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W. F. GRANT, SR.
(Photo by Eckenrod)

Personnel Changes Made At Local Bank

W. F. GRANT NAMED CASHIER OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK SUCCEEDING J. N. MORRIS

It has been announced that J. Neal Morris has tendered his resignation as Cashier of the First National Bank of Marion, effective March 1, 1949, which has been accepted by the Board of Directors of the Bank. After March 15, he will be associated in business with R. J. Morris of Marion. Upon his resignation, W. F. Grant, assistant cashier, was advanced to the position of Cashier and the management of the Bank created the new office of Executive Vice-President.

Milton L. Campbell, president of the First National Bank at Belle Glade, Florida, has been elected Executive Vice-President to fill this new position in the First National Bank.

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TWO PRISONERS MADE ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

Perry Melton, of Old Fort, and Lawrence Edwards, of Burnsville, who escaped from the McDowell county jail last week are still at large, according to a statement by Sheriff C. M. Pool yesterday.

Pool said Robert White, jailer, answered a phone call about 7:30 a. m. Friday and was informed that two men had employed a cab to take them to Spruce Pine that morning. The driver said remarks overheard led him to believe the men had escaped.

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HUNT TRAVELOGUE GIVEN BY HOLLER AT KIWANIS MEET

Cato Holler gave a travelogue of his recent hunting trip to Canada and Kodiak Island at the meeting of the Marion Kiwanis club Tuesday evening.

S. R. Perkins, vice president, presided and presented the speaker to the group. He explained in detail the experiences he had during his trip to Canada last fall, and illustrated his discussion with a number of snap shots he had made during the trip. Holler was successful in killing a 1,500 pound Kodiak bear, which is of the largest species now in existence. Kiwanian Holler stated that he had left the head and hide of the animal he killed with a taxidermist in the State of Washington where it will be made into a trophy to be added to the prize collection of Holler.

After the conclusion of the discussion, the speaker was besieged with many questions, which he answered readily. The enthusiasm with which this program was evidenced by the fact that a number of Kiwanians remained after the adjournment of the meeting for further discussion.

Davis Seeks Pay Hike For County Officials

Pleasant Gardens Basketball Teams In Tournaments

The Pleasant Gardens girls basketball team has won 16 games and lost four. The boys have won 10 and lost seven.

Defeating Startown, Happy Valley and only losing by two points to the North Brook champions, the girls advanced to the quarter finals in the Gold Medal tournament, held at Valdese last week.

Miss Inez Morgan was voted one of the all tournament guards for her second consecutive year.

Miss Joyce Moody was one of the maids of honor to the queen of the tournament.

The boys tournament started Saturday at Valdese. Pleasant Gardens boys will play Drexel Tuesday at 5:55 p. m.

METHODISTS TO OBSERVE LAYMEN'S DAY

Laymen's Day will be observed by the First Methodist church of Marion next Sunday along with other Methodist churches throughout America.

The program has been planned by Joseph L. Noyes, lay leader. John M. Snoddy and David Gray will also have part on the program and Pat Davis will make the principal address.

OWENS SPEAKER AT SPRUCE PINE

Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor of the first Baptist Church, was speaker on Monday and Tuesday evenings for a School of Missions being held this week at the First Baptist Church of Spruce Pine. Rev. D. C. Weason, formerly pastor at Old Fort, is the present pastor at Spruce Pine. Owens spoke Monday evening on "The Centrality of Missions." His subject Tuesday evening was "You and Missions."

Vestry Officers St. John's Elected

E. P. Dameron was elected senior warden; W. W. Neal, Jr., junior warden; Oliver Cross, treasurer, and Wayne Jarrett, secretary of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church at a meeting of the vestry at the rectory last Thursday night.

Children Practice For Symphony Concert



Children in a North Carolina school practice a song in preparation for a concert by the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. The Little Symphony will appear in Marion on March 4 at the Marion High School at eight o'clock.

S. J. Westmoreland Reelected Chairman Of Polio Committee

Civitan Club Organized Here; Officers Elected

Albert M. Neal was elected president of Marion's new Civitan club at a meeting held in the Methodist Hut last week. Other officers elected were: J. W. Streetman, Jr., and Everette C. Carnes, vice presidents; Frank Sentelle, secretary; W. F. Grant, Jr., treasurer, and the Rev. James B. McLarty, chaplain.

