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## New Pastor Of First Baptist Church Arrives

**Rev. M. O. Owens Assumes  
Pastorate Of Church Here;  
To Preach Next Sunday.**

Rev. Milum Oswell Owens, Jr., of Palmetto, Fla., who has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, will preach at this church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Owens and family arrived in Marion yesterday and will occupy the Baptist parsonage on North Main street.

Mr. Owens is 31 years of age and a native of Aiken, S. C. He is a son of the Rev. M. O. Owens, who is now pastor at Lamar, S. C., and Mrs. Owens. He attended elementary school and high school at Cordova and completed high school at Taylors, S. C. He finished Furman University, Greenville, S. C., in 1933, cum laude, and taught school at Bardwick, Ga., for two years. He entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1936 and finished with Th. M. in 1939.

In 1938 Mr. Owens married Miss Ruby Bridges of Greenville, S. C., a former classmate at Furman. She is a graduate of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Ky., and holds the A. B. and M. R. E. degrees.

While in Louisville Mr. Owens was associate pastor of the Carlisle Avenue Baptist church, and also of the Virginia Avenue Baptist church.

Upon finishing the seminarry, Mr. Owens was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he served over three years. During his pastorate there an educational building was erected and the auditorium remodeled; he left the church debt free and the membership of the church was increased from 70 to 230 members. While there he was Major Chaplain of the 4th Separate Battalion of the South Carolina Defense force, and a member of the Civitan Club.

Mr. Owens was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Palmetto, Fla., in December 1942. During his pastorate there an indebtedness of more than \$16,000 was paid off and he leaves the church debt free. In spite of the loss of at least 30 to the armed forces, the Sunday School attendance has increased during the past year.

Rev. and Mrs. Owens have two children, Celia, aged 5, and Linda Martin, aged 2 years.

## THIRTY McDOWELL MEN SENT TO CAMP CROFT

Thirty McDowell county men were sent to Camp Croft for pre-induction physical examinations by the McDowell County Draft Board last Friday. The list follows:

Ralph Edward Harris, Woodrow Franklin Hall, J. D. Hayes, James Robert Elkins, Robert Frank Busbin, George Carroll Moore, Billie Eugene Messer, Harry Allen Baker, Starlin Bennett Sowers, Roosevelt Anderson, Paul Jonathan Flynn, Alvin Eugene Callahan, Luther Alvin Curd, Jr., Jennings Bryan Robertson, John Milton Hollifield, Thos. L. Jonson, Jack Lee Laughridge, Ray Lester Lane, Ray Mike Arrowood, Carl Windfield Lamb, William Ray Proctor, Howard Alexander Toney, Bruce Wise Bartlett, Leo Goodson Revis, Douglas Earl Williams, Walter Walker, James Tilghman Ray, Wayne Page Adkins, Ruben Hutson McKinney, James Perry Sartain and Jacob Clay Hollifield.

## HAYNES RETURNS TO STATES FROM AFRICA

Sgt. Alvin S. Haynes, son of Mr. B. F. Haynes, Marion, Route 1, has returned to the States after serving with the armed forces in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in Italy in June and was brought to McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va., the latter part of August. He was then transferred to Moore General Hospital, where he was given a fifteen day furlough to visit at home with his father and friends.



**NEW BAPTIST PASTOR**—Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., new pastor of First Baptist church of Marion. He is a native of Aiken, S. C., and has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Palmetto, Fla., since December, 1942. He will begin his pastorate here October 1.

## MRS. NEWTON PASSES AT HER HOME HERE; FUNERAL SATURDAY

Mrs. Laura Neal Newton, widow of the late John Brockenbrough Newton, died at her home in Marion Thursday after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Newton was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Neal and had a large circle of friends in this community. She was a member of the First Methodist church.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Laura Neal Carlisle, of Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Dorothy Newton Worcester, of Asheville, N. C.; one brother, W. W. Neal, Sr., and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Neal Blanton, both of Marion.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. D. E. Camak, pastor of the First Methodist church, assisted by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, district superintendent. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

## SGT. ROWE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Word has been received from the War Department that Staff Sgt. S. C. Rowe of Marion was slightly wounded in France on July 8. He received a shrapnell wound in the right shoulder but, it was stated, he returned to active duty on July 20. He is a paratrooper and has been in service overseas since last December. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rowe of Marion.

Sgt. Rowe's brother, Pvt. O. D. Rowe, is now stationed in New Guinea.

## BREAKS ARM

Charles Dickson, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Dickson, suffered a broken arm while at play on the Marion City school grounds yesterday morning.

## City And County Schools Open For New Terms

**Splendid Enrollment Reported  
For Both The City And  
County School Units.**

The city and county schools got under way for the fall term Monday.

