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Next Saturday Last Day To Register For Beer Election

Registration on the election to determine whether or not wine and beer shall be sold in McDowell county will continue through this week. The election is scheduled for August 31.

Saturday, August 21, will be the last day for voters to register.

Marion precincts number 1 and 2 report that 87 persons have registered during the past two weeks.

Francis Marion Donates \$1,000 To Hospital Fund

The regular meeting of the Francis Marion club was held in the community building last Thursday evening.

Announcement was made that \$1,000 had been raised to meet the pledge to the Marion General Hospital building fund and would be turned over to the building fund within the next few days. The money was derived mainly from sponsoring the Horse Show and other projects, it was stated.

Members made plans to sponsor an attendance contest during the months of September and October. Two teams will be named and members of the losing team will entertain the winners at the close of the contest.

Tentative plans were made to bring a pre-season college football game to Marion in September.

Marion Wins Double Victory Over Newton

Manager Wes Ferrell hit a home run in each game to aid the Marauders' double triumph over the league leading Newton-Conover Twins here Friday night in two Western Carolina league games. The Marauders took the seven inning opener, 5 to 3, and captured the nightcap by a 9 to 8 count.

Lawson Brown hurled his third straight win as he let the Twins down with eight hits in the first game.

In the second clash, Ray Yow's line drive off the shortstop's leg in the eighth drove in Dick Hayward to score the winning run for Marion.

Holler And Barnes Hunting Kodiak Bear

Cato Holler and C. F. Barnes left last Saturday for Kodiak, Alaska, where they will hunt Kodiak bear.

They left by train for Seattle and boarded a boat for a voyage of about six days and nights en route to Kodiak Island.

The Kodiak is the largest of bears.

Baseball Fan Committee Planning Wes Ferrell Night

A group of local baseball fans headed by a committee composed of Wayne Suttle, W. W. Neal, Jr. and Lee Conley are making plans for two special baseball nights to be held on the Marion High School Athletic Field August 27 and September 2.

Plans are underway to designate the game of August 27 as "Wes Ferrell Night." The Marion Marauders will meet the Rutherford County Owls of Forest City on this date in the local ball park. Wes Ferrell, manager of the Marion Marauders and a former Cleveland and Yankee baseball great, will be on the mound for the local club on this occasion. Ferrell made a great name for himself in the major leagues and established several pitching records that are still standing today.

Local baseball fans will have a treat in store for them on this occasion. It is the opinion of a number of baseball experts that Ferrell still has plenty left in that right arm.

Observers who have seen Wes toss a few balls during warm-ups say that there is plenty of hop and zip on the ball and predict that the Forest City boys facing him on August 27 will have plenty of trouble.

The game for September 2 has been designated as player night. On

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MOBILE X-RAY UNIT TO ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

The mobile X-ray unit will visit the McDowell-Burke-Caldwell Health district some time during the month of September it is announced this week.

The service was made possible as a major project of the Marion Junior Woman's club and is being brought into the county upon request of the Health Department to the North Carolina State Board of Health.

The State Board of Health will furnish four mobile x-ray units and technicians for the district, to take 70 mm. chest x-rays, at no cost to those who are x-rayed.

Certain expenses must be borne locally. These include: educational materials, clerical help and supplies, etc. In McDowell county the money needed from the local community is being paid from the Christmas Seal Sale Fund of the Marion Junior Woman's club.

A chest x-ray shows tuberculosis early, if it is present—before there are any symptoms. Nothing but x-ray can show early tuberculosis. The great advantage of finding a case of tuberculosis early is that it can be cured in a much shorter time than if it had progressed and done great damage to the lungs.

The x-ray machine is in a trailer. The unit can be moved from place to place and will stop at different places throughout the county. The trailer is quite large and heavy, so it cannot be taken over small bridges or narrow winding roads.

County Schools To Open Aug. 30

Principals of schools in the McDowell county system met in the office of N. F. Steppe, county superintendent, Monday to make plans for school opening on August 30.

It was pointed out that the school buildings have undergone a program of repair and renovation and that schools will open with no teacher vacancies. The buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and in several instances new equipment has been added.

The principals begin their work two weeks previous to the opening of school, Steppe said. "We are expecting a very successful year."

County Court Has Heavy Docket

A number of cases were disposed of in County Court here Tuesday.

John H. Silers entered a plea of guilty to a charge of manufacturing illegal whiskey and was sentenced to six months on the roads. Notice of appeal was given and bond set at \$750. Nathan Black, breaking and entering and larceny, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the September term of Superior Court.

Robert Carson, breaking and entering and larceny, hearing waived, bound over to the September term of Superior Court and bond was set at \$1,000. Jasper Means, Jr., no operator's license, plead guilty and was sentenced to 30 days or \$25 and costs.

Steve Greenlee plead guilty to allowing auto to be operated by an unlicensed operator and was sentenced to 30 days or \$10 and costs. James Twitty, charged with assault on a female, was sentenced to three months or \$25 and costs and be of good behavior for two years.

