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## Absentee Ballots Being Mailed To Those In The Military Service

### Members Of The Armed Forces Must Apply In Writing For Ballots To Vote.

Absentee ballots for the general election in November will go out to soldiers all over the world who have requested the ballots, T. W. Gowan, chairman of the McDowell county board of elections, announced yesterday. Forms for application will be sent to all soldiers who request them.

The absentee ballots to be mailed this week and thereafter, until 30 days before the general election, will go to servicemen, Red Cross workers and nurses in service only, Mr. Gowan stated. Civilians may get their ballots for absentee voting only 30 days before the election.

Applications for registration by members of the armed forces are being accepted at the office of Roy W. Davis, a member of the election board, where ballots are being prepared for mailing.

Mr. Gowan pointed out that all members of the military services who applied for ballots for the May 27 primary election are thereby automatically on the list to receive ballots for the general election. It is imperative, he explained, that the families of servicemen who are thus qualified furnish the election board with the latest address of the applicant for ballots, many of whom have moved since the primary.

Applications for registration and for absentee ballots for a member of the armed services who is 21 years of age may be made at any time now directly to the chairman of the board of elections by the applicant himself or by his parent or child, brother or sister, husband or wife. Application must be made in writing and signed, and no person other than a member of the immediate family as listed above need apply, it was pointed out.

Date for mailing first absentee ballots for civilians will be October 8th.

The absentee ballots to servicemen will be mailed immediately at government expense without any charge to the voter or his family, and will be sent air mail.

### PARALYSIS COMMITTEE SENDS FUNDS TO BE USED AT HICKORY HOSPITAL

Members of McDowell County Infants Paralysis Committee met Saturday afternoon in the office of Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, McDowell County superintendent of Public Welfare, and discussed the purpose for which the money obtained from the recent campaign will be used. As the purpose could not be clearly determined a committee composed of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, S. J. Westmoreland and Mrs. B. G. Carr were appointed to discuss the matter with officials.

Monday afternoon a meeting was held to continue the discussion. After a financial report by J. N. Morris, treasurer, a motion was passed to send \$1,023.65, which was received from the recent campaign, to the emergency hospital building fund for use at the Hickory center. More donations are expected to be received within the next few days from communities in McDowell which have not yet reported.

### SHERIFF NICHOLS AT CONFERENCE IN OHIO

Sheriff Grady Nichols, president of the North Carolina Sheriffs Association, is attending the International Police conference in Cleveland, Ohio, this week. The state association is represented by ten sheriffs of North Carolina who are members of the executive committee.

### REIDSVILLE PASTOR TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor of Linsey Street Methodist church in Reidsville, will preach at the First Methodist church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. D. E. Camak, the pastor, will preach at the union service next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

### PFC. DELOS PADGETT KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE ON JULY 15TH

Pfc. Delos A. Padgett, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Padgett, Route 4, Marion, was killed in action in France on July 15, according to word received here Friday by his parents.

Pvt. Padgett entered the service on February 25, 1943, and received training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort McClelland, Ala., and Greenville, Pa., before being sent to England where he remained until just before the invasion in France. He was a member of the 115th Infantry, 29th division, and had received the expert infantryman badge.

He attended Marion high school and finished with the class of 1941. He was employed at the Cross-Mill before entering the service.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Dean E. Padgett, of the U. S. Navy, somewhere at sea.

### PVT. MARION HOGAN IS AWARDED COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Private First Class Marion C. Hogan, Marion, North Carolina, recently was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge in recognition of his performance in action against the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy, it is announced by the Public Relations Bureau.

The 20-year-old soldier is a front-line radio operator with the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division. Before entering the army in February, 1943, he was employed at the McCall-Burgin Hardware Company in Marion.

Hogan took basic training at Fort McClelland, Alabama, and went overseas in July, 1943. He joined the division in Africa the following month. Since the Red Bulls landed at Salerno last September, the Fifth Army infantryman has participated in every engagement of the outfit in Italy.

