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## Local Races In McDowell Draw Minor Interest

Five McDowell County Offices Will Be Decided At Polls On Next Tuesday.

Despite the fact that only a few McDowell county offices are to be filled in the election next Tuesday, November 7, interest in the election is growing in the county.

The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Eastern Standard time.

The offices contested in the election in the county are house of representatives, register of deeds, and county commissioners.

The voters will receive one ballot bearing the names of the presidential candidates: Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, Democrats; and Thomas E. Dewey and John W. Bricker, Republicans.

The Federal-state ballot, bearing the names of the candidates for the U. S. senate, for governor, and the various state offices, is next on the list.

This will be followed by the county ballot and the ballot on the five proposed amendments to the constitution of North Carolina. In addition there will be one township ballot.

The Federal and state ticket lists the following candidates:

United States senator—Clyde R. Hoey (D); and A. I. Ferree (R).

Governor—R. Gregg Cherry (D); Frank C. Patton (R).

Lieutenant governor—L. Y. Balmertine (D); George L. Greene (R).

Secretary of state—Thad Eure (D); W. H. Cragg (R).

State auditor—George Ross (D); J. M. Van Hoy (R).

State treasurer—Charles M. Johnson (D); S. B. Roberts (R).

Attorney general—Harry McMullan (D); Sam J. Morris (R).

Superintendent of public instruction—Clyde A. Erwin (D); B. Carl Fussell (R).

Commissioner of agriculture—W. Kerr Scott (D); Clarence A. Allen (R).

Commissioner of insurance—William P. Hodges (D); Halsey B. Leavitt (R).

Commissioner of labor—Forrest H. Shuford (D); James E. Spence, Jr. (R).

Associated justices of the supreme court—A. A. F. Seawell (D); E. P. Stilwell (R).

Associate justice of the supreme court—William A. Devin (D); Algeron L. Butler (R).

Member of congress from eleventh district—A. L. Bulwinkle (D); E. V. Moss (R).

The official ballot of Democratic and Republican nominees for state and county offices follows:

State senate 27th district—Wade B. Matheny and Lee B. Weathers (D); Charles Logan (R).

House of Representatives—J. C. Rabb (D); E. P. Crawford (R).

County commissioners—I. L. Caplan, C. A. Workman and Charles Holland, Democrats; Johnson N. Nesbitt, E. W. Parker and C. Y. Banning, Republicans.

Surveyor—E. A. Allanach, Democrat.

In Marion township B. L. Robbins is the Democratic nominee for constable. He is unopposed.

## BULWINKLE DELEGATE TO WORLD CONFERENCE

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman from this district, has been recommended by the State Department and approved by the President as one of the delegates from the United States to the World Conference on Civil Aviation to be held in Chicago commencing November 1. Major Bulwinkle left Gastonia Sunday to attend a conference at the State Department in Washington this week. The international conference will last probably three or four weeks.

Major Bulwinkle stated that the political situation in the district is good, and that he knew the voters would realize the necessity of his absence from the district on election day.



**RECEIVES HONOR** — Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of the Marion City Schools, was named director to represent the district at a meeting of the Western district of the N. C. Education association in Asheville last week. Mr. Beam served as president of the Western District Teachers Association in 1940-41. He has been superintendent of the Marion City school unit for the past nine years, and has been active in school, civic and business activities in Marion and McDowell county for the past 18 years.

## MARION P.T.A. TO SPONSOR MILK TAG DAY SATURDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor the annual sale of milk tags on the street here Saturday, November 4, it was announced Tuesday.

Students of the school are given paper tags in the shape of milk bottles to be sold to the citizens of Marion and proceeds are used by the Association to supply milk for underprivileged children.

The drive is conducted in this manner in order that the contribution may be small enough for everyone to have part in this worthy cause. Every donation, however small, plays a vital part in the welfare of undernourished children, and the public is asked to cooperate wholeheartedly.

## JUDGE PLESS SPEAKER FOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY PROGRAM NEXT SATURDAY

The annual Achievement Day program of McDowell County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the office of Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent.