Herbert Dean Root plead guilty to a charge of speeding. Judgement

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S. J. WESTMORELAND

Democrats Name Westmoreland County Chairman

The McDowell county Democratic Executive committee elected S. J. Westmoreland chairman succeeding Robert W. Proctor, resigned, at a meeting held last Saturday.

The committee unanimously voted to express its appreciation to the retiring chairman for the splendid service he rendered the party while chairman over a period of 16 years.

Westmoreland, the new committee chairman, is well known throughout the county, and has long been a staunch party worker.

Employment Service For Old Fort To Be Curtailed

Services of the local office of the North Carolina Employment Service will not be seriously impaired by the recent reduction of funds, David Gray, manager, said this week.

However, itinerant service to Old Fort each Tuesday morning will be discontinued after Tuesday, August 17. In the past the local office personnel conducted a regular employment office from 10 a. m. until 12 noon each Tuesday in the community building at Old Fort, but due to recent budgetary cuts, this service will be discontinued.

Congress made a drastic reduction in the amount of appropriations for the fiscal year started July 1 of this year, making it necessary to decrease the personnel of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, both in the Central and in local Employment Security offices, Chairman Henry E. Kendall has announced.

Kendall said that due to general conditions and lack of available funds, 15 branch offices in the state have been discontinued during the past two years and itinerant service has been restored to these points. The offices which were closed previously were located at Siler City, Kannapolis, Roxboro, Dunn, Oxford, Boone, Wadesboro, Carthage, Plymouth, Louisburg, Chapel Hill and Tarboro.

Waynick Elected State Chairman

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—The State Democratic executive committee selected new officers at a harmonious two-hour meeting last night.

A large gathering, the biggest to assemble for such a meeting since 1941, unanimously elected Capus Waynick of High Point and Raleigh as chairman and Mrs. D. A. McCormick of Robeson county as vice chairman.

Party leaders made strong pleas for unity within the ranks of the party, urging that internal differences be dropped. The crowd applauded when Governor Cherry urged Democrats to "close ranks just like one great family."

FARMERS' WEEK

Farmers' Week will be held at Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, S. C., August 23-27. Tours and demonstrations are scheduled for the three days of Farmers' Week.

Polio Case Reported Here

Tonya Jean Ellington, of the Dysartville section, is a polio patient at the Asheville Orthopedic Home. She was taken to Asheville Monday and placed in the acute ward of the Home.

S. J. Westmoreland, chairman of the McDowell County Infantile Paralysis committee, was later notified that the case had been diagnosed as polio.

One other case in this county had previously reported to the Health Department.

Motor Vehicles Must Be Inspected By September 1

Motor vehicles of models up to and including 1936, and also 1947 and 1948 models must pass the motor vehicle inspection test if they are to be operated after September 1, according to word received by the North Carolina patrolmen this week.

After September 1 it will be a violation of law to operate the vehicles described above.

THIRD ANNUAL COUNTY CORN TOUR HELD LAST WEEK

The third annual McDowell County Corn Tour last Thursday and Friday was attended by approximately 257 persons. It was fostered by the N. C. Extension Service.

I. E. Burdette, vocational agriculture teacher of the Pleasant Gardens school, and B. C. Nave, agriculture teacher of Glenwood school, with their veterans training classes and a large number of farmers, participated in the tour.

Dr. E. R. Collins, who is in charge of the agronomy extension work in the state, accompanied the group on the tour and afterwards made the statement that Clay, Macon and McDowell counties are the leading corn producing counties in the state.

The tour was outlined and planned by S. L. Homewood, county farm agent, and Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent, who gave the following account of the two-day trip:

"We left the court house at nine o'clock Thursday morning and visited Guy Little's, near Providence, where we observed a hybrid variety demonstration, and also a good field of alfalfa. From there we went to Oscar Morgan's in Sugar Hill section where we observed two open pollinated varieties in comparison with two hybrids. This is an outstanding demonstration of open pollinated vs. hybrid corn. Mr. Morgan has wonderful prospects for a good year.

"From there the tour extended to Josh Harris where we observed another good field of alfalfa which has already been cut three times this year and is almost ready for the fourth cutting. The group also observed hybrid corn on the Harris farm.

"From there the tour went to Kelly Epley's farm in the Glenwood section. He has a wonderful piece of ladino and orchard grass. This was the first opportunity for some of the group to see this crop growing and they were high in their praise of ladino and orchard grass and wanted to know how they could get the same started on their farms. While at Epley's we also observed Bobby Epley's 4-H club corn project which is Dixie 17, one of the highest yielding hybrids. Bobby has a wonderful piece of corn.

"The next stop was at Howard Lawing's in the Glenwood section where they observed T-20 hybrid corn being produced as Howard Lawing is one of the hybrid seed growers in McDowell county. He has a round seven acres in this variety.

