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Announce List of Teachers For County Schools

Appointments For This Year Are Announced By Superintendent Steppe.

The following teachers have been elected to teach in the McDowell county schools for the coming year:

Pleasant Garden School: W. A. Young, principal; Mrs. W. A. Young, Mrs. Lula D. Sandlin, Miss Lois Turbyfill, Clarence Brooks, Mrs. Mabel Moser, Miss Zelma Atwell, Miss Jennie M. Hunter, Miss Geneva Link, Miss Pauline Brooks, Mrs. Mabel Haire, Mrs. Georgia Corpening, Miss Louise Miller, Mrs. Sallie P. Willis, Miss Elsie House, Miss Lula Hicks, Miss Ola Wall.

Old Fort: C. L. Norwood, principal; Miss Elizabeth Whitesides, Mrs. Lilly M. Huss, Miss Mary Chambers, Harry Swofford, Miss Marie Scott, Miss Elizabeth Long, Mrs. Lola A. Lonon, Mrs. Gladys Kanipe, Miss Carolyn Albright, Mrs. Emily Bradley, Mrs. Sarah Brown Lewis, Miss Margaret Marley, Mrs. Alice Biddix, Mrs. Grace Steppe, Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lindley, Mrs. Maude E. Leonard, Miss Glosie Pyatt, Miss Mary C. Burgin, Mrs. Beulah Nichols, Miss Della Williams.

North Cove: Frank W. Howell, principal; Mrs. Frank W. Howell, J. M. Tyler, Mrs. Hazel Lombardy, Miss Pearl Prichard, Miss Mamie Whitesides, Miss Faye Dixon, Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Miss Willie Mae Gouge, Mrs. Martin Hennessee, Miss Frances Hicks, Miss Ina Kate Parks.

Nebo: E. W. S. Cobb, principal; Rose Stacy, Mrs. Margaret Gourley Miller, Mrs. Lucille Parker Guthrie, Thomas W. Stacy, Mrs. G. F. Greer, Mrs. David Gray, Miss Lottie Wilson, Mrs. W. C. Pate, Miss Selma Boyd, Mrs. Bertha M. Hemphill, Miss Dorcas Cline.

Glenwood: W. H. Davis, principal; Miss Mary Frances Harrill, Mrs. Mabel T. Bradsher, Miss Louise Phillips, Mrs. Charline B. Teague, Mrs. Lois E. Shaw, Miss Mary B. Beam, Mrs. Dessie Lawing, Miss Martha McGimsey, Miss Ellen J. Crawford, Mrs. Edna Hemphill, Miss Essie Hemphill.

Sugar Hill: Mrs. Geneva A. Tisdale, principal; Mrs. Daisy J. Hemphill, Miss Beatrice Harris.

Dysartsville: Mrs. Annabel Westmoreland, principal; Mrs. Charles Steppe, Mrs. N. G. Lonon.

Colored Schools
Old Fort: Mrs. Lois C. Twitty, principal; Mrs. Myrtle C. Brittain, Mrs. Fannie H. Rhuffin.
Dysartsville: Mrs. Bessie C. Taylor.

Bridgewater: Mrs. Rose C. Greenlee.

HECKARD COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT

Floyd L. Heckard of Marion, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States last week upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Lieut. Heckard is the son of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Heckard of Marion.

The new lieutenant enlisted in the army on June 22, 1943, and served with the 3rd battalion at Camp Wheeler, Ga., before going to Officer Candidate School 4 months ago. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned. Lieutenant Heckard is visiting his parents before going to his new assignment.

SINGING CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN MARION ON SUNDAY, SEPT 3RD

The McDowell County Singing Convention will be held at the court house in Marion on Sunday, Sept. 3, it is announced by Mrs. N. C. Comer, secretary of the association. The convention will open at 9:45 a. m.

The program will include a number of well known singers, including some favorite radio singers, and a large attendance is expected.

All singers in the county are especially invited to attend and take part on the program.



KILLED IN FRANCE—Pfc. Delos A. Padgett, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Padgett of Route 4, Marion, was killed in action in France on July 15.