At this annual event representatives from Home Demonstration Clubs throughout the county meet to discuss work that has been accomplished during the past year, talk over problems and make future plans.

Mrs. J. L. Haney will preside over the meeting.

Judge J. W. Pless will be the guest speaker, and Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, past president of the N. C. State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, will give a report of the state meeting which she recently attended in Raleigh.

Miss Anna Rowe, western district agent, will be present to present the gavel and certificates.

The program follows:

Hymn: "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Psalm 23rd—in unison.

Prayer: In unison.

Hymn: "Faith Of Our Fathers, Living Still."

Club roll call, minutes and report—Mrs. Watson Wilson, county secretary.

Address: J. W. Pless, superior district judge.

Presentation of gavel and certificates—Miss Anna Rowe, western district agent.

Report on National Home Demonstration Conference—Mrs. J. H. L. Miller.

Election of secretary. Bazaar.

## MILLER BUYS INTEREST IN THE WRENN PROPERTY

J. H. L. Miller, who formerly operated the Builders Supply company has purchased the two-third interest of Seborn Perry in the Wrenn buildings on South Main street. One-third interest in the property is retained by Mrs. E. J. House. Mr. Miller stated yesterday that improvements on the property are contemplated as soon as conditions will permit.

## J. B. Laughlin To Head Kiwanis Club Next Year

Chaplain Hood Of U. S. Army Guest Speaker At Meeting Tuesday Evening.

Chaplain George Hood, of the United States Army, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club last Tuesday evening. Chaplain Hood spoke very interestingly and gave several vivid accounts of his work with our armed forces.

In discussing the work of the chaplain the speaker said that it was his duty to provide services for the soldiers at least once each week, but that in most instances services were held much more often. His work also included regular prayer service, fellowship work, personal counseling and visitation of the sick and wounded in field hospitals.

Chaplain Hood was attached to the Ninth Infantry Division which saw action in Tunisia and Sicily and was engaged in the campaigns of Kasserine Pass, El Geuttan, Sedjene and Beizete. At Troine, Sicily, Chaplain Hood received a knee injury while helping to move dead and wounded soldiers from the front to the rear. He was hospitalized in North Africa.

The election of officers was held at the conclusion of the program. James Laughlin was elected president, and Sam L. Homewood was named vice-president. The following Kiwanians were elected to the new board of directors: Garfield Beaman, A. S. Bradford, Lee Conley, Rev. R. I. Corbett, Roy W. Davis, Dr. Carl McMurray, R. W. Proctor, W. S. Shiflet, and Wayne Suttles.

All new officers and directors will take office at the first meeting in 1945.

## MARION HIGH WINNER OVER BEARCATS, 12-6

A large crowd of spectators witnessed a nip and tuck football game packed with thrills from start to finish between Marion and Hendersonville last Friday which was not decided until the final whistle, with Marion nosing out their visitors 12 to 6.

The Orange and Black Rippers scored early during the second period and led at half time 6-0. Hendersonville came back strong in the third stanza to tie the score but Marion went out in front again during the final period.

The defensive playing of the Marion line was outstanding.

The Biltmore high school team will meet the Marion Rippers on the high school field here next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An interesting game is promised.

## LARGE QUANTITY OF SUGAR ISSUED FOR CANNING PURPOSES

In announcing that no additional sugar would be issued for canning purposes, an official of the local War Price and Rationing board said that to date 185,675 pounds of sugar had been issued for this purpose. This amount of sugar is a considerable increase over the amount issued last year.

Using government figures, which indicate that four quarts of food-stuff should be processed for every pound of sugar used, 742,700 quarts of food should have been processed in Marion and McDowell county.

The local office of the War Price and Rationing board discontinued issuing sugar for canning purposes on October 31.

## MARION DRY CLEANERS CHANGES OWNERSHIP

A change of ownership of the Marion Dry Cleaners has become effective, according to announcement made this week.

The business will continue to operate under the same name with Mrs. J. L. Gourley as manager. The names of the present owners have not been announced.