"From there the tour continued to James Goforth's to observe hybrid corn in comparison with open pollinated strains. The hybrid that he is growing is N. C. T-20. The seed for this corn was produced at Howard Lawing's last year.

"Our next stop was at W. C. Morgan's where they saw another wonderful field of alfalfa which was sown

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Restrictions On Gatherings Lifted Last Monday Evening

OSCAR MORGAN MEETS DEATH WHILE LOGGING

Oscar Bryan Morgan, 50, widely-known farmer of the Sugar Hill section of McDowell county, was killed at 8:30 Tuesday morning in a logging accident.

Three children were with him at the time. Coroner F. J. Westmoreland said no inquest would be held.

Surviving are the widow; 11 children, Ruby Mae, Betty Lois, Kate, Mary Lee, Willie Fay, Brenda Ann, Eugene of the U. S. army, stationed in Japan, Max, Wiley Hoke, Walter Frank and Carl Byrd; the stepmother, Mrs. M. C. Morgan of Marion, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Lawing of Marion, Route 2, and Mrs. John Wash of Edgefield, S. C.; three brothers, Marion of Marion, Route 4, and Fred and Broadus of Marion, Route 2.

Westmoreland - Hawkins funeral home is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

Marion Tax Rate Remains at \$1.50; Budget Is Increased

The city tax rate for Marion for the fiscal year 1948-49 will be \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation, the same as last year. The rate was fixed at the last regular meeting of the board of aldermen.

The property valuation of the town is listed at \$4,442,801.

The budget for the year was set at \$134,320, compared with \$124,725 for the past year.

The budget includes the following items: General government, \$18,000; police department, \$15,350; fire department, \$3,600; street and sewer department, \$35,000; debt service, \$35,150; cemetery, \$2,600; water department, \$11,620; motor equipment, \$10,150; capital outlay, \$22,500, less capital fund on hand of \$10,000.

Presbyterian Guest Speaker

Dr. Edward G. Lilly, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Charleston, S. C., will conduct the Sunday morning service at the First Presbyterian church on August 22, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. C. W. McMurray, it is announced.

There will be no evening service. Dr. McMurray expects to return to his pulpit the following Sunday.

Halley's Comet will next be seen in 1986.

Suit Brought To Restrain Election On Beer And Wine

Radio Officials Visit Kiwanians

Several officials from radio station WBBO Forest City, attended the meeting of the Marion Kiwanis club held in the community building Tuesday evening. These radio officials assisted the Marion Kiwanis club in arranging a radio broadcast to be given over radio station WBBO Friday afternoon. Recording apparatus was set up and a round table discussion program was recorded for the broadcast.

Vernon Eckerd, president of the Kiwanis club, presided and acted as master of ceremonies for the round table session. Appearing on the program were the following Kiwanians: R. W. Proctor, reporting on work of the hospital committee; Carl Whiteside, reporting on the work of the agriculture committee; Garfield Beaman, reporting on work of the Inner Club Relations committee, and J. L. Gourley, reporting on the work of the minstrel committee.

Several visiting Kiwanians and other guests were present for the meeting.

The ban prohibiting children under 15 years of age from attending public gatherings was lifted at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Monday evening at the city hall.

The ordinance imposing the restriction became effective from and after July 19 and was revoked upon the recommendation of Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, as of Monday, August 16.

The First Methodist, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal and St. Matthew's Lutheran Sunday Schools will open at 9:45 a. m., Sunday, August 22, for children of all ages, according to announcements yesterday and a full attendance is urged.

DRAFT BOARD FOR THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN NAMED

Walker Blanton was named chairman of the McDowell County Draft Board yesterday. Other members appointed were Joseph L. Noyes and W. C. Chambers.

Dr. J. B. Johnson, of Old Fort, was named medical examiner and P. J. Story was appointed as government appeal agent.

The committee in charge of naming the officers was composed of Dysart Martin, committee chairman, Clerk of Court; N. F. Steppe, superintendent of county schools, and T. W. Gowan, chairman of the McDowell County Board of Elections.

AAA Reports Must Be Filed By August 31

McDowell county farmers who are participating in the AAA program are requested to file a report of the practices they are carrying out this year with the local office not later than August 31, according to announcement this week.

Funds which were applied for and for which no practices are now being carried out, will be pooled and later allotted for additional practices.

Any farmer who fails to file his report between now and August 31 will lose his entire assistance.

Potato requirements for military, civilian and land-lease use during the war were about 50 million bushels greater than the average production in pre-war years.

LINCS PROTECT LEAD WITH WIN OVER MARION

The Lincolnton Cardinals protected their Western Carolina league lead with a 7 to 5 victory over Marion here Tuesday night, with Pollock pitching seven-hit ball.

Marion held a 5-1 lead until the seventh, when Maney's homer started the Lincs off again, and with two out, a freak hop taken by a grounder allowed three runs more to knot the count. The Cards iced the game in the ninth, using three singles, a sacrifice and outfield fly to score the clinching two runs.

Ferrell homered with one on in the first.