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## Blue Ridge Baptist Association To Open Annual Session At Harmony Grove Next Tuesday

Program For Two Days  
Includes Session At First  
Church Here Tuesday Night

The 18th annual session of the Blue Ridge Baptist association will open with a session at Harmony Grove Baptist church, beginning at 9:30 a. m., October 15, according to announcement by Rev. R. L. Smith, clerk. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be held at Harmony Grove and will be followed by a night session at the First Baptist church of Marion, beginning at 7:15.

The second day sessions will be at the Yancey Street Baptist church, Marion, beginning at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday and continuing through the afternoon.

Although the clerk had not received all the reports for the past year he said, "enough have been received to show that this has been one of the best years in the history of the association."

It was explained that the program prepared for the occasion will depict world conditions of today and point the way toward specific ways of helping to build a better world for tomorrow. The program theme will be "Meeting World Needs Today."

The program for the two day session follows:

**Tuesday Morning, October 15**  
9:30—Praise and worship, led by Rev. Carl McKinney.  
9:45—Roll call, report of committee on committees, etc.  
10:00—Welcome to new pastors, recognition of visitors, etc.  
10:05—Meeting World Needs Through Our Baptist Hospital; Report—M. W. Gordon; Message—Rev. Tom Lawrence.  
10:30—Meeting World Needs Through the Baptist Orphanage; Report—Rev. L. G. Redding; Message—Orphanage representative.  
10:55—Hymn.  
11:00—Meeting World Needs Through Our Publications.  
11:15—Meeting World Needs Through Our Schools; Report—V. R. Chambers; Message—Dr. Phil Elliott.  
11:40—Announcements, Business, etc.  
11:45—Annual Sermon—Rev. Edward Roustio.  
12:30—Noon Recess. Dinner prepared by Harmony Grove Church.  
(Continued from last week)

## Robt. Proctor To Head USO Campaign In Seven Counties

Appointment of Robert W. Proctor, of Marion, as district chairman of the 1946-47 U. S. O. campaign, has been announced by State Campaign Chairman L. Y. Ballentine, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

Seven counties are embraced in the district U. S. O. organization which Mr. Proctor will head. They are Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Transylvania and Yancey. County chairmen will be named for each county in the district prior to opening of the actual drive.

The 1946-47 drive will be the last U. S. O. campaign. It has been designated by President Truman and other national leaders as the "See-It-Through" campaign. As the U. S. O. directors have announced, USO will complete its wartime, demobilization and reconversion services December 31, 1947.

Last year funds for the operation of USO were raised as a part of the National War Fund. This year the USO campaign is separate and distinct as activities of the United War Fund will terminate at the end of December of this year.

In emphasizing the importance of the work to be done by the USO during 1947 Lt. Governor Ballentine pointed out that some 59,000 North Carolina men and women are still in service or in hospitals, "and they need the program carried on by the USO."



**BEGINS SIXTH YEAR**—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, above, returned to Marion this week to begin his sixth year as superintendent of the Marion, Methodist district. The appointment was made at the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina conference in Asheville.

## Democrats To Hold District Rally Here Tuesday, October 15

The Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Rally will be held in the court house in Marion on Tuesday, October 15th, at 2:30 p. m. This meeting is for the counties of Madison, Yancey, McDowell, Rutherford, Cleveland and Gaston, which compose the Eleventh Congressional District.

The meeting has been called by William B. Umstead, State chairman of the Democratic party of North Carolina, and Governor R. Gregg Cherry, Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle and other State officers will be present.

The meeting is open to all members of the Democratic party. Chairman Umstead is urging the members of all Democratic committees, including precinct committees, and all Democratic nominees and county officers to attend.

## New Buildings To Be Erected On South Main

### Nuckolls and Johnson's Electric Company Buy Building Site From Federation.

W. H. Nuckolls and the Johnson Electric company have made a joint purchase of a lot on South Main street where they plan to erect buildings to house their respective businesses, according to announcement yesterday.

The property adjacent to the Curb Market measures 50 feet along South Main street and extends back 111 feet, it was stated, and the purchase of this property from the Farmer's Federation became effective yesterday.

W. H. Nuckolls, owner-manager of McDowell Cleaners, plans to construct a one-story, concrete block building as soon as materials are available. The Johnson Electric company also plans to erect a building soon, but definite plans have not been completed.

### MERCHANTS OFFICE TO CLOSE OCTOBER 14-15

The office of the Marion Merchants Association will be closed October 14-15, according to announcement this week.

Mrs. Ethel Crisp, secretary, will attend the America's Associate Credit Bureau of North Carolina meeting in Asheville.

## Merchants To Stage Banquet On November 7

Plans Made For Christmas  
Lighting; Donation Made  
For Youth Foundation.

The date for the annual employer-employee banquet was set for November 7, at a meeting of the Marion Merchants Association last Thursday evening. The name of the speaker for the occasion and other details of the entertainment will be announced later, it was stated.

