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## County Schools Have Closed A Successful Year

### Finals Held At Glenwood Wednesday Night; District Principals Re-elected.

The county schools came to a successful close this week when graduating exercises were held in all the high schools except North Cove, which concluded its year's work last week. The finals at Nebo took place on Friday evening, May 5th, when diplomas were awarded to the members of the senior class and the annual address was given by Judge J. Will Pless of Marion.

At Pleasant Gardens the finals were held on Tuesday evening when former Governor Clyde Hoye spoke to the seniors in a packed auditorium of friends and patrons of the school district. John Ray Jameson awarded the diplomas to the seniors and the special awards and certificates were given out by Principal W. A. Young.

At Old Fort on Sunday, May 7th, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. Carl McMurray of Marion. Tuesday evening the graduates were given their diplomas and the address was given by Dr. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Asheville. Present for the finals was an overflow audience.

At Glenwood the annual sermon was delivered on Sunday, May 7th, by Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor of the First Baptist church at Forest City. Rev. Pettit was pastor at Old Fort for something over three years. Present in the audience were a number of friends from the Baptist church at Old Fort. The graduating exercises were on Wednesday evening when the diplomas were given to the graduating class and the various awards were made. A large crowd was present to witness the exercises and to hear Solicitor Clarence O. Ridings, who made the address of the occasion.

Notwithstanding the many handicaps due to the emergency of the times, the county schools have had a very successful year. The pupils have been taught by well trained teachers and the records show that considerable progress has been made. Emphasis has been placed upon class room instruction. The several testing programs that have been carried out show that this objective has met with success. The county schools have been active in the various war calls of the year. Many thousands of dollars worth of bonds and stamps have been sold by the schools much money has been raised for the Red Cross, and other war agencies.

The transportation has been kept at its usual state of efficiency and the attendance upon the schools has been very high. Notwithstanding the various handicaps Superintendent N. F. Stegge states that the year has been very satisfactory.

All the district principals have been re-elected except Fred Abernathy, who was principal of Glenwood and has resigned to take up other work. The principals who are expected to return are: C. L. Norwood, Old Fort; W. A. Young, Pleasant Gardens; Frank W. Howell, North Cove; and E. W. S. Cobb, Nebo.

While most of the teachers were re-elected, there has been a few resignations. The teacher roster of the county is not ready for publication.

### SATURDAY LAST DAY VOTERS MAY REGISTER

Next Saturday, May 13, is the last day in which voters may register for the May 27th primary election, T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county election board, announces.

Voters who are not registered in the county, or are living in a different precinct from that in which they last voted, are required to register in order to vote.

The precinct dividing line in Marion is the Southern railway. Residents of the North side vote in precinct 1, and residents of the south side in precinct 2. Alvin Rader is registrar for precinct No. 1 and G. C. Stamey registrar for No. 2.

### NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK IS OBSERVED BY KIWANIANS

The first in a series of musical programs in observance of National Music Week was presented at the regular weekly meeting of Kiwanis Tuesday evening. It was an operetta presented by students from Clinchfield school. Mrs. J. B. Laughlin and Mrs. Bernard Hirsch were in charge of the program. Vice-president J. B. Laughlin is program chairman for the month.

Following the program at the community building there was another musical at the high school auditorium presented by combined choirs of the colored churches of Marion in which thirty-five members participated. Another program of special interest will also be presented at the high school auditorium Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in which Miss Virginia Mae McCall, Misses Elizabeth Withrow and Dorothy Whitten, artists from Spartanburg Conservatory of Music, will present a program of classical music.

A. H. Mitchem reported that a good representation from the Marion Club attended the district meeting at Shelby last Thursday.

There will be a meeting of the chairmen of all committees at Royal Cafe on Friday evening at 6:30.

Curtis Leonard, Past President of the Lexington Kiwanis Club, and Quinn Fisher, U. S. Navy, were guests at the meeting.

### CLINCHFIELD YARDS TO BE JUDGED MAY 29

The Clinchfield yard contest is nearing its close and yards will be judged the 29th of May, it was announced today by Mrs. James McCall, home economics teacher.

First prize in the contest will be \$25 for the yard in the village that shows most improvement. Forty-one additional cash prizes will be given in order of improvements and attractiveness.

Flowers, bulbs, and seeds will be given all entering the contest.

