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Progress Made By Library Is Given For Year

Report 48,407 Books Circulated And 1,025 Volumes Added To Collection.

The Board of Trustees of the Florence Thomas Memorial Library met Friday evening with all members of the board present. Two new members, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, whose capacity will be that of publicity chairman, and Miss Ruth Greenlee, who will be statistician of the group, were welcomed.

Reports of the work of the library during the past year were most encouraging. It was stated that 48,407 books had been circulated and that 3,159 people are registered to use the library. The report further stated that 1,025 volumes were added to the collection which now totals 4,405. Several hundred new books are now on order.

During the past year several important and useful reference aids were added to the facilities of the library. One of the most outstanding being the purchase of a set of the most recent edition of the "Encyclopedia Britannica," which affords the best basis possible for the reference collection of any library. To expand the use of the twenty magazines of the library, a subscription to the "Reader's Guide" has proved very worthwhile. This publication is an index alphabetically arranged by subjects indexing articles and material located in the periodicals.

Another supplementary aid is a vertical file of newspaper clippings and pamphlet material containing up-to-date information alphabetically indexed and easily used.

There have been several new deposit stations established in the county, in two instances, they are located in churches. New sections of shelving have been added to the main room of the library where there is also a new fluorescent light which enabled the board to increase the library hours to include the hours of 7:30 to 9:00 each Thursday evening when the library is open to patrons.

The board felt that the library had had a successful year, that its service was expanding and progress being made.

CAR-POOL NECESSARY DRISCOLL ANNOUNCES

Local ration boards have been notified that supplementary B and C rations for home-to-work driving are not renewable on more than a 3-day "probationary" basis after August 1 unless the car owner shows membership in a car-pool club, L. W. Driscoll, district director of the OPA, said.

The 30-day "probationary" ration, it was pointed out, is provided to enable motorists to form car-sharing pools in their neighborhoods, if none presently exists.

Great car-pool participation, Driscoll said, is necessary to conserve the dwindling supply of usable automobiles. Cars are being scrapped at the rate of 4,000 a day and the result is further demands on the already thoroughly over-burdened public transportation systems. Greater sharing of cars is the only answer, he said.

That the situation is serious and requiring imperative action was evident in that only 23,000,000 cars remain usable in the nation and it is estimated a serious transportation breakdown will result when the number depreciates to 20,000,000.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Two home demonstration club meetings for this week were announced this week through the office of the County Home Demonstration Agent, although meetings for next week may be announced later.

The Old Fort club will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the community building and the West Marion club will meet Friday at the home of Mrs. Carl Gibson at 2:00 o'clock.



William Henry Shaw

TO VISIT CLUB HERE — William Henry Shaw, district governor Rotary International, will be a guest at the Rotary luncheon here Friday.

Rotary Governor To Pay Visit To Club Here Friday

William Henry Shaw, Governor of the 190th district of Rotary International, embracing 53 Rotary Clubs in South Carolina and western North Carolina, will be welcomed by the Marion Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon meet on Friday of this week.

Mr. Shaw will visit the Rotary Club to advise and assist Dr. Macon Hewitt, president of the Marion Rotary Club, and other officers of the club on matters pertaining to club administration and Rotary service activities.

He is one of the 140 Governors of Rotary International who are supervising the activities of 5,200 Rotary Clubs with a quarter of a million members in more than 50 countries throughout the world. He is also superintendent of the Sumter City Schools.

Pfc. J. B. Ballew Killed In Action In South Pacific

Pfc. J. B. Ballew, age 20, U. S. M. C. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ballew, of Nebo, was killed in action in the South Pacific in June, according to a message received by his parents on July 22.

He is a graduate of the Nebo high school and attended Pfeiffer College the first semester of 1942. He entered service in November 1943 and received training for the amphibian tank corps in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballew have two other sons in service. They are W. J. Ballew, Jr., who is now stationed at Greenville, N. C. and Robert Ballew who is stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

NAVY WAVES RECRUITER COMING AUGUST 3 AND 4

Chief C. J. Rhinehardt, Navy-Waves recruiter, will be at the City Hall in Marion Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4, it was announced yesterday. All local 17-year-olds who desire to volunteer for the Navy are urged to see him on his visit here.

An increased quota of 17-year-old boys has been received (and applicants to fill this increase are being accepted locally).

"The need for additional men this year means also that many more women will be needed as DAVEC," the recruiter said. "By volunteering as WAVES now, local women can be trained that much sooner to fill an important Navy job," he added.

SERMON FOR MASONS AT FIRST METHODIST

The members of Mystic Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M., will attend services in a body at the First Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for them. Dr. D. E. Camak, the pastor, will preach a special sermon, using as his topic, "The Supreme Architect at Work."

McDowell Far Over The Quota In Bond Drive

Report Total Sales For County Amount To \$602,249; E Bond Sales \$223,343.

McDowell county has exceeded the over-all bond quota set for this county in the Fifth War Loan drive by \$156,249, J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairman of the drive, have announced.

Total sales of "E" bonds in this county amounted to \$223,343 with a quota of \$182,000, and the overall sales were \$602,249 with a quota of \$446,000.

