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Merchants Vote To Cooperate In Campaign To Destroy Insects

The Board of Directors of the Marion Merchants association met Tuesday afternoon and agreed unanimously to cooperate with the Town of Marion in its efforts to rid the community of disease carrying flies and other insects.

In cooperation with the plan authorized by the Board of Aldermen at a call meeting Monday night to spray the Town of Marion with DDT, the directors of the Merchants association voted to sponsor advertising requesting all persons to see that their premises are thoroughly sprayed.

According to a statement issued from the office of the Marion Merchants association, this movement was brought about by the current polio epidemic in surrounding cities and towns.

Marion Lake Club Officers Elected

Marion Lake Club recently elected officers and directors for the following year.

The new officers are: Dula Hawkins, president, succeeding R. W. Twitty; Charles Smith, Jr., vice president, succeeding Paul Story; and Bill Conley, secretary-treasurer, succeeding Dula Hawkins.

Directors: J. E. Neal, Jr., Thurman Richie, John Field, W. W. Greene, Rowe Mauney and Garfield Beaman.

Budget Estimate For Year Placed At \$306,410.38

The budget estimated for McDowell county for the year beginning July 1 has been placed at \$306,410.38, it is announced. The budget last year was \$285,469.79.

The largest items on the budget this year are \$62,924.00 for the general county funds, \$31,666.36 for highway debt service and \$31,128.71 for school debt service fund.

The estimated budget in full showing how the funds are to be spent is published elsewhere in this paper.

HUNTING RULES ARE ANNOUNCED

Raleigh, July 10.—The State Wildlife Resources commission today announced a simplified set of hunting regulations for 1948-49.

Executive Director Clyde P. Patton said one of the most important features is the complete removal of "lay" (no-hunting) days. The rules, he added, were formulated "with the emphasis on uniformity."

The season (all dates inclusive): Quail and rabbits—November 25-January 10.

Squirrels—October 15-January 10 (except in Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties, October 1-December 15).

Ruffed grouse—October 15-January 10.

Deer (bucks only)—In eastern North Carolina, October 15-January 10, except in Hatteras township of Dare county, November 1-30; in Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood and Transylvania counties, November 15-December 6; in Macon, Clay and Cherokee, November 15-17 and December 6-8; and Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey, November 15-17. (Portions of Buncombe, Henderson and Haywood will be closed).

Beas—October 15-January 1. Wild Boar—October 15-January 1 (allowed in Cherokee, Graham and Clay only).

Four crimes are capital offenses in this state. They are: murder, rape, arson and first degree burglary.

The leading mineral products of the state are stone, clay products, sand and gravel, and feldspar.

ASHEVILLE HOSPITAL PROMISES SERVICES TO THIS COUNTY

The McDowell County Infantile Paralysis committee received word yesterday that the Asheville Orthopedic Home will accept polio patients from this county if any should develop.

The statement was made in response to an inquiry by the committee as to where any victims should be sent if the need arises.

OUTLINES PLAN FOR IMPROVING TEACHER WORK

Raleigh, July 13.—An eight point program has been suggested by a State Education commission group to combat what it calls an urgent need for improved teacher education in North Carolina.

The program was proposed by the teacher education committee, headed by W. M. Jenkins of the Durham county schools.

"Strong attacks" should be launched to do these eight things, the committee said:

1. Professionalize teacher education.
2. Select and secure good candidates.
3. Equip college to do professional preparation of beginners.
4. Provide continuation education.
5. Develop qualified leadership.
6. Improve organization and administration.
7. Improve certification.
8. Provide for statewide planning.

The report to the State Education commission says that the teacher shortage is so serious that some 3,000 qualified white elementary teachers must be secured this fall from places other than teacher training schools in the state.

Much Is Known

It continues: "It is necessary to emphasize the fact that the day has passed when any college graduate can teach. A great deal is known today about how to teach. As much is known about the technique of teaching reading as about the technique of removing the appendix . . . Changing teacher education into professional education cannot be done overnight but a strong beginning in that direction should be immediate."

