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## Final Exercises Of The McDowell County Schools Now Under Way

Programs Announced For Exercises At Various Schools Throughout The County.

The commencement programs of the county schools began with the commencement sermon at the North Cove High School on Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, when Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion was heard by the seniors and a large assembly of parents. Notwithstanding the heavy down pour of rain at the hour of service, the auditorium was well filled. Dr. Bray had as his theme "Character and Physical Fitness." He used Joseph of ancient Bible times to illustrate his subject.

The musical recital of pupils of Mrs. Julius McGhee was heard on Tuesday evening by a large and appreciative audience.

Friday, April 28th, has been set aside as Parents Day. In the evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock, the graduating exercises will take place. The award of medals, certificates, and diplomas to the graduates will take place. Following the class program, the literary address will be delivered by Judge J. Will Pless of Marion.

**Pleasant Gardens High School**  
At the Pleasant Gardens High School, the initial program of the commencement exercises was given at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, April 21st., when the senior class play took place.

The music pupils of Mrs. R. K. Davis will hold their recital on the evening of May 5th. Mrs. Davis has a large class and the recital is to be one of the best in the history of the school.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. W. E. Abrams, pastor of the Baptist church at Pleasant Gardens, at 11 a. m., on Sunday morning, May 7th.

On May 8th, the senior class day exercises will be given. The graduating exercises will be held on the evening of May 9th. Following the delivery of diplomas and other certificates of award the annual address will be delivered by former Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

**Nebo High School**  
The Nebo High School began its program of commencement finals on Friday evening, April 21st, when the annual recitation and declamation programs were held.

On Friday, April 28th, at 8 o'clock, the senior class play will be given.

Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

## RUFUS WOODY REPORTED PRISONER OF GERMANS

Word was received Monday from Pfc. Rufus Woody, who was recently reported missing in action, that he is a prisoner of the Germans. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woody, of Route 4, Marion, parents of Pfc. Woody, received a message on March 14 that he had been missing since the first of February. Later word was received that he was in a German prison camp and on Monday of this week a letter was received from Pfc. Woody that he is still a prisoner, but stated that he was O. K. except for wounds in the arm and leg.

## MORE MERCHANTS WILL OBSERVE HALF HOLIDAY

Announcement is made through the Merchants Association that another group of merchants will join in closing Wednesday afternoons at 1 o'clock beginning May 3 and continuing through the last Wednesday in August.

The list to join in the half holiday observance as reported by the secretary of the association follows:

Workman's Store, The Leader, Marguerite Shoppe, Bell's Store, Rose's Store, Wallace's Store, Laughridge Furniture Store, Loven Furniture Store, Smith Furniture Store, Rice Furniture Store, J. D. Blanton, Jameson's Farm Supply, The Feed Store, McCall-Burgin Hardware Co., McDowell Hardware Co., Farmers Federation.

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO GIVE FINAL CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 5

The Marion High School band will be presented in the final concert of the school year on Friday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, Glenn Palmer, director, announced this week.

The band membership has reached an all time high of sixty-three and it is rated as one of the best high school bands in the state, it was stated.

The program will be varied to please every musical taste. One feature of the concert will be a new march just completed called "Marion High School Band March," by Mr. Palmer, director.

The following seniors will be playing in their final concert:

Mildred Leonard, Marjorie Hemphill, Margaret Westmoreland, Jean Sentell, Mike McCall, Zane Dalton, Jack Walker, Bill Ledbetter, B. H. Laughridge, Monty Haire, Edward Poole, J. B. Walker, Homer Walker and Claude Jarrett.

The director will be making his last appearance for the present as he leaves soon to enter service in the U. S. Navy.

## CANCER CONTROL DRIVE TO BE SPONSORED BY JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Junior Woman's Club, working in connection with the Woman's Field Army and American Society for the Control of Cancer, is seeking the cooperation of the people of McDowell County in helping them in the Cancer Control drive which it is sponsoring the first week in May.

The quota for McDowell county is \$225. These funds will go directly to the State office and will be used to enlighten the public that if treated in time cancer can be cured and provide funds to purchase X-ray apparatus and other diagnostic and treatment equipment; also for medical aid and hospital service.

A film entitled "Choose To Live" will be shown at the Community building on Tuesday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to this showing at which time contributions to the fund may be made. A second showing of the film will be made on Wednesday night, May 3, at the first performance at the Marion Theatre. A booth will be maintained in the lobby of the theatre Wednesday afternoon and night where donations to the fund may be made. Educational material concerning the control of cancer will be distributed at the Community building on Tuesday night and at the Marion Theatre Wednesday afternoon and night.

## CLINCHFIELD YARD CONTEST UNDER WAY

The annual yard contest sponsored by the Clinchfield Junior Woman's Club for the homes of Clinchfield is now well under way, Mrs. James McCall, contest chairman, announced this week and asked that all applications be turned in by May 10 as entries will be judged the last week in May.

Residents of the community are familiar with the contest rules, as it has been sponsored annually for the past few years under the same supervision and direction, but it is hoped that the number of entries will increase and that interest in the contest will be manifested by the effort of each individual to beautify the grounds surrounding his or her home.