The charimen expressed themselves as well pleased with the results of the campaign and the cooperation of the people of Marion and the county. It was also stated that "E" bonds bought during the remainder of July will be credited to the county's quota.

About \$9,000,000 is needed to meet the State's quota of \$39,000,000.

SOIL CONSERVATION SUPERVISOR TO BE ELECTED ON AUGUST 5

The State Soil Conservation committee announces that supervisors for the Catawba district, consisting of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and McDowell counties, will be elected at an election to be held on August 5 between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

All persons, firms and corporations who hold title to, or are in possession of, lands lying within the boundaries of the district, whether as owners, lessees, renters or tenants, are eligible to vote at this election, it is announced. Ballots may be obtained from the county agent's office.

MERCURY DROPS TO 51 THEN CLIMBS TO 92

The low temperature reading for the summer was broken last Saturday morning when the mercury sank to 51 degrees, the lowest since May, according to records of the U. S. weather station at the City Hall. During the day the temperature climbed to 84.

The records show that the low for the past week ranged from 51 to 61, and high from 82 to 92. The high temperature both Tuesday and yesterday was 92.

The readings for the week are as follows:

Thursday, July 20, low 58, high 87.
Friday, July 21, low 61, high 82.
Saturday, July 22, low 51, high 84.
Sunday, July 23, low 58, high 88.
Monday, July 24, low 57, high 88.
Tuesday, July 25, low 59, high 92.
Wednesday, July 26, low 59, high 92.

CPL. NUNNALLY RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

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

The several hundred men who arrived on the Thistle are now quarantined 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.

DR. JOHN GLEN TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT UNION SERVICE

Dr. John C. Glenn, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist church at Durham, will be the guest speaker at the outdoor union services here next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Glenn is pleasantly remembered by many Marion people as guest revivalist at the First Methodist church during the pastorate of Dr. J. H. Barnhardt.

Intangible Tax Brings \$5,680 To This County

McDowell County, Marion And Old Fort Receive 75 Per Cent Of Receipts.

McDowell county and its municipalities will receive \$5,680.34 in the distribution of intangible taxes collected by the State for the fiscal year which ended June 30.

Amount of funds for county and municipal governments was announced by the State Board of Assessments in Raleigh which will make the distribution under provisions of a statute which provide for the allotment to counties of 75 per cent of the total net intangible tax collections.

The county will receive \$4,451.11, with \$1,080.40 going to the Town of Marion, and \$148.83 to Old Fort.

The refunds totaling \$5,680.34 represented the local share of intangible tax collections.

Refunds for neighboring counties, including their municipalities, are Burke, \$14,092.57; Catawba, \$20,266.49; Rutherford, \$10,079.06; Avery, \$1,968.52.

Total gross collections during 1943-44 were \$2,028,783.72, from which four per cent—\$81,151.35—was retained by the State for administrative costs. Of the \$1,947,632.37 net collections, \$486,908.09 went to the State's General Fund and \$1,460,724.28 refunded to the counties.

Net intangible tax collections during the 1942-43 fiscal year were \$1,680,411.82, of which \$1,260,308.87 went to the local units and \$420,102.95 went to the State's General Fund.

The intangible tax is collected as follows: Ten cents per hundred dollars of money on deposit; twenty-five cents per hundred money on hand; twenty-five cents per hundred, accounts receivable in excess of accounts payable fifty cents per hundred bonds, notes, and evidences of debt in excess of like evidences of debt thirty cents per hundred dollars of shares of stock, market value; thirty cents per hundred beneficial interest in foreign trusts; twenty-five cents per hundred funds on deposit with insurance companies.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS THURSDAY

Members of the Home Demonstration Club of the Pleasant Gardens community and a few invited guests met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. H. W. Stauffer.

Mrs. Melvin Patton, president, presided over the business session. A vote was passed that next meeting be held in the form of a picnic at the home of Mrs. J. H. L. Miller. Husbands of the members will be invited to this meeting.

Instead of the regular devotional, every club member who has a relative or close friend in service told of interesting incidents taken from their letters.

Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, demonstrated the preparation of salads, salad dressing and a meatless dish which were served at the close of the meeting with punch and cookies.

The dining table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a bowl of marigolds flanked by yellow candles in silver holders.

HOG PENS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY LIMITS

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson announced that as many complaints have been made as to hogs, cows and chickens being kept in the city limits, he desires to call attention to the fact that there is an ordinance against having hog pens in the city and will be enforced, and that all those having other stock in the city must keep their housing places in sanitary condition at all times or be subject to heavy fines.

The public is urged to cooperate in this matter in order that the city may be kept in a healthful condition.

Cotton Caravan To Be Presented at Hi School Friday Night

The Camp Croft Cotton Caravan will be presented at the Marion high school auditorium on Friday, July 28, at 7:30 p. m. under the sponsorship of the United States Army in the interest of increasing textile production.

This program of entertainment features a 15-piece army band, an orchestra and members of nationally famous orchestras. A film "Prelude to War" will also be shown.

