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Bond Auction Sale Will Be Held Tomorrow

Druggists Will Sponsor Ambulance Plane Day With Bond Sale At 5 O'clock.

Friday, July 7, will be observed as McDowell County Ambulance Plane Bond Day in Marion. A War Bond auction sale will be held in front of Loven's Furniture store at 5 o'clock when a large number of valuable prizes will be given purchasers of "E" bonds.

The bond sale is being promoted by the local druggists in an effort to reach McDowell County's goal in the sale of "E" bonds and to aid in purchasing a mercy ship to be named for this county. Much interest is being manifested in the campaign and the rally will no doubt draw a large crowd.

The druggists are behind this movement one hundred per cent and are strongly urging their friends and customers to back them in this act of mercy by buying at least one invasion bond through them during the drive. Attend the sale, buy more bonds, and show them you are behind them in their effort to provide comfort and safety to our fighting men.

Buy an extra bond today and tomorrow.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM INVASION FRONT

Theodore H. Brooks, W. T. 2-c, of Marion, who was in the first wave of the invasion, gives some of the highlights he experienced in a letter to his wife here as follows:

"You have probably been very worried about me since the invasion began, and I just want you to know that I am getting along fine. We have not been hit, and have suffered no casualties, although we were in the first wave and have been in the thick of the battle.

"I can't tell you too much about it now, but I can give you an idea of some of the highlights. We have seen just about everything you can imagine in the way of modern warfare. As we crossed the English Channel, we passed through what was supposed to be one of the most effective mine fields in the world, but we got through safely. When we got across, we shot at enemy gun emplacements, tank and troop concentrations, ammunition dumps, observation posts and other vital targets.

"There have also been many unpleasant sights, but I won't tell you about those now. At one time, we had 27 enemy prisoners on board, but had to send them to another ship which took them back to a prison camp. They didn't look like supermen to me. We also had 29 wounded U. S. Army Rangers aboard who were brought to us by a small boat from an isolated beachhead. Their wounds were treated on board, and only one died. He had been lying wounded on the beach for two days before we could get him aboard, and he was just too far gone when he got to us.

"We have been under attack by enemy planes and glider bombs at night, and have seen many planes go down in flames. There have also been shell splashes in the water fairly close to us, caused by the enemy firing at ships along the shore, and most of us consider ourselves lucky considering what we have seen happen to others.

"This experience has drawn us closer together on the ship, and has shown us what a fine bunch of shipmates we have. The Army has praised our shooting, and we are very proud of the knowledge that we have done a good job.

"I don't know when I will get home, but I will tell you all about it when I get there. Give everybody my love, and please don't worry about me."

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.

One Case Of Polio Is Reported Here; Ordinance Passed

Due to the fact that infantile paralysis is reaching an epidemic stage in several counties in this section of the state, the Board of Aldermen at a special meeting yesterday passed an ordinance prohibiting all children under 15 years of age from attending any public place or appearing on the streets of the town.

Dr. J. F. Jonas reported yesterday that one case exists in Marion. The patient is Betty Jean Parker, age 10, at the home of Horace Turner, near Morehead City.

It was stated that every precaution will be taken to protect the health of the community.

RATION BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE HOURS

In order to be of greater service to the public at large the office hours of the local office of the War Price and Rationing board will be changed from 9:00 o'clock to 3:00 p. m. to hours from 10:00 in the morning to 4:00 in the afternoon. The new hours will become effective on July 17 and will remain in effect thereafter.

The announcement of the change of office hours stated that under the old schedule that it was next to impossible for a large number of employees running on shifts which closed at three o'clock to take care of their needs through the rationing office.

The public is requested to note the change of office hours and to cooperate in every way possible. On and after July 17 the office of War Price and Rationing board will be open to the public each week day from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

TWO HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST FRIDAY

A four-room house owned by Zeke Carson, colored, and occupied by McKinley Young, and a two-room house owned by Estelle Owens near Addie's Chapel were destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock Friday morning. The Owens house was not occupied. Carson's loss was estimated at about \$1500, partially covered by insurance.

Twitty And Bolch Named Members Of Price Panel

Announcement has been made by the War Price and Rationing board of the appointment of R. W. Twitty and C. C. "Pete" Bolch to its personnel. Mr. Twitty has been appointed to the tire board and Mr. Bolch to the price panel.

Mr. Twitty's appointment fills a vacancy caused by the resignation of E. P. Dameron who is now a member of the United States navy. The board expressed its appreciation for the splendid service rendered by Mr. Dameron. Mr. Twitty is vice-president of the Marion Manufacturing Company and is a young man of high qualities and ability. He should make a worthy successor to Mr. Dameron.

Mr. Bolch is connected with the Marion postoffice and is interested in the civic affairs of Marion. He is popular with those who know him and should be an asset to the local office of the War Price and Rationing board.

The appointment of each of the above mentioned young men should meet with the hearty approval of the public.

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

Announcement was made yesterday that beginning this evening the Florence Thomas Memorial Library will be open every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

This arrangement has been made so that persons who cannot secure books from the library during the day may avail themselves of the opportunity to borrow books. Those who wish to remain in the reading room may also have this opportunity on Thursday evenings.

