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## Open Drive For Funds To Aid In Polio Clinic

### Junior Woman's Club Taking Leading Part In Raising Funds For Building Center.

For the past several weeks citizens of Marion and McDowell county have been vitally concerned about the polio epidemic in the Piedmont section of this State. Several weeks ago as a precautionary measure the McDowell County Board of Health placed a ban on group activities of children under the age of 15 years in an effort to combat the spread of this dread disease.

At least six cases of polio have been reported from McDowell county and several of these victims are receiving treatment at the polio clinic at Hickory. Expert medical care and 24 hour a day individual nursing are provided at the polio clinic in Hickory. Citizens of Hickory, Caldwell county, surrounding counties, and in fact, a large percentage of the counties of the State have rallied to the support of the polio clinic in Hickory, Gastonia, and Charlotte.

Even though these institutions have received the generous support of our citizens their need is still great. In view of this fact the Junior Woman's Club is taking a leading part in an emergency drive for funds to aid the polio clinic at Hickory. Yesterday members of the Junior Woman's Club displayed a "March of Dimes" board on Main street for the purpose of receiving donations from any interested person who is willing to make a contribution to aid our boys and girls who are afflicted with polio.

The "March of Dimes" board will remain on Main street until late Saturday afternoon. It is the hope of the young ladies managing this project to have the "March of Dimes" board completely filled by Saturday. You are urged to give generously in support of this most worthy undertaking.

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROTARY HERE FRIDAY

An address by District Governor Henry Shaw from Sumter, S. C., was the principal feature of the regular meeting of the Rotary Club at noon Friday. Mr. Shaw spoke on "The Influence of Rotary." Guests at the meeting were S. R. Cross, Frank Goldsmith and Fred Morris. Howard Hawkins, manager of the Western Auto Store, was presented to the club as a new member.

On Thursday night Mr. Shaw conferred with the club's officers and committee chairmen regarding Rotary work and their program for the coming year.

### MARION SOLDIER IN ITALY COMPLETES 18 MONTHS SERVICE

Corporal Edgar G. Hollifield, whose wife, Marie, lives in Marion, recently completed a year and a half overseas with an outstanding Fifth Army ordnance unit, it is announced by the Public Relations section, with Fifth Army, Italy.

Since the African invasion in 1942 his outfit has repaired trucks and tanks in its field shops throughout the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

For their work under fire while on the former Anzio beachhead in Italy his company was recently awarded the Fifty Army Plaque of Excellence.

### PROGRAM PLANNED FOR MERCHANTS MEETING

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Marion Merchants Association held last Friday evening, with the president, Dean Taintner, presiding, an interesting program was planned for the next regular meeting of the association which will be held on Thursday evening, August 10. Details of the program will be announced next week. All merchants are urged to make plans now to attend the meeting.

### RED CROSS ESTABLISHES REPORTING SERVICE

The American Red Cross has established a Welfare Reporting Service and the McDowell county chapter will receive daily reports on all patients from this county being treated at the Emergency Hospital, Hickory, and Gastonia Hospital, announcement received from Mrs. B. G. Carr, executive secretary, stated.

This service is available to the families of children hospitalized for infantile paralysis at these centers.

The service, which is a natural Disaster Preparedness obligation, has shown its need at these hospitals through the many calls made by parents daily. It is not possible for parents to visit their children during the period of isolation and the nurses and doctors must be relieved of the responsibility for answering telephone calls, letters and personal calls so that their full time and effort may be devoted to the patients.

Messages received by the local chapter will be relayed to the respective parents, Mrs. Carr explained.

Parents or relatives interested in patients hospitalized in the Hickory Clinic should contact Mrs. Carr for information concerning these patients after two o'clock each day.

### WAR RELIEF SOCIETY GIVES AID TO VICTIMS OF BOMBS IN ENGLAND

With the German robot bomb offensive bringing to the people of London and Southern England suffering, devastation and other trials reminiscent of the blitz of 1940-41, the British War Relief Society, one of the participating agencies in the United War Fund, has stepped in and is aiding victims to the full limit of its resources, Mayor J. F. Wilkinson, local United War Fund chairman, said today.