CAPT. GRADY BURGIN IS GIVEN PROMOTION

Captain Grady W. Burgin, 33, of Old Fort, who has been commanding officer of one of the companies in the second provisional training battalion of the Military Police Training Center at Barksdale Field, La., has been promoted to commanding officer of the newly-formed third battalion, Lt. Col. Benedict Ray, commanding officer of the unit, announced.

Born June 4, 1911, in North Carolina, he graduated from Johnson City, Tenn., high school in 1929. He enlisted in the regular army the same year and served in various grades until Sept. 16, 1942 when he was given a direct appointment by President Roosevelt as a second lieutenant in the corps of military police.

He is a graduate of Provost Marshal General's school at Fort Custer, Mich., and served as personnel processing officer of the school from Jan. 1, 1943, to March 21, 1944. He was on special duty with the 1672nd service unit at Fort Sheridan, Ill., one month and then returned to Fort Custer for special duties until May 16, 1944, when he was assigned as a company commander to the MPTCA at Barksdale Field.

He was promoted to first lieutenant April 3, 1943, and was made a captain Jan. 31, 1944.

REVIVAL SERVICES DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

The city-wide revival campaign now being conducted in the big green tent on the corner of Depot and Henderson streets by Rev. Samuel E. Simms and Dr. Harvey F. Pinyoun, well known evangelists, opened Saturday evening with capacity audiences both at the first service and the service Sunday.

Dr. Pinyoun, who was song director for the late Billy Sunday in a number of his eastern campaigns, is leading the singing. He is also an artist on the trombone which he plays each evening.

Services will be conducted each evening at 8:30 o'clock, except Monday, with sermon by Mr. Simms.

The Houston Four, famed colored ensemble, will sing at the services on Friday evening of this week, it is announced.

Everybody is invited to attend the services.

LAUGHLIN GRADUATES AT GUNNERY SCHOOL

Cpl. James Laughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laughlin of Marion, was graduated this week from the AAF Training Command's Flexible Gunnery School at Buckingham Field near Fort Myers, Fla.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will soon become a member of the Army's Air Forces' bomber crews. He will receive his crew training at an operational training field in the United States then go overseas.

He entered the Army from school 17 months ago and has also completed the armament course given at Denver, Colo.

MISS WHITTEN TO SING AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miss Dorothy Whitten of Spartanburg will sing at the First Presbyterian Church here Sunday morning. Miss Virginia Mae McCall will be at the organ.

County and City Schools To Open September 18th

Opening Date Set In Accordance With The Decision Of The State Boards.

Schools in McDowell county and the Marion City Schools will open on September 18, provided the infantile paralysis epidemic has continued to subside.

N. F. Steppe, county superintendent of schools, said September 18 will be the date for the county schools to open unless there is a change in the plans by reason of the polio epidemic.

Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of the city schools, announced that the city board of education had also set September 18 as the opening date.

It was also announced that both the county and city school teachers will begin their work on September 14 with a two days conference prior to the opening date.

SMITH BROTHERS MEET IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Cecil E. Smith and James E. Smith, brothers serving in the U. S. Navy and formerly of Marion, experienced a happy occasion on August 9 when they met somewhere in the South Pacific. Both are serving on aircraft carriers.

Cecil entered the Navy on August 11, 1940 and served two years on a battleship, than on a troop transport and was transferred to an aircraft carrier in January, 1944. He has seen action at Pearl Harbor and several other places in the Pacific for the past four years and has never met a boy from home.

James has been in service since last April.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of Route 4, Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one other son in service, Clarence B. Smith, who is receiving his basic training at Camp Peary, Va.

COTTON CARAVAN AT CLINCHFIELD SCHOOL FRIDAY, SEPT. 1ST

The Camp Croft Cotton Caravan will be presented at the Clinchfield High school on Friday evening, Sept. 1, at 7:30 o'clock 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, composed of members of nationally famous orchestras, Sgt. Bill Wilson, tap dancer; Annette Hatcher, singer, and Phil Masi, comedian. A film, "Prelude To War" will also be shown.

There will be no admission and all textile workers are urged to attend.

REV. SMELSER SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEETING

Rev. Chester Smelser, minister of the Church of Christ, addressed members of the Rotary Club at their weekly, luncheon meeting Friday on "When A Man Stoops From His Pride."

