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## June Term Of Superior Court Convenes Here

### Criminal Docket Completed Tuesday; Divorces Granted To Eight Couples.

The June term of McDowell county superior court convened here Monday with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, presiding. Work on the criminal docket was completed Tuesday afternoon and rapid progress was being made on the civil docket.

Robert Byrd plead guilty to manufacturing illegal whiskey and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads on the first count and two years on the second count. Sentence was suspended on the second count for a period of five years upon condition that the defendant will not be connected in any way with the violation of the prohibition laws.

H. T. Greene plead guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of cost.

William Bruner, charged with grand larceny, was fined \$50 and costs.

Clarence Moore plead guilty to receiving stolen goods and received a fine of \$50 and costs.

Daniel Seaman, charged with manufacturing illegal whiskey, was fined \$200 and costs.

Tom Loftis, manufacturing illegal whiskey, was fined \$200 and costs on the first count and sentenced to 18 months on the roads on the second count, the latter sentence was suspended on condition that the defendant will not violate prohibition laws.

Eight divorces were granted as follows:

Charles Elbert Young versus Margaret Mae Epley Young.

Robert C. Haynes versus Lois E. Haynes.

Lizzie Summey Sisk versus Thomas J. Sisk.

Myrtle York Harrell versus Clyde N. Harrell.

Willard W. Ward versus Viola Denny Ward.

Ola Mills Hall versus Fred Brown Hall.

Joseph T. Lewis versus Hallie B. Lewis.

Winona Gibson Cannon versus Frederick Jahal Cannon.

**PADGETT PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT (j. g.)**

Joseph L. Padgett, of Marion, has been promoted from the rank of Ensign to that of Lt. (jg.), USNR, it was learned here last week. He has also recently received a commendation from Admiral R. E. Ingersoll, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, for meritorious performance of duty while stationed at the Naval Amphibious Training Base, Fort Pierce, Fla. This letter commends him for solving an important problem of vital interest to the United States war effort.

Lt. (jg.) Padgett is now in charge of a Naval Combat Demolition Unit overseas, serving with a task force taking part in the European Invasion.

**BOARD SENDS GROUP OF 20 MEN TO CAMP CROFT**

Twenty McDowell men left here for pre-induction physical examinations at Camp Croft Monday morning, including one transfer.

The list follows:

Clarence B. Smith, Ruben H. McKinney, Lloyd C. Ollis, William F. Nichols, Dean C. Greer, Fred E. McKinney, Samuel L. Stone, Jr., Carter P. Rader, Charles F. Ledbetter, Robert N. Elliott, James E. Holland, William G. Good, James D. McKinney, Daniel Webster, Phillip A. Marlow, Frank B. Dysart, Donald L. Anderson, Robert F. Busbin, Arthur Thomas Woody and William Mace.

**COMPLETES PILOT COURSE**

First Lieut. Lyda A. Burnett of Route 3, Marion, was among those recently completing the nine weeks pilot transition training course on four-engine Liberator bombers at Maxwell Field, Ala., it is announced by the Public Relations office.

## GUY ARROWOOD BEING HELD CHARGED WITH SLAYING CARL RHOM

Guy Arrowood, about 30 years of age, is held in McDowell County jail without bond charged with the slaying of Carl James Rhom, 43, at Vein Mountain, about 12 miles south of Marion, Monday morning.

Arrowood and Rhom, members of a Southern railway section crew, engaged in an altercation resulting in Rhom being fatally injured when struck in the head with a shovel by Arrowood, according to witnesses, it was stated by Sheriff Grady Nichols, who arrested Arrowood at his home at Vein Mountain following the incident. Rhom was brought to the Marion General Hospital where he died Monday evening about 6 o'clock.

He is survived by his wife, Bina Conner Rhom; four sons, Max, Bruce, Wallace and Carl, Jr., of Vein Mountain; five daughters, Lucille, Beulah, Peggy, Joyce and Martha Rhom, of Vein Mountain; his father, George F. Rhom; five brothers and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Rhom and George E. Rhom of Vein Mountain; Arthur Rhom of Rutherfordton; Clyde Rhom of Clinchfield; Claude Rhom of Rt. 3, Marion; Robert, Route 2, Marion; Mrs. Houston Rumpfelt and David Rhom of East Marion; one half brother, Arthur Rhom of Vein Mountain and Kenneth Rhom, U.S. army in England. Funeral services were held at the Macedonia Church Wednesday afternoon.