A report by Bertram Cruger, vice-President of the Chase National Bank and Landon chairman of the British War Relief Society, received by Mayor Wilkinson, discloses that 336 ambulances of the Society are on 24-hour duty in Britain, caring for the injured. In addition, British War Relief Society mobile kitchens are feeding persons bombed out of their homes, and the Society is responding to calls for clothing, bedding and other articles essential to bare existence.

Flying to the United States to report on latest British war relief needs, Cruger said that as British censorship is relaxed "The American people are now beginning to realize the great damage caused by the Nazi robot bombs in London and all of Southern England. Countless homes are being destroyed, thousands have been killed and injured, and many of the survivors have not only lost their homes but have seen wiped out all the accumulated possessions of a lifetime, their clothing, their household furniture and all the things which civilized man has so long cherished under the name of home and family."

Chairman Wilkinson said that information reaching him shows that the American-made and donated ambulances of the British War Relief Society are taking an important part in supporting the invasion of France as well as in meeting the robot plane emergency. When the cars are not operating, drivers sleep in them, ready for immediate duty.

One of the vehicles taking a wounded soldier to a hospital was struck by a piece of flying steel from robot bomb which came down almost in the path of the ambulance and burst one of the tires. By making a quick change of a wheel, the driver was able to proceed to the hospital with his charge. Routine work of the ambulance corps includes blood transfusion service, distribution of penicillin, evacuation of hospitals hit by the indiscriminately aimed robots, and conveying wounded soldiers to hospitals.

Mayor Wilkinson pointed out that the mounting destruction and suffering in England resulting from the pilotless planes and from the invasion — conditions similar to those which inspired the establishment of the British War Relief Society — call for a renewed effort on the part of the people of this community to contribute to the urgent needs of the British through local United War Fund and the United War Fund of North Carolina.

## Dr. Hahn And Crabtree Guest Club Speakers

### Dr. Hahn Described Work Being Done At The Polio Center In Hickory.

The Marion Kiwanis club held its weekly meeting at the Community building Tuesday evening at 6:30 p. m. The Meeting was held as a joint affair with the Rotary club. The physicians of Marion and Old Fort and members of the McDowell county Board of Health were special guests.

S. J. Westmoreland was chairman of the program committee and he presented Dr. A. Gaither Hahn, one of the officials of the Hickory polio clinic, and C. H. Crabtree, North Carolina representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, who were the guest speakers.

Dr. Hahn spoke at length and described in detail the work that is being done at the polio center in Hickory. He explained how they had started with no equipment at all and built up the facilities and personnel until this clinic had become one of the best equipped polio centers in the state, and perhaps in the nation.

Dr. Hahn stated that he had received the highest type of cooperation from local citizens, citizens of nearby communities, the army, nationally recognized medical schools, the American Red Cross and the National and State Foundations for Infantile Paralysis. He was also high in his praise for the work that civic clubs were doing to assist this undertaking. Churches and many other organizations were also listed as taking an active part in this work.

Mr. Crabtree stated that the national foundation was footing the bills for all costs in operating the emergency plant at Hickory, as well as in Gastonia and Charlotte. He said that these costs included payments for specialists, nursing staff, medicines, and equipment. He further stated that no charges will be made to families who cannot afford to pay for hospitalization, and none will be made for the care and treatment of the children of service men.

Mr. Crabtree advised the Kiwanians, the Rotarians and their friends, that the polio center in Hickory was being transformed from an emergency unit to a permanent organization, and that although no funds were being solicited for the care and treatment of polio victims that any contributions are being welcomed in order to finance the permanent buildings which are being constructed in Hickory. He estimated the building costs of this project would amount to approximately \$40,000.00.

### TO ELECT DISTRICT SOIL CONSERVATION SUPERVISORS AUG. 5

An election for three supervisors of the Catawba Soil Conservation district, consisting of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and McDowell counties, will be held Saturday, August 5, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

T. W. Stacy has been nominated for re-election from McDowell county. S. C. Bennett of Morganton is the nominee from Burke county, and Geo. F. Wiese of Ledgerwood is the nominee from Caldwell county.

Ballots may be mailed to or cast at the county agent's office at the court house in Marion.

### WINBORNE PROMOTED

John Wallace Winborne, Jr., Lieut. (j. g.) in the U. S. Navy, has been promoted to Lieutenant, according to word received by his father, Justice J. W. Winborne, Sr. Lt. Winborne has been serving overseas for ten months and is now performing the duties of an executive officer on an S. C.

