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One Of Ambulance Planes To Be Named For McDowell County

McDowell Ranks First In Selling Largest Amount Of Bonds Per Capita.

Dean Tainter, chairman of the Druggists' organization in McDowell County, announces that war bond sales throughout the local organization during the Fifth War Loan Drive amounted to \$208,000, maturity value.

By virtue of having exceeded the total quota and by selling more than the quota of "E" bonds McDowell County will be honored by the name McDowell being placed on the ambulance plane.

According to reports from Chapel Hill, McDowell County was credited with selling the largest amount of "E" bonds per capita in the state.

Twelve giant ambulance service planes will soon be on their way to aid American fighting forces as the result of Pharmacists of North Carolina selling "E" bonds with a maturity value of \$1,895,786 during the Fifth War Loan drive, it was announced yesterday from Chapel Hill by Allison James, executive manager of the North Carolina War Finance Division. Total bonds of all types sold by the pharmacists amounted to \$4,581,711, it was stated.

James issued the statement following a meeting at Chapel Hill with representatives of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association's woman's auxiliary and the association's traveling men's auxiliary who cooperated in the campaign.

The 12 ambulance planes will be named as follows:

North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, Woman's Auxiliary of the NCPA, Traveling Men's Auxiliary of the NCPA, Wholesale Druggists of North Carolina, Retail Pharmacists of North Carolina, McDowell County Pharmacists, Wals-tonburg Pharmacists, Mecklenburg County Pharmacists, Bertie County Pharmacists, Forsyth County Pharmacists, Caswell County Pharmacists, and N. C. Pharmacists Serving in the Armed Services.

Counties selling the largest amount of "E" bonds per capita in the order of rank were McDowell, Caswell, Bertie, Alexander, Davie, Franklin, Greene, Mecklenburg, Swain, and Randolph.

PVT. HUSKINS WILL ARRIVE HOME IN AUGUST

Pvt. Grady G. Huskins, of Marion, reported missing on March 20, 1943, then a prisoner in Italy in April, 1943, is safe and is now on his way home, according to announcement here this week.

In a letter received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Huskins, Route 4, Marion, from Africa, dated July 5, he states that he is en route home and expects to arrive here the first of August.

He is a member of the 34th infantry and stated that he escaped as a prisoner in Italy at the time of the surrender of Italy.

Before entering service he was engaged in mercantile business in Marion. He entered service in September, 1942, spent 13 weeks at Camp Croft, after which he was sent overseas.

MARION INFANTRYMAN HELPS CAPTURE TWO GERMANS IN ITALY

With the Fifth Army, Italy----Corporal Howard Loftis of Marion, N. C., recently helped a Fifty Army infantry patrol capture two German soldiers in Italy. The Jerries were captured on a hill overlooking a main highway.

Loftis belongs to a special battle patrol composed entirely of picked men of the 3rd "Marne" Division who have trained in special tactics and are able to handle all American and most enemy infantry weapons.

WORKMAN SERIOUSLY ILL

C. A. Workman, prominent merchant and civic leader of Marion, has been seriously ill at his home on South Garden street, following a heart attack last Sunday morning. His condition was reported as favorable yesterday.

RED CROSS SHIPS 3800 SURGICAL DRESSINGS

An announcement has been made from the local Chapter of the American Red Cross that 3800 surgical dressings were processed and shipped to National Headquarters from the local chapter during the month of June. A group of ladies from Old Fort had an active part in producing the surgical dressings listed above.

The announcement further stated that 144 kit bags had also been completed during June to aid American soldiers in the active service of their country.

Those in charge of Red Cross work in Marion and McDowell county are pleased with the response which the public is making, however, additional workers are needed from time to time. Any woman who feels that she can contribute a part of her time to work of this nature should contact a Red Cross representative at the Community Building.

26 YOUTHS IN McDOWELL REGISTER FOR DRAFT

Twenty-six McDowell county youths, who attained their 18th birthday anniversaries during the month of June have registered with the local selective service board.

They include:

Elmer Edwards Ollis, J. C. Hogan, Julius Leroy Condrey, Carl Edward Forney, Spencer Olive Simmons, Allen Charles Buckner, Everette Ben Hawkins, Roby Luther Hicks, William Conley Arrowood, Clifford Baxter Hendley, Ralph Roscoe Henslep, Dean Okland Poteat, J. C. Banks, John Bunyan Walker, Jr., Earl Junior Webb, Donald Woody, Jack Bruce Burleson, Banks Tom Mathis, George Carroll Moore, Leo Eugene Hollifield, Mason Edwin Black, Billie Eugene Messer, Fred Thomas Mills, Harry Allen Baker, Starlin Bennett Sowers and Jasper Junior Means.

