A. Wilson of Wilmington, who will speak on the work in the war areas. Miss Lucy Steele, Peace Institute, Raleigh, will address business girls and women, especially, on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Miss Margaret Shelby, missionary from Mexico, will speak on Wednesday's program.

Miss Steele will also be a speaker on Wednesday's program. Mrs. C. A. Harris, synodical secretary of schools and colleges, will present Miss Agnes Perkins, student of Mitchell College, who will bring a message from Mitchell College. Miss Louise Poteat will bring a message on song.

Dr. Nettie Grier, former missionary of China, and Mrs. O. F. Yates, both of Montreat, will be guests of the Presbyterial.

Members of the executive board will arrive on Tuesday and have a business session Tuesday afternoon at the church, after which Mrs. Chas. A. Harris will serve supper.

Dinner will be served at the church at 1 o'clock on Wednesday by members of the local Auxiliary.

### PFC. OTIS C. LONON AWARDED ARMY MEDALS

Pfc. Otis C. Lonon, of Route 3, Marion, was recently awarded a campaign medal and also a good conduct medal, word received here yesterday stated.

Pfc. Lonon entered service in April, 1942 and was assigned to the 45th Division of the Field Artillery. He landed in North Africa in June, 1943 and was sent immediately to the initial invasion of Sicily where he saw 38 days of combat with the 7th army.

At the close of the Sicilian Campaign, Pfc. Lonon, with the 45th division, was transferred to the 5th army and took part in the invasion of Italy at Salerno and saw 110 days combat in Southern Italy before being sent to the initial landing at Anzio. According to clippings from "Stars and Stripes" it was the 45th division which met and turned back the second and heaviest German counter attack on the Anzio Beachhead on February 16, this battle lasted four days.

Pfc. Lonon is a graduate of Lees McRae College at Banner Elk and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lonon of Route 3, Marion. The Lonons have four other sons in the armed service. They are Cpl. Robert W. overseas; Pfc. A. Guy, Patterson Field, Ohio; Sgt. William L., Barksdale Field, La., and Pvt. James H., Camp Davis.

### WHITSON RITES SET FOR THURSDAY AT 3 O'CLOCK

The remains of Second Lieutenant Warren A. Whitson, U. S. Marine Air Corps, who was killed in an airplane crash at Santa Barbara, California on Monday, April 10, arrived here Wednesday, and funeral services will be conducted at Garden Creek Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. B. F. Bray. He will be assisted by Dr. Carl W. McMurray and Rev. Chas. C. Parker. Burial will be made in Oak Grove cemetery. The American Legion will conduct the military services at the grave.

## Plans Made For General Sugar Registration

### Will Take Place At The Various School Sites Next Thursday And Friday.

Plans for a general sugar registration for home canning purposes have been completed, according to an announcement from the Local War Price and Rationing board.

The registration will take place at the various school sites in Marion and the county. Hours for registration will be from 1:00 p. m. until 5 p. m. on April 27 and 28. The schools where these registrations will be held are listed as follows: Marion, Clinchfield, East Marion, Eugene Cross, West Marion, North Cove, Pleasant Gardens, Nebo, Dyarsville, Glenwood and Sugar Hill. Citizens making application for canning sugar should go to the school nearest them at the time mentioned above.

Every person living within the boundaries of McDowell county is entitled to make application for extra sugar, provided there is a need for it. The extra allotment of sugar may be used for canning purposes only, and the maximum amount that may be obtained at time of registration is twenty pounds per person. Some time ago sugar stamp number 40 became valid, good for five pounds of sugar to be used for canning purposes.

When making application for sugar on either April 27 or 28, the applicant must have with him his War Ration Book No. 4, containing spare stamp number 37, which stamp will be deleted as the registration is completed. Any one member of a family may register for the entire family, provided he has with him War Ration Book No. 4 for each individual member of the family.

No person is expected to apply for sugar unless there is a need for it under the regulations set up by the OPA for the issuance of sugar for home canning purposes.

### PFC. MARTIN AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Pfc. Mertha Josephine Martin who is stationed at MacDill Field, Florida attached to the Base Detachment and is driving the line taxi which takes the WACs back and forth to work, has been awarded a good conduct medal for one year's good conduct in the WAC. Pfc. Martin started her training at Daytona Beach, Florida in February, 1943. After basic training she attended motor transport school. Upon completion of this course she was transferred to MacDill Field, Fla., where she has been stationed to this date. She was awarded a medal for driving without an accident.

She is the daughter of the late Ben E. Martin and Mrs. Josephine D. Martin of Route 3.

### CADET Wm. MOODY TO RECEIVE SILVER WINGS

Aviation Cadet William S. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moody, is a member of a class of Student Officers and Aviation Cadets and was graduated from the Army Air Forces Pilot School (Advanced Two Engine) at Stockton Field, California, on April 15.

He will be made a full-fledged pilot and will be given the coveted silver wings. He will be placed on active duty in his rank with the Army Air Forces.

Before entering the final and advanced course at Stockton Field, Cadet Moody completed 18 weeks of primary and basic training at Blythe and Merced, California.

### ROM HUSKINS ACCEPTS POSITION AT WORKMAN'S

Rom Huskins, veteran of World War II, has accepted a position in the men's department of Workman's Store after receiving a medical discharge from the army.

Mr. Huskins entered service at the age of 15 and received his discharge at the age of 18 after serving at Guadalcanal, New Hebrides and other islands in the South Pacific.



VICTIM OF PLANE CRASH—Lt. Warren A. Whitson, above, was killed in airplane crash at Santa Barbara, Calif., April 10.

