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Gilmer Graham Resigns Coach of High School

Hugh Beam To Act As Athletic Director During The 1944-45 School Year.

Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion City schools, will act as athletic director of Marion high school during the 1944-45 school year, according to an announcement from Mr. Beam's office. This action was necessary due to the fact that Gilmer Graham, popular coach of the 1943-44 season, resigned his position to accept similar work in the Asheville City schools.

Since Mr. Graham submitted his resignation local school officials have looked high and low for a man to replace him but were unsuccessful in their efforts. Mr. Beam reported this fact to the school board, and also indicated his willingness to take an active part in athletics until such a time when a coach could be available. The local school was faced with the situation of discontinuing football activities along with other athletics, or request Mr. Beam to spend several hours each day in this work. Believing that athletics are a vital part of the school program, especially in the face of the fact that considerable emphasis is being placed on physical fitness, the Marion City School board in a meeting Monday night requested Mr. Beam to do this work.

Coach Beam said that the first football practice of the year would be held on the high school athletic field Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. He asks that all boys interested in this sport report at this time ready for work. He stated that Marion is getting off to a late start as schools in neighboring towns started their football a week or ten days ago. He also said that there is plenty of work ahead for the Marion boys, and that there is little time left to get into shape for the hard schedule that confronts the local boys.

GIBSON AND BALDWIN ASSIGNED TO UNIT AT HARDING FIELD, LA.

Second Lieut. Ed. B. Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibson of Marion, and Second Lt. Herman C. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Baldwin of Clinchfield, have been assigned to the 72nd Fighter Wing Indoctrination Unit at Harding Field, La., prior to being assigned to one of the fighter combat crew training schools in the wing for final training in combat tactics of the Army Air forces.

During the ensuing weeks of combat flight training there they will undergo the preliminary phase of ground training, including intelligence, small arms, aircraft recognition.

Lt. Gibson graduated from Marion high school in 1940 and was later employed as timekeeper at the Marion Manufacturing company.

Lt. Baldwin graduated from Marion high school in 1942, and prior to entering service was employed by the Parks-Belk company, Johnson City, Tenn.

SINGING CONVENTION TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

The McDowell County Singing Convention will be held at the court house in Marion next Sunday beginning at 9:45 a. m.

The program will include a number of well known singers, including some favorite radio singers and the Smith quartet from Spartanburg. A large attendance is expected.

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

BALTIMORE PASTOR TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Dr. B. A. Bowers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Baltimore, Md., and a former pastor of the First Baptist church at Gastonia, will preach at the First Baptist church here next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

TIRE QUOTA OF ALL TYPES FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER REDUCED

The tire board of the local War Price and Rationing office states that the tire quota for tires of all types has been reduced. It was pointed out that one reason for the reduction in quota is due to the fact that the allotment of tires for the past several months has been rather liberal, comparatively speaking, and that all tires allotted to applicants have been exhausted.

It is the belief of officials of the local War Price and Rationing board that the reduced quota of tires is sufficient to meet the actual needs of the motoring public, provided that complete cooperation from automobile owners is given to the tire board. To this end the tire board urges that automobile and truck owners request tire replacements only when absolutely necessary.

The tire shortage is not over and every automobile and truck owner should observe every rule that will tend to conserve tires. The driver should certainly stay within speed limitations and not exceed thirty-five miles per hour. He should also see that his tires are properly inflated, and have them inspected and balanced at regular intervals.

The automobile and truck owner can help win the war, by driving only when absolutely necessary, and when driving is necessary he should conserve his tires and gasoline in every way possible.

ANOTHER POLIO CASE REPORTED IN COUNTY

Another case of Infantile Paralysis in McDowell County reported yesterday brought the total for the county during the present epidemic up to 11. This was the first case reported in the past two weeks. The victim, a child from the Montford Cove community, was taken to Hickory Emergency Hospital yesterday. State health officials report that the total number of infantile paralysis cases in the state since June 1 has reached 634. Cases have been reported from 72 of the state's 100 counties.

