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## Variety Show And Bond Auction Sale Set For Next Tuesday Night

Program To Be Presented By Asheville Group At High School At 8 O'clock.

In order to stimulate greater interest in the Sixth War Loan drive, a variety show and bond rally will be staged at the Marion high school auditorium next Tuesday night, December 5, at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Mack C. Jay, Jr., chairman of the Woman's division of the war loan campaign.

A cast of 39 talented entertainers from the Army redistribution center at Asheville will present a program of vocal and instrumental music, including band selections, and other features of entertainment. The group will be in charge of Liut. B. E. Hill, war bond officer.

The program will include talks by two young men who recently returned from the theater of war, numbers by a dance team, and dramatic presentations by a young lady who was formerly with Helen Hayes. A special feature will also be the presentation of one of the "Dead-End Kids," of movie fame.

The entertainment will be preceded by a parade from the Community building to the high school building.

The entertainment is sponsored by the social and civic clubs of Marion.

The Kiwanis club will be host to the cast at its regular meeting Tuesday evening and supper will be provided by the club at 6:30.

No admission will be charged to the show and a highly pleasing program is promised all who attend. Everybody is invited and it is hoped to have a large attendance.

Following the entertainment a bond auction sale will take place when a number of valuable premiums will be given, including cigarettes, nylon hose, and furniture.

### RADER COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT

Vernon C. Rader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Rader, of Marion, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Department of the Transportation Corps School, New Orleans Army Air Base, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Lieutenant Rader attended Marion high school. Prior to his induction in April 1943, he was employed as traffic manager of the Otis L. Broyhill Furniture Company in Marion.

The officer was assigned to active duty with the Transportation Corps immediately after receiving his commission. The mission of the Transportation Corps is to transport soldiers and war materials to theaters of operations.

### TO OBSERVE COOKY DAY HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, December 13, will be observed as "Cookie Day" for all men and women in service. An effort will be made, it is announced, to supply approximately 10,000 men and women at Moore General Hospital, Oteen, Kenilworth, Sand Hills and Lake Lure with home-made cookies.

The cookies may be left at either Blanton's store or Belk's store where they will be picked up and delivered to Moore General hospital.

This is asking but little of the women of McDowell county when our men and women in service have done so much, and it is hoped a generous contribution will be made.

### FIFTEEN REGISTRANTS ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

Among the registrants from McDowell county who passed examinations for induction at Camp Croft recently are the following: Van Ray Dobbins, Kenneth John Lentz, Ray James Reel, Andrew Burgess Shelton, Jr., John Erving Arrowood, Calvin Steward, Lonon, Harold James Turnbull, Coleman Junior Hoppes, William Claude Hyatt, Jack Dempsey Thomas, Robert Kay Hawkins, Clifton Lawrence Ledbetter, George Samuel Nash, Lewis Edward Reynolds, and Floyd Howell.

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE LAUNCHED THIS WEEK

North Carolina's State Tuberculosis Association and the 170 local committees throughout the State this week launched the 1944 Christmas Seal Sale, marking the 40th anniversary of the sale of the first Christmas Seal, it is announced by Frank Webster, executive secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

This week citizens will receive their 1944 seals through the mail and will be asked to contribute more this year than ever before toward the voluntary fight to control and eradicate tuberculosis. The drive will continue until Christmas, and North Carolina's goal is \$215,000.

In announcing the simultaneous opening Monday of the Christmas Seal Sale in every state in the Nation, Dr. Kendall Emerson, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, warned that a n increase in the tuberculosis death rate in 21 states during 1943 may portend a general wartime and post war rise in the incidence of tuberculosis unless every effort is made now to bring the disease under control.

Dr. Emerson commented that while the death rate in the nation declined nearly three per cent as compared with 1942 there was an average increase of five per cent in 21 states. The higher mortality was evident particularly in industrial states, he said. Changed living conditions, the relocation of population because of the demands of war industry, and long hours on the job by defense workers are cited as factors in the disquieting upswing.

The sale of seals here is sponsored by the Marion Parent-Teacher association with Mrs. Jack James chairman of the Christmas seal committee.

### TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER AT GREENLEE CHURCH WEDNESDAY

A day of prayer will be observed by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association at Greenlee Baptist church Wednesday, Dec. 6. The theme for the day will be "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."