This program was prepared by the Army and the War Production Board in a comprehensive form designed to stimulate the production of textiles. Marion was selected as one of eighty-two towns in the Southeast where this program will be presented.

There will be no admission charge.

Further information about the program is given in an advertisement in this issue of The Progress.

13 MEN ACCEPTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The following McDowell men were accepted for military service after receiving physical examinations at Camp Croft July 13:

James Tilghman Ray, Leo Eugene Hollifield, Fred Thomas Mills, Willie Clarence Black, Julius Leroy Condre, Spencer Olin Simmons, Charles Allen Buckner, James Neil Laughridge, delivered for board of Richmond, Va., Oseph Sander Wise-man, delivered for Spruce Pine board, Enoch Ahijah Williams, delivered for board of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Hubert Samuel Lee Stafford, delivered for board of Boydton, Virginia, and Daniel Paul Koone, delivered for Rutherfordton board.

Navy Will Require 194,000 Enlisted Men By Dec 31st

Washington, July 22.—Navy Secretary Forrestal declared today that an additional 194,000 enlisted men are needed by the navy before Dec. 31, and another 189,000 may be required by June 30, 1945, to meet the accelerated pace of the war against Japan.

Most of the men will be obtained through selective service. The navy's call for selectees for October already has been increased 8,000 to a total of 30,000 men.

The planned increase of 383,000 men by June 30, 1945, Forrestal said, will raise the total strength of the navy to 3,389,000 men. Most of the new enlisted personnel will man amphibious craft and auxiliary vessels to be commissioned next year.

Exceeded Qualifications

"While the war in the Pacific is by no means approaching an end," he said, "it has been possible to strike at Japan's inner defenses and to bring the war to the doorstep of the enemy sooner than expected. We have moved faster than we had expected in the Pacific. Additional personnel are essential to keep pace with the acceleration of operations in that theatre. Men who might not have been needed until late next year must now be drawn into service between October, 1944, and July, 1945, to assure successful operations on the revised timetable."

He added that it has been apparent for several months that the authorized strength of 3,006,000 men in the navy would be inadequate for needs late this year and in 1945, and declared:

"However, since top strength was expected to be sufficient to satisfy requirements through September, 1944, firm estimates of the numbers to be requested through selective service were not made until major operations then pending in both the Pacific and Atlantic could be assessed in the light of accomplishments. It was not deemed desirable in view of the manpower shortage, to draw men from civilian pursuits until their induction was clearly necessary and until the numbers needed could be firmly established."

Roosevelt And Truman Plan Late Campaign

Truman Says Program Is To Shorten War And Save The Lives Of American Boys.

Chicago, July 22.—President Roosevelt and his third running mate in four campaigns, Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, are planning a late campaign.

They are not expected to swing into major speech-making until late September or October.

The new Democratic nominee for vice-president says he will conduct whatever campaign the commander-in-chief wants. But Truman says his own program is to do what he can to shorten the war and save the lives of American boys.

Truman says he will surrender his chairmanship of the senate war investigating committee today. But he will continue as senator.

Truman won the nomination for the vice-presidency last night on the second ballot at the Democratic national convention. He polled 1,100 votes, while Vice-President Wallace, who fought a hard battle for re-nomination and polled over 400 votes on the first ballot, sagged to 66 on the second. Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retained four votes on the last count and six votes were not cast owing to the absence of delegations.

Wallace took his defeat graciously and smiling, and he says he will support the Roosevelt-Truman ticket. That is what Jim Farley, former Democratic national chairman, says too. Farley all along has been against a fourth term. He is still against it in principal, he says, but will bow to the decision of the convention.

Truman's nomination last night climaxed one of the most heated fights over a vice-presidential candidate that the Democratic party has ever staged. It shaped up from the start as a struggle between Truman and Vice-President Wallace who was staging a fight-to-the-finish to win re-nomination. Wallace led slightly on the first ballot. But that shot his bolt.

It was tiny Delaware that really started the Truman bandwagon rolling on the second ballot. Delaware was the first state to switch from Wallace to Truman. Several other states followed suit but even then, at the end of the balloting, although Truman was leading, he did not have a sufficient majority. But the landslide had started. Some states changed their votes. The vote for Truman shot up and the vote for Wallace shrank steadily. At the end, the count was 1,100 for Truman and 66 for Wallace.

Wallace took his defeat gallantly. He claims his fight furthered the cause of liberalism.

GAS RATION IS GALLON A DAY FOR FURLONGS

Revised gasoline rationing regulations now allow men on leave or furlough from the armed forces a gallon per day for travel for the duration of the leave or furlough.

This is much more liberal than the old rule of only five gallons, regardless of length of leave or furlough. A member of the armed forces must present his furlough papers in applying for gasoline under the new regulation. Na gasoline is allowed for week-end passes or short liberty.

RATION POINT VALUE BOOSTED ON BUTTER

The ration value of creamery butter was increased to 16 points a pound from 12 points, effective at 12:01 a. m. Sunday.

In announcing the order in Washington OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said the hike was necessary because "more creamery butter is being bought with red stamps at the present time than has been allocated to civilians by the war food administration."

Farm and processed butter will continue at eight and four red points a pound, respectively.