Mrs. Gourley has already assumed her new duties.

## Cherry To Speak At Court House Saturday Night

Address By Nominee For Governor Will Be Highlight Of Democratic Campaign.

Maj. R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor of North Carolina, will deliver the feature address of the Democratic campaign in McDowell county at a rally at the court house in Marion on Saturday night, November 4, at eight o'clock.

Party leaders are confident that a large crowd will be present to hear Major Cherry, whom they are confident will be the next governor of North Carolina. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested voters to be present and hear the address. Ladies are especially invited to attend.

In addition to the address of Major Cherry, candidates for county offices on the Democratic ticket will be presented at the rally.

Plans are being made for a torchlight parade preceding the speaking, and there will be band music.

Interest in the campaign in McDowell is increasing as the election date of November 7 draws near. County contests for the election include the office of register of deeds, representative and county commissioners.

## REPORT SHOWS 94.6 PER CENT OF 1943 TAXES COLLECTED

The 1944 tax books for the county were recently turned over to Sheriff Grady Nichols, tax collector, and during the past week notices have been mailed out to taxpayers.

Announcement was made that 94.6 per cent of the 1943 taxes have been collected, following settlement made by the county commissioners with Mr. Nichols in which a report from the auditors was examined. This marks the highest per cent of collection made in this county.

According to the report, the total tax charge for the year 1943 was \$228,483.51 and of this total taxes already collected amount to \$216,109.11, leaving the amount yet to be collected at \$12,374.40.

Taxes for 1944 which have been collected and paid into the office of the county accountant amount to \$91,576.11. The total tax charge for 1944 is \$219,869.85, leaving a balance of \$128,293.74 to be collected.

McDowell county ranks among the first five counties in the state as to financial condition.

## STAFF SGT. MILLER HAS PART IN BOMBING ATTACK

Staff Sergeant William F. Miller, member of First Lt. Ray C. Stubblefield's crew in the "Bomber Barons" of the 13th AAF, recently participated in the longest daylight formation bombing attack of the war which consisted of a 2500 mile raid against the Balikpapan oilfields in Borneo.

The Japanese sent up twenty-five fighters in defense of the valuable oilfields, but the tight defensive formation of the Liberators and the long range firing of the gunners discouraged the attackers from making more than three passes.

Besides Lt. Stubblefield, the crew consisted of eight men.

## MINISTERS MEETING AT HUT NEXT MONDAY

The monthly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association will be held at the Methodist church hut next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the president, Rev. J. A. Satterfield.

## EVENING OPENING OF LIBRARY DISCONTINUED

The opening of the Florence Thomas Memorial Library on Thursday evening of each week has been discontinued through the winter months, it was announced this week. The evening opening will be resumed in the spring.



**COMING TO MARION** — Major R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, will speak at court house in Marion next Saturday night, Nov. 4, at 8 o'clock.

## SANDLIN HOLDS UNIQUE RECORD WITH RAILROAD

George W. Sandlin, of Old Fort, 68-year-old agent-telegrapher for the Southern Railway at Marion, has returned home from Washington, D. C., where last week has been duly commissioned to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Sandlin now claims the unique distinction of being the only railroad agent in the country who can sell a client a railroad ticket to Washington, make his Pullman reservation, accompany the said client to the Nation's Capital and represent him before the highest court in the land!

Eight years ago, Agent Sandlin, at the age of 60, decided to become a lawyer. He attended law school six nights a week in the city of Asheville for five years and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1941. During the five years of law school he commuted 150,000 miles between Old Fort and Asheville, wore out two automobiles, but did not miss a class, and, being a good railroad man, he was always on time.

Mr. Sandlin has been in continuous service of the Southern Railway for 57 years, beginning as a water boy for the Western North Carolina Railroad in 1887 at Old Fort, where he still lives. He is the oldest man in point of service on the Asheville Division. When the war emergency is over he expects to retire from railroading and devote his time exclusively to his law practice.

