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CLINCHFIELD MANUFACTURING CO. DIRECTORS REELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company was held in the office last Friday afternoon.

Immediately following the adjournment of stockholders, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held. The full Board attended and were as follows: Judge J. W. Winborne, W. R. Chambers, W. L. Norris, Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., and Sam M. Yancey, all of Marion; W. S. Blakeney of Charlotte; E. P. Cave and M. Weldon Rogers of St. Louis, Mo.; W. R. Chandler of Greenville, S. C.; I. H. R. Genet, Frank H. Leslie, Henry M. Leslie, M. Rosenwasser and R. D. Scott of New York City; C. A. Gibson of Calhoun Falls, S. C.

The Board reelected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

Judge J. W. Winborne, chairman of the Board; W. L. Morris, president and treasurer; Frank H. Leslie, vice president; G. A. Morris, secretary and assistant treasurer; Miss Marie Jarrett, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

After the meeting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morris entertained the Board of Directors at a luncheon at their home on South Main street.

J. C. Bowman Recommended For U.S. Marshal

Capt. Jacob C. (Jake) Bowman of Marion has been recommended for the post of United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina. It was announced Saturday in Washington by Senator Clyde R. Hoey according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The nomination is up to President Truman. Capt. Bowman, if named, would succeed U. S. Marshal Charles R. Price, who has tendered his resignation to Attorney General Tom Clark, effective when his successor is named and qualified.

Marshal Price, during the 15 years he has held the office, has been recognized on several occasions for the efficiency of his organization. He is expected to remain in government service.

Captain Bowman was born April 1, 1888, at Bakersville in Mitchell County and moved to Marion with his parents in 1902.

A World War I veteran, he was discharged with the rank of captain and was engaged in the mercantile business in Marion until 1929.

He served as instructor for reserve officers while on active duty with the U. S. Army from 1929 to 1937.

For the past 11 years he has been serving as inspector for the State Utilities Commission and at present has charge of 12 Western North Carolina counties.

Captain Bowman is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Marion and a Mason. He is married and has four children.

26 CARS DERAILED ON C C & O RAILWAY

Forest City, Jan. 31—Large property damage resulted when 26 fruit and vegetable cars were derailed on the C C and O railway at Harris Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. The mid section of fast express train No. 97, traveling from Spartanburg, S. C., to Erwin, Tenn., was derailed when a truck bolster broke. The engine and 19 front cars remained on the rails. The mid 26 cars were derailed and 17 cars at the rear remained on the tracks.

The wrecked cars contained tomatoes, celery, egg plant, oranges, grapefruit, fruit juices and other vegetables and fruits. The right of way was literally covered with fruits and vegetables following the wreck. Most of the cars piled up in a small space of less than 100 yards.

Charles Fink, of Erwin, Tenn., was the conductor in charge of the train and Red Harvey, also of Erwin, was the engineman. No one was injured.

Lutheran Laymen Vote To Sponsor An Hour Rally

Representatives of the Lutheran Laymen's League in Western North Carolina met in the Hut of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon and organized to sponsor a Lutheran Hour Rally in Asheville on May 1 at 3:30 p. m. The speaker will be Dr. Walter A. Maier.

Dr. Maier is a noted Lutheran Hour evangelist and one of the country's leading foes of communism. Dr. Maier has been pointing out the conflict between the Church of Christ and the communism of Marx for over a decade.

The meeting at the Hut voted to accept a budget of \$1,000 to advertise this rally in newspaper and radio. Carl Beck of Hickory presided over the meeting and is chairman of the executive committee; Henry Beam of Hickory is secretary; and George Schreiber of Asheville is treasurer.

Rev. Charles Frenzel, local pastor, was chaplain of the meeting; and Elmer Erwin represented St. Matthew's Lutheran Laymen's League.

BETHEL METHODISTS TO HAVE SINGING

The Sunday Singing Convention of the community group will be held at Bethel Methodist church, Sunday, February 6, at two o'clock. All singers are cordially invited to attend.

Warlick Approved By Senate As U. S. Judge

Washington, Jan. — The Senate today confirmed Wilson Warlick of Newton, N. C., to be Federal judge of the Western North Carolina district.

Warlick, a State superior court judge was nominated last year for the Federal post but the nomination was never confirmed. President Truman again nominated him this year.