The service will begin at 10 o'clock, 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 lifestory of Lollie Moon. A missionary will attend and take part in the program. Lunch will be served, it was announced by Mrs. C. C. Parker, superintendent.

### MARION BOY GRADUATES FROM AVIATION RADIO SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE

Gilbert L. Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Byrd, of Marion, recently graduated from the Aviation Radio school in Jacksonville and was promoted to Seaman First Class in the U. S. Navy, it is announced by the public relations office in Jacksonville, Fla.

Entering the Navy May 2, 1944, he received his recruit training at Jacksonville, Fla., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center there.

Byrd is now a qualified Aviation Radioman and is scheduled for Operational training. He will probably see future service as a Naval Aircrewman.

### TO NAME REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

The appointment of a registrar of vital statistics for Marion will be made at the next regular meeting of the board of aldermen, it was announced yesterday by Mayor J. F. Wilkinson. All interested in the position are requested to file application with the city clerk at the city hall for consideration by the board at the next meeting.

## The West Marion School Placed On Accredited List

City Schools Also Commended For Type Of Work Accomplished During Year.

Hugh Beam, superintendent of Marion City school, has announced that he has received notice from Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of the division of instructional service of the State Board of Education, that the West Marion Elementary school has been placed upon the list of accredited elementary schools. Mr. Beam stated that Dr. Highsmith, speaking for the State Board of Education, congratulated the Marion City schools, the principal, teachers and pupils of the West Marion school upon this achievement.

Richard A. Shaw is principal of the West Marion school. Mr. Beam stated that Mr. Shaw, his teachers, pupils and Parent-Teacher Association, as well as interested individuals in the community, had worked hard all last year with this thought in mind, and that he was very happy that their efforts were now bearing fruit.

Superintendent Beam also disclosed the fact that the city schools had also been commended by the state department of education for the excellent type of work accomplished during the past school year. The reports from Raleigh noted a number of improvements made at each unit. Miss Hattie S. Parrott, associate director of instruction service stated, among other things, "I am pleased to note the many improvements and special projects made during the year." With the accreditation of the West Marion elementary school, the central high school, and each of the elementary schools feeding it, are fully standard and accredited in every respect. The boys and girls of Marion and McDowell county are among those receiving the best educational advantages to be found anywhere in the state.

### SEVEN M'DOWELL 4-H CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Seven of the 4-H clubs in McDowell county recently elected officers for the ensuing year and are outlining plans for the new year's activities, it has been announced by Miss Jean Steele, home agent and supervisor of club work.

The officers of the seven clubs are listed as follows:

Nebo—Senior club, Vance Wilson, president; Verdine Mae Edwards, vice-president; Harold Wilson, secretary; Junior club, Gene Watson, president; Charlotte Robinson, vice-president; Becky Lee, secretary.

Old Fort—Senior club, Leah Broome, president; Kathleen Davis, vice-president; Maxine Davis, secretary; Junior club, Jimmie Harris, president; Roy Dell, vice-president; William Sluder, secretary.

Dysartsville — Kathleen McFalls, president; Lillian Seaman, vice-president; Frances McFalls, secretary.

Pleasant Gardens—Senior club, Lorene Schism, president; Helen Hensley, vice-president; Lois Hensley, secretary; Junior club, Violet Hollifield, president; Barbara Nelle Station, vice-president; Joyce Anne Moody, secretary.

Glenwood — Senior club, Helen Thompson, vice-president; Laura Ann Green, secretary; Juniors, Aline Wheeler, president; Harold McCullett, vice-president, Bernice Rathbone, secretary.

Sugar Hill—Walter Harris, president; Lucille Reel, vice-president; Betty Morgan, secretary.

North Cove—Seniors, Joe Doby, president; Mary Jane English, vice-president; Betty Jean Conley, secretary; Juniors, Lucy Hollifield, president; Kathleen Lowery, vice-president; Sadie Thornburg, secretary.

### PFC. PAUL GADDEY WOUNDED.

Pfc. Paul Gaddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gaddy, of Marion Route 2, was slightly wounded in action, somewhere in France, on Nov. 5, according to a notification by the War Department.

## M'Dowell County Farmers Meet And Name Committees

McCurry Re-elected County AAA Chairman; Community Committeemen Named.