Charles Smith, chairman of the Athletic committee, announced that the Rotary Club would accept the challenge of the Francis Marion Club to play a softball game. This game will be played in the immediate future, it was stated.

Albert Hewitt, Jr., president, presided over the meeting. Guests included Rotarian R. L. Lindsey, of Durham; Rotarian John Powell, of Reidsville; Warner Elledge, of Detroit, and F. O. C. Fletcher, of Asheville.

CROSS PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

Oliver Cross, son of Mrs. U. E. Cross and the late Mr. Cross, has been promoted to First Lieutenant, according to word received here recently.

Lt. Cross is now stationed at Ft. Crockett, Texas. He attended Marion high school and the University of North Carolina and before entering service held a position at the Cross Cotton Mills.

Rev. Hudson, A Missionary, To Preach Sunday

To Preach At First Presbyterian Church At 11 A. M.; Baptist Church at 8 P. M.

The Rev. George A. Hudson, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, will preach at the First Presbyterian Church here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will also be the guest speaker at the Union Service at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

This will be the last Union evening service of the series which have been conducted by the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches during July and August.

The August issue of the Southern Presbyterian Journal contains the following information about Mr. Hudson:

"Born and reared in China, and for twenty-one years a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in that country. Rev. George A. Hudson . . . speaks with authority about China and the Far East. Prior to Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hudson was stationed at Kashing, where, for one full year, he was the only American resident and the only Protestant missionary in the city. He was taken into custody by the Japanese military and was interned for seven months in a concentration camp across the river from Shanghai. On December 2, 1943 he arrived in the United States aboard the repatriation ship, "Gripsholm." Audiences throughout the country have been stirred by the gripping story of Mr. Hudson's experience. With his keen knowledge of the Far Eastern situation, he outlines . . . the basis of a permanent peace in the Orient."

A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community to attend these services.

B. E. BRADLEY DIES AT HOME AT EAST MARION

Benjamin Elmore Bradley, 73, of East Marion, died at his residence Thursday morning after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. C. W. Greene and burial was made in Conley's Chapel cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Reese, Mrs. Ernest Harklerole, Mrs. Clarence Conner, all of East Marion; four sons, Steven and Perry Bradley of East Marion, Cpl. Reuben L. Bradley of Maxwell Field, Ala., and Thomas Rhinehart of Cross Mill, and 18 grandchildren.

REPORT OFFICIALLY STATES HENSLEY DEAD

Boyce Clayton Hensley, Chief Gunner's Mate, U. S. Navy, has been officially reported dead, according to word received here by his sister, Mrs. Ed Brown. He has been listed as missing since the morning of July 10, 1943. The U. S. S. Maddox on which he was serving was bombed and sunk while screening a transport area off the Southern coast of Sicily, it was stated.

Hensley has been in the service of the Navy since 1928. In 1939 he married Miss Mary Muxie, of New York City, and has made his home there since that time.

He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hensley, of Nealsville, and a brother of Mrs. Ed Brown of Marion.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD MEETING HERE AUG. 31

A meeting of Republicans of McDowell county will be held at the court house in Marion on Thursday evening, August 31, at eight o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

Hon. F. J. Beal, new secretary of the Republican State executive committee and other Republican leaders will be present to discuss plans to start an aggressive campaign in this county.

All Republicans in the county are invited to attend the meeting and complete plans for the fall campaign.



KILLED IN ACTION—Pvt. J. D. Bradley, above, son of G. A. Bradley and the late Mrs. Bradley of East Marion, was killed in action in France on July 11.

HARRY HENSLEY WITH KEY PERFORMERS IN MARIANAS OPERATIONS

Aviation Radioman, First Class Harry Paul Hensley, whose wife is Mrs. H. P. Hensley of Marion, was a member of Air Group 25, key performers in the gruelling task of bombing and strafing Japanese land installations, battling enemy fighter planes, and patrolling for an average of four hours of every day for twenty-three continuous days during the current Marianas operations, it is announced by the public relations office in Charleston, S. C.

