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MCDOWELL COUNTY DEMONSTRATION CLUBS WIN GAVEL

The McDowell County Home Demonstration clubs won the attendance gavel from Polk county at a district meeting of Home Demonstration clubs held in Bakersville last week. During the past nine years McDowell has won the gavel every year except last year. Burke county ran a close second this year. The gavel is awarded on the basis of attendance per mile traveled. Thus, local clubs would need a larger attendance to win than one a distance from the place of meeting.

The following McDowell women attended the meeting:

Mrs. Alvin Rader, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoppes, Mrs. Russell Hollifield, Mrs. Arthur Baucon, Mrs. Robert McGraw, Mrs. John Reel, Mrs. Clyde Peek, Mrs. M. A. Parker, Mrs. A. T. Fletcher, Mrs. Sam Collins, Mrs. Otis Silver.

Mrs. Fred Morris, Mrs. Stanley Livingston, Mrs. Watson Wilson, Mrs. Jay Ballew, Miss Edna Bright, Mrs. Carrie Bright, Mrs. J. W. McCurry, Mrs. A. C. Rader, Mrs. Roy Ellis, Mrs. Tom Edwards, Mrs. H. S. Queen, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, Mrs. Flint Austin, Mrs. Fred Guffy, Mrs. Charles Hogan, Mrs. Guy Lonon, Mrs. Leonard Swafford, Mrs. J. E. English, Mrs. Otis Franklin, Mrs. F. O. Simmons, Mrs. Paul Morris, Mrs. Mamie Sue Ledbetter, Mrs. Joseph Stepe, Mrs. Ed Cannon, Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

Mrs. W. S. Rice, Mrs. J. W. Rose, Mrs. H. C. McIntosh, Mrs. J. H. Price, Mrs. James Crosby, Miss Gladys Crosby, Mrs. S. E. Blackburn, Mrs. J. W. Queen, Mrs. Maggie Jaynes, Mrs. G. P. Poteat, Mrs. J. L. Camp, Mrs. Ernest Lackey, Mrs. W. W. Porter, Mrs. W. J. Porter, Miss Minnie Bradley.

Miss Mary Bradley, Mrs. J. D. Wilkerson, Mrs. M. R. Nanney, Mrs. Virgil Wilkerson, Mrs. L. A. Mashburn, Mrs. Kirby Myers, Mrs. John Duncan, Mrs. Lawrence Shirlen, Mrs. James Hogan, Mrs. M. P. Young, Miss Sallie Finley, Miss Jean Steele, Mrs. Ollis West and Miss Jean Bradley.

Banks And NCES To Close Monday

The First National and Marion Industrial Banks and the North Carolina Employment Service office will be closed Monday in observance of Confederate Memorial Day.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN MINISTERS OF MARION

The ministers of the city of Marion were the special guests of the Marion Kiwanis club at its regular weekly meeting held at the community building Tuesday evening. V. T. Eckerd, president, presided during the meeting and R. G. Honeycutt, chairman on Support of Churches, was in charge of the program.

Rev. Lee Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist church of Asheville, was the guest speaker and was presented to the group by Kiwanian Honeycutt.

Rev. Tuttle delivered an inspirational address stressing the value of churches and spiritual life of the community. In a dramatic manner, the speaker depicted a community that did not have a church. He emphasized the fact that without churches a community or nation would soon become devoid of the better things of life, and that finally the democratic government, which is the essence of the American way of life, would perish from the earth.

The speaker offered a challenge to his audience for better support of the church in order that the lasting values of right living might be made permanent. It was pointed out that in supporting the churches that there was an allied support of schools, better home life, and philanthropies, with such things pointing the way to the type of life and citizenship that is enjoyed by the representative communities of the American nation.



MRS. WILLIAM WEAVER NEAL last week was elected Regent of the Martha Pettigrew Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A member of the D. A. P. since 1927, Mrs. Neal is a descendant of Major John Walker, pioneer settler of Rutherford county, and delegate to the Third Provincial Congress held at Hillsboro, N. C., August 20th, 1775, and a prominent leader of the Revolutionary period. Before her marriage in Morganton in 1898, she was Miss Addie Malone, daughter of Albert W. and Mrs. Mamie Bettis Malone. The Martha Pettigrew Chapter was organized at the Home of Mrs. Neal in August, 1946.