S. L. Homewood Is Re-Appointed As County Agent

Miss Steele Also Re-elected Home Demonstration Agent —Budget Presented.

S. L. Homewood was re-elected county farm agent for McDowell county for a term of two years at the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners held Monday. Mr. Homewood has served four years as county agent for this county and is now beginning his ninth year in that capacity.

Miss Jean Steele was also re-elected home demonstration agent for a term of one year.

A budget estimate asking \$238,756.83 for operation of the county and schools during the fiscal year was presented to the board. The commissioners will meet later in the month to adopt the budget.

An order was passed by the board requiring that all beer places in the county be closed from 11:30 Saturday night until 7 o'clock Monday morning.

An order was made that the delinquent tax list for 1943 be advertised beginning the first week in August.

GIBSON COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT

E. Bryan Gibson received his silver pilot's wings in a ceremony at Moore Field, Mission, Texas, on June 27 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the army air corps, word received here last week.

Gibson volunteered for service in the air corps in 1942 and was called into active duty February, 1943. He began his training at the induction center at Miami Beach, Florida. He was given further training at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio and the classification center at San Antonio, Texas.

Afterwards he completed primary training at Gibbs Field, Ft. Stockton, Texas, basic training at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, and advanced training at Moore Field.

Lt. Gibson is a fighter pilot and has been sent to Matagorda Island for gunnery practice.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibson of Marion and a graduate of the Marion high school.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY HAVE CALL MEETING

The American Legion and Auxiliary held a call meeting on Monday night at the home of Ben E. Hendley to make further plans for the installation of officers for the coming year.

The installation service will be held next Tuesday night at the community building at 8 p. m.

A number of leading legionnaires within the state will be present.

Each member of the auxiliary is asked to bring a picnic lunch and supper will be served on the lawn.

A program of music and entertainment will be given.

All service men of World War I and II are cordially invited.

MARION AREA HIT BY HEAVY RAIN AND WIND STORM LAST FRIDAY

An electrical storm last Friday afternoon, accompanied by a strong wind and heavy rain, put a transformer of the Duke Power company out of commission, resulting in the town being without light and power for about three hours.

The lighting system and a limited amount of power was restored early in the evening, in an effort by the company to cause as little inconvenience as possible. During the night, with crews from Charlotte and Spartanburg, workmen installed an auxiliary transformer and the system was functioning normally by the next morning. It was a difficult task but was performed in short order.

No other damage was reported here except breaking limbs from trees and causing minor damage to plants and vegetables.

Farm Picnic To Be Held At Old Fort August 2nd

Celebration Will Include Musical Program, Contests And Picnic Dinner.

The Farmers Federation War Rally Picnic in McDowell county will be held at Old Fort high school on Wednesday, August 2.

Announcement of the picnic was made this week by James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, who announced that the county agent, a Farm Security Administration representative, and those in charge of War Bonds sales in the county will be invited to participate in the celebration.

While the sale of bonds and the all-out production of food for victory will be stressed throughout the day, there will be plenty of fun and entertainment, Mr. McClure said. All quartets and choirs and individual musicians are invited to sing or play during the day. Pender Rector and the Farmers Federation String Band will be present.

Each family is invited to bring a picnic dinner. Watermelons and lemonade will be furnished free by the Farmers Federation.

Mr. McClure will preside as usual, and the Rev. Dumont Clarke, religious director of the Farmers Federation, will supervise athletic contests during the lunch period.

Mr. McClure will tell of the progress of the Farmers Federation some time during the day, and the Rev. Mr. Clarke will tell of the spread of the Lord's Acre Movement for financing of the rural church.

The program will start at ten o'clock and will continue until twelve. Watermelons and lemonade will be served after those present have had an opportunity to eat their lunches. Athletic contests will be held following the serving of the lemonade and watermelons. The program in the afternoon will consist mainly of singing by the congregation and individual performers.

PARALYSIS COMMITTEE TO SEND 50% OF LOCAL FUNDS TO NAT'L FUND

The McDowell County Infantile Paralysis Committee met Wednesday morning and endorsed a recommendation by C. H. Crabtree, state field representative of the Infantile Paralysis committee, that 50% of the local infantile paralysis funds be sent to the national fund with the privilege of sending any polio case to camps, which will be sponsored by the National Infantile Paralysis Committee, for treatment. This motion was passed at a meeting held Wednesday morning at the court house.

The committee also made recommendation to the Board of Aldermen that children under 15 years of age be prohibited from attending any public gatherings or allow any such child to appear on the streets.

GAS RATION HOLDERS URGED TO APPLY FOR RENEWALS IN ADVANCE

All holders of "B" and "C" gasoline rations are requested to make application for a renewal of the ration by mail a week or ten days before the expiration date of the ration now held. If this practice is followed it will mean much to the issuing clerks at the War Price and Rationing board.

If application is made by "B" and "C" gasoline ration holders a week or ten days in advance of the expiration to their ration it will allow the clerks issuing the ration ample time to process the application, as well as sufficient time for the ration board to review any cases needing their attention. If application for renewal of gas rations is made in accordance with the suggestions set out above the car owner will not be inconvenienced by unnecessary delay, as the time limit suggested is ample to take care of processing.