War Bond Sales Continue Climb; Now \$533,000

War bond sales in the Fifth War Loan have passed the \$500,000 mark in McDowell County, it was announced yesterday by co-chairmen J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris. According to figures received in the Federal Reserve Bank through the 18th, McDowell County is credited with sales of \$533,000, exceeding the quota of \$446,000 by \$87,000.

No figures were given on the sale of "E" bonds, however, it was stated that the quota will be exceeded when final reports are made.

"E" bonds sold in the state, it was stated, amounted to \$27,300,000, leaving \$11,700,000 to be raised to meet the state's quota of \$39,000,000. The time limit has been extended to July 31 and all citizens are urged to continue buying bonds in order that the state may reach its "E" bond quota.

THOS. L. M'GALLIARD IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Thomas L. McGalliard died suddenly of a heart attack Monday morning while at work at Clinchfield.

Mr. McGalliard has been employed as machinist at the Clinchfield Manufacturing company for the past 22 years.

Funeral services were conducted at Clinchfield Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and burial made in the family plot in Nebo cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Fair McGalliard; five daughters and three sons, R. Marshall McGalliard, Mrs. Arthur Jarrett and Mrs. B. D. Gillespie of Clinchfield, T. Frank McGalliard of Cross Mill, J. Edgar McGalliard of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Therman Simmons of Lewes, Del., Mrs. Frank Wilson of Union, S. C., and Mrs. William Sisk of Nebo; 23 grand children and one brother, William J. McGalliard, of East Marion.

NEGRO TO GET HEARING JULY 25TH FOR FATALLY STABBING MARION MAN

Morganton ---- James Edward (Bulldog) O'Neil surrendered Thursday night to Burke county law enforcement officers in the fatal stabbing of Pfc. Clifton Jerkins of Marion. O'Neil had been the object of a widespread man hunt during the day.

Perkins, a white soldier from Marion, died Thursday en route to the Morganton hospital here shortly after he received injuries allegedly in the front yard of the O'Neil home between this community and Marion.

Sheriff R. C. Chapman took O'Neil to the Catawba county jail at Newton during the night for safekeeping.

The negro was charged with murder by a coroner's jury on the testimony of his father, who said he saw him strike Perkins twice with what appeared to be a knife, immediately after the two had arrived in a car driven by Perkins.

The negro claimed before the coroner that the stabbing was unintentional and that the two had been performing tricks, the white man attempting to show him how to strike as though meaning to hit, at the same time turning the knife so the blow fell harmlessly. Perkins then gave him the knife, the negro claiming, and asked him to try the trick. Perkins said, "You struck me a little," according to the negro's testimony.

He further states that he deserted Perkins' car later in the day, not because he thought the injury had any serious effect, but because he was carrying a pint of liquor and wished to avoid the state highway patrol.

O'Neil will be given a preliminary hearing next Tuesday afternoon, July 25, at 4:30 o'clock before Magistrate T. Earl Franklin.

Funeral Here Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Pentecostal Holiness church in Marion, with the pastor, Rev. R. N. Williams, and Rev. W. C. Pate, pastor of Cross Mill Baptist church, in charge. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery. McDowell Post 56, American Legion, had charge of the services at the grave.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins of Marion; five brothers and one sister, Ernie and Edgar Perkins of Marion, Mrs. Carl Lonon of Cross Mill, Clyde Perkins of Huntersville, W. Va., Master Sgt. Elva Perkins, Shepard field, Texas., Pvt. Stanley Perkins, Shreveport, La.; two half-brothers and one half-sister, Henry Perkins and Mrs. P. W. Underwood of Marlinton, W. Va., and Walter Perkins of Brevard.

POLIO TO BE REPORTED TO QUARANTINE OFFICER

Because of a misunderstanding of the public in regard to the quarantine regulations of polio and other contagious diseases, The Progress has been requested to explain this procedure.

All physicians in McDowell county are required to report to Dr. J. F. Jonas, quarantine officer of the county, any of their patients with contagious diseases. The quarantine officer in turn issues quarantine regulations. Therefore, information regarding the number of contagious diseases in the county is not available through any physician except the quarantine officer.

It was explained that a great deal of time is involved in explaining this to persons who call physicians offices to inquire about the number of polio cases in the county.

Dr. J. F. Jonas was recently appointed quarantine officer at a meeting of the McDowell County Board of Health to succeed Dr. R. B. Butt who has resigned.