To professionalize teacher education, the committee found, three things must be done: more rigid criteria for accrediting colleges must be established and enforced; responsibility for operating teacher education must be concentrated within each college; and the approved colleges must evolve really professional curricula.

The report says that there is a real need for younger, more vigorous teachers and increased personnel in teacher training institutions. It adds that the problem of recruiting good personnel for teacher education institutions is difficult and "will remain so until salaries and teaching conditions for these professional workers have been improved."

Endorse Criteria
The committee endorsed the criteria set up by the North Carolina (Continued on last page)

No Polio Cases Reported To Date

No cases of polio had been reported to the County Health office at closing time yesterday.

Precautionary measures are underway to destroy insects, to urge home owners to cooperate by spraying stables, barns, or any places where flies and insects breed, and Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, urges parents to keep children away from public gatherings. These steps were taken because of the number of cases in adjoining towns and counties, but no polio has been reported in McDowell county to date.

HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES STATEMENT

Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, issued a statement Tuesday urging parents to keep all children off streets, away from swimming pools and that they avoid all crowded places.

He commented that McDowell county is indeed fortunate in not having any polio cases to date and urged that precautionary measures be exercised.

Polio Committee Officers Elected

Dr. J. F. Jonas resigned as chairman of the McDowell County Infantile Paralysis committee at a meeting of the committee Tuesday afternoon and was succeeded by S. J. Westmoreland.

Other officers of the association were elected as follows: H. F. Beam, vice chairman and M. W. Gordon, treasurer. Mrs. D. N. Lonon was re-elected secretary.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD HERE FRIDAY

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the First Methodist church Friday night.

John C. Owensby, troop 6, Marion, received the Star Scout Rank and Bill Wilson, troop 6, Marion, Life Scout Rank. Maurice Melton, of troop 1, Sugar Hill, was advanced to the rank of Five Year Veteran Scout.

Other advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot: Kerry Monteith, Bronson Monteith, Lee Holland and Jimmy Stiles, of troop 1, Sugar Hill, and Eugene Rader, troop 4, Marion. Second Class: Donald Elliott and R. L. Carnody, troop 4, Marion. First Class: Jack Greene of North Cove.

MERIT BADGES

Athletics—J. W. Carpenter, troop 1, Ashford, and Ronald Ross, troop 6, Marion.

Automobile—Frank English, troop 1, Ashford.

Carpentry—Bill Wilson, troop 6, Marion.

Beekeeping—Jack Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Bookbinding—Frank English, troop 1, Ashford.

First Aid—Max Jordan, North Cove.

Fruit Culture—Claud Townsend, troop 1, Ashford.

Home Repairs—Donald Watkins, troop 4, and Ray McCurry, troop 6, Marion.

Pioneering—David Patterson, troop 4, Marion.

Stamp Collecting—Norman Melton, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Pottery—Norman Melton, troop 1, Sugar Hill.

Prior to the Court of Honor a film showing the many uses of cotton was shown.

Rev. Pratt Addresses Allied Church League

Rev. H. W. Pratt, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., told members of the Allied Church League of McDowell county that the church should not engage in politics, but church people should always be ready to denounce evil, at a mass meeting held at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was called to discuss the approaching wine and beer election for McDowell county. B. F. Pollard, president of the local organization, introduced the speaker.

Prior to the speaker's address, Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist church, extended a welcome to representatives of various churches throughout the county.

Officers of the McDowell county organization are: B. F. Pollard, president; Amos Seagle, secretary; W. F. Grant, treasurer; M. W. Gordon, chairman of the Advisory Board; Rev. M. O. Owens and B. F. Pollard, program committee.

ORIGIN OF DOG DAYS

The term dog days for late summer originated in the belief that dogs were especially liable to go mad at that time, although actually fewer go mad in summer than in any other season.

LEGION OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED TUESDAY NIGHT

Officers of McDowell Post No. 56 of the American Legion were installed at a meeting in the community building Tuesday night by District Commander Cecil B. Dobson.

