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McDowell Goes Over The Top In Bond Drive

Report Shows Sales Of \$54,000. In Excess Of County Quota Of \$446,000.

Unprecedented response to the appeal to buy War Bonds has swelled the total of bonds purchased in McDowell County during the Fifth War Loan to \$500,000.

The impressive total as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank to the local chairman exceeds the quota of \$446,000 by \$54,000. This represents the high mark for bond campaigns in this county.

The total sales of "E" bonds, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank yesterday, was short of the quota of \$182,000 by about \$10,000. Reports this week, however, indicate that the amount of "E" bonds sold is substantially larger and that the quota will be exceeded when final reports are made.

Any "E" bonds sold during the month of July will apply on this quota because all are dated July 1. The people of the county are urged to continue their patriotic backing of the war effort during the month with their dollars that McDowell County can have an unparalleled record for the Fifth War Loan.

The bond sale conducted by the local druggists last Friday afternoon resulted in sales amounting to \$64,762.50, cash value, or \$86,350 at maturity value.

The total figures in the druggists campaign had not been tabulated at the time of going to press yesterday.

TWO CASES OF POLIO REPORTED IN COUNTY; ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The McDowell County Board of Health at a meeting here last Friday afternoon reported that up to July 7 two cases of infantile paralysis had developed in McDowell county.

In order to prevent the spread of the disease and to protect the public so far as it can, the board adopted an ordinance prohibiting all children under 15 years of age from visiting all places where people congregate, such as swimming beaches, wading pools, shows, carnivals, schools, churches, picnics, summer camps, etc.

The board also requested that the public cooperate with the board and follow these recommendations:

1. Avoid public places, especially picnics, swimming pools, public grounds, and all public gatherings of every nature. Parents are requested to keep their children off the public streets and from congregating in groups at any place whatsoever.

2. Do not visit sick children until a doctor has been seen and a diagnosis of the case has been made.

3. Keep children at home, except when necessary to go to a doctor's office for treatment. If possible, call the doctor first or see a nurse before taking a child to the doctor's office.

4. Keep trash receptacles covered until trash is removed and burned.

5. People having cows or horses should keep the manure in a pile and sprinkled once a week with lime or borax to keep down flies.

6. The room in which there is a infantile paralysis victim should be screened and all flies that get into such room should be killed in such room. Use a disinfectant for nasal secretion and expectoration. Burn the cleansing tissue after using and wash hands immediately after handling such tissue.

No new cases have been reported this week.

CAMAK TO PREACH AT UNION SERVICE SUNDAY

Dr. D. E. Camak will be speaker at the union service of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches to be held on the lawn between the Methodist and Baptist churches Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY INSTALL NEW OFFICERS AT MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Officers of the American Legion Post 56 and the Legion Auxiliary were installed at a joint meeting of those organizations held Tuesday evening at the community building.

After a picnic supper the meeting was called to order by Ben Hendley, commander, and Howard Hoover, a former district commander, introduced J. E. Melton, new district commander, who presided over the meeting.

J. E. Melton installed legion officers as follows:

Carr Bell, commander, succeeding Ben Hendley; George C. Crawford, first vice-commander; William M. Gladden, second vice-commander; George 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.

Mrs. Oscar Miller, of Caldwell county, past vice department president of the Auxiliary, installed the following officers of the local auxiliary:

Mrs. Georgia Nichols, president, succeeding Mrs. H. C. Mangum; Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Workman, chaplain; Mrs. Ben Hendley, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. H. C. Mangum, historian. Mrs. Julia Stanley was recently re-elected secretary-treasurer.

J. A. Bush, commander of the Kindie-Dysart Post at Lenoir, was guest speaker for the evening. He told of the progress that had been made by that post stating that two years ago there were about 100 members and no money. At the present time, Mr. Bush stated, the post has bought a Legion home for \$11,000 and that amount has been fully paid. He also said that there is \$400 in the treasury and the membership has increased to 400. He said that the Legion is the outstanding organization of Caldwell county.