PVT. SPRATT AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART

Pvt. William C. Spratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Spratt of Nebo, has recently been awarded the Purple Heart.

Pvt. Spratt was wounded in action in Italy on May 24, word received here stated.

He entered service last October and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was then sent to Ft. Meade, Md. and has been serving overseas nearly two months.

Tainter Named President Of Trade Group

Other Officers Elected; David Gray Explains New Stabilization Program.

Members of the Marion Merchants Association at the monthly meeting held last Thursday evening elected Dean Tainter, local druggist, president of the association for the ensuing year, succeeding Vernon Eckerd.

John Ray Jameson was elected vice-president to succeed Mr. Tainter, and Jack Houck was elected treasurer. Directors elected for the coming year were R. C. Spratt, Carl McCall, C. B. Grubb and Watson Wilson.

The annual report, submitted by the secretary and approved, showed an increase of 14 members during the year.

David S. Gray of the United States Employment Service was present at the meeting and explained the new Employment Stabilization program as it relates to non-essential employment. The solution to many problems which perplex the retail industry was discussed by Mr. Gray, with special emphasis on hiring procedures.

CROPS OF FRUITS SHOW INCREASE

Raleigh, July 17----There will be more peaches, apples, wheat, oats, and barley produced in North Carolina this year than in 1943, but less corn, hay, and sweet and Irish potatoes than last year, the State department of Agriculture reported.

"Over large areas of the State yields are being reduced as a result of the prolonged period of inadequate rains, and up to this time relief has come to only small and widely scattered areas," declared Frank Parker, head of the N. C. Crop Reporting Service. He said that the areas of severest drought are the eastern portion of the Coastal Plain and the central Piedmont, extending from the South Carolina line to Virginia.

The report said that the State fruit crops are much larger than last season and the peach and commercial apple crops are well above average. Production of apples in the commercial areas was placed at 1,430,000 bushels compared with 499,000 in 1943. The 10-year average is 1,142,000 bushels. Peach production was set at 2,394,000 bushels. In 1943, production was only 22,000 bushels.

Tame hay production was indicated at 1,089,000 tons compared with 1,263,000 tons in 1943. The acreage was estimated at 1,281,000 and yield at .85 ton per acre compared with 1,355,000 acres and a yield of .93 ton last year.

The release said that sweet potatoes have suffered from the dry weather, with prospective production fixed at 7,600,000 bushels compared with 7,760,000 bushels last year. The yield was estimated at 85 bushels per acre--last season, 97. This year's indicated for this crop is 80,000, the equal of last season's.

The production in Irish potatoes was placed at 6,177,000 bushels for the entire State, smallest crop since 1914. The total yield last year was 12,099,000 bushels.

Corn - damaged and unfavorable growing weather, with the yield of 18 bushels to the acre now in prospect the lowest since 1934. Acreage for harvest was estimated at 2,342,000 and production at 42,156,000 bushels. Production last year was 1,018,000 bushels on 2,319,000 acres, with a yield of 22 bushels.

Oats--Production set at 8,236,000 bushels with an average yield of bushels on 284,000 acres, the largest acreage harvested in any year since 1898. Production in 1943 was ,977,000 bushels, yield was 21.5 bushels to the acre, and harvested acreage 278,000.

The wheat and rye crops were both much larger than last season, the wheat crop being estimated at 9,486,000 bushels, and total rye production at 418,000 bushels.

Buy More War Bonds.



REELECTED---Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Marion, was re-elected chairman of the McDowell County Red Cross chapter last week.

STATE MANAGER W. O. W. TO VISIT CROSS MILL AND OLD FORT CAMPS

N. T. Newberry, State manager of the Woodmen of the World, will visit the Cross Mill W. O. W. camp at their meeting on Wednesday, July 19th. A special meeting for the occasion is being planned and it is expected that several candidates will be inducted into the camp at this time.

Mr. Newberry will also attend a meeting of the Old Fort W. O. W. camp Thursday, July 20th, when several candidates are expected to be initiated.

Mr. Newberry was named State manager of North Carolina in 1943 and this will be his first visit to the camps in this district. He comes to the State with a fine record as State manager of California.

Jimmy Walker, Nebo Man, Reported Lost In Action In France

Pfc. Jimmy Walker, 32-year-old infantryman of Nebo, has been reported missing in action in France since June 10, according to word received here.