Hogan's wife, Carey Joyce, lives in Marion. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hogan, live in Old Fort, North Carolina. He has three brothers in the armed forces. They are Private William, Camp Perry, Virginia; Private James B., India, and Sergeant Jesse R., New Guinea. Another brother, Private First Class Lester J., lost his life recently in the Pacific theater.

### PAPER COLLECTION DAY IN MARION SET FOR SATURDAY, 26TH

The Progress has been requested to announce that a scrap paper drive will be conducted in Marion on Saturday, August 26. It was pointed out that there is urgent need for scrap paper and all citizens are asked to place all their waste paper in front of their residence or place of business early Saturday morning of next week so that cars can be quickly filled by those making the canvass.

Scrap paper has been designated as the greatest salvage need in the country today and those who help to provide this large volume of scrap paper will be doing their country a great service, it was declared.

### FARMERS FEDERATION HORTICULTURIST TO VISIT MARION AUG. 28

Professor S. C. Clapp, horticulture expert employed by the Farmers Federation to give his services free of charge to all farmers in Federation territory, will be in Marion on August 28. All farmers having questions they would like to ask or farm problems they would like to discuss are invited to see Professor Clapp at the Farmers Federation Warehouse on that day. Questions and problems pertaining to grasses, field crops, gardens, orchards, and insects are especially invited.

There is no obligation and all farmers, whether they are customers of the Farmers Federation or not, are invited to avail themselves of Professor Clapp's wide knowledge and experience.

### PVT. JOHN M'CORMICK OF OLD FORT KILLED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Pvt. John W. McCormick, 23, was killed in action in Italy, according to word received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCormick, of Old Fort. He had previously been reported missing since July 13. Pvt. McCormick enlisted in November, 1942, and received his training at Camp White, Oregon. He had served overseas since May, 1944.

He attended Cross Mill school and was employed by the McDowell Furniture Company before entering the service.

The McCormicks have two other sons in service. They are Pvt. Donald McCormick of Camp Davis, and Pvt. Clifford McCormick, of Wheeling, Ga.

### BRONZE STAR AWARDED MARION OFFICER FOR BRAVERY UNDER FIRE

With the U. S. Forces in France: The Bronze Star for bravery under fire has been awarded in France to First Lieutenant Jesse L. Morrow, Jr., of Marion, N. C.

The ward was presented to Lt. Morrow by Major General Walter M. Robertson, commander of the 2d Infantry Division, during ceremonies on the battlefield in Normandy.

The citation said in part: "On June 13, Lt. Morrow's battalion was moving in a wide turn to cross the Elle River from the north when the supply of communications wire became exhausted. Lt. Morrow personally crossed the open fields and returned to the rear to obtain additional wire. During this time he was under fire from enemy riflemen and machine gunners, but he successfully evaded their fire.

"Lt. Morrow then alternated with the wiremen in his section in bringing the wire across the river. While thus engaged, he was again exposed constantly to enemy fire."

### BOARD MUST TIGHTEN UP ON GAS RATIONING

On June 9 the OPA provided that local War Price and Rationing boards could issue gasoline rations for periods as short as 30 days, at their discretion.

On August 1, all boards were instructed to invoke this amendment in the case of applicants for supplemental rations for home-to-work driving who are required under the regulations, to belong to car pools but who do not.

In such cases, the boards are instructed to issue only sufficient rations to last the applicant for 30 days of home-to-work driving. Before the issuance of additional gasoline rations, the applicant must present evidence to show that he has obtained sufficient riders to fill his car. Upon presentation of such evidence, the applicant will be issued a three-months supplemental ration.

Thus, local boards will have to tighten up on orders from Washington—because of the critical shortage of gasoline, vehicles and tires—not because of any desire to make gasoline rationing harder for car owners to live with.

If the applicant claims that he is unable, for any reason, to obtain a full quota of riders, his local board will require him to present full and conclusive evidence in support of his claim. In the event adequate public transportation is available, the board will be instructed to refuse supplemental rations, in the absence of a car pool.

### DALTON P. HUTCHINS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Dalton R. Hutchins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins, was slightly wounded in France on July 26, according to word received here. He has been overseas eighteen months and has fought in the invasions of Africa, Sicily and France.