Postal Receipts Decline In April

Postal receipts for the past month totaled \$3,476.00 which was \$71.23 less than the total last April, according to figures released by Postmaster John Finley.

Receipts from January 1 through April 30, 1948 amounted to \$14,078.28, a decrease of \$9.98 from the corresponding period last year.

The amount on deposit in postal savings decreased \$2,017.00. Bond sales in April totaled \$6,693.75.

Drive-In Theatre Will Open In June

Old Fort. — Work on a 500-car drive-in theatre costing approximately \$50,000 will begin immediately, according to W. C. Mason, owner and operator of Roxy theatre here.

The theatre will be at Pleasant Gardens, between Old Fort and Marion.

Operation will be on a seven-day schedule, with two shows each night and five changes weekly. June 15 has been set as opening night.

Band Rehearsing For May Concert

The third and last band concert of this school year is now in preparation, Bernard Hirsch, director, said yesterday. "Band members, fresh from the State Contest in Greensboro, are tackling an entirely new set of music for the coming program."

Featured in the concert will be songs adapted from the writings of Edward Grieg and Jerome Kern. Jerome Kern is honored with a selection of his most popular musical comedy melodies. Several of Edward Grieg's better known compositions were arranged into an operetta "Song of Norway." The band will play excerpts from this operetta.

Also included on the program are the two Marion soloists who received top ratings in the State Music Festival: Roy Davis, Jr. playing a tenor saxophone solo "First Concerto," and Robert Marks playing a sousaphone solo entitled "Carnival of Venice."

The concert will be presented on Tuesday, May 18, in the high school auditorium.

PTA TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will meet at 3:20 p. m., Wednesday, May 12, in the Marion High School auditorium, according to announcement by Mrs. P. J. Story, publicity chairman.

McDowell Wildlife Club Directors And Committee Chairmen Named

The McDowell County Wildlife club met Monday evening in the community building. Directors were appointed by S. L. Homewood, president, as follows:

Crooked Creek, Glenn Bradley; Glenwood, W. E. Morgan; Higgins, Joe Blalock; Marion, C. R. McCall; North Cove, R. L. Carpenter; Montfords Cove, O. I. Berry; Old Fort, C. N. Mease; Nebo, Seaburn Elmo.

In addition to the above, S. L. Homewood, president, John Dobbins, vice president, Jack Hewitt, secretary, and David Blanton, treasurer, will also be members of the board.

Homewood also named the following chairmen of game committees: W. B. Gibbs, chairman bear committee; Cato Holler, deer; M. L. Ledford, coon; Fate Lentz, rabbit; Dr. J. F. Jonas, fox; C. H. Smith, bass; R. W. Proctor, trout; S. W. Blanton, quail.

The committee chairmen will appoint their committees within the near future.

Jack Hewitt, T. W. Gowan and S. W. Blanton will represent the McDowell County Wildlife club at the Western North Carolina Wildlife club meeting to be held in Asheville on May 10 in the interest of changing dates for hunting squirrels, and making recommendations regarding bear and deer hunting and stocking streams with game fish.

Ballew Funeral To Be Held Today

Funeral services for William Ballew will be conducted at the Nebo Methodist church at four o'clock, Thursday afternoon.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ballew of Nebo and a student of the University of North Carolina. He was killed Sunday when his marine fighter plane crashed and burned at an air show in Burlington.

Two thousand spectators were present when the plane, a Corsair, piloted by Ballew, marine reserve lieutenant from Nebo, stalled, then went into a spin before it crashed and burned in a field at the end of a runway.

Ballew was leader of a squadron of four planes at the show, which was sponsored by the Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He served as a marine combat pilot in the Pacific area during World War II. He was 29 years old and would have completed his work at the University of North Carolina this year.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three brothers, Bob, Hunter and Jimmie Ballew, all of Nebo, and a sister, also of the home. Another brother, J. B. Ballew, was killed in action with the marines on Saipan.

