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Sixth War Bond Drive Opens In M'Dowell County

Campaign Gets Under Way To Reach Goal Of \$365,000 Set For This County.

The Sixth War Loan drive was officially opened in McDowell county Monday with a determination of reaching or over-subscribing a quota of \$365,000, including \$159,000 in E bonds.

The campaign is headed by J. N. Morris and J. F. Snipes as co-chairmen for the county, and the drive will be conducted under the same organization as in previous drives.

The campaign got off to a good start last Friday evening when a group of volunteer workers attended a dinner at the Community building, at which time plans for the drive were outlined. At this meeting Dr. C. S. Kirkpatrick, superintendent of the Marion district, delivered a stirring address in the interest of the campaign. He emphasized the importance of push, pluck and patience in making the drive a success.

During the campaign the importance of every person doing his or her part will be duly emphasized.

McDowell has made a wonderful record in other drives and it is hoped that an equally impressive record can be made in the Sixth War Loan.

The quota for the nation is \$14,000,000,000.

It is pointed out that expenses of the war have not been decreased and may be expected to be maintained at about the same level, even if Germany should surrender in the near future, and there is a great probability that the war in Germany may continue well into 1945.

To fight Japan more materials must be shipped twice as far as to the fronts in Germany, and in addition to the high cost of cargoes, more ships are needed to supply the forces fighting Japan.

RED CROSS TO HANDLE MAIL TO PHILIPPINES

The local Red Cross Chapter has received information from National Headquarters that communications to the Philippines from any person in this country to any prisoner of War or any U. S. civilian internee stationed there can now be sent through Red Cross facilities. The delivery of these messages cannot be guaranteed, but all messages will be handled by Army Postal Savings Service. The correct address of the person to whom the message is to be sent is very important. Messages can only be accepted through November 30th.

Any one in this community having relatives or friends in the Philippines who wishes to use this method of communication is urged to get in touch with the local Red Cross Chapter as soon as possible in order that these messages may be sent in accordance with this new ruling.

JAMES MILLER RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

Marine Private First Class James Chester Miller, 23, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Miller, of Marion, has returned to the states after 26 months duty overseas with a leatherneck defense battalion, according to announcement from San Diego, Calif.

Miller soon will leave the west coast on a 30-day furlough visit to his home here.

ROOSEVELT VOTE TOTALS 527,399 IN THIS STATE

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—An unofficial tabulation of votes cast in North Carolina in the November 7 election was released today by the state board of elections as follows:

For president: Roosevelt 527,399; Dewey 263,155; total 790,554.

For governor: R. Gregg Cherry 528,301; Frank Patton 230,998; total 759,299.

For United States senator: Clyde R. Hoey 534,013; A. I. Ferree 226,437; total 760,450.

MARION PLAYS FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON; DEFEATS CANTON 13-7

The Orange and Black Rippers of Marion high school played their final football game of the year Friday afternoon on the high school athletic field when they defeated the Black Bears from Canton 13 to 7. This contest was perhaps Marion's best game of the season and was filled with thrills from start to finish. The climax came during the latter part of the fourth period when Goode, crafty Ripper end, guarded closely by two opposing players, went high into the air to snag a winning touchdown pass.

The outcome of the game was uncertain until the final whistle. Canton was the first to draw blood when, in the first quarter, a lateral was good for the first score. The Rippers tried to square the score in the second period when a long pass, Rader to Toney, was caught in the end zone, but Marion's attempt for extra point failed and the half ended 7 to 6 in favor of the visitors.

Coach Hugh Beam evidently gave his boys a shake-down during intermission, for they came back with a fighting spirit that would not be denied. Both teams sparred for an opening at the beginning of the new half, and several exchanges of punts were made. The Rippers marched over the field, adding first downs, but the visitors fought stubbornly when their goal was threatened. Things did not ease up until Rader passed to Goode in the end zone for Marion's second marker. The game was put on ice when Sullivan went around for the extra point.

Coach Beam was high in his praise for the defensive work of the Ripper line. Captain Gaddy, Reel, Toney, McIver and Kanipe were outstanding, as the Orange and Black line, time after time, threw the Canton backs for substantial losses. Sullivan was the fleet-footed lad for the locals and Dalton hit the line for a number of nice gains. All other members of the squad seeing action gave a splendid account of themselves.

