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## New Employment Regulations Go Into Effect July 1

### Employees Urged to Avoid Absenteeism During Strenuous Days Ahead.

The United States Employment service is urging all employees in essential war industries to step up production and avoid absenteeism during the trying days ahead.

Due to the serious manpower shortage, all war plants are finding it more and more difficult to secure help sufficient to maintain full production schedules.

McDowell County has vitally essential war industries on which full production is a patriotic duty," says David A. Gray, interviewer of the Marion branch of the U. S. Employment Service.

"The textile plants of this county are really going to war in production for the war cause, and basic civilian needs," says Mr. Gray. "Greater production is absolutely necessary if these needs are to be met. If you are a textile worker, stay on the job a full work week, every week, and work to get full production," he requests.

A number of McDowell County plants, particularly textiles and lumber, hold large contracts with the Government. A greater part of their production is going directly into the war effort. Employees of those plants are in very essential work, and are vitally needed on their jobs day after day.

"If you are of the general public, not connected with textiles, your support is needed in making all of our people aware of the vital part the textile industry is taking in the war effort," stated Mr. Gray, in reference to the many government contracts held by these plants.

"The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission is giving all assistance possible in furnishing workers to keep up production," said Mr. Gray. Our boys are fighting the war all over the world. Every employee in essential industry in McDowell County can help fight it on your job. Stick with your job and work at it," he concluded.

Inauguration of manpower priorities, employment ceilings and the priorities referral plan on a nationwide scale, effective July 1, means that all employers will have a chance at the limited numbers of available workers in accordance with their urgency and essentiality in the war effort, will not be allowed more workers than their actual needs and will employ all male workers through the U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State WMC Director, announces.

All establishments in North Carolina, essential, less essential or non-essential, will have employment ceilings established for them by a Manpower Priorities Committee, which will also set requirements for replacement schedules.

The new order means that plants in North Carolina will get available male workers on the basis of their relative urgency in the war effort, will employ them through the USES and will be furnished their needs as far as possible to keep essential and locally needed industries at the highest point of production, Dr. Dorton explains.

Hiring quotas for all firms will be established as of July 1, and are effective for 60-day periods, after which they will again be reviewed.

All orders for male workers must be filed with the local offices of the USES, local USES Offices will refer workers to less essential or non-essential industries only after urgency and essential groups have been supplied.

### RED CROSS MEETING

The annual meeting of the officers and members of the McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at 8 o'clock Friday evening, July 7, Mrs. B. G. Carr, executive secretary, announced this week. Officers for the year will be elected.

A full attendance is urged.

## MERCHANTS REPORT WAR BOND SALES ARE NOW OVER \$90,000

Bond sales by local merchants and employees during the Fifth War Loan campaign amount to over \$90,000 according to reports listed with the Marion Merchants Association. Sales announced by the association follows:

Workman's \$7,621.25 (E); Belk's \$8,337.50 (E) and \$7,400. (F); Tainter's \$16,875. (E) and \$6,500. (F); Marion Drug Company \$6,425. (E) and \$10,000. (F). McCall Burgin Hardware \$1,668.75, McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store \$11,828.50; Streetman's \$13,350.

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.

Marion Drug Company: Mrs. Dean Tainter, Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Miss Susie Joe Eller, Afton Lizenbee, Miss Judy English, Miss Erna Maude Dysart, Miss Patricia Barnes and Francis Dysart.

Belk-Broome Company: Miss Lurline Corpening, Miss Elwyn Hill, Mrs. Pearl Ledbetter, Miss Pearl Ricks, Norris Nanney, Mrs. Cleo Davis, Miss Jewell Jones, Miss Sue Carver, Miss Lucille Payne, Mrs. Pearl Morgan and Mrs. Newell Byers.

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.

Tainter's: Dr. E. A. Tennant, Dr. Dean Tainter, Miss Agnes Goodman, Miss Betty Ann Tainter, R. E. Foster, Miss Lucille Simmons, Marion Long, Howard Hoover, Jr., and Sammie Proctor.