## Annual Singing Convention Here Draws Big Crowd

### Fine Program Rendered By Well Known Singers; Mc- Kinney Re-elected Pres.

The annual McDowell County singing convention was held here last Sunday with a large crowd in attendance. The court house was filled to capacity throughout the day, with not even standing room available at times.

Throughout the day well-known gospel singers rendered a delightful program of hymns, gospel songs and other types of sacred music.

Musical groups offering entertainment throughout the day included the Gospel Trio, Tabernacle Quartet and Chapel Hill Quartet of Marion, The Comer Trio and Garden Creek Choir, Bartlett Quartet of Drexel, Melody Boys of Hickory, the Vaughn Happy Four of Rhodessa, Harmony Five of Asheville and Travelers Quartet of Micaville.

A special feature of the program was a song by Roy D. Comer, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Comer, dedicated to the boys and girls who have fathers in the armed forces. Other songs were also dedicated to boys in service.

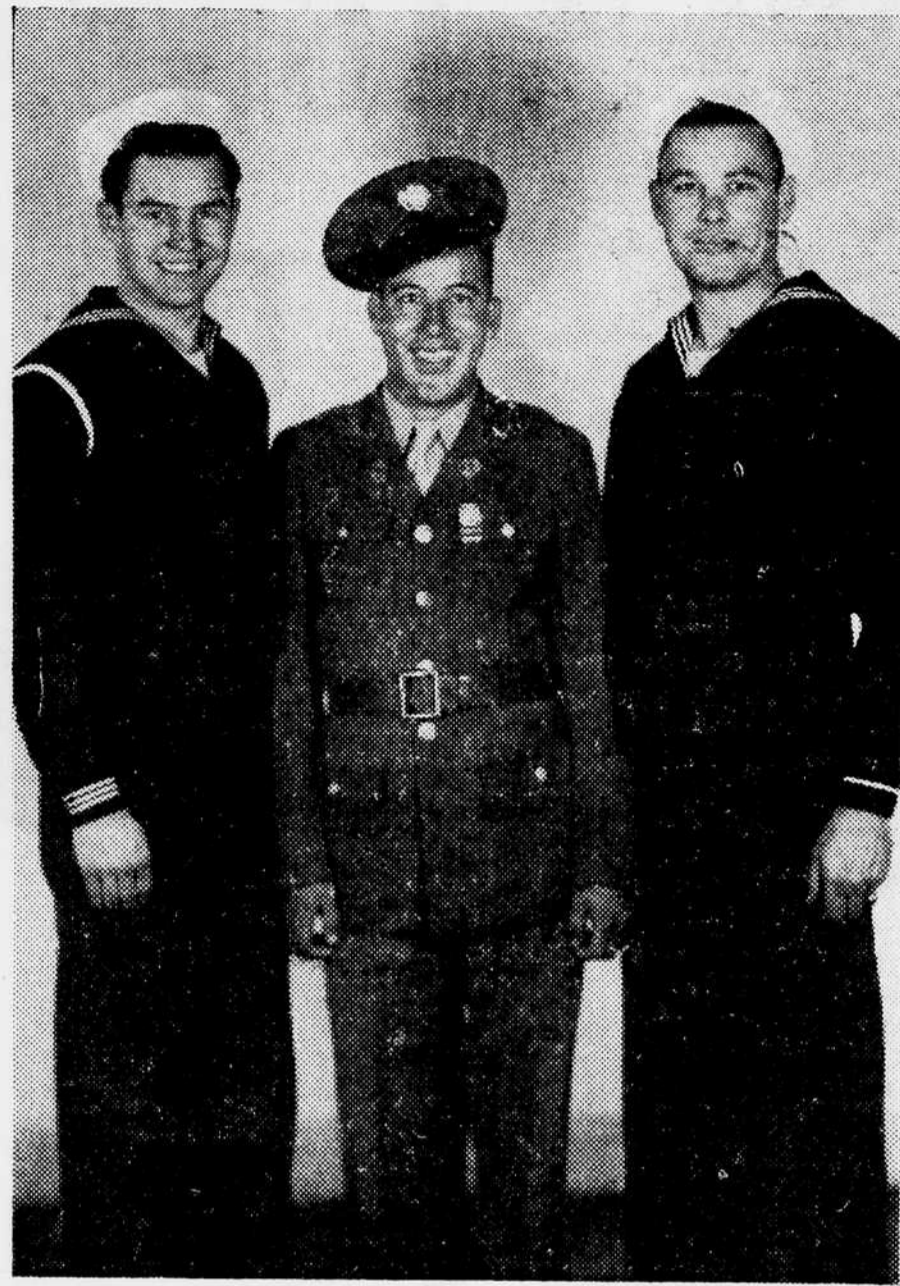
During the noon recess lunch was served singers at the Marion Drug company.