TOPIC AT LUTHERAN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

The Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the pastor, Rev. Howard Tepker. The sermon topic will be "Forget Not the Lord Your God."

The young people will meet Thursday evening at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the congregation at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LT. TEETER PRESENTED DISTINGUISHED CROSS

Word has been received here that Lt. Robert Teeter was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross, by the Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force, somewhere in Belgium.

The cross was presented Lt. Teeter for having successfully led a dive bombing attack against a company of demolishing engineers and having destroyed the entire company.

Lt. Teeter was one of the first Americans to get a close look at the new jet propelled planes being used by the Germans.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON COMES TO THIS SECTION

The first snow of the season fell here last Sunday. A light rain began falling about 9 o'clock and turned to snow and rain about 11 o'clock. Later it began to sleet, turning into a heavy rain during the afternoon. Marion had a high temperature for the day of 49 degrees with a low of 30 degrees.

Last Friday was the coldest day of the season with a low temperature of 27 degrees at an early hour.

11 REGISTRANTS PLACED IN CLASS 1-A BY BOARD

McDowell county draft board has placed eleven registrants in class 1-A, according to a list released by the board yesterday. They are: William G. Burgin, Thomas Epley, Jr., Earl Vaughn, John McAbee, Palmer Gillenwater, Walter Gibson, Ashford Davis, Guy Biggerstaff, Willard Davis, Clifford Knupp, and Bishop Greenlee.

We Give THANKS For Our Heritage of Freedom

We have much to be thankful for—even in this year of war and sacrifice. We can be thankful that our cities and towns have remained unharmed . . . that we are on the road to Victory . . . that through it all we have upheld the ideals we have been fighting for . . . that we have kept our heritage of Freedom. On this Thanksgiving Day, ". . . let us thank the Eternal Power: convinced that Heaven but tries our virtue by affliction—that oft the cloud which wraps the present hour serves but to brighten all our future days."

PRIVATE PAUL LOWERY OF MARION WITH EIGHTH AIR FORCE IN ENGLAND

Private Paul J. Lowery of Marion is one of the men who keep 'em flying for the 92nd Bombardment group, oldest B-17 fortress group in the Eighth Air Force.

Pvt. Lowery, a member of a Flying Fortress ground crew, has been one of the skilled men responsible for dispatching bombers from this group on more than two hundred combat missions during the past two years, it is announced from the Eighth Air Force station in England.

Few people outside of the combat flyers, who place their lives in the hands of the ground crews servicing their planes, realize the importance of the ground crews' job. Without the glamor and excitement of combat these maintenance men work day and night, often in rain, sleet, snow and cold, repairing and servicing the Fortresses. Theirs is the job of repairing battle damaged planes, tuning up the engines and controls, changing engines when necessary, giving the planes daily inspections, anything necessary to ensure that the maximum number of Fortresses are ready and shipshape at "take-off" time before each mission.

Pvt. Lowery, formerly a waist gunner on a Flying Fortress and the holder of the Aid Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster for "meritorious achievement" while flying a number of combat missions, was transferred to ground crew maintenance several months ago where his practical knowledge of aircraft in combat could be put to good use.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lowery, Pvt. Lowery graduated from North Cove high school in 1940. He entered the Armed Forces 20 months ago.

DRAFT BOARD SEEKING ADDRESSES OF THREE MEN

The local draft board wishes to locate the following men: Clarence Edward Webb, whose last known address was 15 West Court St., Cincinnati, Ohio, Clifton R. Peterson, whose last known address was 1507 S. Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C. and Scott William Harrison whose last known address was Y. M. C. A., Main St., Danville, Va. Anyone who has knowledge of their present whereabouts please contact the draft board.

RED CROSS WORK ROOM WILL CLOSE THURSDAY

The Red Cross surgical dressing work room in the Community building will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. E. C. McMillan, chairman.

Mrs. McMillan stated that workers are asked to go to the work room as often as possible to help finish the November quota of 25,200 dressings which have to be shipped to the medical supply depot on November 30.