Naval Officers To Address Legion

The American Legion Post No. 56 will have as guest speakers Chief W. B. Willett and Chief J. F. Bird of the Navy Recruiting Service, at the next meeting to be held May 11, G. W. Wilson, commander, announced yesterday.

New films of the modern fleet will be screened for members of the Post. Chief Willett will make a short address on the "Living Conditions of Today's Blue Jackets." Chief Bird will outline the manpower requirements of the U. S. Navy.

The American Defense and World War II Victory Medals will be presented to Naval veterans who bring their original discharge papers for unification.

Advance information on the issue of the American Theater Medal and the Asiatic and European Theaters medals will be announced. Refreshments will be served.

GLEE CLUB TO BROADCAST

The Pleasant Gardens Glee club will broadcast over Station WBBO at three o'clock, Friday afternoon.

NORRIS TO CONSTRUCT MERCANTILE BUILDING

Construction of a mercantile building on South Main street on the site of The Curb Market will be started about May 15, according to a statement by W. H. Norris, owner.

Norris said his building plans call for a brick building 28x60 feet. The Curb Market will be razed and the new structure will be adjacent to the McDowell Cleaners.

Funeral Rites For Pvt. Wall To Be Held Sunday

Funeral services for Pvt. Herbert Elmer Wall, 34, of Marion, who was killed in action July 3, 1944 near Blossville, France, will be held at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church. Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor, and Rev. George W. Needham will officiate. Interment will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

McDowell Post 56 of the American Legion and the Arrowhead Post of Old Fort will be in charge of military rites at the graveside. The body will lie in state at the Westmoreland - Hawkins Funeral Service on South Main street.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret L. Wall; two sisters, Miss Ola Wall of Old Fort and Mrs. R. P. Wright of Asheville; four brothers, Arthur and Winfield of Marion, H. O. of Moncure, N. C., and E. F. of High Point.

Personnel Changes At The Post Office

A number of changes in the personnel of the Marion Post Office have been announced by Postmaster John Finley.

Robert Rowe has been promoted from Stamp Clerk to Money Order Clerk succeeding Dysart Martin, who resigned when he was appointed Clerk of Court.

Reid Good, Jr. has been promoted from Dispatcher Clerk to Stamp Clerk.

Floyd Henry Broome has been appointed Substitute Carrier on City Delivery routes 1 and 2.

G. R. Klutz has been appointed Dispatcher instead of General Delivery Clerk. Mackey Neal, former General Delivery Clerk, is now Dispatching Clerk.

Hogan Knifed Saturday Night

Guy Lewis, Ralph Patterson, William Davis and Frank Davis were placed under arrest and are being held in the county jail in connection with an altercation in which Lee R. Hogan was stabbed, according to a statement yesterday by Sheriff Clarence M. Pool.

Pool said the incident occurred Saturday night. He said Hogan told him he was at Carter's Cafe near Clinchfield Saturday evening talking with William Davis and others and that he jokingly shook him. Davis was offended, he said, and his brother, Frank Davis, Paterson and Lewis entered into the discussion. He said he was followed and knifed.

Hogan is a patient in the Marion General Hospital. His condition was reported "improved" yesterday.

Homecoming Day At Laurel Hill

Laurel Hill Baptist church will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, May 9, with an all day service, it is announced. The public is invited to attend, especially former members and good singers. Everyone is asked to bring well filled lunch baskets.

Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.



DR. GEORGE C. ROSS, above, has announced plans to open his office at 206 Rutherford road the second week in May. He will conduct a general practice with the latest type X-ray and other modern equipment in the dwelling formerly occupied by the late Dr. R. B. Butt.

For the past four months Dr. Ross has been in the offices of Drs. Hardy and Murphy in Asheville while they vacationed in Florida. Prior to this time Dr. Ross spent a year at the Lincoln Chiropractic college in Indianapolis doing post-graduate studies, after serving two and a half years in the Army Medical Corps as a physiotherapy and X-ray technician.

Before entering the Army he was in practice for three and a half years in Kennebec, Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross and their son, David, plan to reside at 206 Rutherford road.