J. W. McCurry, well-known farmer of Marion, Route 2, was re-elected chairman of the McDowell county Agricultural Adjustment Agency at a meeting of the Agricultural Conservation association held here last Saturday. Other members of the committee elected to serve this year are M. B. Nanney, Marion, Route 2, vice-chairman; W. E. Morgan, Nealsville, regular member; T. R. Hall, Route 1, Marion, first alternate; Clyde A. Gilliam, Route 1, Old Fort, second alternate.

Miss Kathryn Wall was elected secretary and treasurer of the association.

The community committeemen elected on November 23 to represent the different communities in the county in the administration and operation of the program assigned to the Agricultural Adjustment Agency during the 1945 program year are as follows:

Bracketts — T. W. Arrowood, chairman; J. H. Sprouse, vice-chairman; Dewey G. Arrowood, regular member.

Crooked Creek — J. A. Early, chairman; V. R. Wilson, vice-chairman; L. F. Lytle, regular member; Luther Walker, first alternate; E. P. Creasman, second alternate.

Higgins — T. R. Hall, chairman; Frank Holland, vice-chairman; Robert Bailey, regular member; H. W. Pyatt, alternate.

Marion — C. Lee Holland, chairman; Bruce Gibbs, vice-chairman; J. W. Dobbins, regular member; J. S. Setzer, first alternate; W. H. Hennessee, second alternate.

Montfords Cove — W. S. Haynes, chairman; O. B. Morgan, vice-chairman; A. J. Wilkerson, regular member; J. A. Freeman, alternate.

Nebo — Thos. W. Stacy, chairman; M. V. Snypes, vice-chairman; Albert Jaynes, regular member; J. H. Jaynes, alternate.

North Cove — S. M. Avery, chairman; Chas. A. McCall, vice-chairman; Fred Brown, regular member; Gilmer Hennessee, first alternate; Graydon Lonon, second alternate.

Old Fort — C. A. Parker, chairman; W. J. Porter, vice-chairman; Charles McGhee, regular member; S. E. Tilson, first alternate; W. C. Silvers, second alternate.

Production goals for 1945 were set at a conference held in Raleigh this week.

December 31 is the end of the 1944 program year. All limestone, phosphate, seed and other materials that have been furnished as a grant of aid should be used by this date. All farmers are urged to use materials and make a report as to the disposition at once. Farmers are also requested to report all other approved practices that have been carried out since January and to sign applications that will entitle them to payments that they have earned by cooperating with the Triple-A program.

### THEATER BUILDING PLANNED AT OLD FORT

Old Fort—The lot has been purchased and plans are now being drawn for a theater with a seating capacity of 500 to be erected here as soon as conditions permit, it has been announced by W. C. Macon, who has been operating a theater here several years.

Mr. Macon said the new building and equipment will be of the latest design. He also announced that he will continue to operate his present theater.

### SIX REGISTRANTS PLACED IN CLASS 1-A BY BOARD

McDowell county draft board has placed six registrants in class 1-A, according to a list released by the board this week. They are: James W. Biddix, Clarence E. Weeb, Benjamin A. Marler, Clarence H. Connor, Paul R. Noblitt and Robert P. Freeman.

## Dr. Sisk Of Asheville Speaker At Club Meeting Here Tuesday Night

BOND SHOW ENDORSED BY MAYOR WILKINSON

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson stated yesterday that he heartily endorsed the variety show and bond sale to be held here next Tuesday night. He commended the promoters for bringing these well known entertainers to Marion to stimulate further interest in the War Bond campaign. He said he was confident an enjoyable program would be presented and that the entertainment would prove beneficial.

### SALE OF WAR BONDS IN COUNTY LAGGING AS THE DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY

The sale of war bonds during the Sixth War Loan drive has gotten off to a slow start, J. F. Snipes, co-chairman with J. N. Morris, announced yesterday.

War bonds totaling only \$25,000 have been purchased by McDowell county residents during the campaign, according to the first figures received from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., through November 24, it was announced yesterday.

The county's quota is \$365,000, of which \$159,000 is in E bonds.

It is obvious that difficulty will be experienced in reaching these quotas and an appeal is being made to every one to do their part in making the drive a success.

The campaign next week will be spearheaded by activities of the women's division and will be featured by an entertainment at the high school auditorium Tuesday night.

Co-operation of all workers in an effort to speed interest in the drive is requested.