Carl McKinney of Marion was re-elected president of the association, John C. Burnett, vice-president, and Mrs. N. C. Comer, secretary and treasurer.

The next annual convention will be held at the court house in Marion on the first Sunday in September.

### MEETING OF MERCHANTS TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday night, May 11, at 8 o'clock in the firemen's room in the city hall. Price ceilings and other matters of importance will be discussed. It is hoped that each member will be present.



**MARTIN BROTHERS AT HOME**—Three Martin brothers, above, (reading left to right) C. Wilson Martin, S 1c, Pvt. Paul J. Martin, of Camp McCain, Miss., and John W. Martin, Seaman 2c, Newport, R. I. each arrived home unexpectedly on April 22. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin of 260 Spring street.

Pvt. Paul J. Martin arrived on April 20 from Camp McCain, Miss., for a 12-day furlough. Wilson, who is serving on a ship, arrived April 22 for a 72-hour leave, and John, stationed in Newport, Rhode Island, arrived April 22, a few hours later.

Wilson left April 23 for his station while John returned with his family to Drexel. Paul and Wilson had not seen each other since they had been in service, 18 months. It was indeed a happy and joyous occasion for the entire family.

### WARN TIRE INSPECTION RECORDS ARE REQUIRED IN APPLYING FOR GAS

Motorists and automobile owners in McDowell county were reminded yesterday by the local office of the War Price and Rationing board that all applications for renewal of gasoline rations must be accompanied by the tire inspection sheet record. Unless this instruction is observed it will be necessary for the application for renewal gasoline rations to be returned to the applicant.

Since the periodic inspection of tires was discontinued, many persons have been making applications without attaching their old tire inspection sheet records, and it has been necessary to return the applications without issuing the gasoline ration. This action does not mean that it is necessary for car owners to have tire inspections made, but it does mean that the old tire inspection sheet records must accompany the application for renewal gasoline rations.

### ROWE MAUNEY PROMOTED TO SENIOR LIEUTENANT

Lt. (j. g.) Rowe Mauney, who has been serving in the Seabees overseas for one year, has been promoted to Lt. (s. g.), according to word received here this week.

Mauney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mauney and a native of Marion. He is a graduate of Marion high school and N. C. State College at Raleigh. Before entering service he resided at 202 East Court street with his wife, the former Miss Becky Brady of Newton, and little daughter. He held a position as salesman engineer.

### QUEEN GIVEN TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

James H. Queen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Queen, Route 3, Marion, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

His recruit training completed the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

### REV. ALBERT P. MACK TO BECOME RECTOR OF SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

The Rev. Albert P. Mack has resigned as rector of St. Francis' church in Rutherfordton to become rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Marion. Ft. Mack, who has served as rector of the Rutherfordton church for the past 13 years, is well known in Western North Carolina. He succeeds the Rev. David N. Peoples who resigned as rector of St. John's church here last October. He expects to take up the work here the first of June.

### GLENN DIXON DIES AT HOME AT NEALSVILLE

Glenn Millard Dixon, 32, of Nealsville, died Tuesday afternoon at Nealsville after an illness of five days caused by some form of meningitis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Dysartsville Baptist church with Rev. M. V. Snipes conducting.

Dixon was born in McDowell county April 18, 1912, and on June 18, 1938, married Martha Mosteller.

Besides his wife he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Julia Dyson Poteat, also of Nealsville.

He was employed by the Drexel Furniture Company at Marion and was a member of Macedonia church.

### CUT RATE DRUG STORE TO MOVE TO NEW STORE

The McDowell Cut Rate Drug store will be moved to the Lonon building formerly occupied by Penders, in a few days, it was announced yesterday by B. W. Harrison. Work on the building has been under way for some time. The larger quarters will afford a better display of goods and meet the demands of an increased business.