HORACE PAUL LYTLE IS REPORTED MISSING

Horace Paul Lytle, torpedoman's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Lytle of Old Fort, is reported missing in service. The date and place was not given.

TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER AT GREENLEE CHURCH DECEMBER 6

The Women's Missionary Union of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association will observe Wednesday, December 6, as a day of prayer at the Greenlee Baptist church. The theme for the day will be "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."

The service will begin at ten o'clock. An instructive program has been planned for the day and representatives from all the churches in the association are expected to attend. The pastors have been extended a special invitation.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. John Wacaster of Cherryville, superintendent of the W. M. U. of the Kings Mountain Baptist association. She will give the life story of Lollie Moon. A missionary will also attend and take part in the program.

Lunch will be served ladies of the association, it was announced by Mrs. C. C. Parker, superintendent.

BUSINESS TO SUSPEND HERE THANKSGIVING

The third war-time Thanksgiving will be observed quietly here today with the stores and other places of business being closed for the day, following the usual custom.

The offices in the court house, with the exception of the sheriff's office, offices in the city hall, and the banks will observe the national holiday.

The city schools will close Wednesday afternoon for the week-end, allowing a two-day holiday period.

In order to make up lost time due to delay in starting, the county schools will not observe the holiday. The postoffice will be closed Thursday and there will be no delivery of mail by city or rural carriers, Postmaster Caldwell stated. Only special delivery and perishable parcels will be delivered on that day.

Thanksgiving services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The offering at the service will go to the Thompson orphanage.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced Monday by the pastor, Dr. Carl W. McMurray.

PFC. JAMES SHUFFORD IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Pfc. James L. Shufford, son of Mrs. Willie Shufford of Marion, was killed in action in France on October 20, according to word received here.

Pfc. Shufford entered the army March 25, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1943. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received May 28, 1944, in Italy.

Survivors include the parents and three sisters, Georgia and Lorene Shufford and Mrs. Robert McMahan, all of Marion.

CARA NOME SPECIALIST TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Miss Earle Singleton, Cara Nome specialist, will be at the McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store all next week for an individual skin analysis, beautifying facial and make-up and to give advice for complexion care. Ten consultations will be given daily by appointment.

CAPTAIN GRADY BURGIN OF OLD FORT ASSIGNED TO NEW POST RECENTLY

Barksdale Field, La. — Captain Grady W. Burgin, of Old Fort, N. C., formerly commanding officer of Squadron U of the 380th AAF Base Unit (Mil. Police Training Center) who served a short time as unit adjutant, was recently appointed director of administration of the unit, Lt. Col. Benedict Ray, commanding officer of the 380th, has announced.

In his new post, Captain Burgin has supervision over several large sections including personnel, intelligence, mess and morale work. Under a reorganization plan which became effective Oct. 1, the MP Training Center now has three key directorates, Administration, Operations and Training, and Maintenance and Supply.

The new system which is expected to conserve manpower and material considerably, replaces the traditional Army staff organizations as personnel, intelligence, training, and supply within the Army Air Forces. Born in Old Fort, Captain Burgin has been in the army since 1929. He was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Military Police Sept. 2, 1942, and has been on duty with the MPTC since May 15, 1944.

His Wife, Mrs. Irma A. Burgin, resides with him in nearby Shreveport, La.

SGT. HARRIS, PILOTS, MISSING IN PLANE

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Harris of Route 2, Marion, have received word, from the Chaplain of Dover Field, Delaware, that their son, Staff Sgt. Huland Thad Harris, and pilots, have been missing, in a plane, on a mission flight from Middleton, Pa., to Dover, Delaware, since Nov. 14th.

No trace of the plane has been found.

Sgt. Harris is master mechanic and crew chief on a B-24 plane and has been with the air force since August of 1942.

FIVE AMENDMENTS WIN APPROVAL IN COUNTY

By margins ranging from 323 to 807, McDowell county voters in the election November 7 approved five amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina, and reports show the approval was state-wide. The official vote in McDowell was as follows:

Amendment No. 1. To make the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of labor and the commissioner of insurance constitutional officers and members of the council of state.

