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Both City And County Schools To Open Sep. 25

Teachers Of Both City And County Units To Hold Meeting This Morning.

Both the Marion City Schools and the McDowell County schools will begin the new school year Monday morning, September 25, as has previously been announced. However, before confirming this opening date the City Board of Education and the County Board of Education met in joint session Tuesday evening at Marion High School to consider all issues pertinent to the opening of school.

A report was given from practically every doctor in town stating that in their opinion there was no reason to further delay the opening of school because of the recent polio epidemic in the State. During the discussion that followed it was pointed out that the last case of polio to occur in this county was on August 30 and that the child stricken at this time was carried to the Polio Clinic at Hickory on September 4. Inasmuch as the incubation period for polio is generally accepted to be 21 days, and since a minimum of 21 days has elapsed from the above mentioned case, it was felt by the combined boards that sufficient time has elapsed to prevent a recurrence of polio from this case.

Teachers of both the City and County schools will meet at the high school auditorium today at 9:30 a. m. to make plans and to work out details for the school year which will begin Monday. Some member of the State Supervision Staff will be present to take part in this work.

CARRINGER AWARDED OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Sgt. Boyce C. Carrigan, of Marion, has been awarded first oak leaf cluster to the air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat, it is announced by the Eighth Air Force Liberator station in England.

He is an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber. He has made 16 bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe.

Sgt. Carrigan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Carrigan of Marion. In civilian life he was a yarn dyer employed by Eugene Cross Co. He entered the army on October 31, 1942, and has been overseas since last April.

NEGRO WOMAN SHOT, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Bessie Conley, colored, was shot and seriously wounded by a son-in-law, Edward Owens, at her home in the Black Bottom section about one mile southwest of Marion Monday night about 9 o'clock. She was taken to the Marion Hospital soon after the shooting.

The bullet entered her right shoulder, penetrating the lung and her condition is said to be critical. Owens was arrested by Sheriff Grady Nichols Tuesday morning about two o'clock and placed in jail where he is being held without bond on an open charge pending the condition of his assailant.

WPR OFFICE TO CLOSE FORENOON ON FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH

Because of the large load of clerical work which confronts the staff of the local office of the War Price and Rationing board it has become necessary to close the office to the public in the forenoon of the first day of each month. This plan will become effective beginning with the month of October.

PFC. GEORGE KNISLEY RECEIVES PROMOTION

Pfc. George Knisley, who is stationed at Camp Croft, has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade, a letter received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Knisley, stated.

LIEUT. NOYES LEADS PLATOON DISARMING THE NAZI LOST ARMY

Lt. William B. Noyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Noyes, had a part in the surrender of 20,000 Nazis, a report from Beaugency, France, stated this week.

Germany's footsore "lost army" of 20,000 troops, cut off while trying to escape from southern France to the Reich, surrendered to the U. S. Ninth Army September 16 without the price of a single American life or bullet in one of the strangest treks in military annals. Stubby Major Gen. Erick Elmsner, who had led his motley assortment of marines ground forces and regular Nazi army troops all the way from the Spanish border in an attempt to get them back to the homeland, yielded them as prisoners of war to high ranking American officers in a simple, but dramatic ceremony.

The prisoners were ferried across the Loire River into captivity after their grenades, rifles and ammunition had been taken by a platoon led by Lt. William B. Noyes. The prisoners looked weary and wistful in their dirt-stained, crumpled uniforms. Most of them were middle-aged.

"I suppose as a human being you should feel sorry for them" said the lieutenant. "But all I can think of now is the men we buried by the hundreds, killed fighting those Germans in Normandy. It isn't easy to forget how they died, and as long as you remember them it is hard to feel much sympathy for these jerks."

CPL. TYLER RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL

Cpl. Bruce Tyler, who was recently reported "missing in action" over Rumania since August 8, has now been reported "returned to military control after being prisoner of war in a prison camp in Bulgaria."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyler received the word that their son was missing on September 1, and have had no further word until last Sunday when the telegram was received giving the above report.

Cpl. Tyler is in the army air force. He entered service in January, 1943. He is a graduate of the Marion high school and attended Mars Hill College.