Mr. Bush urged that all posts of the American Legion begin plans to provide employment for veterans of World War II when they return and to extend to them a hearty welcome into civilian life.

C. S. Gibson, local legionaire, presented certificates for 25 years continuous service in the legion to Howard Hoover and Ben Hendley in recognition of their service.

Frank White, past district commander of the 7th district, made a few brief remarks.

Mrs. C. A. Workman presented a gift to Mrs. H. C. Mangum, who has served as auxiliary president for the past six years, on behalf of the auxiliary in recognition of her service.

GRANT SIX DIVORCES IN SUPERIOR COURT

The July civil term of McDowell county superior court convened here Monday with Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro presiding.

Six divorce cases were granted Monday after which the case of Juanita Gray versus the Western Carolina Power company was taken up and is now under way.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Ray Cooper Tate versus Charles Russell Tate, Andrew James Austin versus Melda Edwards Austin, Virginia Gray Lewis versus James Lona Lewis, Thomas Walter Anderson versus Letha Belle Hutchins Anderson, S. E. Harrill, Sr., versus Mae Harrill, Elsie Mae Ruff versus Paul Ruff. The last two cases were removed from Rutherford county to this county.

HAWKINS ASSIGNED TO UNIT AT UNIVERSITY

Cameron Wilton Hawkins of Marion has been assigned to the Navy's V-12 unit at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the new term beginning July 1. He is one of 1,330 apprentice seamen of the Navy and privates of the Marine Corps who will study there during the next four months as members of the Navy's officer training program.

Sharp Increase Is Reported In Postal Receipts

Gain For First Six Months Of This Year Is \$2,252.81 Over Same Period Last Year.

Receipts at the Marion postoffice for the month of June were \$4,282.32, as compared with \$3,782.46 for June, 1943, representing a gain of \$499.86 last month over the same month of the previous year.

The report, filed by Postmaster Barron Caldwell, shows that for the June quarter, 1944, the receipts at the local postoffice were \$11,912.53, as compared with \$10,836.82 for the quarter ending June 30, 1943, showing a gain of \$1,075.71 for the quarter ending June 30, 1944, over the same quarter of the previous year.

The receipts for the quarter ending March 31, 1944, were \$11,163.30, compared with \$9,986.20 for the quarter ending March 31, 1943, showing an increase of \$1,177.30 over the first quarter of last year.

The total receipts for the first six months of 1944 were \$23,075.83, compared with \$20,823.02 for the six month period ending June 30, 1943, showing a gain of \$2,252.81, or 18% for the six months period ending June 30, 1944, over the same period of the previous year.

FRANKLIN RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE THURSDAY EVENING

The residence of O. S. Franklin, a nine-room two-story structure, located on the Airport road north of Marion, was destroyed by fire last Thursday evening about 7:30 o'clock. The fire started in the second story of the building and the roof was in flames when discovered by Mr. Franklin while at work in the garden. The fire department promptly responded to the alarm, but being out of reach of the water line the firemen were unable to extinguish the blaze.

The entire contents of the building, including clothing and all personal belongings of the family, were also destroyed.

The loss of the building is estimated at about \$6,000 with \$2,000 insurance. There was no insurance on the household goods and furniture.

SHOULD APPLY FOR GAS RATION LONG BEFORE OLD RATION EXPIRES

The local office of the War Price and Rationing board is making every effort to serve the public efficiently, with as little inconvenience as is possible to those making applications for the various rationed commodities.

At the present time the large volume of applications for "B" and "C" gasoline rations makes it impossible to process the application while the applicant waits. With this thought in mind local rationing officials are making an appeal to holders of "B" and "C" gasoline rations to apply for renewal of their ration a week or ten days before the old ration expires. The practice of processing the applications "while-you wait" will be discontinued and the new ration will be mailed as soon as possible after application for renewal has been received by the local board.