SGT. HALL SERVING AT FT. OGLETHORPE, GA.

Sgt. Effie E. Hall of Marion, the fifth member of her family to enter the service, is now stationed at the Third WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., as cook. Now entering her nineteenth month in the Women's Army Corps, the WAC Sergeant was formerly stationed at Fort Des Moines, Ia., and Daytona Beach, Fla.

Before Sgt. Hall was assigned to a job in the army mess hall she completed a special cook's course following the regular basic training course. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hall of Marion, Sgt. Hall attended Marion high school.

A sister, Cpl. Cleo Mertz, who is also beginning her nineteenth month in service, is stationed in England. One brother, Pvt. Alvin Lee Hall, is at Camp Lee, Va. and two other brothers received medical discharges last October.

PLEASANT GARDENS P. T. A. CANNING FOR SCHOOL

Members of the Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher Association are devoting a large part of their time during the vacation season to canning fruits and vegetables to be used in the school lunch room during the winter months.

A report from a member of the association last week stated that already several hundred quarts had been canned in the community canner and this amount is being increased daily.

PVT. LEE HALL ON GUARD DUTY AGAINST STRIKERS

Pvt. Alvin Lee Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hall of Marion, was among the group of soldiers sent to Philadelphia, Pa., recently to take charge of the transportation strike which lasted for several days. Although the strikers returned to work, soldiers remained on guard on the subways, trolleys and buses for two weeks.

Pvt. Hall returned to his duties at Camp Lee, Va., last week where he is enrolled in the quartermaster school.

City Tax Rate For Next Year Is Set At \$1.50

Rate To Remain The Same As The Past Year; Proposed Budget 1944-45 Is \$98,000.

The city tax rate for Marion for the year 1944-45 will be \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation, the same as last year. This rate was adopted at a meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday night.

The proposed budget for the year was set at \$98,000, compared with \$95,460 for the past year.

The budget included the following items: General government, \$10,800; police department, \$7,500; fire department, \$2,900; street and sewer department, \$17,700; cemetery, \$1,600; debt service, \$43,500; water department, \$6,200, and capital fund for sundry improvements, \$7,800.

Final adoption of the budget will be made at a later date.

42,949 SERVICEMEN ASK FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—A total of 3,531 members of the armed forces from North Carolina applied to Secretary of State Thad Eure today for absentee ballots for use in the general election November 7. The total of applications received by this source alone now stands at 42,949.

Eure predicted the number of applications would be heavy through September 6, when the War Ballot commission will have completed distribution of application cards.

Servicemen wishing to vote in the general election may apply directly for ballots, or through relatives or an authorized agent. Application for an absentee ballot in North Carolina is construed as an application for registration, Eure said.

PVT. SCOLES BEGINS HER WAC TRAINING

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Aug. 26.—Pvt. Mildred P. Scoles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pruden of Old Fort, N. C., is a trainee at the Third WAC Training Center here where she is learning the fundamentals of army life. Following the six-week basic instruction she will be eligible for assignment in one of the 239 noncombatant jobs to women in service in this country and abroad.

A graduate of Old Fort high school, Pvt. Scoles was employed, prior to entering service, as waitress at Tingle's Cafe in Asheville.

Husband of the WAC private, Pvt. Harold J. Scoles, is stationed in England. Three cousins in service are First Lt. Charles M. Hendrix, South Pacific; First Lt. William Quinn, England; Petty Officer Jas. R. Rayfield, overseas.

CPL. HUSKINS RETURNS FROM OVERSEA DUTY

Cpl. G. G. Huskins has arrived home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Huskins of Pleasant Gardens, after being in service overseas for the past two years. Cpl. Huskins was twice reported missing in action and spent four months in a German prison. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for heroic service in action.

BOWMAN COMPLETES GUNNERY SCHOOL

Egt. Sam Bowman has completed a six weeks course at aerial gunner school at Ft. Myers, Fla., and has now returned to his former station at Venice, Fla. where he is an aerial gunner instructor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bowman of Marion.