SGT. PENDERGRASS HAS BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF INVASION OF FRANCE

Staff Sergeant Robert Pendergrass of Marion had a bird's eye view of the August 15th invasion of Southern France.

A bombardier with the AAF's oldest B-26 medium bomber group, he participated in his group's attack on the German beach defenses in Southern France in support of the invading ground forces. For a week prior to the invasion, he had flown over southern France in softening-up missions, striking at vital enemy communication systems and gun positions.

His Marauder group are veterans of amphibious support operations having participated in the invasions of Sicily, Pantalleria, Salerno and Anzio. His was the first B-26 group in Major General John K. Cannon's 12th AAF to complete 350 missions over Axis targets in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and recently was commended by Brigadier General Robert M. Webster.

MARION HIGH TO PLAY NEWTON FRIDAY NIGHT

All members of the Marion high school football team have worked hard this week putting on finishing touches for their first game of the season which is to be played with Newton at Newton. This game will be called at 8:00 tomorrow night.

Hugh Beam, who has assumed the duties of coaching this year, stated that his boys would be in fair condition for the opening game. With only three letter men back the majority of the players beginning the game against Newton will be seeing action for the first time. However, Coach Beam stated that all the boys had been working hard and that a splendid spirit had been manifested at all times, to offset, in part, the much needed experience.

"At present," the coach said, "the team is untried, and little can be said until after the first game with Newton has been played."

M'Dowell War Fund Quota Is Set At \$9,200

Drive Will Be Conducted October 9 To 19; Committee Chairmen Named.

McDowell county's quota will be \$9,200 for the United War Fund, according to announcement made by Mayor J. F. Wilkinson, county chairman of the drive.

Mayor Wilkinson states that committee chairmen have been appointed and a meeting will be held soon to perfect the organization. Plans are being made for an active campaign and every citizen will be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund.

The campaign will open October 9 and continue ten days.

Committee chairmen named for the industrial plants are R. W. Twitty, Otis Broyhill, Cecil B. Dobson, Eugene Cross and Glenn Morris.

W. W. Neal, Jr., heads the canvassing committee for the Marion residential and business section. J. K. Giles is publicity chairman, Eugene Keeter, secretary, and J. N. Morris, treasurer.

MCINTOSH TO RECEIVE DEGREE IN MEDICINE

Archie McIntosh will receive his medical degree from the school of medicine of Duke University on Saturday, September 23, and on October 1 will begin his internship at the St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Sr. of Old Fort, and a brother of Dr. Donald McIntosh, Jr., of Marion, who is now serving as Major of the 9th Inf. Division.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Sr. and Mrs. Donald McIntosh, Jr. will attend graduation exercises and will be accompanied home by Dr. and Mrs. Archie McIntosh for a weeks visit before they leave for St. Louis.

PFC. DIXON AWARDED COBAT DECORATION

Private First Class Dewey W. Dixon of Marion has been cited by his regiment of the 3rd "Marne" Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

MCABEE PRESENTED ARMY-NAVY E AWARD

David Thomas McAbee, of Marion, has received the following Army-Navy E award:

"For skill, industry and devotion on the production front of the greatest war in history, this Army-Navy production award is hereby presented to David Thomas McAbee of Ethyl-Dorn Chemical Company of Wilmington, N. C."

The award was signed by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war and James Forester, undersecretary of the navy.

Mr. McAbee has just returned to his home in the North Cove section after undergoing an operation from an injury received while working at a war defense plant at Wilmington.

BROWN COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT

Seymour, Ind.—Roy B. Brown was commissioned a second lieutenant and received his silver pilot wings at graduation ceremonies held recently at Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour. Freeman, an advanced two-engine school, is one of the training centers in the vast Army Air Forces Flying Training Command. He is the son of Mr. Tobe Brown, Valdeese, and a former resident of Marion.

WNC Open Game Season, Rules Are Announced

Squirrel Season Opened Friday; Open Season On Deer November 1 Through 31.