Application for a charter is being made and plans are underway for a charter night dinner April 8.

D. W. Lambert, of Asheville, district lieutenant-governor, and G. W. Shepherd, a member of the Asheville club and field secretary of Civitation International, met with the Marion men for their organization meeting.

The board of directors is composed of: W. I. Halthcock, J. Warren Franklin, Dr. William Hagna, McLarty, George K. Knisley, and Rev. C. C. Cross.

Meetings will be held at the noon hour on the first and third Thursdays.

HOYLE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK SUNDAY IN OLD FORT

Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., superintendent of the Marion District, will speak at churches on the Old Fort Circuit next Sunday, February 27, as follows: Bethel, 10 a. m., Bethlehem 11 a. m., Piney Grove, 2 p. m., Carson's Chapel, 3:15 p. m. and Ebenezer 7:30 p. m.

He will speak in the interest of the new Advance For Christ Movement in the Methodist Church.

First Aid Classes Started This Week

The first in a series of First Aid classes for employees of the U. S. Forestry Service was held Tuesday evening in the jury room of the court house, Mrs. Ann Hawkins, Red Cross executive secretary, announced this week.

The class was organized by request of the Forestry Service and will be continued for three weeks. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights were tentatively set as class nights, beginning at 7 p. m. and continuing until 9.

Those enrolled are: Paul White, James Fisher, Therman D. Ross, Ray Huffman, William B. Finley, Carl Moody, Henry Frisbie, Clifford Gainard, Gustaf P. Hultman, David L. Rector and Ralph H. Robinson.

Officers of the McDowell County Chapter of the Infantine Paralysis Foundation were reelected at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon as follows:

S. J. Westmoreland, chairman; H. F. Beam, vice chairman; Mrs. D. N. Lonon, secretary, and M. W. Gordon, treasurer.

Announcement was made that a total of \$8,320 had been raised toward the \$10,000 goal and that the drive will continue until the quota has been reached.

COMMUNITY CONCERT DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED

The Marion Community Concert association will begin its second annual membership drive next week under the leadership of Mrs. S. W. Blanton and Mrs. Donald McIntosh, chairman and co-chairman, Paul J. Story, president, announced yesterday.

Other officers are: Mrs. Carl McMurray, first vice president; Mrs. Donald McIntosh, second vice president; Albert Hewitt, third vice president; Wayne Jarrett, secretary-treasurer; Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., publicity chairman; Bernard Hirsch, concert presentation chairman. In addition to the officers the Board of Directors is composed of: Mrs. R. L. Corbett, Rev. J. B. McLarty, Miss Louise Poteat, Mrs. Walter Patton, Miss Ruth Greenlee, Rev. A. P. Mack, Mrs. Harry McCall, S. R. Cross, J. L. Gourley, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless and Mrs. Jason B. Deyton of Spruce Pine.

The Association has presented two attractions thus far this season: Joseph Battista, pianist, and the Bary Ensemble. One other concert is scheduled for this season, and will be presented on March 7. The artist will be John Tyers, emcee.

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Community Concert Workers To Meet

The officers and directors of the Marion Community Concert Association will hold a very important meeting Monday evening, February 28, at 8:00 in the Community Building. Rev. M. O. Owens, publicity chairman, has announced. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the organization meeting of the teams and workers for the annual membership drive which begins Monday. Mrs. Walker Blanton and Mrs. Donald McIntosh, Co-Chairman of the drive, are calling a meeting of all their workers, 90 in all, at the same time.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

The McDowell County AAA committee and Miss Louise Patton, secretary, will attend a Production and Marketing Administration conference in Winston-Salem on March 2 and 3.

Red Cross Campaign To Open March 1

MARION HIGH BAND CONCERT SET FOR TONIGHT

High School band musicians—fifty five strong—will present their second concert of the year, Thursday, February 24 in the high school auditorium. The concert will start at eight o'clock.