## Dean Tainter Made Chairman Of Plane Drive

### Will Head Drive To Buy Ambulance Plane; Committees For Drive Announced.

Dean Tainter, local druggist, has been appointed chairman for McDowell county in the Pharmacists' campaign for the Fifth War Loan Drive, according to announcement by W. A. Gilliam, of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Tainter announces that J. W. Streetman, Jr. has been named chairman for the Town of Marion. Other members of the committee are E. P. Crawford, G. B. Finley, R. E. Foster, W. D. Harrison, Guy S. Kirby, Jr., J. W. Streetman, Jr. and E. A. Tennant. The ladies committee is composed of Mrs. W. D. Harrison, chairman; Mrs. E. P. Crawford, Mrs. G. B. Finley, Mrs. Guy S. Kirby, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mrs. E. A. Tennant and Mrs. J. W. Streetman, Sr.

Old Fort: W. R. Griffin, chairman, I. L. Caplan; Ladies committee—Mrs. I. L. Caplan, chairman, and Mrs. W. R. Griffin.

The druggists will seek to sell "E" bonds equal to the purchase price of five giant hospital planes during the campaign. The planes would be named "North Carolina Pharmacists," "NCPA Woman's Auxiliary," "NCPA Traveling Men's Auxiliary," "North Carolina Wholesale Druggists," "North Carolina Retail Druggists."

If the goal is surpassed the additional planes will be named for the county which sells the largest quota of "E" bonds per capita, the city or town which sells the largest quota of "E" bonds per capita, and for North Carolina war heroes.

### PVT. HOLLIFIELD BACK FROM DUTY OVERSEAS

When the hospital ship Thistle docked at Charleston Harbor, it brought ten North Carolina men back from overseas duty, including Rase Hollifield of Marion. Most of the patients were veterans of the Italian campaigns.

The several hundred men who arrived on the Thistle are now quartered at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., where they are receiving treatment and enjoying American food until they are evacuated to General Hospitals nearer their homes, or to other Army hospitals for specialized treatment.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.

## Softball League Opened Season Here Tuesday

### Clinchfield Defeats East Marion 10-5; Firemen Win Over Broyhill 8-7.

The first set of league games sponsored by the Greater Marion Athletic Association was played Tuesday afternoon with a double-header on the high school field. Clinchfield defeated East Marion by a score of 10-5 and Marion Firemen won over Broyhill 8-7. Both were interesting games. The schedule of games for the season follows:

Friday, June 16—Clinchfield ground: East Marion vs Broyhill and Clinchfield vs Hemphill Tigers.

Tuesday, June 20—East Marion ground: East Marion vs Firemen and Broyhill vs Hemphill Tigers.

Friday, June 23—Marion high school ground: Broyhill vs Clinchfield and Firemen vs Hemphill Tigers.

Tuesday, June 27—Clinchfield ground: Clinchfield vs East Marion and Broyhill vs Firemen.

Friday, June 30—Marion high school ground: Firemen vs Clinchfield and Hemphill Tigers vs East Marion.

Tuesday, July 4—Marion high school ground: Clinchfield vs Broyhill and Hemphill Tigers vs Firemen.

Friday, July 7—Marion high school ground: Broyhill vs East Marion and Hemphill Tigers vs Clinchfield.

Tuesday, July 11—East Marion ground: Clinchfield vs Firemen and East Marion vs Hemphill Tigers.

Friday, July 14—Marion high school ground: Hemphill Tigers vs Broyhill and Firemen vs East Marion.

### HONOR ROLL OF RETAIL STORES IN 5TH WAR LOAN

The Merchants Association announces the sale of war bonds by retail stores in the Fifth War Loan Drive as follows:

Workman's \$4,000; Tainter's \$6,950; McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store \$5,113; Belk-Broome Co. \$581.25; and Marion Drug Co. \$12,100.

The honor roll of employees who have sold \$300 or more worth of bonds were also announced by the Merchants Association as follows:

Workman's: Mrs. C. A. Workman, Miss Bonnie Hill, Mrs. Georgia Nichols, Mrs. L. D. Atkins, Mrs. Guy Kirby, Mrs. A. R. Conley, Mrs. T. M. Hemphill, Fred Lentz, Harold Buchanan and Emmet Fowler. Tainter's: Dr. E. A. Tennant, Dean Tainter and Miss Agnes Goodman.

McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store: Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Harrison, Dr. G. B. Finley, Zeb Hawkins, Mrs. J. E. Pye, Homer Walker, Zane Dalton and Billy Stanley.

Belk-Broome Company: Miss Lurline Corpening. Marion Drug Company: Mrs. Dean Tainter and Mrs. J. M. Tyler.

### FEDERATION DECLARES 3 PER CENT DIVIDEND

Directors of the Farmers Federation declared a 3% dividend on the common stock, James G. K. McClure, president, announced this week. This is the regular 3% dividend which is paid every six months and it will be paid on July 1 to all stockholders who held shares on June 20.