McCall - Burgin Hardware Company: C. Y. Banning and Mrs. Glenn Bradley.

Streetman Drug Co.: J. W. Streetman, Sr., J. W. Streetman, Jr., Walter Patton, Tony Grant, and Miss Marjorie Propst.

Marguerite Shoppe: Miss Gwendolyn Cooper.

## Board Issues Warning As To Polio Outbreak

### No Cases In McDowell But Citizens Are Urged To Heed Recommendations.

The McDowell County Board of Health, following a meeting held Sunday afternoon, issued notices calling the attention of the public to the outbreak of infantile paralysis in neighboring counties and has made recommendations of preventative measures for this county. It is recommended that all people, especially children 12 years of age and younger, keep away from all places where people congregate, including wading pools, shows, picnics, summer camps and schools; keep at home as close as possible, do no unnecessary traveling especially on buses and trains.

It was stated that there are no known cases in this county, but all citizens are requested to observe these recommendations. Should there be an outbreak of infantile paralysis in this county more legal measures will be adopted and enforced to prevent the spread of this dread disease.

### LOOSE COUPONS NOT RECOGNIZED FOR GAS

Last Sunday afternoon a man driving a Georgia car stopped at Hemphill's Service Station and requested 6 gallons of gasoline. While the gasoline was being put in the tank, the man presented two loose coupons but was informed that only coupons in book form were acceptable. He claimed that he had detached them, but investigation proved they did not correspond with his book. Therefore, the gas was drawn from his tank and he continued on his way.

## McDowell War Bond Sales Now Total \$122,977

### Local Stores Report Sales Amounting To Over \$90,000 During Campaign.

McDowell County moves slowly towards its War Bond Drive goal of \$446,000 during the week with total sales of \$122,977 reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, according to information released by J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen for the county.

The total series "E" bond sales was reported at \$71,655 out of a quota of \$182,000.

These figures, it was explained, are lagging several days behind the actual sales because of the time needed to clear them in the Federal Reserve Bank.

The chairmen stated that while McDowell county is far behind with the quota they are confident that by the end of the drive the quota will be reached.

Local merchants and employees have purchased over \$90,000 worth of bonds according to the reports to the Merchant's Association. Of this amount \$59,400 has been credited on the druggists' drive for a hospital plane.

### SGT. ARTHUR PARKER RETURNS TO STATES

T/Sgt. Arthur C. Parker, 29, of East Marion, returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined, the Public Relations office at Miami Beach has announced.

Sergeant Parker served as communications non-commissioned officer in the information center for two years in the Southwest Pacific. He was hospitalized one month after his return to U. S. May 2, 1944. Sergeant Parker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker, 1400 Gault St. S. E., Atlanta, Ga., and the husband of Mrs. Mary Sue Parker of Marion.

### P. T. A. RECREATIONAL PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

The recreational program, sponsored by the Marion Parent-Teacher Association, has been temporarily discontinued upon the advice of the McDowell County Board of Health, it was announced this week.

Notice is given in this issue of The Progress that an outbreak of infantile paralysis has occurred in neighboring counties and all people, and especially children 12 years of age and younger, are advised to keep away from all places where people congregate.

It was stated that public announcement will be made when the program can be safely resumed.

### PARKER REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Pvt. Roy L. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Parker, of Old Fort, has been listed as missing in action in Italy since May 31, his parents have been notified by the war department.

The private entered service March 25, 1943, and received basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala. He left the States in September, 1943, and has been attached to an infantry division. He is a graduate of Old Fort high school.

Pvt. Parker has two brothers in service, one with the army in India and the other with the navy in the South Pacific area.

### FOOD SPECIALIST TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Miss Mary Thomas, nutritionist of the extension service of N. C. State College, Raleigh, will give a demonstration on bread making at the home demonstration agent's office in the court house next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

All club members and others interested are invited to attend.