A motion was also passed to decorate the business section of Marion with Christmas lights during the holiday season.

Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent, addressed the merchants on "The McDowell County Youth Foundation." The purpose of the foundation, as outlined by the speaker is to place purebred cattle in this county. He pointed out that one-half of the milk consumed in McDowell county is produced in Wisconsin and stressed the importance of producing an adequate supply in the county for the need.

"Livestock farming is the most profitable farming you can have," he said. He then proposed that the Merchants Association purchase a purebred calf to be placed with a boy in the county, recommended by the McDowell County Farm Youth Foundation. "With other local clubs and organizations donating money with which to purchase calves under this plan an adequate supply of milk can be furnished from purebred cattle," he said.

Following the address members voted to donate \$150 with which to purchase a calf to be registered in the name of the boy to whom the calf will be assigned.

Under the Dairy Calf agreement the foundation will purchase calves with money appropriated by local organizations and place each with a boy approved by the foundation. The boy appointed agrees to breed heifer or cow as recommended by the County Agent, Assistant County Agent or Agriculture Teacher, and return the first female offspring to the Foundation at the age of four months, in good flesh and well cared for and fed milk and grain up to this time. Provided, however, if the first two offspring are bulls the Foundation will accept the third calf regardless of the sex.

### JOHN PROCTOR NAMED UCC APPEALS DEPUTY

John G. Proctor, who has served as Unemployment Compensation Commission here since last February, has been appointed as a UCC appeals deputy and will be stationed at Salisbury after a brief training period.

A native of Lumberton, Proctor attended Wake Forest college and the University of North Carolina where he studied law. He practiced law in Lumberton several years, serving meanwhile as town attorney and judge of the Robeson County Recorder's court. He served in the Navy in World War I and in the Army in World War II.

Since coming to Marion he has engaged in farming, served as secretary-treasurer of a Farm Loan Association and was field representative of the Bureau of Census.

### MATINEE SCHEDULE TO CHANGE MONDAY

A change in the time of matinees at the Oasis and Marion Theatres was announced this week by the Marion Amusement company.

According to the new schedule there will be noon matinees at the Marion Theatre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at the Oasis on Tuesday and Thursday. The change becomes effective Monday, October 14.

The 4:00 p. m. matinee will continue every week day except Saturday at the Marion Theatre, it was stated.

## Pastor Shifts Are Announced At Conference

Kirkpatrick Returns As Superintendent; McLarty Comes To First Church.

Several changes were made in the pastoral charges in the Methodist churches for the Marion district when the Western North Carolina Methodist conference convened in Asheville, October 2-7.

The Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick was returned as superintendent of the Marion district for his sixth year. Dr. D. E. Camak, who is retiring after serving four years as pastor of the First Methodist church here, will be succeeded by the Rev. James B. McLarty.

The new minister will preach his first sermon here next Sunday at the morning worship service.

McLarty, who served as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy during World War II, has been serving as pastor of Grace church in New York during the past summer. He was serving at Main street Methodist church in Belmont when he entered service. Prior to that time he had held charges at Rutherford college, Boone, and Hillside Methodist church, Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. McLarty with their 13-year old daughter and eight months old baby are expected to arrive in Marion within the next few days.

One major change in the Marion district was the Marion Mills circuit. This circuit was formerly composed of the East Marion and Clinchfield churches. East Marion is now one station and the Clinchfield and Nebo church have been made into one charge.

The full list of appointments for the Marion district follows:

Marion district superintendent, C. S. Kirkpatrick.  
Avery, to be supplied.  
Avondale-Alexander, O. L. Robinson.  
Bakersville, George W. Dalton.  
Boone, S. B. Moss.  
Boone circuit, J. G. Barden, AS.  
Bostic, J. Max Brandon.  
Broad River, E. P. Greene.  
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## School Boards Pass Resolution At Joint Meeting

Following a ruling of the attorney general requiring school children to attend the school in the district in which they legally reside, the McDowell County Board of Education and members of the Marion City Board of school trustees held a joint meeting to prepare a resolution regarding this ruling.

The resolution provides that school children shall attend the school in the district in which they legally reside except those students who attend a school outside their district prior to the school year 1946-47. It also states that "requests upon the State Board of Education for pupil transfers shall not be made or considered after the close of the school year 1946-1947."

According to the resolution a student who has attended a school outside his district during the past school year may continue to attend the same school for one more year. It was explained that this enables pupils who are seniors to graduate with their classes, and for any adjustment in courses of study that may become necessary when children return to their home school.

The State Board of Education, which has broad powers over school matters, is authorized under the law, according to a recent decision of the attorney general, to require school children to attend the school in the district in which they legally reside.

Following the attorney general's ruling and regulation by the State Board of Education it became necessary for the local school boards to take joint action whereby school children may continue for the present school year in the school in which they had previously enrolled if they so desire.