## PRICE TO SPEAK AT CROSS MILL SUNDAY

R. E. Price, editor of the Rutherford News, a member of the Allied Church League, church and civic leader of Rutherford, will speak at the Cross Mill Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Price is an interesting speaker and is well informed on the subject of the liquor question. Everybody is cordially invited to hear him, the pastor announces.

Benjamin Franklin established the first circulating library in Philadelphia in 1731.

## Name Teachers For Schools In The City Unit

School Board Elects The Present Principals For Next Year's Term.

The five principals of the Marion City School were re-elected for another year at a recent meeting of the city school board, it is announced by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of the Marion City Schools unit.

Making preparations for the 1944-45 term, the school board continued the present principals: D. E. Poole, Marion high school; Miss Ruth Greenlee, Clinchfield; Miss Mamie Stacy, East Marion; Mrs. Garland Williams, Eugene Cross; Richard A. Shaw, West Marion.

The list of principals and teachers re-elected by the city board follows:

**Marion High School**  
D. E. Poole, principal, History; Mrs. Alba P. Blair, English; Miss Alice Bryan, Librarian; E. L. Carter, English and Science; Mrs. Kate Finley, mathematics; Mrs. Marguerite B. Gilkey, English, Latin and French; Gilmer Graham, Athletics and Science; Mrs. Flora Homewood, Home Economics; Miss Ruth Millsaps, Commercial; Glenn Palmer, Band; Mrs. Zeldia Pemberton, English; Mrs. Helen Shiflet, History and Science, and Mrs. Sarah C. Wier, English.

**Elementary Teachers**  
Mrs. Mary Finley, Miss Lucille Roberts, Miss Fannie Lou Sauls, Mrs. Ethel C. Giles, Miss Janie Tucker, Mrs. Effie C. Morris, Mrs. Mildred Davis, Miss Annie Little, Mrs. Pauline M. Neal, Miss Mary Love Bettis.

Miss Ruth Greenlee, Miss Pauline Tipton, Mrs. Glenn Morris, Miss Elizabeth Wylie, Miss Mamie Go-forth, Miss Emily Blanton, Miss Louise Wilkie, Miss Hazel Browne, Miss Annie Spratt, Mrs. Ruth T. Laughlin, Miss Lelia McLeod, Mrs. Rebekah L. Hirsch.

Miss Mamie Stacy, Miss Elsie Stacy, Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, Miss Helen Turner, Miss Wilma Snoddy, Mrs. Lula S. McCurry, Mrs. Effie L. McCall, Miss Millie Kanipe, Mrs. Louise R. McCall, Miss Louise Poteat.

Mrs. Garland Williams, Mrs. Sadie T. Patton, Mrs. Clara F. Hughes, Miss Hattie Taylor, Mrs. Blanche Holland, Miss Effie Hicks.

Richard A. Shaw, Mrs. Kate C. Morgan and Miss Elizabeth Conley.

**Colored**  
Inez Brown, Melda Williams, B. G. Corpening, Margaret Greenlee, Lula Maddox and Ethel Goodman.

## GRAHAM TO SPEAK AT P.T.A. MEETING MONDAY

The Marion Parent Teacher Association will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the school auditorium with Coach Gilmer Graham as speaker.

Mr. Graham will use as his subject "Providing Opportunities for Play and Recreation."

## Canning Sugar Registration To Be Held At Schools Sites On Thursday, Friday, Apr. 27-28

A general registration for home canning sugar will be conducted at the various school sites in Marion and McDowell county Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28, it is announced by the local War Price and Rationing board. The hours of registration will be from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

The schools where these registrations will be held are listed as follows: Marion high school, Clinchfield, East Marion, Eugene Cross, West Marion, North Cove, Pleasant Gardens, Nebo, Dysartsville, Glenwood and Sugar Hill.

Citizens making application for canning sugar should go to the school nearest them at the time mentioned above. This is the only registration which will be conducted

## T. Virgil Ellis Dies Suddenly At Home Here

Clinchfield Company Officer Succumbs To Heart Attack; Funeral Sunday.

T. Virgil Ellis, 50, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, died suddenly from a heart attack last Friday evening.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church and took an active part in church work. He was widely known in this community and had a large circle of friends.

He had been with the Clinchfield Manufacturing company for about 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Chloe Price Ellis; three sons, Aviation Cadet Robert Ellis, of Shaw Field, S. C., Hugh Edward and Troy, of Marion; three daughters, Miss Jean Ellis, of Langley Field, Va., Mrs. Robert Gibson and Dottie Sue Ellis of Marion; one grand child; four brothers and three sisters, Guy, Ray and Roy Ellis of Marion, Francis Ellis of Charlotte, Mrs. R. D. Bird of Marion, Mrs. James Norton of Spruce Pine and Mrs. George Allison of Charlotte.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the pastor, Dr. B. F. Bray, and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery.