The bag limit on squirrels, for which the hunting season opened last Friday, and lasts through December 15, is six per day. J. A. Bradshaw, district game protector, said Saturday in announcing open dates for hunting in Western North Carolina.

Open season on buck deer in Avery, Caldwell, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell and Yancey counties opens November 1 and lasts through November 31. The limit is one per day or three per season for each hunter.

The season on quail and rabbits in the western counties is open from November 23 to February 10 and the limit on each is 10 per day per hunter. The grouse season is open from November 23 to January 1st with a limit of two per day.

Season For Bears

The open season for bears is from October 15 to January 1, with a limit of two per day or two per season for each hunter.

Opossum and raccoon hunting with dogs and guns may be done from October 15 to February 15, and the opossum, raccoon, mink, and muskrat trapping season will be from November 15 to February 15.

Mr. Bradshaw warned hunters to observe the open dates and license rules for hunting of all animals and birds.

V-DAY PLANS GIVEN AT MERCHANTS MEET; DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM

Detail plans for the V-Day celebration were announced by the president, Dean Tainter, at the monthly meeting of the Merchants association last Thursday evening.

Price ceilings were discussed and, due to complaints from the OPA office in Charlotte, Vernon Eckerd, member of the local price panel, pointed out that dealers cannot put scarce items with items which are plentiful and sell them together without violating OPA rules. He stressed the importance of keeping in contact with the local office as changes in regulations are made frequently. Mr. Tainter asked merchants to stay within regulations so that Marion may be rated above the average when stores are checked.

The time of the regular monthly meeting was changed from the second Thursday to the first Thursday evening.

Following the business session a delightful program was given in which all present took part. The program included songs, games and piano selections.

BYRD AWARDED PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS

Cpl. Thurston W. Byrd was wounded in France July 9 and has been awarded the Purple Heart, messages received from the War Department by his wife, Mrs. Theo. M. Byrd stated. The messages further stated that he is making normal improvement.

Cpl. Byrd is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Byrd of Route 4, Marion.

He entered service October 9, 1942 and is a member of the 120th Inf. of the 30th Division. He received training at Camp Blanding, Fla., Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was sent overseas in February, 1944.

HORSE AND CATTLE SHOW TO BE HELD OCTOBER 25

The annual McDowell County Horse and Cattle Show will be held on the horse show grounds on October 25, according to announcement yesterday by H. T. Conley, secretary-treasurer of the Marion Riding Club, sponsors of the program.

The cattle show will begin at 1 p. m. and will be followed by the horse show at 3 o'clock.

Buy More War Bonds.

PLANTS ANNOUNCE CHANGE OF HOURS

A change of hours for employees of the Marion hosiery mills and furniture plants was announced yesterday. Beginning Monday, Sept. 25, employees will begin work at 8 o'clock in the morning instead of 7 o'clock.

PVT. CLINTON JENKINS KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Clinton Jenkins was "killed in action in France on August 15," a message from the War Department to his mother, Mrs. Ollie Jenkins, of Route 2, Marion, received September 5, stated.

Pvt. Jenkins entered service 11 months ago and had been serving overseas about six weeks. He received his basic training at Camp Fanning, Texas and received further training at stations in Georgia and New York before beginning foreign duty. He landed in England and was later sent to France.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ollie Jenkins; two sisters, Mrs. Leila Wright, of New York, and Mrs. Lassie Barnes, of Lenoir; three brothers, Roy, Charlie and Troy, all of Marion.

RED CROSS REPORTS WILKINSON WOUNDED

Pvt. James Kelly Wilkinson, son of Mayor and Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson of Marion, suffered wounds as a result of being thrown from a truck, according to word received from the Red Cross by his parents this week.

The message stated that he was receiving treatment in an American hospital in France and was responding nicely to the treatment. The last letter received from him was August 29 and he is believed to have been injured since then, Mayor Wilkinson stated.

More complete information is expected to be received from the War Department soon.

CHRISTMAS MAIL IS NOW GOING OVERSEAS; DEADLINE OCTOBER 15

The period for mailing Christmas cards and parcels to members of the armed forces serving outside of the continental United States began Friday and will continue until Oct. 15.