He will succeed Judge D. E. Henderson, who has been acting judge since last fall. Henderson's resignation has been accepted by President Truman to be effective upon confirmation and qualification of Warlick.

Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby retired from the post last year.

American Legion To Sponsor Contest For School Students

The McDowell Post of the American Legion will sponsor an oratorical contest for all 9-12 grade students in the county, C. M. Stepp, division chairman of the fifth division announced this week.

It was pointed out that final plans for the event in the fifth Legion division of the North Carolina department of which the post here is a part, have been made.

School contests will be held from February 14 through February 19, county contests from February 21 through February 26, district contests from March 1 through March 5.

The division contest will be held in Marion with a parade, public address, banquet and contest.

The speeches, which are to be ten to twelve minutes long, will deal with the United States Constitution.

March Of Dimes Ball

Jack Reynolds, chairman of the March of Dimes Ball, has announced plans for a dance at the Marion community building, Friday night, February 4, from nine till one o'clock. The Melodeers orchestra will alternate on the band stand with Bob Carter and His Lake City Playboys providing round and square dance music. Both orchestras have agreed to donate their time and the public is urged to "Dance That Others May Walk."



In every part of the nation more than 2,200,000 boys and their adult leaders, will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The theme of the celebration is "Adventure—that's Scouting!" This year the movement is emphasizing the fun and fellowship its members get out of the game of Scouting. More high adventure is planned in the out-of-doors. Their adventure in citizenship will find Scouts emphasizing civic service activities, emergency service training and world Scouting relationships. During Boy Scout Week, Scouts, their parents and countless communities will honor the volunteer adult leaders of the nation's 70,000 Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Senior Units. Above is the official poster marking the Scout Week.

Marion-Morganton Highway Widening Project Finished

Martha Pettigrew DAR Meets Wed.

The Martha Pettigrew Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution named delegates to the State Conference and to the Continental Congress at its meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Annie Laurie Blanton.

Delegates to the State Conference to be held in Asheville on March 1, 2 and 3 are: Mrs. W. W. Neal, Sr., regent, Mrs. R. J. Noyes, vice regent, Mrs. R. I. Corbett, Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Mrs. William E. Noyes, Miss Bonnie Hill and Miss Annie Laurie Blanton. Delegates to the Continental Congress to be held in Washington, D. C., the second week in April are: Mrs. W. W. Neal, Sr., Mrs. R. J. Noyes and Mrs. J. F. Jonas.

Adeline Neal was named a page to Miss Gertrude Carroway, state regent, for the State Conference in Asheville. Miss Ann Hildebrand was named a page to the national officers at the State Conference and Miss Marie Griffin, page at the State Conference and also page at the Continental Congress.

Mrs. A. C. Hewitt, Sr., presented C. C. Elledge, principal of the Marion High School, who reported on "Findings of the North Carolina Education Commission" and also described conditions in the local schools.

Mrs. R. I. Corbett reported on DAR approved schools. Out-of-town guests present at the meeting were Mrs. T. G. Stone and Mrs. O. J. Holler, of Union Mills.

Mrs. Minnie Blanton was a local guest. Mrs. Ralph Alexander assisted the hostess in serving.

County Schools Are Opened

The schools in the McDowell county system were closed Monday and Tuesday of this week because of adverse weather conditions. All schools reopened Wednesday however.

The schedule of schools in the Marion City Administrative Unit was not interrupted.

Community Council To Organize At Meeting To Be Held Tonight

New Vestrymen Are Elected For St. John's

Henry W. Stauffer, R. W. Twitty and Mack Jay were elected members of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church at the annual parish meeting held at the community building last Monday evening.

The new vestrymen replace S. E. Whitten, William Treverton and S. L. Homewood, whose terms expired. Other members of the Vestry are S. W. Blanton, E. P. Dameron, W. W. Neal, Jr., Wayne Jarrett, Ray Frisbie and Oliver Cross.

The Rev. Albert P. Mack, rector, presided at the meeting and reports were made by the various officers, including: Oliver Cross, treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Stauffer, treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary; Mrs. Robert Teeter, president of the Woman's Auxiliary; E. P. Dameron, superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the Men's club.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the parish and the reports showed that marked progress had been made.

WEST MARION PTA WILL MEET MONDAY

The West Marion Parent-Teacher association will meet at 7:30 p. m., Monday, February 7, with C. C. Elledge as guest speaker.