### PFC. JAS. E. BUCKNER AWARDED BRONZE MEDAL FOR HEROIC SERVICE

Pfc. James E. Buckner, son of Mrs. Ina Buckner of Nebo, Route 1, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy somewhere in France on Aug. 10, 1944, according to a dispatch released by Major General Reade, commanding officer of the 320th infantry, United States Army.

Pfc. Buckner was one of a group of infantrymen assigned the mission of riding on tanks to the objective in an attack. During the attack, these infantrymen were subject to such heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire at close range, that many of them dismounted and moved to the rear. Pfc. Buckner and two other soldiers remained with their tank while it proceeded some six hundred yards into the enemy lines, dismounted when the tank halted, deployed around it and protected it from attack until the infantry unit in the rear reorganized and resumed its advance. The courageous devotion to duty on the part of Pfc. Buckner reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service.

Pfc. Buckner entered the service in Sept. of 1942 and has been overseas for the past four months.

### MEETING OF MINISTERS SET FOR MONDAY, DEC. 4

The regular monthly meeting of the McDowell County Ministerial Association will be held in the hut of First Methodist church Monday morning, Dec. 4, at 10:30 o'clock.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Mary Virginia Rowe, who will speak in the interest of establishing a health clinic in McDowell county, a project being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Marion.

### WALKER TO RETURN AS MANAGER FEDERATION

Grady Walker recently received an honorable discharge from service in the army and has returned to Marion to resume the management of the Farmers Federation store here December 1st. He succeeds W. Boyd Pyatt who recently resigned. Otis West has been in charge of the business for the past two months.

### Buncombe Health Official Outlines Function Of County Health Department.

Dr. W. N. Sisk, of the Buncombe County Health Department, was a guest speaker at the meeting of the Junior Woman's Club in the Community building Tuesday evening, when County and City officials and representatives from various civic clubs, institutions and organizations were in attendance.

Dr. Sisk was introduced by Dr. Mary Virginia Rowe, secretary of the McDowell Medical Society.

In a clear and interesting manner, Dr. Sisk outlined the functions of a County health department. He pointed out that through the organizations of a health department many diseases among people of the county could be brought before the proper authorities, and dealt with. Briefly, Dr. Sisk outlined the measures that could be taken for the prevention, and medical care of cases already contracted, of tuberculosis, typhoid fever, smallpox, whooping cough, dysentery and venereal diseases.

He also pointed out the work being done through other health departments for curing blindness in children and grown-ups, for people who otherwise might be crippled for life, for reducing the mortality rate in maternity cases, and the work being done to raise the sanitary rating of public eating places. He also stressed that through the educational work among school children, particularly, people would know more about the prevention of diseases, by the proper attention to diet and sanitation.

Dr. Guy S. Kirby, Sr., addressed the gathering briefly, saying he was highly in favor of a health department for McDowell county and added that if McDowell could not finance one alone perhaps another county would be interested in a cooperative health department.

Supt. N. F. Steppe, secretary of the McDowell County board of health, also spoke, saying he, too, was in favor of the health department. Mr. Steppe was generously applauded by the gathering when he said that he was sure, that if the people of McDowell county wanted such a department as Dr. Sisk had outlined, they would have one.

Dr. Rowe reported that figures obtained from the State health system stated that such a program as Dr. Sisk outlined would cost approximately fifteen thousand dollars a year, half of this to be furnished by the county obtaining such a department and the other half to come from government and state sources.

### CPL. MARLOWE AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

In recognition of more than one year of active military service marked by "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity," the good conduct medal has been awarded to Cpl. Monroe V. Marlowe, of Route 1, Marion, N. C., it was announced this week by the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

Cpl. Marlowe was cited for "fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and behavior such as to deserve emulation."

He is a cook on duty with Lt. Col. Otto W. Pongrace's anti-aircraft automatic weapons battalion. He has served with the Coast Artillery forces guarding the Panama Canal since Feb. 8, 1943.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Marlowe, reside in Marion.

In civil life, Cpl. Marlowe was a county forest fire warden employed by the North Carolina Forest Service, Raleigh.

### SERGEANT ROBINSON HOME ON FURLOUGH

Sergeant Bruce C. Robinson, son of Mrs. Bertha Robinson of Marion, is home on a seven-day furlough from Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, where he is a patient.

The local man was serving at Camp Gordon, Georgia, at the time he was hospitalized.