The officers are: Watson Wilson, commander; E. F. Haire, first vice commander; Edward Rowe, second vice commander; Ray Brown, third vice commander; Forney Briscoe, adjutant; Glenn Earley, assistant adjutant; Sam Proctor, finance officer; John S. Wilson, service officer; S. R. Perkins, assistant service officer; Horace Norton, guardianship officer; Arnold Morgan, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. George Needham, chaplain, and Rev. J. B. McLarty, assistant chaplain; Frank Sentelle, historian; W. E. Carter, athletic officer; Dr. J. F. Miller, child welfare officer; Horace Wilkerson, Americanism officer; Fred Willis, national defense officer; Lee Erwin, graves registration officer; Barron Caldwell, employment officer; Rodney Hemphill, Boys' State officer; J. H. Beaman, Boy Scout officer; Glenn Norman and Hubert Brown, membership chairmen; Edward Stewart, publicity officer; John Melton, oratorical contest officer; and C. C. Wise, chairman of Sons of Legion.

J. Hal Gilbreath, assistant State Veterans Employment Representative, addressed the group briefly regarding his work with veterans.

NEW OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY ARE INSTALLED

Mrs. John Melton was installed as president of the American Legion Auxiliary succeeding Mrs. Margaret Wall, at a meeting held Tuesday night in the community building.

Other officers installed were: Mrs. Margaret Wall, first vice president; Mrs. Watson Wilson, second vice president, and Mrs. Ray Brown, secretary-treasurer.

The installation was performed by C. B. Dobson, district commander, in a joint session with the American Legion following a short business session of the Auxiliary.

Romulus C. Franklin Is Claimed By Death

Romulus Clingan Franklin, 76, father of Mrs. M. W. Gordon, Jr., and J. W. Franklin of Marion, died July 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Walton in Morganton where he had resided for the past four years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Pisgah Methodist church near Linville Falls with the Rev. Philip Shore, Jr., of Greensboro, a grandson-in-law of the deceased, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Franklin, born in Avery county, had been one of the early wildlife enthusiasts of his home county and had served as a game and fish protector and also as a justice of the peace in Avery county.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Franklin is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Moran Wilson and Mrs. C. V. Walton of Morganton, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. J. U. Horne, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., and five sons, Claud G. Albert D. and Hal M., of Linville Falls, J. Warren of Marion and Guy of Dayton, Ohio. Also nineteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burgin And Lytle Reunion July 18th

The eighteenth annual Burgin-Lytle reunion will be held at Bethel Methodist church on highway 64, four and one-half miles south of Old Fort Sunday, July 18, it was announced yesterday by Glenn Bradley, secretary.

The program, consisting of songs and short talks, will begin at 10 o'clock, with lunch at 12 o'clock.

The afternoon program will include a short program by the W. H. Burgin family, songs, and a business session.

MARION WILL BE SPRAYED MONDAY WITH FOG OF DDT

4-H CLUB CAMP PLANS CANCELLED

McDowell county youths will not attend the 4-H club camp at Swannanoa this month, according to joint announcement by Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent, and Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent.

Plans for local 4-H club boys and girls to attend the camp the last week of July were cancelled this week because of the current polio epidemic throughout the state, it was stated.

Marion Progress Ends 52nd Year Of Publication

The Marion Progress ends its 52nd year of publication with this issue.

And if it could only reminisce and speak its thoughts it would begin its life story with the year after the town of Marion had been destroyed by fire and was being rebuilt. There were cows and chickens roaming the board sidewalks and dirt roads that formed the Main street of Marion. Some people said Marion homes might some day have running water, but it was about ten years before they did.

The McDowell Publishing Company was organized in 1896 and the paper was first known as The McDowell Democrat. C. E. House and E. H. House were co-owners when S. E. Whitten came to Marion from Greenville, Tenn., in 1902 to be manager. Later, Whitten purchased the business and sold half interest to S. C. Little in July, 1909. The partnership was dissolved with the issue of February 10, 1910, and Whitten assumed full ownership.

On November 11, 1909, the name of the paper was changed to The Marion Progress.