### KENNETH BRADFORD REPORTED PRISONER

S. Sgt. Kenneth Bradford, who has been reported missing in action since March 18th, is a prisoner of war, according to a telegram received May 8th by his mother, Mrs. Daniel M. Bradford.

The telegram stated: "Report just received through the international Red Cross states that your son Staff Sergeant Kenneth F. Bradford, is a prisoner of war of the German government."

### CORPORAL CARTER OF MARION UNDER FIRE AT BOUGAINVILLE

Corporal Maurice S. Carter, Jr., of Marion, who enlisted on August 26, 1940, at Fort McPhearson, Atlanta, Georgia, and has spent the past two years in the South Pacific, is now under fire at Bougainville, it is announced.

Carter was recently promoted from Private First Class to Scout Corporal in his Field Artillery Battery. He has also served as cannoner, machine gunner, and truck driver in his unit.

The Corporal is a veteran of Gaudalcanal and has been awarded the 'Good Conduct Medal' for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

Carter worked for the Blue Ridge Knitting Mills of Marion before his enlistment.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Carter of Marion.

### NEAL IS DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

W. W. Neal, Sr., of Marion was elected a delegate to the Democratic National convention to be held in Chicago at the State Democratic convention held in Raleigh last week. Other delegates from this district are T. Max Watson of Forest City, O. M. Mull of Shelby and Dr. W. L. Bennett of Burnsville.

R. W. Proctor, who is chairman of McDowell county's executive committee, was reelected a member of the executive committee of the eleventh district. J. Grayson Neal was elected a member of the congressional committee, W. D. Lonon was elected a member of the judicial committee, Dr. B. A. Dickson a member of the solicitorial committee, and C. F. Barnes a member of the senatorial committee.

## Much Interest Manifested In Yard Contest

### Prizes Announced For Contest At East Marion Sponsored By Junior Club.

The East Marion yard contest, sponsored by the East Marion Junior Woman's Club, is proud to announce the prizes for the contestants, Mrs. James McCall, chairman, announced this week.

First prize will be the remodeling of the home in which the winner resides. Other prizes will be yard equipment.

The yards will be judged the 26th of May. Those who have not entered may do so by notifying Mrs. James McCall, home economics teacher at the East Marion school. Aid will be given those who desire it.

Much interest is being manifested and an enthusiastic contest is promised.

The following persons have entered the contest:

Mrs. Jack Sherrill, C. O. Smith, Kermit Fender, Lewis Bishop, C. B. Minish, Amos Hall, Mairo Allison, A. G. Mose, Floyd Bruner, James Wyatt, Arthur McKinney, W. A. Fender, J. F. Odom, B. N. Bishop, P. H. Gurley, J. H. Burgess, C. T. Davis, L. D. Hall, J. L. Crough, Frank Glenn, Maude Brown, E. C. Condrey, T. W. Randolph, Thomas Jackson, Giles Moody, Rev. Jeta Baker, T. W. Goforth, Ada Beng, N. Lewis, Charles Vickers, Charles Stevens, Coral Hall, S. A. Curry, Lelia Proctor, Ralph Smith, J. H. Burnett, John Rabb, Will Early, Clark Flowers, D. O. Bradley, C. A. Bradley, C. C. Clayton, D. E. Hollifield, H. McKinney, J. F. Parker, Carl Edwards, M. G. Mace, Richard Milwood, J. E. Rumpfelt, Perry Johnson, Dalien Buchanan, M. W. Twiggs.

T. M. Flack, John Austin, Annie Bell Hill, D. L. Wood, E. W. Wilson, Dewey Helms, Roland Rumpfelt, A. R. White, Clyde Elliott, T. C. Buff, O. D. Turner, J. M. Poteat, O. W. Greene, Robert Burgin, Charles Hall, O. G. Sullivan, Math Evans, Hattie Sturgeon, Loy M. Toney, Everett Lawing, L. J. Toney, J. D. Waters, Bill Jones and Rev. Jessup.

## Group of 140 Men Left On Tuesday For Camp Croft

### Fourteen Transferred To Other Boards; Most Of Men Married With Children.

One hundred and forty selective service registrants were sent by the local draft board Tuesday to Camp Croft, S. C., for pre-induction physical examination. In addition to the group leaving here Tuesday 14 were transferred to other boards for examinations, making a total of 154. Practically all of the group were married men with children.

