

# THE MARION PROGRESS

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## Community Council Elects Officers

### Mrs. R. R. Cook Named To Head Group Constitution And By-Laws Approved

The Marion Community Council elected officers, approved a constitution and by-laws and voted to meet quarterly, at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the community building.

Mrs. R. R. Cook was elected president; M. W. Gordon, vice president, Mrs. P. T. Hollis, secretary and C. C. Elledge, publicity chairman.

Beginning with the calendar year, meetings will be held quarterly. The first meeting of each year to be held in January, the second in April, the third in July and the fourth in October.

The third Monday in each month was set as the regular meeting date. The April meeting will be postponed one week, however, to avoid meeting on Easter Monday.

## PRESBYTERIANS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SERVICES

Dr. F. Crosley Morgan will be speaker at a series of services to be held at the First Presbyterian church here beginning Sunday, March 27.

His sermon subjects have been announced as follows:

Sunday, March 27, 11 a. m., "The Central Call of Christ to Man."

Sunday, March 27, 7:30 p. m., "The Supreme Tragedy in a Church's Life."

The general theme for the morning services, beginning at ten o'clock each day throughout the week, is "A Systematic and Consecutive Study of the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk."

Evening services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Subjects have been announced as follows:

Monday, March 22, "The Christian Warfare or Fighting the Devil."

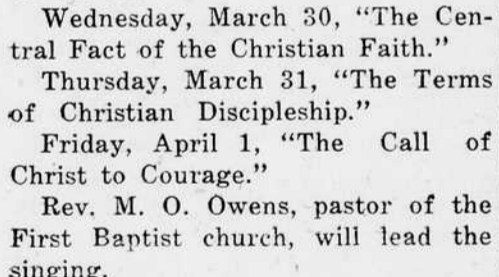
Tuesday, March 23, "The Story of Nicodemus."

Wednesday, March 30, "The Central Fact of the Christian Faith."

Thursday, March 31, "The Terms of Christian Discipleship."

Friday, April 1, "The Call of Christ to Courage."

Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist church, will lead the singing.



Dr. Morgan

## ROTARY LADIES' NIGHT TO BE "LAUGH FIESTA"

Marion Rotary club members are receiving novel invitations to a Ladies' Night to be held on March 25 at the Community building. Stellar attraction is an altogether-different entertainment, a humor-packed "Laugh Fiesta". Program Chairman promises something doing every minute, leading up to feature acts that will score new highs in fun making.

Prince Nur-Al-Din, Oriental Mystic, with powers of divining the future, is the guest of honor. Members and their wives will be permitted to lift the curtain to see what the tomorrows have in store for them. Eight novelty acts and features will display the well known comic talents of the membership in a wide variety of surprise events.

President D. Pat Davis of the Marion Rotary club issues a friendly warning to all members not to miss this funfest, or there will be war when the missus hears other members tell what a frolicsome evening everyone had.

## MARION ALL-STARS WIN TOURNAMENT

Marion All-Stars won over Coble Dairies 43-27 in finals of the invitational basketball tournament at Morganton Monday night. The team was presented a bronze trophy and team members were each recipients of tie clasps.

The Marion team won over National Guard last Friday 34-21 and Saturday's game with State Hospital ended in a 27-23 victory for Marion.

## HEERS ADDRESSES KIWANIS CLUB TUESDAY NIGHT

James B. Laughlin, in charge of the program at the Kiwanis meeting held in the Marion Community building Tuesday evening, presented E. L. Heers, U. S. Forester for the Mt. Mitchell district.

The guest speaker outlined briefly the duties performed by the forester and his staff of assistants. One of the chief responsibilities of this governmental agency is that of prevention of forest fires and in combating the fires after they are underway. It was pointed out that in order to render this service that

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## Baptists Complete Building Program At East Marion

The East Marion Baptist church has practically completed a \$34,000 building and remodeling program to provide additional Sunday School rooms and accommodate a larger attendance.

The original frame building has been covered with brick-veneer and a new three story brick veneer structure containing 43x70 feet on the first floor has been added.

Rearranging the auditorium with the entrance door at the north end of the building adds to the beauty and convenience of the interior. Bulldozers have been at work for some time grading a lot near the new entrance for parking cars. Prior to that time members of the congregation parked cars in the school lot across the street. Seating capacity

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## Hillbilly Jamborees March 26 And April 2

Bob Carter and his Tuxedo Hillbillies of Radio Station WBBO, The Little Boone Trio of Marion and Ernest Harwood and his Carolina Show Boys from Radio Station WIRC, Hickory, will be featured in a Lake City Hillbilly Jamboree Saturday night, March 26, and Saturday night, April 6, at the Marion Community building. Further details are contained in an advertisement in this issue of The Progress.