No requests from the addresses are required in connection with Christmas parcels mailed to army personnel during this one-month period, unlike the regulation effective the rest of the year which requires the sender to show a request from the addressee and which will be in effect again after October 15.

The War department advises that Christmas greeting cards for soldiers overseas must be sent in sealed envelopes and prepaid at the first-class rate.

Parcels shall not exceed the present limits of five pounds in weight or 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It has been pointed out that members of the armed forces are amply provided with food and clothing and the public is urged not to include such matter in gift parcels.

Not more than one parcel shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person to or for the same addressee.

Patrons should endorse each gift package "Christmas parcel," and special effort will be made to effect delivery in time for Christmas.

GRANGE AND ROTARY CLUB PLAY SOFTBALL

Pleasant Gardens Grange defeated Marion Rotarians in a softball game at the Pleasant Gardens community building last Friday by a score of 7-5.

At the close of the game members of these organizations enjoyed a dinner in the gymnasium of the community building. The long table was centered with a crystal bowl of mixed flowers and dinner was enjoyed picnic style.

DALTON APPOINTED A FLIGHT OFFICER

Dan E. Dalton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dalton of Old Fort, recently was appointed a flight officer in the army air forces at Mather field, Calif. He is a graduate of Old Fort high school.

Sharp Increase In Point Values Rationed Foods

Increased Point Values Ordered For Processed Edibles Still Rationed.

The office of price administration has ordered sharp increases in point values for those processed foods still rationed in a companion move to elimination of points on a wide variety of other canned foods.

Both the higher points and removal of many items from rationing became effective Sunday.

Doubled or boosted even more sharply in most cases, the new point values apply to all canned and bottled fruits, four fruit and vegetable juices, tomatoes, catsup and chili sauce.

The new ration value on a number two can of tomatoes is 20 points, up from 5, while the coupon cost of peaches, pears and pineapple is hiked from 43 points to 80 for number two and one half cans. Pineapple juice goes to 50 points from 25 and tomato juice to 20 from 6 points for 18-ounce cans.

All of the new value are fixed in multiples of ten because the system of blue tokens as ration change was discontinued Sunday. Blue tokens may be used in units of ten until October 1 in buying processed foods. After that they will have no value.

As announced earlier, processed foods removed from rationing are all jams, jellies, fruit butters, asparagus, lima beans, corn, peas, pumpkin and squash, mixed vegetables, baked beans, tomato sauce, paste and puree, and all varieties of soups and baby foods. Other vegetables except tomatoes have been ration-free for some time.

In announcing the new ration values, effective through September 30, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said:

"These point values are higher not because of a change in the supply picture of commodities remaining under rationing, but because of the removal from rationing of nearly all vegetables, special products and fruit spreads.

"The war food administration's allocation of processed foods still rationed has not changed. What has changed is the point purchasing power . . ."

Under the new setup housewives will continue to get 50 blue points a month.

Red point values upon meats, butter and dairy products are unchanged. However, combination spaghetti dinners, formerly on the processed food chart, are being shifted to the red point chart, with a one-point value for cartons containing from one to one and one half ounces of grated cheese.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO OBSERVE RALLY DAY

The St. Matthew's Lutheran Sunday School will observe its annual Rally Day next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Each pupil who attends will receive an attractive Rally Day gift, which we are sure the children will appreciate.

The Marion Kiwanis Club will be guests of St. Matthew's church in the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. The sermon topic for the day will be: "The Unexpected Jesus." The Waltham League will meet Friday night in the basement of the church at 7:30 o'clock.

SGT. VON RAY HARRIS COMPLETES 50 MISSIONS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris have received word that their son, Staff Sgt. Von Ray Harris, of the 15th air force in Italy has completed his 50th mission.

Harris was well known here as a football hero of the Marion high school "Rippers."

Another son, Staff Sgt. William N. Harris, of Camp Stewart, Ga. is home on furlough.

Two other sons are also in the service. Harvey A. Harris, M. O. M. 3c U. S. navy is somewhere in France and Pvt. Fred T. Harris, of the air corps, is somewhere in England.