Pleasant Gardens PTA To End Season With Picnic Tonight

The final spring meeting of the Pleasant Gardens Parent Teacher association will be held Thursday evening, May 6, in the form of a picnic with the teachers as guests of the parents.

The group will assemble in the gymnasium at seven o'clock. Mrs. Fred Willis, president, urges that parents bring food already prepared for serving.

Immediately following the supper a fashion show will be presented under the supervision of Mrs. Ned McGimsey, head of the department of Home Economics.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS

John M. Snoddy, candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for the Marion township announced Saturday that he had withdrawn from the race.

MARION CONCERT ASSOCIATION WILL LAUNCH DRIVE MAY 10

Sheriff Reports Stills Captured

Sheriff Clarence M. Pool reported the capture of two stills last week.

A still in Bracketts township was captured Tuesday by Mark Toney, Willard Toney and Earl Sebastain, he said, and Grady Radford was arrested on charges of possessing material to manufacture illegal liquor. He was released under bond of \$300.

The other still, located near the lime kiln on the North Cove road, was captured Friday. The still was a 90 gallon capacity and 300 gallons of beer were destroyed. Pool said he attempted to arrest a man at the scene of the still, but after wrestling with him the man freed himself and escaped.

Demonstration Friday Afternoon

The Johnson Electric company will demonstrate washing machines and other electrical appliances at the office of Miss Jean Settle, County Home Demonstration Agent, in the court house Friday. The demonstration will begin at two o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Following the demonstration a meeting of the County Council will be held at 3:30 p. m. to make plans for the Spring Federation in July.

N. C. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DRIVE APPROACHES GOAL

The \$1,050 goal of the annual North Carolina Symphony Society drive is almost in sight, according to announcement this week by Mrs. S. R. Cross, chairman of the Symphony Committee for McDowell county. Mrs. Cross said approximately \$900 has already been received.

She called upon workers in the campaign to turn in contributions as soon as possible so that they may be forwarded to headquarters.

If the quota can be reached, there will be two or three concerts for the school children and there will also be the usual night concert for adults, she explained.

Two Cases Bound Over To Superior Court

Francis Jackson, colored, faced four charges of breaking and entering and larceny in County Court here Tuesday. The charges were in connection with the reported robberies of the A. Blanton Grocery company, Southern Railway Freight Depot, Mary Lyn Shoppe and Seagle's Feed Store.

He was released under bond of \$1,000 and waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the June term of Superior Court.

Will Jackson, colored, charged with driving drunk and hit and run driving and injury to a person, waived hearing, was bound over to the June term of Superior Court, and released under bond of \$1,000.

Sheriff C. M. Pool said WIN Jackson was arrested Sunday evening by Earl Sebastain, Willard Toney, deputies, and State Highway Patrolman J. T. Jolley following an incident Sunday morning when Leo Robbins was struck by an automobile at the intersection of N. Madison and N. Garden streets.

Robbins is a patient at the Marion hospital. His condition was reported "improved" yesterday.

Other cases of a minor nature were disposed of.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Town of Marion issued a building permit to Ralph Holden on April 28 for the construction of a frame dwelling on Park Avenue. Cost was estimated at \$2,000.

J. H. and Ora D. Hensley were issued a permit to build a block dwelling on Lincoln street at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

The Marion Community Concert Association, recently organized, will conduct a membership campaign commencing the week of May 10, Mrs. R. I. Corbett, president of the group, announced this week. A minimum goal of 450 memberships has been set.

At least three concerts by outstanding artists will be presented by the association next fall and winter. During the week of the membership campaign, everyone in Marion and the surrounding area will be given an opportunity to join the association. After the close of the campaign no one may obtain a membership until the following year, and only members will be admitted to the concerts.

This is in accordance with the "organized audience" plan that assures an ample artist budget before the performers are engaged, Mrs. Corbett pointed out. In approximately 500 cities and towns in the United States and Canada, she said, such audiences are already hearing the world's leading musicians every year with no local financial risk. These communities range in population from a few thousand to metropolitan centers of several hundred thousand.

No single tickets will be available for any of the individual concerts. All concerts are for season ticket holders only.

M. O. Owens and James B. Mc-

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