They also have two other sons in service. Pfc. Dewey E. Hutchins, who has been in the South Pacific for the past 29 months, and Douglas P. Hutchins who is training to be an airplane mechanic at Whitehaven, Tenn.

Their son-in-law Pfc. Dallas Bradshaw has fought in three campaigns. He was wounded in France.

Buy More War Bonds.

## Utility Grade Beef And Lamb Points Removed

### Pork Loins, Hams, And Canned Fish Require Stamps; Changes Effective Sunday.

No more ration points for utility grades of beef and lamb will be required through September 2, and for the same period point-values have been restored on pork loins, pork hams and canned fish, the office of Price Administration has announced. Point values of cheeses were increased from two to four points a pound and farm or country butter from eight to 12 points a pound. Creamery butter continues at 16 points a pound.

The changes became effective last Sunday.

Utility grades beefsteaks and roasts are being taken off the ration list and pork loins and hams restored to the lists in line with previously announced plans of OPA and the War Food administration. Utility grade popular cuts of lamb are being made point-free, OPA explained, because with the same grade of beef available without points "it was judged that utility lamb might not move under a point value."

The three top grades of popular lamb cuts and beefsteaks and roasts—choice, good, and commercial—continue under rationing.

Present heavy movement in market of utility grade cattle prompted elimination of point values on steaks and roasts from those animals.

In returning the more popular pork cuts to the ration lists because of a seasonal decrease in hog marketing, and heavy consumer demand, OPA assigned a value of 4 points a pound for end loin cuts and 8 points for center cuts. For whole loins and smoked as well as fresh hams the value is 5 points.

Shank ends of ham will cost 2 points a pound and slices 9 points, while the value for ready-to-eat hams is 2 points higher than on uncooked varieties.

Canned fish, ration-free since early in May, gets point value again because of a national scarcity. Tuna, salmon, shrimp, and other highly popular varieties are given a value of 6 points a pound, while sardines and mackerel will require 4 points and canned oysters and miscellaneous fish products 2 points a pound.

An extra red stamp—D-5 in Ration Book 4—became valid Sunday and will be good indefinitely.

Hereafter, OPA said, new series of red stamps will be validated at the beginning of each monthly rationing period, instead of every fourth Sunday. Thus the next series will become good September 3 rather than on August 27.

### HOMER C. JAMISON RECEIVES PROMOTION TO RANK OF CAPTAIN

Word has recently been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jamison, Route 1, Marion, that their son, Homer C. Jamison, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Captain Jamison graduated from Glenwood High School in 1938 and attended Western Carolina Teachers College, graduating in June, 1942.

Capt. Jamison attended C. M. T. C. during his high school and college years. He was commissioned 2nd lieutenant on March 11, 1942, in the field artillery. He began his training at Fort Bragg, N. C. and later was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Then he was transferred to Fort Sill, Okla. In May 1943 he was sent back to Fort Leonard Wood and promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Later he went to California and stayed several months before returning to Fort Bragg. In March, 1944, he started overseas and for the past few months he has been stationed somewhere in England.

### RADER BUYS NICHOLS HOUSE ON PULLIAM ST.

Albert Rader has purchased the J. L. Nichols apartment house on Pulliam street. Mr. Rader now occupies the property.

### PVT. J. D. BRADLEY REPORTED KILLED IN FRANCE ON JULY 11TH

Pvt. J. D. Bradley, son of G. A. Bradley and the late Mrs. Bradley of East Marion, was killed in action in France on July 11, according to word received here. Mrs. J. D. Bradley is the former Miss Shallot Stevens of Route 2, Marion, N. C.

Pvt. Bradley was a native of McDowell county. He graduated from the Marion high school in 1936. Since that time he was employed at the Drexel Furniture Company, except for a short while at the N. C. Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington, N. C.