REV. D. E. CAMAK, D. D.

### CAMAK RETIRING FROM MINISTRY

Rev. D. E. Camak, D. D., who has served as pastor of the First Methodist church here for the past four years, has retired from the ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Camak will leave the latter part of the week to reside at their home at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Camak came to Marion in October, 1942 to succeed Dr. J. H. Barnhardt as pastor of the First Methodist church. Prior to that time he completed four years as pastor of the First Methodist church of Hendersonville. Before going to Hendersonville he served four years terms at St. John's church in Greenville, S. C., First church, Union, S. C., and Central Methodist church at Canton, N. C.

Prior to these pastorates he had been engaged in educational work as founder and president of Textile Industrial Institute, now Spartanburg Junior college, Spartanburg, S. C.

He is author of the Junaluska prize novel, "June of the Hills."

## Old Fort Plant Approved By CPA

### Knitting Mill Expected To Be In Operation By The First Of Next Year.

Old Fort—Clearance with civilian production administration has been made for the construction of a rayon knitting plant at Old Fort, which will be known as United Rayon mills, knitting division. The mill was formerly located at Langley, S. C., and was demolished by fire in July of this year.

The plan of the new construction calls for a one story building, with a floor space of approximately 22,000 feet. Brick and reinforced concrete slabs will be used in the construction of the plant. The building will be completely air conditioned, and the latest type of machinery will be installed.

This plant will engage in the manufacture of Rayon Tricot fabrics. It will employ approximately 60 people, and is expected to be in operation by January 1, 1947.

Six Associates, Inc., of Asheville are in charge of architectural and engineering work. Potter and Shackelford, Inc., of Greenville, S. C., are in charge of the construction.

### DATE OF HORSE SHOW CHANGED TO OCTOBER 23

Plans for holding the McDowell County Horse show on October 9 were changed when heavy rains soaked the riding grounds. The date was changed to Wednesday, October 23, according to announcement yesterday.

### PROCTOR WILL SPEAK AT PTA MEET TODAY

R. W. Proctor will be guest speaker at the first fall meeting of the Marion Parent-Teacher Association to be held at 3:45 o'clock today in the high school auditorium.

Proctor, a member of the Marion City Schools board, will discuss possibilities of securing salary raises for school teachers.

All members are urged to be present.

## Clarence Smith New Commander Of State Guard

State Guard Will Be Reorganized To Conform With National Requirements.

First Lieutenant Clarence O. Smith was promoted to Captain and assigned Company Commander of the local contingent of the State Guard last week. He succeeds Cecil B. Dobson.

Commander Smith announced that the local organization will be completely reorganized with a view to meeting the requirements of the National Guard. He explained that in order to meet the requirements of the State Guard the local organization must complete one stage of work, but to meet National requirements it will be necessary to complete eight stages.

He believes reorganization and becoming a part of the National Guard will be a definite asset to Marion and McDowell county for two reasons. He estimated that the payroll under the national set-up would total approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 in a three month period, thereby increasing the income of the county. A National organization is also a permanent organization.

In addition the local contingent could be called out for any national emergency. In time of war the national contingents are subject to the President of the United States as well as the State Governor.

He said he will need men in the age group of 18-35 with prior service and men 20-35 without prior service. He emphasized the importance of selecting men of good judgment and good character.

The new Company Commander is head of the spinning department of the Marion Manufacturing company, and has been employed by this company for the past 40 years. During the first World War and after he served in the U. S. Navy for a period of three and one-half years. At the time of discharge he was First Class Petty Officer. Prior to World War II he was a reserve officer in the National Guard for a period of 15 years.

An inquiry by Smith regarding the requirements necessary for the local contingent to comply with national regulations brought the following reply from J. B. Metts, adjutant general:

"Marion has shown such a splendid interest in the State Guard and having expressed a desire for a unit of the National Guard I am counting on some type of such organization for that community. It is hoped that we will be in position very soon to actually begin our organization of these units in the several communities in the state."

Smith explained that at the end of stage eight, the unit will be required to have its complete authorized strength, 100% officers and warrant officers and 80% enlisted men.

"It will be the policy of the State to require that those units which are provided a maximum strength of less than 100 enlisted men, may be initially organized for Federal Recognition at a strength of 30 men and those, the maximum strength of which is to be over 100 EM, at an initial strength of 40 EM. This, that they may be able to take over the functions of the State Guard unit, as a State protective force and that the latter may be relieved.

### REGISTRATION BOOKS TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 12

Registration books for the November 5 general election will be open at the various polling places in the city and county Saturdays, October 12, 19 and 26, it was announced by T. W. Gowan, chairman of the county board of elections.

Persons who did not get their names on the books during the new registration last spring, or have changed their place of residence since that time, may register on either of these three dates.