The applicant should mail in his request for renewal of gasoline "B" or "C" rations, rather than apply in person.

PVT. POTEAT REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Bruce Brown Poteat, previously listed as missing in action, was killed May 27 in Italy, according to a recent casualty list.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Poteat of Marion and had served overseas since September, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He was a student of Glenwood high school. His brother, Cpl. Milo French Poteat, is now stationed in Nevada.

Grady Nichols Is New Head Of N. C. Sheriffs

Gregg Cherry And Edward Scheidt Of The FBI Speak At Annual Meeting.

Grady Nichols of Marion, sheriff of McDowell county, was named president of the Sheriff's Association of North Carolina at the annual meeting in Hendersonville last Thursday. Sheriff Nichols succeeds Sheriff C. V. Faulkner of Nash county.

S. R. Churchill, sheriff of Lenoir county, was named first vice-president, and Ray E. Pitts of Newton, sheriff of Catawba county, second vice-president. John R. Morris, ex-sheriff of New Hanover county, was reelected as secretary and treasurer, and L. P. McNicholl, deputy sheriff of New Hanover county, will continue as field representative.

Winston-Salem was selected as the site of next year's convention. At the afternoon session of the convention, Edward Scheidt, agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the FBI, spoke briefly to the convention, commending the sheriffs for their fine cooperation with the FBI and their work in aiding the war effort of the state.

Also introduced at the session were Thomas Creekmore, head of the state bureau of investigation; Captain C. D. Farmer of the state highway patrol; W. E. Alexander and J. Scroop Styles of the parole department.

The present world conflict has brought increased burdens to the law enforcement officers of the state, and the years that follow the war will bring more and more burdens, but the sheriffs of this state will meet the challenge of the peace as they have met the challenge of the war. R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, told the sheriffs at their banquet meeting Thursday night.

MERCHANTS WILL MEET THURSDAY EVENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday evening, July 13 in the Firemen's Room, City Hall at 8 o'clock.

David S. Gray, interviewer of the United States Employment Service, will be present to explain the new War Manpower Commission's regulations as they pertain to hiring procedures in non-essential employment.

Other matters of importance will be discussed. Officers to serve during the ensuing year will be elected.

Each member is urged to be present.

BALDWIN COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT

Herman Baldwin received his silver pilot's wings in a ceremony at Moore Field, Mission, Texas in June and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the army air corps.

Baldwin volunteered for service in the air corps in the fall of 1942 and was called into active duty February, 1943. He began his training at the induction center at Miami, Florida and was given further training at Memphis State College, Memphis, Tenn. and the classification center at San Antonio, Texas.

He completed his primary training at Uvalde, Texas, basic flying training at Waco, Texas, and advanced training at Moore Field, Mission, Texas.

Lt. Baldwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Baldwin of Clinchfield. He is a graduate of the Marion high school.

SCHOOLS OF McDOWELL COUNTY OPEN AUGUST 7

The McDowell County schools will open the fall term on Monday, August 7, it was announced this week by county superintendent N. F. Steppe.

Buy More War Bonds.



HEADS N. C. SHERIFFS — Grady Nichols named president of State association at annual meeting last week.

EIGHTEEN McDOWELL MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP CROFT FOR INDUCTION

Eighteen McDowell county men who had already passed examination left here last Thursday for Camp Croft for induction and assignment to duty with the armed forces. The group was composed of the following:

James Clarence Rabb, Daniel Eugene Hitchcock, Glenn Grayson Early, Paul Wilson Lavender, Theon Franklin McCarty, Ernest Earl Franklin, James Wesley Moore, Homer Lawing, Kenneth Whitley Rabb, Wade Burleson Ruffelt, Homer Emerson Robertson, Arthur Raymond Jones, Carroll Benjamin Beck, William Clyde Revis, John Ben Lawing, Ervin Washington Martin, Woodrow Wilson Byrd and Roy Lawing.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE MUST BE INFORMED AS TO JOBS EMPLOYER HAS

The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, with offices on the third floor of the court house, has issued the following statements concerning the hiring of employees:

All male workers must be hired through or by arrangement with the United States Employment Service.