JOSEPH STANLEY IS LIEUTENANT GRADUATE

Joseph K. Stanley, son of Mrs. Julia Stanley, of Marion, was graduated and given the rank of second lieutenant in an officer candidate class at the Quartermaster School at Camp Lee, Va., last Friday.

Superior Court To Open Here Next Monday

Judge J. A. Rousseau To Preside Over The Term; Both Criminal And Civil Cases.

The fall term of McDowell County superior court is scheduled to convene here next Monday morning with Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro presiding. Scheduled as a mixed term, the first week will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases.

One murder case, one rape case, and several criminal actions of minor importance are scheduled for trial during the first week session.

Guy Arrowood will stand trial on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Carl J. Rhom at Vein Mountain last June. Rhom died as a result of injuries sustained when struck in the head with a shovel by Arrowood, it is alleged.

The civil calendar contains twelve cases set for trial during the week beginning Monday, September 11.

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK TO START ON SEPT 24TH

Chicago—Churches and other religious agencies of rural America will join with those of other cities in the observance of the 14th annual Religious Education Week, Sept. 24 to Oct. 1, to give emphasis to the value of Christian teaching, it has been announced by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the program.

"Power for These Times" will be the theme for Religious Education Week in which 42 Protestant denominations and 182 state, provincial, county and city councils of churches and religious education will cooperate for community-wide observances. The week will be observed throughout Canada as well as in all 48 states.

"The Protestant churches of the nation will attempt to remarshal the missionary spirit in their educational work during Religious Education Week," Dr. Ross stated, "in making the announcement. "These chaotic times demand that we not only increase our programs of Christian teaching for those who are now attending church schools, but we also must increase our efforts to reach the more than 15,000,000 children of school age who have had no religious training of any kind."

Rally Day or Promotion Day services in most rural churches on opening day of Religious Education Week will emphasize educational evangelism as Sunday schools renew their efforts to increase enrollment and attendance. Christian fellowship in the community will be developed through week-day programs, and "the unifying power of world Christian fellowship" will be featured in World Communion Sunday observance on October 1.

Rural communities will give greater importance in their religious programs to the development of cooperation between the home and the church during the observance. Leadership education through workers' conferences and a deepening of devotional life of leaders and pupils will be other aims of Religious Education Week.

PLAN VICTORY PROGRAM

A special meeting of the directors of the Marion Merchants' Association which was held in the city hall Monday evening plans were made for participation in the Victory Day program which will be when the German phase of the war is ended. Final plans for the program will be completed at a later meeting and will be announced next week.

CHANGE IN SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Beginning next Sunday, September 3rd, the hours of the Sunday services in St. John's Episcopal Church will be at 8:00 and 11:00 a. m., Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. on week days and Holy days the hours of services will be at 9:00 a. m.



MISSING—Sgt. Allen T. Lyde (above) of Marion has been reported missing in action in France as of June 6, according to word received by his wife, the former Miss Ruth Pendergrass. Sgt. Lyde has been in service since November, 1942 and has served overseas since January, 1944. He was a paratrooper.

REV. OWENS ACCEPTS CALL TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HERE

The Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church of Palmetto, Fla., has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion to succeed Dr. B. F. Bray who recently resigned. He will take up his duties here the first Sunday in October.

Rev. Mr. Owens is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Louisville Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has served as assistant pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in Louisville and was pastor of the First Baptist church at Myrtle Beach, S. C., for four years. He has been pastor of the Baptist church in Palmetto for the past two years. He is married and has two children.

DREXEL TO SEND GIFTS TO ARMED FORCES

A list of the names and addresses of every man and woman of McDowell County who are now serving in the armed forces is being compiled by the Drexel Furniture Company in order that they may remember every one of them with a Christmas gift. The cooperation of everyone in the county is asked in submitting these names and addresses so that no one be overlooked.

The announcement especially emphasized that "this applies to all McDowell men and women and is not limited to former employees of Drexel."