## NEBO PTA TO MEET

The Nebo Parent-Teachers association will meet Thursday night, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium, it is announced this week.

Miss Nina Greenlee will present colored movie slides of McDowell county.

## Frank Graham Named Senator

Chapel Hill, March 22—Dr. Frank P. Graham, famed liberal president of the University of North Carolina, was named tonight a U. S. Senator. Gov. Kerr Scott announced the surprise appointment at a campus dinner. Dr. Graham, strong civil rights advocate, educator and scientist, succeeds the late J. Melville Broughton who died March 6 in Washington.

The new Democratic senator has tendered his resignation from the university, but it has not yet been accepted. He will serve until the 1950 general election when a successor will be picked for the balance of Broughton's six-year term which began in January.

## BOY SCOUT DRIVE NEARING QUOTA

Contributions to the current Boy Scout drive totaled \$1500 this week, Rev. J. B. McLarty, county chairman, said.

The Chairman said he hopes the drive will be closed not later than April 1. The quota set for this county is \$1905.58.

## NOMINATED



JACOB C. BOWMAN was nominated by President Truman Tuesday to be a U. S. Marshall of the Western district of North Carolina. He would succeed Charles R. Price of Asheville whose term has expired.

Bowman, an instructor for the North Carolina Utilities Commission, will maintain offices at Asheville. He has been secretary of the McDowell County Democratic Committee for 20 years. He will be 61 on April 1, is married and has five children.

Bowman is a native of Bakersville, but has made his home in Marion for several years.

## Clean-Up Campaign For Town Of Marion

### TO THE CITIZENS OF MARION:

The City Council and the Health Department are cooperating in a clean-up campaign to eliminate insanitary and unsightly conditions in our city. We all realize that due to the past warm winter it is entirely possible there will be an increase of flies and mosquitoes this year. Since the fly and mosquito season is almost upon us we again ask your cooperation to aid us in a general clean-up campaign.

If each and everyone will clean-up around his premises, clean out gullies, ditches and streams on his property, refrain from dumping rubbish in streams, and remove all vegetation in and around our streams then we will be more able to combat flies, mosquitoes and rodents. When all rubbish is removed it may be placed in a convenient location and the city will be glad to remove it.

Let us go forward in the clean-up campaign and remove all unsightly and insanitary conditions to protect the health of our people.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
Jack D. Cobb, Sanitarian  
CITY OF MARION  
J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mayor

Marion, North Carolina  
March 22, 1949.

## Pre-School Clinics

The McDowell County Health Department has announced a schedule of pre-school clinics to continue through May 2. The schedule follows:

Old Fort School, Thursday, March 24.

West Marion, Monday, March 28.

East Marion, Thursday, March 31.

Pleasant Gardens, Monday, April 4.

Clinchfield, Thursday, April 7.

North Cove, Monday, April 11.

Glenwood, Monday, April 18.

Marion Central, Thursday, April 21.

Dysartsville, Monday, April 25.

Nebo, Monday, May 2.

## Presley Bound Over To Superior Court

Delno Presley was arrested Saturday evening on charges of assault and battery with attempt to kill and Kermit Presley and Dewey Potat were also arrested on charges of drunkenness and fighting on the public highway.

Given a hearing before Justice (Continued on last page)

## Special Services At Pleasant Hill

Special services will begin next Sunday evening, March 27, at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, near the Prison Camp. Rev. Grady Burgin, a native of East Marion, will be the guest preacher. The public is most cordially invited to these services which will be held every evening at 7:30 throughout the week.

## PLEASANT GARDENS TEAMS WIN COUNTY TOURNAMENT

### Red Cross Drive Increases \$1,013 During Past Week

Stepping up \$1,013.57 since last Wednesday, the Red Cross now has \$3,100 toward the \$4,389 goal, E. C. Carnes, county chairman, said yesterday.

The only division whose canvass is complete is the residential division. Contributions from industrial plants totaled \$1,087 yesterday.

Of the 18 industrial plants solicited, only five have completed the canvass. They are: Marion Manufacturing company, Cross Cotton Mills, Otis L. Broyhill Furniture company, Hewitt Hosiery Mills and Clinchfield Manufacturing company.

## SPRING TRAINING FOR BASEBALL TO START MONDAY

Spring training for the 1949 baseball season will get under way Monday afternoon, March 28, at 2:00 p. m. when manager Johnny Lanning and an expected squad of some thirty odd players report for the first tryout. Baseball activities during the training season will be held at the Cross Mill baseball park.

Among those to report are the following: John Y. Lanning, W. T. Wooten, Higgins J. Duncan, Jr. John D. Beam, Paul B. Moore, Samuel J. Redick, Nathan Yablon, S. R. (Jack) Triplett, Arthur J. Brickner, Odell Griffin, Harold Holt and Ray Yow.

