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Four Candidates Now In Race For Offices In McDowell County

Three Candidates Out For Sheriff; Nichols And Moody Seek Reelection.

Grady Nichols, sheriff of McDowell county, announced this week that he is a candidate to succeed himself in the office he now holds, subject to the Democratic primary, May 25.

Nichols is a member of various fraternal organizations as well as the American Legion and has long been active in politics. He was elected Sheriff in 1936 and is completing his third term.

A former resident of Old Fort, Nichols served as acting postmaster there and a member of the Board of Aldermen of Old Fort. Prior to his election to the office of sheriff he was engaged in the undertaking business here.

The sheriff's race so far has three candidates. Ben E. Hendley, former deputy sheriff, is running to try to replace the incumbent, and Oscar F. Adkins, former sheriff, also announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff last week, and Nichols is now the third man in the race.

J. Fred Moody has announced his candidacy for reelection for the office of Clerk of Superior court of McDowell county.

Moody is completing his third term as clerk. Prior to his election as clerk he was engaged in the mercantile business here. For several years he has been superintendent of Ebenezer Methodist Sunday school and is well known throughout the county.

Moody is the only candidate who has announced for this office and it is not likely that he will have opposition, it was stated.

BOY SCOUTS PRESENT PROGRAM AT PTA MEET

The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 presented a program on "Safety" at the regular, monthly meeting of the Marion Parent-Teacher Association Wednesday.

Mrs. Will Wilkinson, president, reported \$452 received from the sale of Christmas seals. Mrs. William Hagna was local chairman of the sale.

Mrs. S. W. Blanton presented J. Homer Beaman, local Scout executive, who in turn presented members of Boy Scout Troop 6.

Bill Giles acted as master of ceremonies. John Poteat listed six causes of accidents in the home and outlined methods of prevention. John Homer Beaman, Jr. and L. D. Atkins, Jr. improvised a stretcher and illustrated the correct method of using it with Allen Pless as patient.

Guy Uttlemire demonstrated the improper use of a rifle and Sewell Laughridge then explained the correct method. Jimmy Greene pointed out the dangers of improper use of an axe and Bobby Ricks cited correct methods. Harry McCall, Jr. described the most effective uses of a Scout knife.

Marshall Dark, Jr. acted as the victim of an electric wire shock and Lynn Wall displayed the correct way to disengage a person from an electric wire.

Bobby White, Sewell Laughridge and Billy Wilkinson demonstrated the Scout method of extinguishing a blaze on the garments a person is wearing.

JULIAN WAGES NAMED COMMANDER OF V. F. W.

Julian W. Wages of Marion was elected post commander of Mount Mitchell Post No. 2865, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting of the local post held here Tuesday night. Other officers elected are Ben E. Hendley, senior vice-commander; Marvin Robinson, junior vice-commander; J. Edison Houck, quartermaster; Barron Caldwell, chaplain; Clinton Landis, advocate; Dr. Frank Wood, surgeon; Paul Nunnally, trustee.

The post voted to participate in the Army Day parade here on April 6th.

Support the Red Cross.

Wm. Sweeney, Pioneer Citizen, Dies At Home Here; Rites Friday

William Sweeney, 90, member of the Board of Aldermen here for many years and pioneer citizen of Marion died, at his home on Park avenue Thursday morning.

Mr. Sweeney was one of the organizers of the Western Furniture Manufacturing company here, now a part of the Drexel company. He was also instrumental in organizing the McDowell Building and Loan association, of which he was director for many years.

With the Baldwin interests, he helped establish the first cotton mill in McDowell county, and was one of the original stockholders in the firm, the Marion Manufacturing company, at East Marion.

He took an active part in the establishment of a public school and other civic projects.

During his tenure as alderman, the streets were paved and a city water system was installed.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. McShay, of Hickory, and interment will be in Oak Grove cemetery here.

Surviving are a son, Frank P. Sweeney, of Johnson City, Tenn., a daughter, Miss Mary Sweeney, of Marion, and 10 grandchildren.