A coupon is contained in an advertisement of the Drexel Furniture Company in this issue of The Progress for convenience in mailing these names and addresses.

FSA MAKE PLANS FOR BROAD 1945 PROGRAM

Recently the supervisors and the county committee of Farm Security Administration held a meeting and made plans as to the general program of work for FSA in McDowell county for the coming year.

The Farm Security Administration works with the low income farm families in an effort to help them improve their standard of living and to take their rightful place in the community. In order to decide just what jobs were most needed for next year, the census figures were studied to determine the proportion of low income farm families in the county. It was found that according to the 1940 census, out of the 1243 farms in the county 590 had gross incomes of less than \$400.00 and 945 had gross incomes of less than \$600.00. These figures include the food and fuel that the family used from the farm themselves.

A broad program was worked out that should give these farm families an opportunity to get the help that they need, provided they desire it and are willing to try to help themselves.

MINISTERS TO MEET MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The fall meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association has been postponed from Monday, September 4, to Monday, September 18.

New Books Are Added To The City Library

281 New Books Added Since Last of July; Signs Posted To Direct New Readers.

Improvements to the Florence Thomas Memorial Library have steadily increased during the past year and during the past week a report received from the board of trustees shows that continuous progress is being made.

The report stated that a total of 281 new books have been added since the last of July and that an attractive sign has been placed across the windows of the library to encourage new readers to join its membership.

Signs have also been placed at various points throughout the county to show the regular stops for the "Bookmobile."

Twenty-three books which were recently received and are now ready for circulation have been listed as follows:

Adult Fiction: "The Razor's Edge," by Maughn; "Strange Fruit" by Smith; "Colcortion," by Pope; "Fair Stood the Wind for France," by Bates; "What Became of Anna Bolton," by Bromfield.

Adult Non-Fiction: "The Queen Was in the Kitchen," by McVickers; "Yankee From Olympus," by Bowen; "Atlas of Global Geography," by Raize; "Ten Years in Japan," by Grew; "They Shall Not Sleep," by Stowe, and "Anna and the King of Siam," by Landon.

Juvenile Fiction: "Muggins," by Bradbury; "Glory Be!" by Lambert; "The Scarlet Coat," by Gaither; "The Big Six," by Ramsome; "Drums in the Forest," by Dwight, and "Wings in the Sun," by Wyke.

Juvenile Non-Fiction: "Cocoanut, The Wonder Tree," by Sperry; "Wings to Wear," by Hager; "A Boy's View of the Arctic," by Rawson; "Desert Neighbors," by Patch; "The Listening Child," by Thacker, and "Jesus Story," by Petersham.

ELECTRIC IRONS TO REAPPEAR ON MARKET

The Office of Price Administration announces that electric irons will appear on the market and that this is one of the first items in the consumer good field to reappear on the market since production was suspended in 1942. OPA Administrator Chester E. Bowles stated that it was gratifying that a large percentage of electric iron manufacturers had agreed to hold the price line for this product of consumer goods, especially in view of the fact that electric irons are in such demand.

The announcement further stated that twenty manufacturers of electric irons have received allocations to produce 1,768,968 electric irons, and that these irons will be placed on the market at no change in prices prevailing in March 1942.

PFC. JOHN E. WILSON IS NOW IN ENGLAND

Pfc. John E. Wilson, son of Chas. B. Wilson of Baltimore, Md., and formerly of Marion, is now with the armed forces somewhere in England, it is announced. He entered the service March 11, 1942. He received training at Camp Polk, La., the Desert Training Center in California, and Fort Benning, Ga., before going overseas.

Pfc. Wilson's brother, Pfc. Herbert D. Wilson, returned to the States in February after spending nineteen months in the Pacific with the U. S. Marine corps. He is now doing M. P. duty at a Navy yard in Washington.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR J. D. BRADLEY

A memorial service for J. D. Bradley, who was killed in France on July 11, will be held at the Clinchfield Baptist Church next Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The memorial sermon will be delivered by Rev. N. H. Kendall, a former pastor of the church.