A schedule of exhibition games has been arranged by local baseball officials. The first home exhibition game will be played in the high (Continued on last page)

The Pleasant Gardens girls became champs of the county Saturday night in the Marion high gymnasium by defeating the Glenwood high girls 25 to 15.

The boys breezed by Nebo with the greatest of ease with the score of 31 to 15, and became the county champions.

Both teams have had a successful season under the coaching of Coach Lawrence Atchley, the girls winning 24 of the 28 games played and the boys winning 20 of 28 games.

The cheering squad composed of Marie Elliott, Julia Ann Fleming, Lois Ann Young, Carrie Burnette, Lucille Vess and Doris Vess has been under the direction of Pete Clark.

The girls entered the Valdese tournament and advanced to the quarter finals, being defeated by North Brook 34 to 32. North Brook won the tournament.

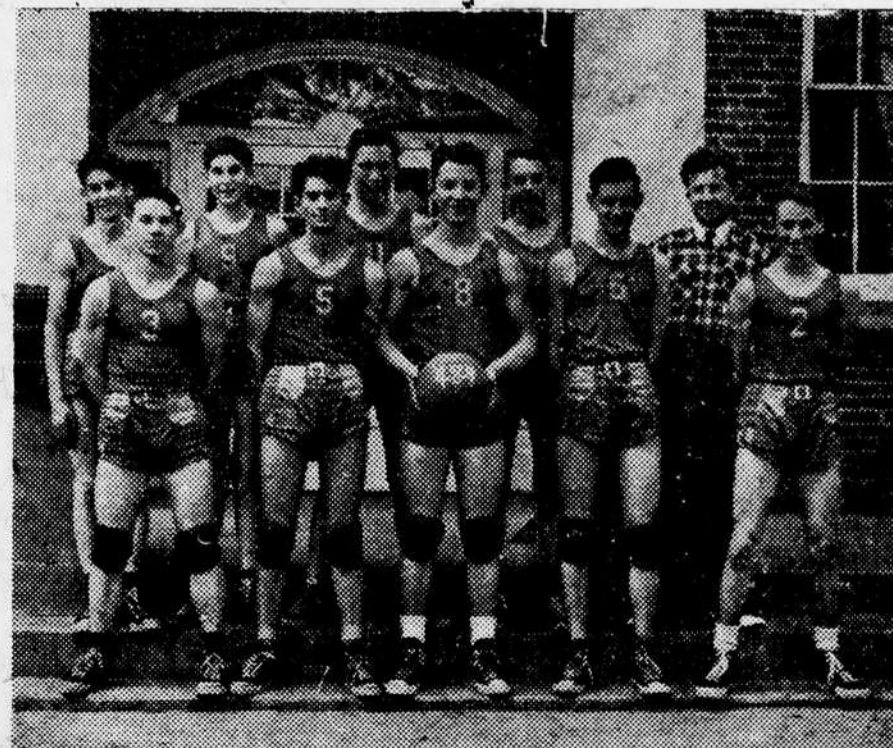
In the same tournament the boys advanced to the quarter finals being defeated by Maiden who played in the finals.

Following the Valdese tournament, Coach Atchley entered his teams in the Mars Hill tournament. The boys played in the semi-finals against Mars Hill. They were defeated 34-38 by the champions of the tournament. The girls played their best brand of ball during the entire season in this tournament. When the tournament started there were four seeded teams: No. 1 Mica; No. 2 Mars Hill; No. 3 Indians; No. 4 Pleasant Gardens. The Pleasant Gardens girls fought their way to the finals where they met Fines Creek and defeated them 39-21.

Several awards were won in the Valdese and Mars Hill tournaments. In the Valdese tournament Inez Morgan and Ted Guy made all tournament guards.

In the Mars Hill tournament Gretchen Heers was awarded a loving cup for the most outstanding player of the tournament. Inez Morgan (Continued on last page)

## PLEASANT GARDENS CHAMPIONS



The winners in the McDowell County Basketball Tournament are the Pleasant Gardens teams shown above. In the top photo the girls are: Front Row: (Left to right) Misses Inez Morgan, Rettia Gardner, Joyce Ann Moody, Barbara Nelle Staton, Allene Wheeler, Gretchen Heers.

Back Row: Coach Atchley, Patsy Setzer, Beulah Kaylor, Vangie Childers, Bobby Jean Conley, Annette McGinnis, Betty Ann Burnette.

The lower photo shows the boys team.

Front Row: (Left to right) Justice, Pittman, Captain Guy, Stroud, McDaniels.

Back Row: McNeill, McGinnis, Mackey McNeill and Coach Atchley.