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## Town Of Old Fort Increases Polio Fund By One Thousand Dollars

Old Fort has contributed \$1,009.57 to the McDowell County Infantile Paralysis Campaign, S. J. Westmoreland, county chairman, said yesterday. Westmoreland said the money was turned over to him this week by H. R. Earley, Old Fort chairman.

According to the last report made the drive had about reached the halfway mark toward the \$10,000 goal. These donations are the only ones received since that date, it was stated.

Workers in the campaign are asked to lend a special effort to collect and turn in all donations at the earliest possible moment. Individuals and business firms are asked to contribute as liberally and promptly as possible in the hopes that the drive may be closed by Tuesday of next week.

## Tax Collectors To Give Aid On Filing Forms

There will be two Deputy Collectors at the McDowell County Court House Jury Room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 23, 24 and 25 to aid taxpayers in preparing their 1948 Federal income tax returns.

The collectors will observe hours 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. Anyone needing assistance should arrange to see the collectors at this time.

Federal income tax returns must be filed by all persons who had an income of \$600 or more during the year 1948. These returns must be filed before midnight on March 15, or penalty will be charged against the taxpayer.

## Little Symphony To Appear Here

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will appear in concert here at eight o'clock, Friday evening, March 4, in the Marion High School auditorium. Oliver Cross, publicity chairman, announced this week.

## ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. G. W. Giles, president of the Classroom Teachers, and Mrs. I. A. McLain, legislative chairman of the Marion City Schools, attended a meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh last Friday and Saturday. They met with the leading educational leaders of the state as delegates of the Marion City Unit of the NCEA.

## Jarrett Presents Organ Recital For Marion Junior Woman's Club

Wayne D. Jarrett gave an organ recital at St. John's Episcopal Church on Tuesday evening for members of the Marion Woman's Club and invited guests.

The program included selections by Couperin, Kreckel, Guilman, Gounod, Felton, Nevin, Schubert-Hodson, Bach, and Muffet.

Following the program a short business session was held. Mrs. E. W. Parker, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following names of candidates for officers; Mrs. P. T. Hollis, president, Mrs. Landis Laughridge, vice-president, and Mrs. Ray Cline, secretary-treasurer.

## Special Services At Presbyterian

Dr. F. Crosley Morgan will be speaker at a series of services to be held at the First Presbyterian church here beginning March 27, Dr. C. W. McMurray, pastor, announced this week.

Morgan, a resident of Concord, conducted services at the First Presbyterian church here last April.

## BAND CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

An excellent variety of music has been chosen for the next band concert scheduled for Thursday, February 24. Bernard Hirsch, director, said this week. Delving back into the past as far as 789, the band is programming an overture by Joseph Hayden entitled "Orlando Palandrino". The overture to this opera is all that remains preserved of the total opera and Nicholas De-Rubertis, a prominent band arranger, has done an excellent job of recasting the work for symphonic band.

Other famous composers listed are Hozart and his "Minuet In E Flat", Flowtow—"Overture to Martha" and R. Vaughn Williams—"Folk Song Suite". The concert will also include several widely known modern composers such as Cole Porter and Raymond Scott.

A feature of the concert will be the piano solo "Sword Dance" commonly known as the "Sabre Dance" played by Mary Belle Grayson with band accompaniment. The band has never before appeared with a piano soloist so this is something in the

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## Local Farmers Attend Dinner

McDowell county farmers, Future Farmers and 4-H club members who grew more than 100 bushels of corn per acre of land last year attended a dinner in Asheville last Saturday.

The dinner was sponsored by the Farmers Federation to honor farmers of western North Carolina who have produced from three to five times the normal amount of corn on one acre of land.

Those attending from McDowell were: S. L. Homeewood, county farm agent; Carl Whitesides, assistant agent; John Kaylor, William Frisbie, Clark Walker, Hugh Ledbetter, Leslie Noblitt, Fred Frisbie, William Grindstaff, Kenneth Walker, Raymond Walker, Bobby Joe Berryhill, Wade Hennessee, J. B. Creasman and Delmar Biddix.

Clark Walker was recognized as top producer for McDowell county with a record of 128 bushels per acre.

## Glenwood PTA To Meet Tonight

The Glenwood Parent-Teacher association will meet at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, February 17, in the school auditorium.

Mrs. F. S. Bradsher, program chairman, announces that a film on North Carolina Education Commission's report will be shown.

A door prize will be presented. All patrons are urged to attend.

## Francis Marion Club Aids Boy Scout Drive

The Francis Marion club voted to contribute \$50 to the current Boy Scout Campaign, at its meeting last Thursday evening in the community building.

Mrs. Sara Margaret Giles, case worker of the McDowell County Welfare Department, addressed the club on "The Needy Children of McDowell County."

There were 30 members present. Plans were discussed for sponsoring a Hill Billy Show in the near future.