It's had its face lifted a few times, sometimes it's a little frayed at the edges, but unlike the rest of us, the older it grows, the better it gets around.

Judith Ann Frick Dies At Home Here

Funeral services for Judith Ann Frick, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis A. Frick, who died Saturday at the home of her parents here, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home with Rev. James B. McLarty officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove cemetery.

She is survived by the parents, two brothers, Curtis Arthur and Gary Dennis; one sister, Sylvia Irene, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hensley of Harlan, Ky.

County-Wide Dress Contest Here Friday

McDowell county 4-H club girls will model dresses they have made at a county-wide dress contest to be held at two o'clock, Friday, July 16, in the office of Miss Steele, county agent.

Members of the North Cove, Old Fort and Pleasant Gardens clubs will be required to turn in record books for the year at this meeting.

Annual Red Cross Meet Set For July 26

The annual meeting of the McDowell County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at eight o'clock, Monday evening, July 26, at the courthouse, Mrs. Ann Hawkins, executive secretary, announced this week.

E. P. Dameron, county chairman, will preside.

Mayor J. W. Streetman, Jr. and the Board of Aldermen made plans to fog Marion with DDT at a special call meeting of the Board here Monday evening.

Jack D. Cobb, McDowell county sanitarian, will supervise the spraying. A special type of equipment attached to the back of a truck will spread the fog over the Town of Marion, Morehead City and Black Bottom sections next Monday. The residential sections will be covered during daylight hours and the business section during the evening when the streets are not as crowded.

Mayor Street explained that weather conditions could necessitate postponing the coverage. For example, a high wind interferes with the distribution or a heavy rain would force delay since it would destroy the effects of the fog.

The cost of the job, which will be conducted by the Orkin Exterminating company of Asheville, will be \$12.50 an hour for the apparatus and labor, plus 67c a gallon for the chemical, the Mayor said, and it is estimated that the Town of Marion can be completely covered in 25 hours.

The Cross Cotton, Marion Manufacturing and Clinchfield mill villages have already been sprayed and will not be included in this coverage, it was stated.

The fog will be deadly to flies, mosquitoes and similar small insect pests, but will not harm people, animals, plants, fish, birds, etc.

The job will be financed by the Town of Marion as a precautionary measure regarding the prevalence of polio in the state.

MCDOWELL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ENDS WEDNESDAY

The July term of McDowell County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases opened here Monday and ended Wednesday. Judge Dan K. Moore presided.

In the case of Kenneth Ray Toney, minor, represented by his father, Dan Toney, vs. Mrs. Marie Laughridge, action brought for injuries sustained by Kenneth Ray Toney last November when an automobile in which he was riding, owned by the defendant, Mrs. Marie Laughridge, and driven by her son, John Mac Laughridge, was wrecked. The plaintiff was awarded \$500 in addition to \$500 which had already been paid him.

In the case of Lennie Loftis vs. Lou Byrd and Luther Byrd concerning a right-of-way, the plaintiff was granted a right of way 12 feet wide over the plaintiff's land.

The following divorces were granted: Francis Ennie McCracken vs. Benjamin McCracken; Mary Helen S. Howell vs. George Howell; R. M. Devinney vs. Fannie Garrison Devinney; Annie Butner Chaffin vs. Alexander Parker Chaffin; Robert Lee Conley vs. Elizabeth Roena Tate Conley; Hester Elkins Patrick vs. John W. Patrick, Jr.; Arthur J. McIntosh vs. Mary Parker McIntosh; Faye Pyatt Smith vs. Ott Smith.

Marriage License Business Good

June was a good month for marriages, but July has started out even better.

The Register of Deeds office issued 24 marriage licenses last month but 10 were issued during the first seven days of July, (an average of more than one a day).

The marriage license business was almost as good last June. The office issued 19 licenses. But the next month was a little dull—only 14 all month, less than the number for the first seven days of July this year.

Cupid's having a boom year. He sent 79 couples to the Register of Deeds from January 1 until July 7. If he keeps up the pace, he will top last year's total of 112.