The program includes a number of very fine works for band plus an interesting piano solo the "Sword Dance" played by Mary Belle Grayson with accompaniment by the band. Also, a saxophone quartet will be presented. Players in the quartet are: Bobby Long, Ikey McLain, Gray Proctor and David Finley.

The complete list of selections for the concert follows: Sherwood March—Milligan; "Orlando Palandrino"—Joseph Hayden; Minuet In

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FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM GIVEN AT GLENWOOD PTA

The Grammar Grades of Glenwood School presented a Founder's Day program at the February meeting of the Parent-Teacher association last Thursday.

Matt McBrayer presented a film on the Education Commission. The fourth grade won the attendance contest in the elementary grades and the eleventh grade in the high school.

Oratorical Contest To Be Held Friday

The elimination contest for McDowell county schools in the American Legion's Oratorical contest will be held Friday, February 26, at Nebo High School beginning at 7:30 o'clock. C. M. Stepe, chairman of the fifth division, announced yesterday.

A gold medal will be awarded the winner of the County Contest who will represent McDowell county in the 31st District Contest to be held next week.

Building Permits

The Town of Marion issued two building permits Monday.

Clinton Norris was authorized to construct a frame composition dwelling on State street and Baldwin avenue at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

Robert Mills was issued a permit for erecting a frame composition dwelling on Spring street at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

Committee Chairmen Are Named

McDowell County's Annual Red Cross Fund Raising campaign will officially open here March 1, E. C. Carnes, fund chairman, announced yesterday.

Preliminary plans have been underway for the past two weeks and the drive is already moving toward the \$4,389 goal.

The following committee chairmen will head the drive:

John Gilkey, publicity; Oliver Cross, industry; Ernest Ross, business; Everette Carnes, advance gifts; Mrs. W. W. Neal, Jr. and Mrs. Morgan Baldwin, residences; Zeb Lane, Old Fort; N. F. Stepe and Hugh Beam, schools.

Assistants for the various committees are being chosen and will be announced next week.

New Rural Plan

Carnes explained that because rural dwellings are so widely scattered they have never been adequately covered before, and a new plan is being tried this year. A letter, outlining Red Cross needs and aims is being sent to each rural boxholder and a contribution is requested to be sent to the local office of the Red Cross. "This system will offer each rural dweller an opportunity to help, and it is hoped that the response will be excellent," he said.

Speedy Drive Planned

While the entire month of March is set aside as Red Cross Fund Campaign Month, chairmen have expressed the hope that the campaign will be carried through to completion long before the month is up. Some phases of the campaign will be carried on throughout the entire month, but plans are now being made to complete the actual soliciting the first week. The first round of door to door soliciting in residences and businesses will be completed within the first few days and follow up trips finished as soon after that as possible. It is hoped that through the generous response of the people the goal will be in sight at the end of the week.

Blood Program

One new phase of Red Cross service is the Blood Program. Eventually this service will furnish free whole blood for transfusion and many blood derivatives for other purposes, to all people in the United States. Residents of McDowell county will be among the first people covered by this program. The Asheville Area Unit will inaugurate the program in this area shortly after March 21.

Contracts Mailed By Marauders To Reserve Squad And Rookies

Annual Meeting of Farmers Federation To Be Held at Old Fort

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Federation for McDowell stockholders who trade at the Old Fort warehouse will be held in the warehouse Tuesday, March 1, at 8 p. m., it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the organization.

Reports of the Federation's business during the past year will be made and committeemen will be elected for the coming year. One director will be nominated for election at the annual meeting of the organization in Buncombe county on March 26.

Contracts have been mailed to eleven members of the 1948 Marion Marauder Basketball squad. In addition to these members of the reserve list, contracts have been mailed to four rookies according to an announcement released by Business Manager J. C. Rabb.

Contracts were mailed to Lefty Griffin, Charles Ferguson, Art Briskner, Jack Triplett, Ray Yow, Mark Ferguson, Harry Holt, John Gold, Tom Cumby, Higgins J. Duncan, Nat Yablon, John B. Beam, W. T. Wooten, Sam Redick, and Paul Moore.

To date, contracts signed by players and returned to officials of the Marion Baseball Club include: Higgins J. Duncan, Nat Yablon, John R. Beam, W. T. Wooten, Sam Redick.

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