Now home for rest and rehabilitation after setting what is believed to be a record for sustained combat flying by carrier based planes, Air Group 25 sailed to the Marianas as an integral unit of Task Force 58. Forsaking the usual rest and recuperation periods between carrier strikes, the Group hammered away incessantly at the enemy and inflicted tremendous damage by bombing Japanese airdromes, gun positions, and other land targets.

The Air Group flew for ten months from the deck of a light aircraft carrier and fought in actions including raids on Wake, Truk, and the Bonin Islands, and the invasions of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Hollandia and the Marianas. A total of 120 Japanese aircraft was destroyed by the Air Group, and another thirty were damaged. One Japanese light cruiser and a 4,000-ton cargo ship were bombed and sunk by the Group. Enemy vessels damaged by bombs and strafing included two destroyers, 15 cargo ships, and numerous smaller craft.

One of the spectacular individual experiences of the Air Group centered about Lt. Commander Robert H. Price, Air Group Commander from Missouri, who was shot down by anti-aircraft fire in the midst of a Jap convoy he was attacking off the Marianas and spent eleven days on a lift raft before being rescued.

PFC. NELSON WOUNDED IN ACTION IN ITALY

Pfc. Lawrence M. Nelson was recently slightly wounded in action in Italy, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nelson, who reside on Route 2. It was also stated that Private Nelson had been awarded the purple heart for gallantry in action under fire.

Private Nelson has served overseas two years and was with the invasion forces in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have two other sons in the Navy, Myron Nelson, Rd. M 3/c, who spent a few days at his home here last week, and Nolan Nelson, S 1/c, who is somewhere in the Pacific.

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.

All N. C. Schools To Stay Closed Until Sept. 18

Order Issued By State Board Of Education At Raleigh Last Thursday.

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Acting on the recommendation of the State Board of health and Governor Broughton, the State Board of education today declared an emergency to exist in connection with the current poliomyelitis epidemic and ordered all public schools to remain closed until September 18.

The action declaring the emergency and setting the uniform date for school openings was passed with only one dissenting vote after several board members, county school superintendents and other spokesmen had declared that a postponement would mean a loss of teachers to other states.

Under the action, school teachers and other public school unit officials are ordered to report for duty on September 14 thus allowing a full week's pay before school openings actually begin. All units were urged to make plans for operating a full nine months.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, appeared before the board and, using charts, pointed to a probable continuance of the polio epidemic until early in September on the basis of past records. "A two weeks' incubation period of the virus must be taken into consideration when we speak of a decline the latter part of this month, coincident with a decline in hot weather," he said.

He told the board that 550 cases of the disease had been reported to headquarters here since June 1, 1943, or 23.95 per cent, of them since August 1. Apparently the epidemic in eastern counties is just beginning, he added.

MORE POWER IS GIVEN STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Governor Broughton has issued a proclamation vesting in members of the State Highway Patrol "the power and authority of peace officers to make arrests for any violation of any of the criminal laws of the State committed in their presence either on or off the highways while on duty by special assignment . . . in connection with disturbances."

A status now provides that "the State Highway Patrol shall have full power and authority to perform such additional duties as peace officers as may from time to time be directed by the Governor . . ."

The proclamation was issued at the request of T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of motor vehicles and was approved by Attorney General McMillan.

In announcing the proclamation, the Governor declared: "At present members of the State Highway Patrol when assigned to duty at public gatherings, or at places where riots and public disturbances exist or are likely to occur, do not have the general powers and duties of peace officers authorizing them to make arrests for all violations of the criminal laws of the State occurring in their presence, and I do find it to be in the public interest that such restrictions upon the powers and duties of the Highway Patrol be removed and that they be vested with the general powers and duties of peace officers when assigned to duty at the events referred to."

REPORT IS GIVEN ON SHIPMENT OF PEACHES

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—North Carolina shipped 1,646 carloads of peaches in the season just ended, as against only 50 for last season, the State Department of Agriculture said.

Total shipments of Irish potatoes ran to 5,342 cars this year, as compared with 10,228 a year ago.

These shipments do not include produce moving from the State by truck.

In watermelons, the equivalent of 1,024 cars were marketed, as compared with 635 in 1943.