Composing the group were: Charles Whisman, James C. Rabb, Eugene D. Hitchcock, Hiram J. Hunter, Glenn G. Early, Carroll R. Hall, Arthur T. Woody, William F. Nichols, Fred S. Bowman, William M. Bolton, Albert M. Huffman, Gentry M. Miller, James H. Moore.

Paris Johnson, Frank R. Bost, Spurgeon Parker, Frank P. Roland, Roby J. Sutton, John S. Conner, John R. Davis, Joseph W. Owensby, Raymond D. Workman, Roy R. Lewis, Robert H. E. Ballew, Johnie R. Godfrey, Delmar T. Hollifield, Loyd A. Clark, Franklin W. Randolph, Ralph W. Deal, Leroy H. Walker, Garthur F. Rhom, Claude A. Murphy, William C. Revis, Warren T. Johnson.

Andrew W. Rymer, Paul McG. Bryant, Willis M. Early, William L. Synpes, Donald L. Turner, Winfred J. Poteat, Harlin Moody, Presley B. Jaynes, Louis Evans, Dannie L. Morgan, J. R. Harris, Jr., Everette G. Johnson, Walter H. Padgett, John R. Morrow, Ralph D. Patton, Jonas C. McCraw, Bernard W. Fender, Carl A. Glenn, Melvin R. Barber, Elva J. Perkins, Selden C. Roberts, Jr., Prince A. Lewis, Walter B. Phillips, Hubert G. Hensley, Woodrow W. Byrd, Roy L. Lamb.

Ray V. Greene, Ervin W. Martin, Garland L. Plemmons, William B. Sowers, Roy P. Rabb, Ross Lewis, Knisley E. Giles, Charles E. Young, John S. Duncan, Joseph Williams, Horace W. Gouge, Thomas F. Hollifield, Roten J. Fowler, Hilliard Ward, Ray W. Queen, Charlie Padgett, Horace R. Rector, James H. Hollifield, James F. Warren, Hubert W. Brown, Clyde W. Vickers, Walter E. Ollis, Martin H. Mull, William L. Effler, John C. Gilkey, Daniel A. Lamb, Paul C. Pittman, Lester J. Roland, Robert J. Sparks.

Harold L. O'Dear, Paul H. Bartlett, Carl E. Roland, Richard N. Allison, Hershel S. Robertson, Robert J. Morgan, Ted R. Souther, William L. Allison, Bis R. Lewis, Paul G. Ray, William V. Poteat, Ranson H. Mann, Ernest Fox, Thomas H. Goforth, Jr., Jake Y. Biggerstaff, Nelson D. Cox, Donald J. Barlowe, Jimmy G. Vess.

James W. Pritchard, Cecil F. Moody, George T. Mathis, Hoyle D. Lawing, Fred L. Hoppes, Therman J. Staton, Dewey G. Arrowood, Homer A. Conner, Hugh J. Price, Gaylon H. Isaacs, Kenneth W. Rabb, James P. Hennessee, Jr., Marion M. Hicks, Paul W. Simpson, Gilmer T. Byrd, Herman R. Robinson, Jack D. Wilson, Milton A. Hollifield.

Clarence W. Jolly, Albert L. Jennings, Cecil E. Mask, Everett E. Swafford, Howard G. Woody, Paul L. Davis, Linzie L. Hollifield, William S. Davis, Clyde A. Laughridge, Arria W. Bartlett, Robert N. Jenkins, Clarence M. Sheffield, Paul J. Reel, Conrad Baker and Willis L. Letterman.

Those transferred to other boards were: Herman L. Meredith to Mobile, Ala.; Ernest E. Franklin to Wilmington, N. C.; James L. Williams to Portsmouth, Va.; Paul J. Cooke to Hickory; Douglas L. Young to Baltimore, Md.; Carroll B. Beck to Rahway, N. J.; John B. Lawing to Wilmington, N. C.; James R. Blackwell to Spartanburg, S. C.; R. D. Cuthbertson to Wilmington, N. C.; William H. McLean to Fayetteville; Alvin Newton to Dundalk, Md.; Lankfird Adkins to Lenoir; William R. Ball to Burnsville and Arthur R. Jones to Baltimore, Md.

Ten percent of radium's use is in making luminous coatings for clock handles, gun sights and military instruments.