The directors also declared the regular dividend on preferred stock.

More than 5,000 farmers will receive dividends on common stock.

Mr. McClure announced that business of the Federation from January 1 to June 1 has been greater than in any other year in the Federation's history. During that period the cooperative handled 29,803 cases of eggs and also shipped the first carload lots of dressed poultry ever to be shipped from Western North Carolina.

**FOOD**

With less labor available on farms and in processing plants, we need to continue to exert every effort to produce food to capacity, say N. C. State College Extension specialists.

## Bell Is Elected Commander of Legion Post 56

### Other Officers Elected And Delegates Named To The State Convention.

Carr Bell was elected commander of McDowell post, No. 56, of the American Legion at an interesting meeting of the post Tuesday night, succeeding Ben Hendley. Other officers elected were:

Geo. C. Crawford, first vice-commander; Wm. M. Gladden, second vice-commander; Geo. W. Wilson, adjutant; J. H. Beaman, finance officer; John S. Wilson, service officer; W. R. Chambers, guardianship; Dr. Carl McMurray, chaplain; W. Ed. Conley, sergeant-at-arms; W. R. Burleson, historian; Morris Carter, athletics; Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr., child welfare officer; Howard Hoover, Americanism; Cecil B. Dobson, national defense officer; John E. Melton, grave registration officer; Barron Caldwell, employment officer; Ernest F. Haire, boys' state officer; B. H. Laughridge, Boy Scout officer; S. E. Proctor, membership; J. Grayson Neal, publicity; sons of legion, J. C. Bowman.

The new officers will be installed at the next meeting in July.

Ben E. Hendley, John E. Melton, Cecil Dobson and S. E. Proctor were elected delegates to the annual convention to be held in Asheville on June 19 and 20.

### DAIRYMEN CALLED TO MEET AT COURT HOUSE NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 19

All dairymen in either wholesale or retail business of milk, or anyone else in any wholesale or retail business in McDowell county, are requested to be present at a meeting to be held by the wholesale and retail dairymen at the court house in Marion on Monday, June 19 at 2:00 p. m., it is announced by Robt. G. Carter, district manager Office for Emergency Management.

A representative of the Office of Defense Transportation of Asheville, will be present to explain the delivery order, ODT 17, Amendment 3B, to all dairymen making deliveries. This order has been in effect for some time and plans must be made in order that all businesses concerned may comply with the order.

### 35 McDOWELL MEN ARE PLACED IN CLASS 1-A

McDowell men who have been placed in Class 1-A for military service by the local draft board since May 6 are as follows:

Gordon J. Parker, Howard W. Woody, Virgil Lytle, Emerson P. Dameron, Charles E. Young, Horace W. Gouge, William A. Carswell, Horace R. Rector, James H. Hollifield, Carl A. Glenn, Elva J. Perkins, Seldon C. Roberts, Jr., Prince A. Lewis, Hubert G. Hensley, Woodrow W. Byrd, Roy L. Lamb, Harold E. Anderson, William H. Woody, Robert N. Elliott, James E. Holland, James D. McKinney, George W. Good, Daniel Webster, Phillip A. Marlow, Jack L. Clontz, Carroll R. Hall, Hillard Ward, Glenn C. Early, Thomas J. Jenkins, Fulton H. Gouge, Frank B. Dysart, Donald L. Anderson, Robert F. Busbin, Lloyd C. Ollis, Clarence B. Smith.

### SCOUTS TO HOLD COURT OF HONOR FRIDAY NIGHT

The court of honor for McDowell county Boy Scouts will be held at the First Methodist church here Friday evening, June 16, at 7:30 o'clock. Awards and advancements will be given for work done during the past month.

### PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT NEBO

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Group of the Nebo Methodist Church will present a play entitled "Moon Shy" at the Nebo high school auditorium on June 16 at 8:30 p. m. A small admission will be charged.

Proceeds from the entertainment will be used to send delegates to the Methodist assembly at Lake Junaluska.

## INTERURBAN BUS SERVICE DISCUSSED AT MERCHANTS MEET

At the meeting of the Merchants Association last Thursday night the possibility of securing interurban bus service for Marion was discussed. Merchants were asked to support efforts to bring this service to Marion if they feel the need of it.

Participation in the Fifth War Loan Drive was discussed and Vernon T. Eckerd, president of the association, asked the full support of the association in behalf of this huge drive. All employees of stores selling \$300.00 worth, or more, of "E" bonds will be qualified for the honor roll. Names of those selling that amount will be published weekly in the local newspapers.

Merchants were asked to bring their price ceiling problems (if any) to the price panel meetings, held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the city hall.

A new member, John W. Setzer, editor and publisher of the McDowell News, was welcomed by the members into the association.