N. F. Steppe, superintendent of county schools, reported that attendance in the units of his system was very good. Figures on the enrollment will not be available until tabulations are received from all the schools and compiled the latter part of the week, but Mr. Steppe said that he was well pleased with preliminary reports received yesterday. The enrollment for the first day was estimated at approximately 2500 for both the white and colored schools.

In the city schools tabulations of enrollment for the first day of school was 1,957, broken down as follows: White, high school 281; white, elementary 1,692; colored high school 55; colored, elementary 210.

Superintendent Hugh Beam said that he was sure that there was a number of children yet to report and urged parents to see that their children enroll immediately.

## STORAGE EXHIBIT OF HOME GROWN FOODS

McDowell county agricultural and home economics workers have a splendid exhibit on storage of fruits and vegetables in the store building formerly occupied by Rabb-Hitchcock in observance of nutrition month. The storage space is of miniature size, and the canned food on exhibit was loaned by the members of the county home demonstration clubs, each club being represented. The showing is typical of the food canned by the club members throughout the county this season.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE NEXT MONDAY EVENING

The fourth quarterly conference of the Marion district will hear final reports and make plans for the coming year at the First Methodist church here Monday evening, October 2, following the regular stewards meeting which will immediately follow the annual dinner at 7:15.

All members of the conference are expected to attend.

## VETERINARIAN OPENS OFFICE IN MARION

Dr. E. F. Winter, veterinarian, of Franklin, Va., has arrived in Marion and opened an office here for practice in McDowell county.

## Marion Rippers Play First Home Game On Friday

**Will Meet Hickory Team On  
High School Field Tomorrow  
Afternoon at 4 O'clock.**

Coach Hugh Beam, of the Marion High School Rippers has been working his charges hard this week in preparation for the first home game of the season which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon on the high school athletic field at four o'clock. The coach said that the game would start promptly at the hour above mentioned and that the game would be with the team from Hickory high school.

The local gridsters lost their first game of the season to Newton, which was played in enemy territory last Friday night. Newton downed Marion 13-0 in this contest. Coach Beam stated that the game was better than the score would indicate, and after considering that a large number of his boys were playing football for the first time that local fans should not be too downcast over the outcome. However, the game did indicate several weak spots which the coach hopes to improve before the game with Hickory.

Joe Gaddy was outstanding on the defense against Newton and made several good tackles. Jack Gouge also played a good defensive game, and Hugh Elliott backed up the line in splendid fashion. As for the offense Coach Beam said that he could not say so much. The interference was poor and the plays were not properly timed. Blocking was also poor and the boys fumbled the ball.

With the newness of the season worn away with the first game, and with at least one game's experience gained for the new players the Rippers athletic director expects a better performance from his boys in the Hickory game.

## JONAS COMMISSIONED LT. AND RECEIVES M. D.

Karl C. Jonas received his medical degree in a special commencement exercise held at the Duke University School of Medicine on September 23, and was also commissioned a Lieutenant (j. g.) in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps.

The medical graduates were given a special commencement of their own at this time due to the fact that shortly they will disperse to such widely separated areas of the country that their attendance at a regularly scheduled commencement would be impossible.

Lt. Jonas will intern at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas attended the graduation exercises.

## COTTON CARAVAN TO GIVE SHOW AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT

The final appearance of the series of entertainments by Camp Croft Cotton Caravan will be given at the Marion high school auditorium Friday evening, September 29, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include two dramatic films, "Brief For Invasion," and "Film Communique Number 9," showing battlefield conditions formerly confined to military audiences.

A variety show will also be presented featuring: Helen Case, lovely lady of song; Dotty Blackwell, Camp Croft Pin-up girl; Laura Abner, girl of the Golden West; Sgt. Phillip Liljestrand, violinist; Pvt. Bill Schweiter, accordion ace formerly featured on N. B. C. Breakfast Club; Pvt. Phil Masi, clown prince of comedy; Pvt. J. Silversteine, baritone, and two recently returned veterans.

Music will be furnished by the 286th A. E. F. Band.

All textile workers are especially invited to attend and the public is also welcomed.

## DESCRIBES SUGAR SUPPLY SITUATION AS SOUR; CONSERVE

America's civilian sugar supply situation was described as "sour" today by L. W. Discoll, district director of the Office of Price Administration.

With many boards in the western district of North Carolina besieged with requests for more canning sugar, Mr. Discoll said: "The sugar supply situation is such that the allowance for home canning cannot be increased — there simply isn't enough sugar on hand or in sight in the United States to permit authorization of a larger maximum home canning allowance than the present 25 pounds."

Sugar refineries, working on 24 hour schedules, were described as being six to eight weeks behind schedule because of manpower shortages.