## Local Churches To Hold Union Night Services

### First Service On Baptist Lawn Sunday Evening With Dr. Blackwell As Speaker.

The First Baptist, First Methodist, and First Presbyterian churches will unite in their Sunday evening service of July 2 and will have Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College, as guest speaker.

This will be the first of the union Sunday evening services to be held by these churches during the months of July and August on the lawn of the First Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

Music will be furnished by the combined choirs of the three churches under the direction of Albert Hewitt, Jr., J. D. Little and J. L. Gourley, directors of the choirs of the three churches represented.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

### MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR EXTRA SUGAR TODAY

Beginning today (Thursday) and on each Thursday for the next four to six weeks any consumer needing extra sugar for canning purposes may make application for it, according to an announcement issued by the local War Price and Ration board. The board can consider such applications on Thursday's only and the public is asked to cooperate by making applications at time mentioned above.

To be eligible for additional canning sugar there must be a real need; that is, the applicant must have fruits available for the canning, and he must show that he has no sugar on hand and that all prior allotments of sugar issued for canning purposes has been used for these purposes only.

The applicant also will be asked to supply information for a questionnaire dealing with fruits and other foods processed this year.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The American Legion will have an installation of officers on July 11 at a meeting to be held in the Legion room of the community building and will also have on the program John E. Melton, who was recently elected commander of the 18th district of the American Legion, and Judge J. Will Pless and Howard Hoover, past district commander has been elected Post 56.

This is the third time in the history of Legion Post 56 that a district commander has been elected from this post.

All veterans and members of their families are asked to plan to attend. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The Legion has made arrangements to send Billy Stanley and John Homer Beaman to the Tar Heel Boys' State to be held in Chapel Hill August 27-September 3.

### HAGNA PURCHASES ROY'S CURB MARKET

Brent Hagna has purchased Roy's Curb Market on South Main street, it was announced this week. Mr. Hagna, former employee of the Dixie Home Store, has assumed management of the business and will continue to operate it as The Curb Market.

Roy Morrow, former owner, has passed the physical examination for service in the U. S. Navy and is awaiting his call.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22, LONGEST DAY OF YEAR

Thursday, June 22, was listed as the longest day of the year, the time of the summer solstice, and the official beginning of summer. The almanac indicates that the days are now more than fourteen hours and 30 minutes long.

After a few days, the sun will start on its apparent southern journey, causing the days to grow gradually shorter until December 22, the shortest day of the year.

## McDOWELL MAN RETIRES FROM RAILWAY SERVICE COMPLETING 45TH YEAR

A. B. Cuthbertson, former resident of McDowell County, who has served as supervisor for the Georgia and Florida railroads for the past 15 years in Edgefield, S. C., retired from active duty on June 1, after 45 years in the railroad service.

Mr. Cuthbertson, who was formerly connected with the C. and W. C. Railways went to Edgefield in 1929, where he completed the construction and put in operation the new Greenwood extension from Augusta, Ga. to Greenwood, S. C. He has been rated as one of the company's most faithful and efficient supervisors. During his service as supervisor of the new line, only one derailment occurred. He kept the road inspected regularly and avoided derailments on the new line.

Mr. Cuthbertson is a Spanish-American War veteran and for several years was section foreman on the Southern railway at Nebo. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Cuthbertson of Nebo and a brother of Mrs. A. L. Finley of Marion.

He was born and reared at the Cuthbertson place, now the site of the Marion Lake Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson plan to return to this county soon to make their home. They have two daughters and three sons. Mrs. Cuthbertson, who was formerly Miss Nellie Hunter, is a sister of Mrs. Gertie Lewis of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson have many relatives and friends in this county who will be glad to learn that they will return to this county to make their home.

### DRUGGISTS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Announcement was made yesterday that until further notice the local drug stores will join in the half holiday observance, closing every Wednesday afternoon. The four stores are Tainter's, Streetman Drug Company, McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store, and Marion Drug Company.