### AUTO DEALERS, FILLING STATION OPERATORS TO MEET TUESDAY EVENING

The division of price control of the local War Price and Rationing board announces that on next Tuesday night, June 20, in the city hall a meeting will be held for all automobile and tire dealers, garage owners and operators of filling stations. All of the above mentioned citizens should be present or represented by some member of their organizations.

D. C. Goff, of the Charlotte OPA office, will be present and will be in charge of the discussion. This meeting is one of a series of such meetings being conducted by the Office of Price Administration throughout the entire state. Matters of vital interest to the automobile trade industry will be discussed.

## Fifth War Loan Drive Opened Here Monday

### Campaign Gets Under Way To Sell McDowell County's Quota Of \$446,000.

The Fifth War Loan campaign officially opened here Monday to raise McDowell County's quota of \$446,000.

The campaign as in former drives is under the management of J. N. Morris and J. F. Snipes, co-chairmen. They stated that while the quota this time is larger that they are confident that it will be met by the citizens of the county.

The June drive is the biggest and the most important job the people of this county have ever faced together and it may be the most important bond drive of the war. Therefore, it is well to keep this fact foremost in our minds and see that no effort is spared to make this the most successful of all previous campaigns. In this drive personal solicitations will be more important than ever before if we expect to reach the six billion dollar mark from individuals alone.

In this June drive let us do our share towards making a real "victory loan drive" and carry the proportionate share of the 16 billion dollars asked of the people of the nation to finance the invasion of Europe and other offensives designed to bring a victorious end to the war.

Mr. Morris stated yesterday that while no figures are available very satisfactory progress is being made on the drive.

### WORD RECEIVED FROM TWO BYRD BROTHERS

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Byrd received word this week that their son, Jack Byrd, First Class Petty Officer and radio gunner in the Navy Air Corps, is now in San Diego.

Word was also received recently that another son, Captain B. B. Byrd, who has been stationed in Australia, is on his way home.

Buy U. S. War Bonds.

## Ten Killed As Bomber Crashes North of Marion

### Eight Have Been Recovered From Wreckage; Flames Visible Three Miles.

Ten crew members of an army bomber were killed Tuesday night when the plane crashed and burned near Green Knob Mountain on the headwaters of Armstrong Creek, north of Pleasant Gardens around 11 o'clock, army air force officials disclosed yesterday.

The plane was identified as a B-24 bomber on a combat training flight from Chatham Field, Savannah, Ga., and bodies of eight men have been recovered up to this time. Officials said that the normal crew of the bomber was 10 men and soldiers from the air forces here are searching for the two remaining bodies.

Cause of the accident has not been determined, it was announced, but a board of qualified officials is investigating circumstances around the crash.

Jack Thurmond, district ranger in the area where the plane crashed, reported to officials that he heard the big plane flying low about 11 o'clock last night and thought that it crashed into the hillside. Forest wardens in the district also reported to the army that flames from the burning plane were visible three miles.

The spot where the plane crashed is on the south side of the Blue Ridge range, on the headwaters of Armstrong creek, reached by way of Garden City and Buck Creek gap. The spot is rather heavily timbered and on a steep hill.

### NAVY RECRUITER TO BE IN MARION THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 23

C. J. Rhinehardt, Navy recruiter, of Asheville, will be in Marion Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23, for the purpose of interviewing women between the ages of 20 and 36 who are interested in joining the WAVES.

Lt. Cmdr. G. E. McNely of Raleigh, officer in charge of recruiting and induction for the Navy in North Carolina, says the invasion, as we expected, will take a heavy toll of life. "Those who fall must be replaced, he stated. "That is possible only through the enlistment of women who will take over jobs now confining men to shore duty."

"The Navy is asking for more WAVES. Bluejackets themselves are asking for WAVES in order that sailors might be assigned to ships. It is the patriotic duty of every young eligible woman who can be in uniform. Join the WAVES now."

### BROUGHTON SEEKS NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY

New York, June 10.—Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, announcing his candidacy for the Democratic vice presidential nomination, told a press conference here today that "the American public mind in its present state will overwhelmingly re-elect President Roosevelt."

Broughton, who said his name would be placed in nomination for the second place on the Democratic ticket, declared that "the issue in the coming national campaign will revolve itself into the question of the conduct of the war and negotiations at the peace table. All other problems will be forgotten."

He predicted that a general plank in the Democratic national platform against federal encroachment of states' rights would appease Southern Democrats now threatening to bolt the New Deal.

The so-called southern revolt, Broughton said, was "not so much anti-Roosevelt nor anti-fourth term as it was resentment against Federal interference with matters of sole state concern."

The principal questions at issue between Southern exponents of states' rights and the Administration, Broughton added, were the poll tax and the racial problem.