He served as Ensign in the Intelligence Division for a period of one year at Miami, Florida and was promoted to Lt. (j. g.) He then received training for active sea duty at Boston and Miami before beginning active sea duty.

## Budget Adopted By County Board For Coming Year

### Approves Budget Of \$261,929.83 For New Year; \$1,369.44 Less Than Last Year

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners on July 24 a budget of \$261,929.83 was adopted for the fiscal year 1944-45. The budget for the coming year is \$1,449.44 less than last year's budget of \$263,399.27.

The biggest items in the budget are \$82,104.63 for highway debt service, \$45,158.50 for general county fund, and \$40,884.98 for school debt service.

Other items in the budget requirements are: \$7,035.00 for special expense fund, \$5,328.75 for county health fund, \$11,927.00 for county poor fund, \$8,988.00 for old age assistance, \$3,000.00 for aid to dependent children, \$7,263.13 for county funding debt service, \$13,434.04 for court house debt, \$15,130.80 for current expense of county school fund, \$3,700.00 for capital outlay of county school fund, \$11,975.00 for current expense of Marion City school unit, \$6,000.00 for capital outlay of Marion City school unit.

### POLIO COMMITTEE OPENS DRIVE FOR \$500

The McDowell County Infantile Paralysis committee met Saturday afternoon and agreed to ask that at least \$500 be raised from contributions to be sent to the Infantile Paralysis foundation.

According to a financial statement by J. N. Morris, treasurer of the McDowell County Polio Chapter, 230, derived from the proceeds of previous President's Birthday Balls, March of Dimes and Birthday greeting cards, has been sent from this county to the Infantile Paralysis foundation.

More funds have been requested, however, and the goal for this county has been set at \$500. Every citizen of McDowell county is asked to contribute as liberally as possible. Donations may be made to J. N. Morris at the First National Bank.

Patients from McDowell county are eligible to be entered at one of these hospitals for treatment free of charge. It was also stated that patients from this county are now receiving treatment at these centers.

A motion was also passed to make recommendations to the McDowell County Board of Health that a quarantine officer be appointed for this county.

### PVT. HERBERT WALL KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Herbert E. Wall was killed in action in France on July 3, according to word received here last week by his wife, the former Miss Margaret Lisenbee.

Pvt. Wall had served overseas since March of this year and was a member of Co. B 315th Engr. Bn., serving with the 90th Division. He went into the Normandy Campaign on June 6.

Before entering military service he was employed by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission as inspector, having been on several of the major projects in this district.

He was the son of the late Lloyd O. Wall and Mary Cuthbertson Wall of Old Fort.

He is survived by his widow; two sisters, Miss Ola Wall, of Old Fort, and Mrs. R. R. Wright of West Asheville.

### OPENING OF COUNTY SCHOOLS POSTPONED

The opening of McDowell County schools, scheduled to open August 7, has been postponed until a later date, it was announced yesterday from the office of the county superintendent of schools. The announcement was made pending the decision with reference to the polio band now in effect.

### CANNED CORN BACK ON THE RATION LIST

The Office of Price Administration has ordered canned corn back on the ration list, and made grape jam, tomato preserves and tomato marmalades ration-free, effective at 12:01 a. m. Sunday.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the return of points to corn was "an emergency action taken to keep retailers' stocks from running out."

A new value of three points for the generally used 12-ounce can was assigned for whole kernel, vacuum-packed corn, while other canned corn gets a value of five points for a 20-ounce can.

When point values were removed from corn last April 30, the 12-ounce can of whole kernel, vacuum-packed corn had a value of six points. Other corn was valued at six points.

Printing of the new processed food charts for next month has been delayed until August 13.

Bowles said that grape jam, which has had a value of four points for the popular two-pound container, was made ration-free "because the supply will be more than enough to last until 1944 production reaches the retail level."

Tomato preserves and tomato marmalades also had values of four points for two-pound containers. OPA said that even though the supply of these products is small, it still exceeds present consumer demand.

Canned vegetables remaining ration-free are green and wax beans, beets, carrots, spinach and mixed greens.

### PVT. PARKER WOUNDED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Pvt. Anderson Parker, 2, was wounded in action in France on July 1, according to word received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Fannie Parker, of Cross Mill, Sunday.