## Red Cross Volunteers Produce



Red Cross production volunteers last year made 1,236,472 garments, 40,469 complete layettes, and more than 17,000,000 surgical dressings for hospitals in their localities. Above, two workers cut material to make sandbags, used in treatment of polio victims.

## American Legion Contest

The McDowell Post of the American Legion will sponsor an oratorical contest for 9-12 grade students of McDowell county at 7:30 p. m., Friday, February 25, at Nebo High School, C. M. Stepe, division chairman of the fifth division, announced this week.

The speeches, which are to be ten to 12 minutes long, will deal with the United States Constitution. Judges will be Carter Hudgins, Paul Story, of Marion, and Dr. G. B. Johnson, of Old Fort.

Representatives of all schools in the county are expected to be present, Stepe said.

Winners in this contest will be eligible to participate in the district contest. The date of the district event will be announced within the next few days.

The district winners will be eligible to enter the division contest to be held here March 12, C. B. Dobson, division commander, has announced.

Extensive plans for March 12 are underway and Governor Kerr (Continued on last page)

## BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD FRIDAY

Two Star ranks and one Life Scout rank advancements were made at the Boy Scout Court of Honor at the First Baptist church last Friday evening. Harlan Townsend, troop 1, Ashford, and Hubert Martin, Jr. were recommended for Star Scouts and James Earl Lonon, troop 4, Marion for Life Scout.

Troop One of Marion won the attendance and advancement banner.

When the group had assembled a film on the Patrol Method of Scouting was shown. The Court opened with the Scout Oath and Rev. P. L. Smith led the prayer. Rev. J. B. McLarty presided over the Court of Honor.

H. C. Warlick, assistant Scout Executive, attended the meeting.

Advancements were made as follows: Tenderfoot rank: Joseph Loftis, Robert Setzer, J. C. Duncan, Tommy Hendley, Robert Loftis, Hubert Martin, Wayne Brooks, Joe Fleming, David Litaker, Lester Hensley, Billy Bell and Donald Burgin, all of troop 1, Marion; Jimmy Murray, troop 4; Teddy Lail, troop 5, Marion; Carrol Ollis, troop 1, Ashford; Howard Harris, troop 1, Old Fort; Jack Hewitt, Jr. and Tommy Wyke, troop 6, Marion. Howard Buckner, troop 5, Marion.

Second Class: James Freeman, Carrol Henderson, Rex Pope, Gerald Hyatt, of troop 1, Marion; V. E. Condry, Franklin Hemmett and J. C. Norman, troop 3, Marion; Eugene Hollifield troop 4, Marion; Jack Buckner, Bill Frisbie and (Continued on last page)

## Watson Speaker At Rally Here Sunday Afternoon

E. Frank Watson, of Spruce Pine, addressed a Law Enforcement Rally at the court house here Sunday afternoon.

Watson spoke on "The Evils of Alcohol", stressing the need for cooperation of the general public in enforcing the laws. He quoted statistics to emphasize more of the views he expressed.

Sheriff C. M. Pool, State Highway Patrolman J. T. Jolley and Chief of Police D. W. Smith also spoke briefly urging the cooperation of the public to promote law enforcement. Approximately 350 persons attended.

## Asheville Man Arrested Here By J. T. Jolley

Asheville. — Perseverence apparently is a virtue of Herman Chatham, 42 Roberts Street.

That, plus righteous indignation—supplied by another motorist—enabled him to chase a suspected hit-run driver 40 miles and then look up a policeman to make the arrest.

According to the State Highway Patrol, Chatham was driving on Patton Avenue with a friend, Howard Frizzell, 1 West Haywood Street, Saturday night when they were sideswiped by another car. The car failed to stop and Chatham swung his machine around and gave chase.

All the way to Marion the chase continued. Chatham couldn't halt the other driver and he wasn't sure how to arrest him if he did stop him.

Finally, in Marion the second car pulled up to the curb and the driver ducked into or around a house. Chatham and Frizzell disconnected spark plug and carburetor wires in the engine and then went in search of a policeman. Unable to find one, they telephoned Asheville police who informed the highway patrol who put the call on the patrol radio, Patrolman J. T. Jolley received the call and in short order picked up Robert John Devlin, 27, of Sweeten Creek road, Asheville, RFD 2. Early Monday morning Devlin was returned here to answer charges of hit-run driving, driving intoxicated, and driving after his license had been revoked.

In Police Court he was convicted and given a total of 21 months on the road by Judge Sam M. Cathey.

## Draft Board Reports Lull In Registration

No colored men have registered with the McDowell County Board since November, Mrs. Virginia James, clerk, said this week.

All male persons are required to register with the draft board on their eighteenth birthday. Those who have failed to do so should register immediately.