Holders of "B" and "C" gasoline rations are expected to bear in mind the above request and to cooperate fully with rationing authorities.

WAR BOND SALES MADE BY MARION STORES NOW OVER \$120,000

Total bond sales made through the retail stores of Marion through Tuesday were \$120,398.00, according to the report made yesterday through the Merchants association. Tainter's drug store led in individual "E" bond sales with a total of \$28,225. Sales announced follows: Workman's \$7,621.25 (E); Belk's \$9,450.00 (E) and \$7,400. (F); Tainter's \$28,225. (E) and \$6,500. (F); Marion Drug Company \$11,825. (E) and \$10,000. (F). McCall Burgin Hardware \$1,668.75, McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store \$20,509.75; Streetman's \$15,325. The Leader \$1,875.

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.

The Leader: Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Londner, Mrs. J. M. Atkins and Miss Doris Woody.

McDowell County War Bond Sales Total \$254,132

Bond sales in McDowell county in the Fifth War Loan drive have reached a total of \$254,132, according to reports through June 1. Sales of "E" bonds amounted to \$81,536.50, making over \$100,000 in "E" bonds needed to reach the sub quota for "E" bonds.

The need of more sales of "E" bonds was emphasized by J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, war loan chairmen. The county has a quota of "E" bonds of \$182,000, which is included in the total quota of \$446,000.

In order to have a perfect record, the county must reach the "E" bond total as well as the total quota of \$446,000.

Efforts are being made to reach both the overall and the "E" bond quotas by next week.

MARION INFANTRYMAN MEMBER OF THE NOTED BATTLE PATROL IN ITALY

Corporal Howard D. Loftis of Marion was a member of the 3rd "Marne" Division patrol that penetrated deep into German held territory in a sector of the Fifth Army front in Italy recently covering over 15 miles and clearing the area of many Germans, according to word from the Fifth Army in Italy.

The group of infantrymen, known as the "Battle Patrol" spent 27 hours in rugged mountainous country accomplishing its mission. It has many successful patrols, both reconnaissance and combat, to its credit. Its men are picked and have been trained by British Commandos.

In the recent Allied drive on Cori, the patrol group was the first outfit to enter the city. In this drive it accounted for 75 enemy either killed or wounded.

Tomatoes And Peas Are Back On Point List

OPA Resume Rationing Of Three Canned Vegetables, Including Asparagus.

The Office of Price Administration has ordered the restoration of ration point values for canned peas, tomatoes and asparagus, effective Sunday, and dropped a broad hint that other vegetables now ration-free may require points again soon.

OPA assigned a value of five points for No. 2 cans of peas and tomatoes. Asparagus goes back on the list at 10 points.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the changes were in line with OPA's earlier statement that points would be restored when the remainder of the 1943 pack was cleaned up. Indicating that the time is near for placing other vegetables back under rationing, he added:

"We are already getting into the new canning season, the problem now is to distribute this year's output of canned vegetables evenly, giving everyone an opportunity to buy his share. This could not be done with canned vegetables at zero point values."

Other canned vegetables still ration-free are green and wax beans, beets, carrots, corn, spinach and leafy greens.

Other processed food changes for the period through July 29 include the return of brandied, spiced and pickled fruits to rationing. They get the same point values as other canned fruits.

Vegetable Juices Increased Spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce in eight-ounce containers are reduced a point, but vegetable juice combinations in 46-ounce cans get a new value of five points, up from four.

All canned fruits, still in short supply, retain their current high values, while all frozen fruits and vegetables remain ration-free.

Indicating further that most canned vegetables will be back under rationing, Curtis Rogers, processed foods rationing chief, said at a press conference that the supply for civilians will be 15 to 20 per cent less during the new pack year, commencing Saturday. Increased requisitions for the armed forces have trimmed the public allotment, he said.

When they were removed from rationing May 1, asparagus had a value of 14 points, four more than the new ration cost, and tomatoes had a five-point tag, the same went into effect Sunday. Peas went off the list April 1 when they were at three points a can. However, the new five-point value compares with an average of 15 points since the start of rationing.

PARKER KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Pvt. Roy L. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker, of Old Fort, previously listed as missing in action, was killed May 31, in Italy, according to a recent casualty list.

Overseas since September, 1943, he had received his basic training at Camp Rucker, Ala. He was a graduate of Old Fort high school. His brother, wounded in Burma, is in a hospital in India, and a second brother is with the navy, serving in the South Pacific.

GRANGE TO SPONSOR BOY SCOUT TROOP

Members of the Pleasant Gardens Grange voted to sponsor the local Boy Scout troop at their regular meeting held Tuesday evening in the Pleasant Gardens community building.

A patriotic program was given.

BURGIN-LYTLE REUNION

The Burgin-Lytte Reunion will be held Sunday, July 16, at Bethel Methodist Church, south of Old Fort, according to announcement this week. Services will begin at ten o'clock under the leadership of Fons Burgin, reunion president.