Pvt. Bradley was inducted into service at Ft. Jackson, S. C., September 7, 1943. He received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, and Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. He served in the 329th Infantry. He was sent overseas in April, 1944.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Shallot Stevens Bradley; one daughter, Janice Delores; four brothers, Lawrence and James H. of Marion, Wilson Bradley of Wilmington, and Staff Sgt. Ernest Bradley, who is now serving in the Southwest Pacific; five sisters, Mrs. G. D. Styles, of Danville, Va., Miss Beatrice Bradley, of Whitmore, S. C., Miss Annie Bradley, Miss Nora Bell Bradley and Mrs. M. P. Young of Marion.

Memorial services are being planned for Sunday, August 27 at the Clinchfield Baptist Church of which he was an active member.

### RECEIPTS FROM POLIO CAMPAIGN NOW \$1,669.40

Total receipts in the Infantile Paralysis campaign had reached \$1,669.40 yesterday afternoon, it was stated by J. N. Morris, treasurer. This amount includes funds which have already been mailed to be used in combating the disease.

Donations were made by organizations and individuals throughout the county. The generous response of the public has resulted in the goal of \$500 being exceeded by \$1,169.40, with possibly more contributions to be received.

### DR. JOHNSON DIES AT RESIDENCE HERE; FUNERAL THURSDAY

Dr. James Hamilton Johnson, well known optometrist of Marion, died at his home here Monday evening after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist church by his pastor, Dr. D. E. Camak, assisted by Dr. Carl McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Burial will be made in Oak Grove cemetery.

Dr. Johnson has been a resident of Marion for the past 27 years. He came here May 26, 1917, and was one of the oldest practicing optometrists in the state.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mabel Mae Price Johnson; one daughter, Mrs. Andrew D. Ayres, of Baltimore, Md., and two sons, Capt. James H. Johnson, Jr., U. S. Air Corps, and Donald G. Johnson; one sister, Mrs. Matilda Collier of Pikesville, N. C., and one brother, George Johnson, of Georgia.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EXTENDS CALL TO PASTOR

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church of Palmetto, Florida, has been extended a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion. The decision to extend the call to Mr. Owens was made at a meeting of the congregation last Sunday morning. Mr. Owens has not announced yet as to whether he will accept the call.

### FARM AT GARDEN CITY TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

The farm owned by Jack Morris at Garden City and known as the Winborne farm will be sold at auction next Saturday, August 19, at 1:30 p. m. This farm, containing 108 acres, located on highway No. 70, will be subdivided into large home sites and small farms, it is announced. This property is located in one of the best communities in this section of the state.

## Gift Mailing Period Overseas Sep. 15-Oct. 15

### Important Rules For Mailing Christmas Gifts To Soldiers In Service Overseas.

"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping." Postmaster General Frank C. Walker advises American in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy Personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same—September 15 to October 15. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

"The response that our people made last year during the overseas mailing period demonstrated that they will cooperate in any measure designed for the welfare of our armed forces personnel," Mr. Walker said.

We must be mindful that these gifts must travel far, with shipping space crowded. If the gifts are to be protected in transit they must be packed in boxes made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, reinforced with strong gummed paper tape or tied with strong twine. If both tape and strong twine are used, so much the better. If the outer wrapper is crushed—and this is likely to happen—the loss of contents may be prevented if fiberboard boxes are wrapped in heavy paper.

"Because strong twine, heavy paper and boxes and fiberboard will prove of real help in making delivery of gifts possible I urge those at home to begin saving these materials now. As time goes on they are going to become even more scarce than they are now.

Among the more important rules for Christmas mailing to the armed forces overseas are the following:

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas Parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

When combination packages are made up of such items as miscellaneous articles, hard candies, soap, etc., the contents should be tightly packed so that they will not become loosened in transit and damage the contents or the cover. Hard candies, nuts and caramels, cookies, fruit cake, and chocolate bars individually wrapped in waxed paper should be enclosed in inner boxes of good, metal, or cardboard.

Perishable goods, such as fruits and vegetables that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons, and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages. Relatives and friends who know that the personnel in the armed services to whom they plan to send gifts are at far distant points should begin to mail their packages on the opening date—September 15—of the mailing period.

There are only three counties in the state of Delaware.