## Superior Court Adjourned After Two Day Session

CIVIL DOCKET CONCLUDED  
WITH TUESDAY SESSION;  
JUDGE NETTLES PRESIDING

## MISS TAYLOR GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS

S. R. Perkins, vice president of the Kiwanis club, presided at the weekly meeting of the club held Tuesday evening in the Marion Community Building in the absence of President Roy W. Davis.

Kiwanian Wayne Suttle was in charge of the program and presented the guest speaker, Miss Ruth Taylor, educational director of the First Methodist Church, to the club, Miss Taylor presented an address to the club, describing the conditions of the people of several

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## Pleasant Gardens PTA Has Meeting

The February meeting of the Pleasant Gardens Parent-Teacher association was held last Thursday evening.

Students of the seventh and eighth grades presented a program "Valentine Auction" under the direction of Mrs. George Sandlin and Pete Clark.

The grammar grade prize was won by Clark's room and the high school by Mrs. I. E. Burnette's room. Prizes were donated by Mrs. Roy Young and Mrs. Jonas Burgin.

Mrs. Erwin Harris directed a program of songs by the seventh and eighth grade students.

## Pleasant Gardens Boy Scout Troop Wins Banner

Troop Number One of Marion, known as the Pleasant Gardens troop, climaxed Boy Scout Week by winning the attendance banner at the Court of Honor last Friday night.

This troop is under the leadership of Scoutmaster Pete Clark, eighth grade teacher at Pleasant Gardens school, who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Since J. H. L. Miller has given the troop a cabin in which to hold (Continued on last page)

Superior Court adjourned here Tuesday afternoon after a two day session of civil cases. Judge Zeb V. Nettles presided.

In the case of Faw Insurance Company vs. Johnny A. Hall, the plaintiff was awarded \$20.62 with interest from December 20, 1948 until paid. Zora Roland was granted a divorce from Homer Roland. Barney Chapman was granted a divorce from Dorothy Thomas Chapman.

A. C. Hewitt, Jr. was awarded \$151.23 with interest from date hereof together with cost of action in his case vs. Theodore Thompson. In part the judgment read: "and it appearing to the court that a warrant of attachment was issued by the Superior Court of McDowell County to the Sheriff of Wilkes county, as levied upon and attached, and now has in his possession, certain property belonging to the defendant."

The Sheriff of Wilkes county was authorized to sell the property attached and in his possession or so much thereof as may be necessary, to settle the judgment.

A compromise was reached in the case of Robert F. Holden, an infant, by N. F. Ralph E. Holden, vs. J. H. Brown, E. R. Brown and C. C. Wise, doing business as partners in the firm name of East Court Motor Company. The defendant agreed to pay the plaintiff \$1,158.87 in settlement.

In the case of John W. Setzer, trading as the McDowell News, vs. S. W. Shuford, it was ordered that the plaintiff alleged the defendant owed.

C. A. Ross, trading as Marion Sinclair Service Station vs. E. C. Riddle and Jack Riddle doing business as partners in the partnership of Yancey Bus Lines a compromise was reached and the plaintiff was awarded \$250.

Styles vs. Pepsi Cola Company a compromise was reached, the plaintiff being awarded \$3,500.

## Social Security Agent To Come Here

A representative of the Asheville Field office of the Social Security Administration will be at the Register of Deeds office in Marion at 10 a. m., Friday, February 25.

## McDowell Building And Loan Reelects Officers At Annual Meet

## Gladdens Leave For Pennsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gladden left Saturday for Cataqua, Pennsylvania where the former will be owner and manager of a news agency. He will take over his duties March 1.

Gladden has been associated with his father, William Gladden, Sr., in the cafe business here for several years.

## Landis Memorial Nears Completion

The Landis Memorial Church, located five miles from Marion on the Linville Falls road, will soon have a new house of worship. The new Church building which has been under construction there for some time is nearing completion. The brick veneer work has been completed, windows and doors have been installed, the flooring is being laid and stripping done in readiness for the celotex overhead and white

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The McDowell Building and Loan Association has finished a successful year according to the report of Mrs. Annie L. Epley, secretary-treasurer, made to the shareholders at the annual meeting held Monday evening.

Assets totaled \$969,147.72 at the end of the past year showing an increase of \$111,537.78 over the previous year. During the year 222 loans were made totaling \$307,500. The Association has 1,253 shareholders with 21,198 shares of stock outstanding.

Directors reelected for the coming year are: A. S. Bradford, W. R. Chambers, Mrs. Annie L. Epley, T. H. Henderson, A. F. Hunt, W. L. Morris, J. F. Snipes, J. H. Tate and C. A. Workman. W. S. Shiflet and Carter Hudgins were elected to succeed William Treverton and the late Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Sr.

Directors reelected the following officers:

W. L. Morris, president; J. F. Snipes, vice president; W. R. Chambers, attorney; Mrs. Annie L. Epley, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Doris Hill, assistant secretary-treasurer.