## Next Friday To Be Observed As Ambulance Day

### Bond Auction Sale To Be Held at Court House at 5 O'clock; Prizes Offered.

McDowell County Ambulance Bond Day will be observed next Friday, July 7, featured by the bond auction sale to be held on the court house lawn at 5 o'clock. The sale will be held in cooperation with the county bond leaders in the Fifth War Loan Drive to stimulate interest in the campaign, it was stated by Dean Tainter, county chairman of the druggists division.

A large number of prizes have been donated by local firms for the sale. Frank Tolvert well-known auctioneer, of Morganton, will conduct the sale.

The druggists of the state will seek to sell "E" bonds equal to the purchase price of five giant hospital planes during the campaign.

The local druggists have entered the contest to be one of the five counties selling the largest quota of "E" bonds per capita that a plane may be named for McDowell county. The cooperation of all citizens of the county will be appreciated in the drive, it was stated.

Local sales credited on this drive up to this time amount to \$59,400, it was stated yesterday by Mr. Tainter.

### SHUFFORD REPORTED WOUNDED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shufford of Marion have been informed that their son, Pfc. James L. Shufford, has been wounded in action in Italy.

He was awarded the Purple Heart medal. Entering the army March 25, 1943, he received basic training at Fort McClellan and Camp Rucker, Ala., and has been overseas since September.

## Tract Of Land Donated Town For Cemetery

### Marion Manufacturing Company Give Tract For Enlargement Of Cemetery.

The Marion Manufacturing Company has generously contributed a large tract of land to the Town of Marion for the further development of Oak Grove cemetery. The tract contains over three acres and will afford the Town an opportunity to complete development of the cemetery which is deemed necessary.

In a letter to R. W. Twitty, vice-president of the Marion Manufacturing Company, the members of the Board of Aldermen express their appreciation for the gift as follows:

"We are writing to try to express to you our deep appreciation of the gift of the lands for our Town Cemetery which the Marion Manufacturing Company recently made to the Town of Marion. In undertaking to thank you and your company for this splendid gift, we are sure we are expressing the sentiments of the citizens of our town as well as our personal feelings.

"This property was necessary for a complete development of our Town cemetery and, while we fully appreciate the actual monetary value of the property, we more than appreciate the sentiment behind the gift.

"We feel that by making this generous contribution to the welfare of our town, that your company has identified itself as a part of our community by strong and unusual ties.

"We, and each of us, ask that you accept our sincere thanks and express our appreciation personally to each and every member of your board of directors."

### IDEAL CLEANERS SOLD TO HORACE WILKERSON

Announcement was made this week that the Ideal Cleaners, dry-cleaning and pressing establishment, has been purchased by Horace Wilkerson.

The plant was formerly owned and operated by Mrs. J. L. Gourley. Mr. Wilkerson, who is now employed by Jameson's Farm Supply, will begin management of the plant on July 3, it was stated.

### CHANGE OF SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

During the months of July and August the Sunday and Week-day services in St. John's Episcopal church will be as follows:

The eight o'clock and eleven o'clock services on Sundays will be discontinued; instead, there will be one service only which will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:00 a. m. Sunday School, as usual, at 10:00 a. m.

Week-Day and Holy Day services will be at 9:00 a. m.

On Tuesday, July 4th, Independence Day, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:00 a. m., with special intention for world peace.

### CHILDREN UNDER 12 ASKED NOT TO ATTEND SERVICES SUNDAY

The Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Lutheran churches of Marion, upon the advice of the McDowell County Board of Health, have asked that children 12 years of age and younger do not attend church and Sunday School services until further notice is given, because of the outbreak of infantile paralysis in neighboring counties.

### TO OBSERVE FOURTH OF JULY AS HOLIDAY

The banks, post office, county offices, retail stores and practically all business houses will observe Tuesday, July 4, as a holiday.

### TIMBER NEEDS LISTED

National timber requirements for 1944 have been estimated to include 36 billion board feet of lumber and 14 million cords of pulpwood.