The active pallbearers were C. A. Workman, A. M. Seagle, G. G. Pendergrass, W. R. Chambers, W. F. Grant, E. W. Parker, T. H. Henderson, M. W. Gordon and J. D. Little, all deacons of the church.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CONVENTION HERE SATURDAY

A convention has been called of the McDowell county Democrats at the court house in Marion on Saturday, April 29, at 11 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on May 4.

Meetings were held throughout the county last Saturday to elect precinct chairmen and select delegates to the county convention.

Following the county convention at 11 o'clock the precinct chairmen will meet and elect officers for the 1944 campaign.

## DR. HEWITT ADDRESSES ROTARIANS FRIDAY

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club was held Friday noon in the community building.

Dr. Macon Hewitt reported on the Rotary conference he attended recently in Spartanburg. Others who attended the conference were J. A. Wier, Albert Hewitt, Jr. and Marshall Dark.

Pvt. Pat Davis, who is stationed at Ft. Bragg, was present as an honorary member.

## Baptist Speaker



Dr. Judson L. Vipperman, pastor of the Long Creek Memorial Baptist church and noted Bible student, will speak at the Baptist church in Old Fort today (Thursday) at 11:40 a. m. and 2:20 p. m. His addresses will be a special feature of the Spring session of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association which is composed of thirty churches in McDowell county.

## REGISTRATION BOOKS FOR MAY 27 PRIMARY TO OPEN SATURDAY

Registration books in McDowell county will be opened on Saturday, April 29, to register voters for the May 27 primary and the general election in November, T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county board of election, announced yesterday.

New registrants and those who have changed their place of residence to a new precinct in the county since last registration are required to register before voting in the primary.

The registration books for the primary will be open April 29, May 6 and May 13 from 9 a. m. until sundown at the polling places in the county. May 20 will be challenge day and the election officials will be at the polling places to consider any challenges which may be made.

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—G. C. Stamey, registrar; Jack Morris and Justice Bright, judges.

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.

## SINGING AT CROSS MILL SUNDAY NIGHT

There will be an old time singing at the Cross Mill Baptist church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The pastor announces that this will not be an entertainment but a worship service of gospel singing. The public is invited to attend.

## Annual Session Of Presbyterian Held In Marion

Officers Elected and Speakers Discuss World Conditions; 200 Attend.

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of Concord Presbytery convened here on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. L. H. French, president; Mrs. Gordon Kirkland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Hay, secretary home missions; Mrs. Earl Thompson, secretary of religious education; Mrs. W. M. Fairley, secretary spiritual life; Mrs. L. G. Turner, chairman of district number 2, and Mrs. Paul R. Maulden, chairman of business women.

The meeting opened with an executive board meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Goodman, of Kannapolis, presided. Fifty churches are included in this presbytery, covering an area in western North Carolina from Salisbury to Old Fort and 200 persons were in attendance.

Miss Lucy Steele, Bible teacher at Peace College, Raleigh, addressed business girls and women, especially, Tuesday evening. Miss Steele's inimitable manner of speaking and her keen sense of humor held the attention of her listeners as she outlined the teachings of Paul and presented them as they might be adapted to the needs of present day conditions.

Prior to Miss Steele's address Mrs. George U. Baucom, Jr., of Raleigh, Synodical president, and Miss Margaret Shelby, missionary from Mexico, were introduced and made short talks.

At the Wednesday morning session greetings were extended by Dr. C. W. McMurray and Mrs. B. F. Pollard. Response was made by Mrs. C. E. Raynal.

Mrs. George Baucom, Jr., speaker, used as her subject "Now—Christian Living." She spoke of prayer as the greatest force on earth and asked that in observing Christian Family Week on May 7-14 the vital importance of prayer be stressed. She emphasized the significance of the fact that Christian Family Week lead up to Mother's Day.

Mrs. Baucom further stated that Christian living is to prepare for the peace that is to come and that the only cure for selfishness is the power of the living Christ.

Following Mrs. Baucom's address Miss Margaret Shelby, missionary from Mexico, spoke on "His Other Sheep in Mexico." She said that because Mexico is the most influential country the Good Neighbor policy revealed to the Mexicans will be relayed to other countries. She warned, however, that the policy was not to be presented in the light of seeking aid for aid given, but that it be extended in a whole-hearted spirit of cooperation of two peoples working toward the worthwhile objective of securing a true and lasting peace.

The morning session closed with a message from Mitchell College presented by Miss Agnes Perkins, student of the college. Miss Perkins was introduced by Mrs. C. A. Harris, synodical secretary of schools and churches.

The afternoon session opened with a talk on "Our Presbyterian School for Mexican Girls" by Miss Margaret Shelby, and continued with a vocal solo by Miss Louise Poteat.

Dr. G. A. Wilson addressed the group on "Our Boys and Our Churches." He explained the qualifications and the work of chaplains in the service of the U. S. armed forces and told of the work the churches were doing in providing hospitality homes and means of entertainment for service men.

Dr. Nettie Grier, former missionary of China, and Mrs. O. F. Yates, both of Montreat, were special guests at the meeting.

## LT. JONAS SPENDING FURLOUGH AT HOME HERE

Lt. John Jonas, of the Naval Air Corps, arrived Monday from his base in the Southwest Pacific to spend a few days at his home here.