ROWE BROTHERS ASSUME MANAGEMENT OF MARKET

W. E. Rowe, manager and owner of Rowe's Market, has turned the management of the store over to his sons, Bill and Edward, according to announcement this week.

The Rowe brothers, both veterans of World War II, assumed management of the market on South Main street on March 15.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Today is the first day of Spring. The vernal equinox, denoting the beginning of spring, began at 12:33 A. M. March and September are the only months in the year when the earth's axis is at right angles to the direction of the sun and day and night are equal the world over.

Orchestra Of 21 Pieces To Play April 8th

Local Aid Enables Full North Carolina Symphony To Visit Marion.

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra will be presented in two concerts here April 8, according to announcement by Albert Hewitt, Jr., McDowell county chairman of the Symphony society's membership campaign.

In order to bring the orchestra to Marion, this county raised \$500 several months ago, and tickets will go on sale here around April 1, Hewitt said.

The 21-piece orchestra is scheduled to give a free concert for school children at the school at 2 p. m., April 8. Literature has already been distributed among the school teachers to instruct the pupils in the type of music to be rendered and to teach the proper interpretation of this music.

The concert for adults will be presented on the same date at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, violinist, composer and teacher. He has had many years' teaching experience, both privately and in college and university fields. He held a professorship at DePauw university before becoming a member of the University of North Carolina music faculty in 1935. He holds a master's degree from Columbia university and a Ph. D. degree from the University of Vienna.



SEEKS REELECTION — Grady Nichols, above, sheriff of McDowell county, announced Monday that he is a candidate to succeed himself in the office he now holds, subject to the Democratic primary, May 25.

Pleasant Gardens, Nebo Are Winners In County Tournament

Old Fort—The Pleasant Gardens boys Friday night defeated Glenwood, 35 to 29, to take the championship in their division of the McDowell county high school basketball tournament. The Nebo girls defeated Pleasant Gardens, 7 to 6, in the other Championship contest.

In the consolation games, Old Fort girls trimmed Glenwood, 15 to 11, and the Old Fort five defeated Nebo, 21 to 16.

Girl's lineup:
Nebo (7) (6) Pleasant Gardens
F—Moody (4) (1) Turner—F
F—Loring (4) (1) Huskins—F
G—Sisk (3) (3) Googe—F
G—Carswell (3) Burnette—G
G—Fender (3) Elliott—G
G—Sexton (3) Robinson—G
Subs: Pleasant Gardens—Mackey (2).

Boy's lineup:
Pleasant Gardens (35) (29) Glenwood
F—Long (8) (4) Kaylor—F
F—Shuford (4) (18) Silver—F
C—Laws (7) (3) Lawing—C
G—Morgan (12) Nelson—G
G—Conley (4) (4) Reel—G

METHODIST CHURCH TO HAVE PICTURE SUNDAY

"Picture Sunday" will be observed at the First Methodist church March 24, Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor, has announced. This is in keeping with the policy of showing movies the fourth Sunday in each month.

"Children of Africa" will be shown at 9:45 a. m. in the church sanctuary. All divisions of the church school will come together for this service.

The worship service at 7:30 p. m., in the church sanctuary, will be built around the topic "It's the Brain that Counts," and a sound picture dealing with this subject will feature the service.

"Both pictures mentioned above are rated A-1. That means they are first class in both subject matter and technical quality," the pastor said.

The public is invited to the evening picture service.

SERMON FOR FATHERS SCHEDULED SUNDAY

Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor of the First Methodist church, will discuss "Father Builds the Fire" at the morning worship service Sunday.

In describing a father's place in the home, he will use as a text Jeremiah 7:18, "The fathers kindle the fire."

Although the theme is prepared for the general interest of the congregation, it is designed to have a special appeal to men.

CHIEF SUTTON WARNS MOTORISTS AND MERCHANTS

Chief of Police Ossie Sutton has issued a warning to motorists to be sure their automobiles are locked and the keys removed before leaving them.

He also cautioned merchants and others responsible for business establishments to be sure places of business are locked before leaving them in the evenings.