Mrs. Parker also received a letter from her son Tuesday stating that he is in a hospital in England and that he is recovering nicely. He also wrote that he had received the Purple Heart and would send it to her as soon as possible.

It was stated that Pvt. Parker was the first volunteer from the Cross Mill community to volunteer for service before Pearl Harbor and the first known to be wounded from that section.

He received his basic training at Camp Polk, La., and was then stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. before being sent overseas.

In civilian life he attended Cross Mill school and was later an employee of the Cross Cotton Mills.

### PFC. BAILEY AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART

Pfc. Ivey W. Bailey has been awarded the Purple Heart, for wounds received in France on July 4, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Patton Bailey.

In a recent letter, Mrs. Bailey learned that her husband was in a hospital in England and his condition was reported improving.

Pfc. Bailey entered the service September 7, 1943. He received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi and Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky before being transferred overseas in April.

### THREE MORE RATION STAMPS BECOME VALID

Three more red ration stamps each worth 10 points became good for buying rationed meats, fats and dairy products July 30.

They were A-5, B-5 and C-5 in War Ration Book Four and represent the housewife's quota for a period now set at four weeks—July 30 to August 27.

OPA said July ration point value charts for meats and fats and for processed foods would remain in use at least until August 13. The 16 point value for one pound of creamery butter, established on July 23, continues in effect.

### MISS REID APPOINTED QUARANTINE OFFICER

Miss Sadie Reid was appointed quarantine officer at a meeting of the McDowell County Board of Health this week. Dr. J. F. Jonas who was recently appointed to this position declined the appointment.

## Motorists Urged To Save Gasoline By Car Pooling

### With A Limited Amount Available Car Pooling Offers Best Way To Save Gas.

During 1944, despite the best efforts of industry and government, crude oil production will be only eighteen percent greater than in 1941. Yet in 1944 military demands for aviation, butadiene for synthetic rubber, toluene for TNT, all made from crude oil, will be increased more than 900 percent over 1941. For example, fifty gallons of petroleum are required daily for every soldier abroad; the amount of gasoline burned by a Flying Fortress in an hour's flight would supply the average "A" ration holder for almost three years; three tons of gasoline are required to deliver one ton of explosives on Berlin.

In view of the facts set out above only a limited amount of gasoline is left available for the home front, and this amount must be distributed fairly and used wisely. It is needless to say that a car owner driving without passengers is not using his country's gasoline wisely. The best way a motorist has of using his car wisely is to pool his car. Car pooling offers the biggest opportunity of saving gasoline. Gasoline saved in this way could be used to increase rations for hard-pressed "B" card holders who use their cars in the course of their daily work and who desperately need more gasoline to earn a living. The potential savings in car pooling are enough even to raise the "A" rations for all car owners, many of whom find that their basic ration is barely enough to meet the requirements of essential household driving.

The local office of the War Price and Rationing board is insisting that every effort be made to arrange car pools, and states that this is necessary for all persons who are allowed supplemental gasoline. It may be that the board will find it necessary to issue supplemental gasoline for period of only thirty days instead of ninety days as has been the custom in the past.

### CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF TRAINS HERE

Schedule changes put into effect by the Southern Railway system Sunday affects the time of arrival of two passenger trains reaching Marion daily.

East-bound train No. 16 from Asheville arrives in Marion at 5:25 p. m. instead of 5:43 p. m. as heretofore.

Train No. 12, an east-bound local from Asheville, arrives at 3:50 p. m. instead of 3:58.

### CAR OWNERS URGED TO CONSERVE TIRES

The McDowell County War Price and Rationing board announces that the automobile and truck tire situation is almost critical. The smallest allotment of tires in several months has been made to the local board for the month of August.

All county quotas of large truck tires (8.25 and larger) have been wiped out for August, and large tires, farm tractor and implement tires may be obtained only by request to the district office.

In view of this situation all automobile and truck owners are requested to conserve tires in every possible way. Only trips that are absolutely necessary should be made and all driving rules that aid in the conservation of tires should be strictly observed.

### LEFEVRE IS TANK DRIVER

Technician Fifth Grade Walter H. LeFevre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. LeFevre of Old Fort, is a tank driver in the First armored division in Italy, according to a dispatch received here.

LeFevre participated in the battles of Cassino, Anzio, Rome, Civitavecchia and Grosseto. He holds the combat infantryman's badge.

He was a student at Mars Hill college prior to entering the service.