Women who have never worked or who have been unemployed for the past 60 days may be hired by filling out a Certificate of Prior Employment. Women who have been working in non-essential work may be hired by this same procedure.

All women whose last employment, within the past 60 days, was in essential work will be hired through or by arrangement with the U. S. Employment Service.

It is very necessary that the United States Employment Service be kept fully informed as to the jobs each employer in this county has as the Employment Service will not be permitted to issue referral cards or statements of availability to people for jobs which are not on file in the local U. S. Employment Service office. Each employer is required to report to the U. S. Employment Service each week the number of people that have been hired for work and the number of separations.

CAPT. BYRD AWARDED OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Captain Bacchus B. Byrd, Jr. has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster "for meritorious achievement" while participating in operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific during which hostile contact was probable and expected.

The Cluster is in addition to a previous award of the Air Medal and is equivalent to having won that decoration a second time.

These flight missions included escorting bombers and transport planes, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights as part of the co-ordinated air, land and sea offensive General McArthur is making against the Japanese in the South and Southwest Pacific. In the course of the operations, strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes; destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment.

He is with a fighter squadron of the Fifth Air Force.

Capt. Byrd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Byrd, Sr. of 343 State street, Marion.

Wilkinson To Head War Fund Drive This Fall

District Meeting To Be Held In Asheville Friday To Organize For October Drive.

Successful local leadership in the seven county area included in District Two of the United War Fund of North Carolina was assured with the announcement Saturday of the appointment of county chairmen by James G. K. McClure, chairman of District Two.

Counties included in the district are Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Transylvania and Yancey.

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson of Marion will head the drive in McDowell county, succeeding W. W. Neal, Jr., who has led past successful War Fund and USO campaigns in McDowell; J. S. Silversteen of Brevard is chairman of Transylvania county, and Guss Peterson of Burnsville will lead the volunteer workers of Yancey county.

An organizational luncheon meeting of county chairmen and members of their executive committees will be held in Asheville Friday, July 14, at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, it was announced by District Chairman James G. K. McClure.

County quotas will be discussed and plans initiated for organization, publicity and methods of solicitation. Each county committee will include representative citizens of each township or large section.

A. G. Glenn, Winston-Salem, field representative of the United War Fund of North Carolina, will attend the luncheon and will assist county leaders in organizational work.

The nation-wide solicitation campaign to finance the 17 war emergency relief agencies of the National War Fund will be held simultaneously in all states and counties in October.

ROOSEVELT TO ACCEPT 4TH TERM NOMINATION IF IT IS TENDERED HIM

Washington, July 11.—President Roosevelt announced today that he will accept a fourth term if tendered to him by the Democratic convention.

Replying to a letter from Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, who told the president his nomination was assured, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"If the convention should carry this out, and nominate me for the presidency, I shall accept. If the people elect me, I will serve."

"I would accept and serve," Mr. Roosevelt said in his letter, "but I would not run, in the usual partisan, political sense."

"But if the people command me to continue in this office and in this war, I have as little right to withdraw as the soldier has to leave his post in the line."

Mr. Roosevelt told Hannegan his decision was reached "reluctantly" because "all that is within me cries out to go back to my home on the Hudson river, to avoid public responsibilities, and to avoid also the publicity which in our democracy follows every step of the nation's chief executive."

DOBSON TRANSFERRED TO NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL

Naval Aviation Cadet Charles W. Dobson, of Nebo, has reported to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School in Athens, Ga., for intensive physical training and ground school study. The course, of at least three months duration, is a preliminary step in the progressive stages of flight training for future Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine combat pilots.

Dobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dobson, of Marion, graduated from Nebo High School in 1942 and attended Wake Forest College for two years. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Columbia, S. C., and was transferred to Athens, Ga., from the CCA Training Service School, Athens.