For 1,567, against 760.

Amendment No. 2. To exempt notaries public from prohibition against double office holding.

For 1,469, against 861.

Amendment No. 3. To change the state board of education amendment.

For 1,542, against 793.

Amendment No. 4. To authorize the general assembly to provide compensation for lieutenant governor.

For 1,251, against 928.

Amendment No. 5. To abolish constitutional requirement of private examination of wife for sale of homestead.

For 1,313, against 1,054.

According to the official returns tabulated last Thursday 6,135 votes were cast in McDowell county this year, compared with 7,506 cast in 1940.

WOMEN TO SERVE IN THE WAVES NEEDED BY NAVY

The navy still has need for a large number of young women to serve in the WAVES in many categories of work, according to Chief C. J. Rhinehardt, recruiter in charge of the navy recruiting station in the Federal building.

Recruiter Rhinehardt pointed out that the navy's field of operation now is the largest since the beginning of the war, requiring more and more men to operate ships, guns, and planes.

The Navy and WAVE Recruiter, Chief Rhinehardt, will be at the city hall in Marion on Nov. 23 and 24 and will be glad to interview all interested applicants at the recruiting station on how and where they may serve.

Christmas Seals Will Go On Sale On November 27

Christmas Stickers Will Be Mailed Out Next Week; State Goal Set At \$215,000.

Christmas seals will be mailed out next week to hundreds of individuals and firms to launch the annual distribution of health stickers which have become the symbol in the fight against tuberculosis.

Mrs. Jack James, chairman of the Christmas seal committee of the Marion Parent-Teacher Association, is preparing the mailings for next week with a letter to accompany the seals. The mailing method has been used for some time in preference to the individual canvass for the sale of Christmas seals.

While efforts will be made to reach everybody, persons who do not receive the seals through mail should notify Mrs. James who will see that they are provided with the stickers widely used on letters and parcels during the Christmas season. It is urged that all who receive seals by mail send the money as soon as possible for the stickers which they retain.

In North Carolina, the tuberculosis death rate for last year reached a new low of 39.6 per 100,000, compared with 45.6 in 1942. For the first time, the death rate in North Carolina was lower than that of the nation, which was 41.9.

Even in the fact of this encouraging progress, made possible through constant vigilance, the State and the nation, soon to move into the fourth year of the war, are facing a threatened wartime rise in tuberculosis, and every day the war continues the threat becomes more serious.

To hold the spread of tuberculosis to a minimum, the voluntary tuberculosis associations and seal sale committees throughout North Carolina and the nation this year will put forth a concerted effort to make the 1944 Christmas Seal Sale a success. The sale will open officially on November 27, with North Carolina's goal set at \$215,000.

LOW-PRICE CIGARS TO BE RESTORED TO MARKET

The Office of Prime Administration has acted to return low-priced cigars on the retail market and, at the same time, compensate manufacturers for sharply increased material and labor costs.

The action is expected to make possible estimated savings of fifty millions dollars annually to cigar smokers of the nation.

Under new maximum price schedules, effective November 13, the 5-cent cigar of March, 1942, will retail at 2 for 15 cents, the 10-cent cigar of 1942 at 2 for 29 cents, and the 25-cent cigar of 1942 at 2 for 65 cents.

In granting the increases the OPA made it mandatory that manufacturers resume production of low-priced cigars, which had virtually disappeared from the market under previous price schedules, at a comparable ratio with 1942 sales.

Thus, OPA said, cigar smokers who have had to buy more expensive cigars because manufacturers had ceased making low-priced items, will again find the low-priced cigars available in quantity, though at a slightly higher price. The net result will mean savings, OPA estimated, of \$10.98 per thousand cigars to the average smoker.

ARMY CASUALTIES UP TO OCT. 28 PLACED AT 437,356

Washington, Nov. 17.—The war department yesterday announced that United States army casualties in France, the lowlands and the German border region from the time of the invasion to November 1, totaled 200,349.

Of these, 35,884 are listed as killed, 145,788 wounded, and 18,677 missing. United States Air Force casualties are not included.

Total army casualties of World War II through October 28th, were 437,356.