Marion PTA Meeting Tonight Will Be Social

The Marion Parent-Teacher association will hold its annual social meeting of the year in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m., Tuesday, February 8, Mrs. P. J. Story, publicity chairman, announced this week.

Because of the nature of the program, no provision will be made at this meeting to care for the children while parents attend, as has been the custom for the past few months.

Mrs. Richard Cook has announced that a meeting of room representatives and teachers of the elementary school will be held at 7:15 o'clock and will be adjourned in time for members to attend the regular PTA session.

BOY SCOUT DISTRICT HEADS ARE NAMED

Organization of a district committee for the McDowell County Boy Scouts of America is now underway, Rev. J. B. McLarty, county chairman, announced this week.

In making the announcement McLarty said the following persons have been asked to serve:

E. P. Dameron, vice chairman; Eugene Cross, Jr., secretary.

Organization and Extension: J. M. Snoddy, chairman; Carl Whiteside, sub committee on troop organization chairman; J. E. Peppers, sub committee on cubbing chairman; E. L. Carter, sub committee on Senior Scouting chairman.

Leadership Training: J. Homer Beaman, chairman; Paul Story and E. C. Carnes.

Advancement (and Chairman of the Court of Honor): E. P. Dameron.

Camping and Activities: Fred Murray and Oliver Cross, chairman; Fred Murray, sub committee on camping chairman; Oliver Cross and Vernon Eckerd, sub committee on civic service chairman; Rev. M. O. Owens, sub committee on reading chairman.

Health and Safety: Dr. George Rowe and Dr. Donald McIntosh.

Finance: J. Neal Morris and J. E. Neal, Jr., finance.

Public Relations: Ray Murray, chairman and sub committee on publicity; Charles C. Elledge and (Continued on last page)

Representatives of civic clubs which comprise the nucleus of a Community Council will meet with the Executive Board of the Marion Parent-Teacher association at 7:15 p. m., Thursday, February 3, in the school auditorium. The purpose of the meeting will be to formulate organization of the Council.

The project, sponsored by the Marion P. T. A. at the suggestion of Mrs. Richard Cook, has been underway for the past few months. The Council will be composed of representatives of civic clubs and other local organizations to coordinate and promote movements for community betterment with especial emphasis on educational improvements.

Appointment of members on the Council to represent all organizations are incomplete at the present time, but are expected to be named within the near future.

Inasmuch as the project is under sponsorship of the P. T. A., the executive board will meet with members to adopt a name for the group and make formal plans for the organization. Later, however, two representatives from the Marion P. T. A. will represent the P. T. A. at meetings of the Council. The names of all persons serving on the Council will be announced as soon as the list has been completed, Mrs. Cook said.

Social Security Benefits Paid Totals 305

There were 305 persons in McDowell county receiving monthly benefits from the Social Security Administration during 1948, according to announcement by D. W. Lambert, manager of the administrative field office in Asheville.

Of this number, 163 or 53 per cent are women and children. Of the women and children, 13 are widows over age 65; 19 are widows with children under age 18 in their care, and 131 of the persons receiving monthly benefits are children under age 18.

"Most people think of Social Security as something that concerns old age alone," Lambert said, "but approximately 60 per cent of all the benefits paid under this program in the United States as a whole go to the wives, widows and children of deceased wage earners who worked in employment covered by the provisions of the law."

In the Western North Carolina area, which includes 17 counties, there are 4,343 people receiving monthly payments and of this total, 2,392 of them are women and children, or 55 per cent of the total number of persons receiving monthly benefits. Of these 2,392 people, 219 are aged widows over 65 years of age; 386 are widows with children under 18 years of age; and 1,787 of these monthly benefits are paid to children under age 18.

Rotary Meeting

Master Sergeant John Hall and Sergeant Harry Belt, local recruiting officers, presented a film entitled, "GI Holiday in Europe," at the weekly meeting of the Marion Rotary club last Friday.

J. M. Snoddy was the guest of Clarence Wise at the meeting. Ed Porter, of Gastonia, was the guest of Ernest Ross and Bill Stanley was the honor student of the month.

DISCONTINUANCE OF STATION REQUESTED

A member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission will be in Asheville Wednesday, February 9, for a hearing on the petition of the Clinchfield Railroad Company to discontinue the railway agency at Sevier, is announced by the Asheville Times. The hearing will be conducted in the seventh floor courtroom of the courthouse.