## LOCAL LEGION ARRANGE FOR ARMISTICE NIGHT BANQUET NOVEMBER 11

Carr Bell, Commander of the McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion, announces that the local post of the American Legion is arranging to enjoy an Armistice night picnic supper on the evening of November 11th, starting at 8:30 o'clock at the Community building. He also stated that 197 other Legion Posts in North Carolina are expected to arrange similar banquets and that these banquets are to be held simultaneously throughout the state.

Post Commander Bell stated that he is appointing a special committee on arrangements for the local Armistice night banquet, which he hopes will be bigger than ever before. He termed Armistice night the Legion's Own Holiday and that of every World War veteran and stated that every member of the local post of the American Legion and all veterans of the first and second World Wars who were honorably discharged are also invited to attend this banquet. The Commander is hoping to make this banquet by far the most successful and enjoyable banquet ever held by the local post.

## MERCHANTS WILL MEET TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

The regular monthly meeting of the Marion Merchants Association will be held Thursday evening, November 2, in the Community building at 8 o'clock. Several proposals which will be of vital interest to the members will be discussed and acted upon.

An entertaining program will be presented at the close of the business session. Refreshments will be served. All members are expected to attend.

## Hoey Upholds Party Record In Talk Here

Appeals To Voters To Choose Roosevelt And Cherry For Next Four Years.

Clyde R. Hoey, former governor of North Carolina and Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in the coming election, spoke to a large crowd at the court house here Wednesday night of last week.

R. W. Proctor, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, presided over the meeting and introduced the county candidates who made brief talks. The speaker of the evening was introduced by J. C. Bowman.

Mr. Hoey declared President Roosevelt best fitted to lead the country the next four years and said that Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, and a Democratic general assembly would continue North Carolina's sound, practical and economical government under Democratic leadership.

The candidate invited men and women not now affiliated with the Democratic party to join by letter, certificate or by profession of faith, and he urged a solid backing of the Democratic ticket. He issued a general appeal to the voters to support the Democratic policies and candidates in the election of November 7.

Mr. Hoey reviewed the administrations of Republican Presidents Harding, Coolidge and Hoover and charged that the combined results brought the United States into the greatest depression in history and said that the advent of President Roosevelt meant the restoration of confidence and uplifting of morale of the American people.

The defeat of the Commander in Chief now, he said, would give comfort to the nation's enemies in Berlin and Tokyo. He cited the various benefits derived from the New Deal administration and listed the several New Deal policies which Governor Tom Dewey of New York, Republican candidate for the presidency, promised not to repeal if elected president.

## JOHN B. BANKS PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

John Barnett Banks, 66, died at his home in Marion Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with Rev. M. O. Owens and the Rev. Carl McMurray officiating.

Mr. Banks was a Spanish American war veteran and served 13 years in the army. He served as federal prohibition officer for 14 years, having retired in 1936 because of ill health.

Mr. Banks is survived by the widow, Mrs. Docia Young Banks; two daughters, Mrs. James C. Bradham and Miss Betty Lou Banks of Marion; five sons, Alvin, Jack, and John W. Banks of Marion, Cpl. C. Ray Banks, U. S. army, and James Y. Banks, Seaman 2nd class, U. S. navy, and four grandchildren; one brother, James Banks of Burnsville; one sister, Mrs. J. B. Ewing of Booneville; and three half-sisters, Mrs. Ben Banks, Mrs. Garrett Arrowood, both of Burnsville, and Mrs. D. Ray of Dillingham.

## K AND W BEAUTY SHOPPE SOLD TO MRS. RUBY CLARK

The K and W Beauty Shoppe has been purchased from Mrs. Jack Stuart by Mrs. Ruby Clark, of Drexel, and Mrs. Clark will arrive Monday to assume management of the shoppe. She has had five years experience in this type of work.

Mrs. Jack Stuart left yesterday to make her home with her daughter, Miss Ida Sue Allen, at 83 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville.

## ROPER PROMOTED

Ensign Forrest Roper, son of Mrs. R. E. Roper of Marion, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant (j. g.), according to word received here. He is now on duty on the Atlantic. Mrs. Roper is residing in Norfolk, Va.