### MRS. BURNETT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PLEASANT GARDENS P. T. A. UNIT

A large crowd attended the Parent-Teacher Association picnic supper and Program at Pleasant Gardens school last Thursday evening. It was estimated that about 250 people of the community attended the affair. A feature of the meeting was the program given by the rhythm band under the direction of Miss Elsie House.

Mrs. M. B. Burnett was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Others officers elected included G. C. Crawford, vice-president; Mrs. Geo. W. Sandlin, secretary, and Mrs. Lock Tate, treasurer.

### BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FRIDAY NIGHT

The Boy Scout court of honor for McDowell county will be held at the First Methodist church Friday night, April 21, at 8 o'clock. All scouts are urged to attend.

## Program Given For Meeting Of Baptist Group

### Association Session Is Scheduled April 27 At Baptist Church In Old Fort.

The program of the annual spring meeting of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association at Old Fort Baptist church Thursday, April 27, beginning at 10 a. m. has been announced, following the pastor's conference at East Marion Monday.

The general theme of the meeting was given as "Christ Pre-eminent in His Church in a War Torn World." "Introducing the Theme" will be given by Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the Marion First Baptist church. "Christ Pre-eminent in the Teaching of His Church" is the subject for the Rev. W. E. Abrams, pastor at Pleasant Gardens.

The Rev. R. I. Corbett, pastor of the Clinchfield church, is to speak of "Christ Pre-eminent in the Worship Service of His Church." "Christ Pre-eminent in the Doctrine of His Church" will be discussed by Dr. Judson L. Viperman, pastor of the Long Creek Memorial Baptist church of Dallas.

After lunch, at the church, Millard Freeman, of Rutherfordton, will talk about "Christ Pre-eminent in the Music of His Church." The next subject and speaker, "Christ Pre-eminent in the Training of His Church," James W. Ray, of Spindale, will be followed by Mrs. C. C. Parker of Marion, W. M. U. superintendent of the Blue Ridge association, who will speak about "Christ Pre-eminent in the Missions of His Church." The closing message of the day will be by Dr. Viperman on "Christ Pre-eminent in Church Evangelism."

The Rev. L. G. Redding will lead the devotional service of the morning session and the Rev. D. W. Hodge will be the leader for the afternoon session. W. R. Chambers, moderator, will preside.

## Teachers Of County Hold Final Meeting

### Miss Alice Paulukas Speaks For Education Association At Pleasant Gardens.

Last Friday afternoon the county teachers held their final meeting of the year. At the opening session, Superintendent N. F. Steppe, discussed briefly some of the problems now facing the schools. He made mention of the difficulties arising from the war, warning the teachers that indications are that schools will operate next year under severe handicaps particularly in the matter of transportation and school supplies.

Following the opening session, the teachers met in groups. The general theme of all groups was Standards of Promotion. The Primary group was under the supervision of Miss Mary G. Burgin of Old Fort School, Tom Stacy was supervisor of the Grammar grade group, and Frank W. Howell was in charge of the high school group. It was the general opinion of all groups that every possible means must be used to enhance instruction in order that pupils may be more proficient and better qualified for promotion. Considerable research has been made in the county schools during the year, it was stated. The results indicate that pupils are not as thorough in the mastery of subject matter as modern standards require. The teachers of the county schools have pledged themselves to an active program of remedial work in order that instruction may come up to modern standards.

Following the group meetings, teachers again met in general session. The teachers of Marion administrative unit were present in a body for this gestural session. Miss Alice Paulukas of the North Carolina Education Association addressed the teachers on modern educational needs and trends. Miss Paulukas speaks with ease and she aroused much interest among the teachers of the county and city units. She spoke particularly of the low salaries of teachers, the inequality of educational opportunities, and of the obligation of the Nation to recognize its duty to all of its citizens. She made a very strong argument for Federal appropriation for public education.

### FORTY-SIX McDOWELL MEN PLACED IN CLASS 1-A

The McDowell County Draft board has placed the following 46 men in class 1-A for military service during the past week:

Clarence W. Jolly, Albert L. Jennings, James Woody, Herman L. Meredith, Velvie H. Dalton, Everett E. Swafford, William S. Davis, Clyde A. Laughridge, Arria W. Bartlett, Paris Johnson, Guy R. Buchanan, Frank R. Best, Spurgeon Parker, Frank P. Roland, Roby J. Sutton, John S. Conner, James L. Williams, Joseph W. Owensby, Raymond D. Workman, Roy R. Lewis, Robert H. Ballew, Paul J. Cooke, Douglas L. Young, Ernestus B. McEntire, William V. Poteat, Ramon H. Mann, Ernest Fox, Thomas W. Goforth, Jr., Jake Y. Biggerstaff, Donald J. Barlowe, Jimmie G. Vess, Cecil F. Moody, George T. Mathis, Lankford Adkins, Hoyle D. Lawing, Fred L. Hoppes, James W. Pritchard, William F. Nichols, Dewey G. Arrowood, Homer A. Conner, Hugh J. Price, Gaylon H. Isaacs, Johnie R. Godfrey, Delmer T. Hollifield, Ernest E. Franklin, Kenneth W. Rabb.

### PRICE CEILING, SHOES DISCUSSED BY MERCHANTS

Price ceilings, unrationed shoes and credit reports were discussed at the meeting of the Merchants Association last Thursday night.

It was announced that a number of merchants who have not joined in the half holiday will begin closing their stores on Wednesday afternoons the first of May. The list of stores closing on that date will be announced next week.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.