Mr. Discoll appealed to all citizens to use all practical means of sugar conservation and to households to use regular allotments of sugar, wherever possible, to can this year's bumper fruit crop.

## PFC. HUSKINS RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

Pfc. Grady G. Huskins, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Huskins of Marion, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami, Fla., where his next assignment will be determined.

Pfc. Huskins served 20 months as a machine gunner in the Mediterranean theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy, the Good Conduct ribbon and the African campaign theater ribbon.

Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Stations are located in various parts of the United States. Military personnel returning from overseas are processed through these stations before assignment to military organizations and installations within the United States.

During the period that returnees stay at an Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, they are given a painstaking occupational and physical classification as well as physical and dental reconditioning together with various lectures designed to reorient men recently returned from combat areas. This processing is carried on without haste in pleasant surroundings conducive to mental and physical relaxation.

Before entering the service Pfc. Huskins was employed as a sales clerk. He became a member of the Armed Forces on Aug. 29, 1942.

## PERRY WARD TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

Perry B. Ward, of Marion, Route 1, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

Buy a War Bond today in behalf of a fighting man.

## Workers Red Corss Given Recognition

**Workers Awarded Stripes For  
Services In Surgical Dressing  
Work Room.**

Volunteer workers who have served faithfully in the Red Cross surgical dressings work room have been awarded stripes for their uniforms signifying the number of hours they have worked, Mrs. E. C. McMillan, surgical dressings chairman, announced Monday.

The following workers were presented two stripes in recognition of 100 hours of work each year for the past two years:

Miss Rena Neal, Mrs. J. E. Neal, Sr., Mrs. W. W. Neal, Jr., Mrs. E. C. McMillan, Mrs. R. B. Crisp, Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., Mrs. R. H. Bomar, Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey and Mrs. J. W. Ouzts.

Other workers presented one stripe for 100 hours work during the past year were as follows:

Mrs. G. G. Gladden, Mrs. R. W. Proctor, Mrs. Grayson Neal, Mrs. J. E. Neal, Jr., Mrs. R. I. Corbett, Mrs. W. K. M. Gilkey, Mrs. Boyd Pyatt, Mrs. J. F. Snipes, Mrs. J. H. Tate, Mrs. H. F. Beam, Mrs. A. S. Bradford and Miss Martha Smith.

The Old Fort Red Cross surgical dressings work room has only been operating a year, but eight workers there are already entitled to one stripe. They are:

Mrs. Janie Reid, Mrs. Will Grant, Mrs. Joe Giles, Mrs. Pauline Brown, Mrs. G. D. Roland, Mrs. Ruth Beech, Mrs. W. A. Fleming and Mrs. Lillie Hicks.

In addition to the above eight Old Fort Women have earned pins for 50 hours of service. They are: Miss Polly Noblitt, Mrs. I. L. Caplan, Mrs. C. L. Norwood, Mrs. Mae Thomas, Mrs. S. F. Mauney, Mrs. Joe Moody, Mrs. Thomas Ruff and Miss Clara Artz.

Flora Lueley, colored, is in charge of a group of colored women who work in the Red Cross surgical dressings room on Thursday evenings. She has been commended for her faithfulness in supervising this project.

The Junior Woman's Club members work each Tuesday evening and a group from the Baptist church on Monday evenings.

## MAYOR ASKS MOTORISTS TO DRIVE CAREFULLY

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson appeals to all motorists to drive carefully on the streets of Marion since many children are crossing the streets going to and from school. The safety of these children is of utmost importance, it is pointed out by the mayor.

"It is true," he says, "that children going to and from school will be crossing the streets daily, and motorists are cautioned to drive carefully so as to avoid accidents. Watch out for them. Remember, if someone had not been careful when you were a child perhaps you would not be here today to drive an automobile."

Parents are asked to instruct their children in walking rules and teach them to observe stop lights on their way to school and returning home, Mayor Wilkinson continued. "Let us work together on this matter and try not to have a single accident to a school child this year," he said.

## STATE YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE

A statewide meeting of the Young Democrats of North Carolina will be held at the Langren Hotel in Asheville, Saturday, Oct. 14, it is announced by Miss Henrietta Price, president.

The meeting will be in the form of a banquet or "Victory Dinner" in the Governor Vance room and Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, and R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, are scheduled to speak.

There are more than 100 geysers and 4,000 hot springs in Yellowstone National park.



**GOVERNOR VISITS HICKORY POLIO HOSPITAL**—Little Mary Ruth Gordon of Marion, one of the patients at the hospital established at Hickory for the treatment of infantile paralysis cases, is shown above giving Gov. J. M. Broughton and Mrs. Broughton a broad smile as they stopped at her bed for a brief chat while visiting the institution to observe the work being carried on there. Mary Ruth's mother, Mrs. M. W. Gordon, Jr., is standing at the right.