April 13th Last Day For Filing For Candidacy

Chairman Of Board Of Elections Accepting Declarations, Board Appointed.

Forms for filing official notice of candidacy for the various offices to be voted on in the May 25 primary election in McDowell county have been received, it was announced Saturday by T. W. Gowan, chairman of the McDowell County Board of Elections, who will be available each Saturday at the office of the clerk of superior court to accept such notices from candidates.

All candidates for nomination in the May 25 primary election, in legislative, county and township offices must file a written declaration with the chairman of the Board of Elections, Mr. Gowan said. This notice must be filed before six o'clock p. m., April 13th, in order for the candidate's name to be printed on the official election ballot, and no notice of candidacy in this election can be accepted after that time, he pointed out.

The Board of Elections chairman further stated that with each notice of candidacy filed, there is a filing fee which is based on the salary paid by the office sought.

This fee is one per cent of the annual salary.

Following closely recommendations made by chairman of the State Democratic and Republican executive committees, the State Board of Elections Saturday named members of the 100 county boards of elections at a meeting in Raleigh. Named as members of the McDowell County Board of Elections were T. W. Gowan, Roy W. Davis and W. H. Hawkins.

The newly named county election boards were instructed to hold organization meetings next Saturday, the report said, which is a week earlier than required by law, in order that work may begin immediately in setting up machinery for absentee voting of servicemen and servicewomen, the State Board said.

THERON SAIN RECEIVES DEGREE IN DENTISTRY

H. Theron Sain, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sain of Marion, received his degree in dentistry at the graduation exercises of the School of Dentistry of Emory University, Atlanta, last Saturday. Dr. Sain was among 86 graduates receiving degrees.

He attended Morganton high school, graduated from Davidson college in 1941 and entered the Emory University School of Dentistry in 1942 where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity.

MISS MCRACKAN SPEAKER AT WELFARE BOARD MEET

Miss Ada McRackan, of Raleigh, director of field social work service in the State Board of Public Welfare, addressed members of the McDowell County Board of welfare at a call meeting in the Welfare Department office here Saturday.

The speaker outlined various phases of the work and explained the duties and responsibilities of county welfare boards.

FOUR McDOWELL MEN ENLIST IN REGULAR ARMY

The following McDowell men have enlisted in the regular army, according to announcement by the Asheville Recruiting office:

Floyd L. Busbin, son of Mrs. Cleree Busbin of Clinchfield station. Ralph J. McGalliard, son of Robert McGalliard of Marion. Billy J. Poteat, son of Mrs. Nellie Poteat of Marion. George Simpson, Jr., son of Mrs. Ella Simpson.

CALLED TO GREENSBORO

Old Fort—Mrs. Janie F. Reid formerly of Old Fort, who has been spending several weeks at the home of Mrs. W. P. Artz here, has been called to Greensboro on account of the death of her niece Miss Lily Walker in that city.

Winborne Nominated Associate Justice Without Opposition

Judge J. W. Winborne of Marion has again been nominated as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by the Democratic Party without any opposition. In 1937 when the number of Justices of the Supreme Court was increased from five to seven, Judge Winborne was appointed by Governor Hoey to fill one of the new positions and at the next General Election in 1938 he was the Democratic nominee, nominated without opposition, and was elected for a term of eight years, which will expire at the end of this year.

In the general election in November of this year Judge Winborne will again appear on the ticket as a nominee of the Democratic party for another eight year term, beginning January 1, 1947.

Judge Winborne began his legal career in Marion in 1907 when he came here from his home in Edenton, North Carolina, as a partner of J. W. Pless, Sr. When Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. received his license to practice law he became a member of the firm and in 1926 Robert W. Proctor became a member of the firm.

Judge Winborne has held many public positions of honor and trust. Among others, he served as Grandmaster of the Masons of North Carolina.

TAX COLLECTIONS HIT RECORD FIGURE

McDowell county taxpayers have already paid 87.8 per cent of their 1945 taxes, with only 12.2 per cent to collect between now and Oct. 1, it was learned this week from Grady Nichols, McDowell county tax collector.