The War department message concerning Pfc. Walker was received by his wife, who resides in Thomasville, and was relayed to members of the family in Morganton. Born and reared at Nebo, R. F. D. No. 1, Pfc. Walker was employed in a Taylorsville hosiery mill before he entered the army in January, 1943. He went overseas in July, 1943, remaining in England until the start of the invasion of France.

In addition to his father and his wife, his family consists of the following brothers and sisters: Pvt. Leander Walker of Drexel, now in the army at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Mrs. Carl Summers of Drexel, Carl Walker and Charlie Walker of Morganton, Mrs. T. A. Mashburn of Madison, and Jack Walker of Nebo.

BOARD SENDS GROUP TO CAMP FOR EXAMINATION

The local selective service board for McDowell county sent 22 men to Camp Croft for pre-induction examinations last Thursday. Those who pass the examination will be called into service at a later date.

The men composing the group were James T. Ray, Leo E. Hollifield, Fred Thomas Mills, Zebulon W. Hawkins, Clarence P. Dixon, Fulton H. Gouge, Willie Clarence Black, Spencer O. Simmons, J. D. Plemmons, Paul L. Finley, Elmer E. Ollis, J. C. Hogan, Julius L. Condrey, Allen C. Buckner, Everette B. Hawkins, Roby L. Hicks, James Reidie Ward, Daniel P. Koone, Enoch A. Williams, Oseph S. Wise-man, Hubert S. L. Stafford, James N. Laughridge.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT FOR W. C. POWER COMPANY

A verdict in favor of the defendant was returned yesterday afternoon in McDowell County Superior Court in the case of Juanita Gray vs. The Western Carolina Power Company.

Officers Named For Local Red Cross Chapter

Dr. McMurray Re-elected Chairman; Officers And Committee Chairmen.

Officers of the McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross were elected at the annual meeting of the officers and members held last Friday evening in the community building.

Officers reelected were: Dr. C. W. McMurray, chairman; M. W. Gordon, vice chairman; Mrs. C. A. Harris, secretary, and Miss Doris Hill, treasurer.

Committee chairmen reelected were:

S. R. Cross, disaster chairman; Miss Doris Hill, home service chairman; Mrs. James McCall, nutrition chairman.

Mrs. W. W. Neal, Jr. was reelected production chairman. This committee is subdivided into three committees with Mrs. E. C. McMillan, Sr. serving as surgical dressings chairman, Mrs. J. E. Neal, Sr., sewing room chairman, and Mrs. R. B. Crisp, knitting chairman.

Barron Caldwell was elected first aid chairman, succeeding Dr. K. W. Ramsey. Mrs. W. A. Young was elected Junior Red Cross chairman, succeeding Mrs. Tom Greenlee, and Mrs. S. J. Westmorland was elected chairman of nursing, succeeding Mrs. Donald M. McIntosh, Jr.

Mrs. J. F. Snipes was elected hospital and camp chairman and Mrs. Arthur Ditt was elected publicity chairman.

ALTON JONES SERVING AS A MACHINE GUNNER WITH FORCES IN ITALY

Allied Force Advance Press Headquarters, Italy----Pvt. Alton L. Jones, husband of Mrs. Thelma Jones, of Marion, and son of Mrs. Geneva G. Jones of Clinchfield, is serving as a machinegunner with the veteran infantry company that stood guard over "Old Glory" as it was raised at reveille in Uiazza Venezia, Rome, the morning of the Fourth of July.

The doughboys, back in Rome from the fighting front some miles north, formed their company before Major General Harry H. Johnson, Rome Area Commander, in tribute to the flag that was flown over our Capitol when the United States declared war on Japan and Germany. Later in the day the men travelled to the railroad station to form a guard of honor for Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. They escorted the Secretary to Uiazza Venezia, where Mussolini formerly made his speeches. Mr. Stimson attended retreat ceremonies there.

Men of this company have been with the Fifth Army throughout its advance into northern Italy and they have been credited with more than 200 German prisoners.

BULWINKLE VISITOR HERE LAST FRIDAY

Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, representative from the 11th Congressional district, was in Marion last Friday, accompanied by his secretary, Charles F. Gold, Jr., of Rutherfordton, and William Osborne of Shelby, who is connected with the office of Congressional Records in Washington. Congressman Bulwinkle was taking the opportunity during the recess of Congress of making a limited tour of the district.

DR. J. O. WILLIAMS TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Dr. J. O. Williams, who is connected with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the First Baptist church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will also be the guest speaker at the union service next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

WATERPROOF MATCH

It is reported that research by match manufacturers has yielded a water-resistant match that will prove a boon to service men in jungle areas.