To date \$187,174.84 has been collected toward the total of \$212,953.57, Nichols said.

"People have the money this year and they apparently want to get their taxes behind them," he explained in accounting for the early payment.

"The penalties of one per cent which went on in February and then the two per cent in March, will not mean much to us with so many collections this year, as in other years," he further pointed out.

Amount Raised For Red Cross Far From Goal

Report \$2,396.69 Raised So Far; Liberal Response Needed To Reach Quota.

Canvassers working on the campaign for funds for the Red Cross are still active. The latest report from the local office of the McDowell Chapter of the Red Cross shows that funds in the amount of \$2,396.69 have been collected.

The above figure is still short of the quota set for this county, but efforts are still being made by those connected with the drive to reach the quota within the next few days.

The public is again urged to invest in the Red Cross when the cause is presented. If you have not made a contribution and the Red Cross worker has not called on you, you may make your contribution by dropping by the local office located in the court house.

OLD FORT RAYON PLANT BUILDING IS ON SCHEDULE

Old Fort—Work on the rayon processing plant, which has been under way for the past nine weeks at Old Fort, is progressing according to scheduled plans in spite of bad weather handicaps.

John Harper, superintendent for Potter and Shackelford, contractors, reports that one half the concrete foundation has been laid. Fifty five men are employed. The plant when complete, will consist of three units, employing in all, around 750 people.

Greater Safety On Roads Over State Is Sought

Six Point Program Is Proposed By N. C. Engineer For Reduction Of Deaths.

Raleigh, March 16.—In view of the increasing number of highway accident fatalities and predictions that this year may show the highest death rate in highway history, R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the state highway and public works commission, today outlined a six-point program for reducing traffic deaths in North Carolina.

His program calls for improved highway design, frequent and regular inspection of automobile vehicles, rigid examinations of drivers, an increased highway patrol, the establishment of traffic courts, and preferential insurance rates for careful drivers.

Browning said he was "presenting these views to the public, not that they are conclusive in themselves, but in the hope that they will arouse enough interest to bring about a system of traffic supervision so effective and workable that highway accidents can be materially reduced."

"The driver of any vehicle on the highway should be required to pass a physical examination to ascertain his qualifications for this grave responsibility. His eyesight in particular should be checked for reaction time and color perception. He should be required to perform an actual driving test under official supervision and a license should not be issued to anyone unless his qualifications justify it."

"There is certainly no good reason why a car that is mechanically defective with respect to lights, brakes, steering gear, tires, windshield wiper and other features should be permitted to jeopardize the lives of others on the highway. It is suggested that adequate means for frequent and thorough check-ups on all cars and trucks should be recognized as a primary safety measure."

The patrol should be set up on such a basis that the men could be placed on those roads having the highest accident frequency and the supervision which they would exert should be constant night and day and in all kinds of weather. If this patrol system is expected to be successful, it must appeal to the public and in order to appeal to the public it must be efficient. If its members are both efficient and courteous in all their dealings with the public, I believe the system would be both popular and effective.

"I wish to emphasize that in making these statements no criticism is implied of our state highway patrol other than that it is undermined and has not been fully 'sold' to the public."

REVIVAL SERVICES AT CHURCH OF GOD

A revival meeting is in progress at the Church of God in East Marion on State street. Rev. J. W. Powers, of Charlotte, is evangelist. Rev. C. M. Roseman, pastor, extends a welcome to the public to attend the services each evening at 7:30.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

An automobile owned by S. W. Blanton was stolen last week while parked in front of the home of J. D. Blanton on South Main street. The owner said he parked the automobile in front of the home about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and neglected to remove the keys. He returned a few moments later to find the automobile had disappeared. Local officers were notified immediately, but no trace of the missing automobile has been found.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Old Fort—Mrs. Fred Hendley is recuperating at her home in Old Fort following a recent operation at Duke hospital.

The United States has 682 distinct species of trees.