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EDITORIAL

SLOW ME DOWN, LAWD

Seldom, if ever, has Marshall and Madison County been so shocked as they were last Friday when it was learned that an expectant mother, and a Marine had been instantly killed and the husband of the expectant mother seriously injured on the N. C.-Tenn. State Line.

Mr. Dwight McDevitt had started to Greenville, Tenn., with his wife, who was soon to give birth to a child. On the way to Greenville they befriended a Marine who was hitch-hiking by stopping and offering him a ride.

As they reached the State line, an approaching car, swerving from one side to the other, went out of control, climbed the embankment and toppled over on top of the McDevitt car. Investigation revealed that the driver was drunk, and didn't even have an operator's license. A coroner's jury decided that the victims met death "because of the carelessness" of the Tennessee driver. This, in our opinion, is a most polite way of saying that these fine people met death due to a drunken 28-year-old murderer who had little enough sense to first, drive without a license; second, get dogged drunk; third, get behind the wheel of an automobile; fourth, attempt to drive on a heavily-used highway; and fifth, drive at a reckless, insane speed.

Yes, he has been charged with manslaughter, driving drunk and having no operator's license. Let's hope that this man will get "justice" in the eyes of our courts. No matter, however, what sentence he receives from our courts, it will not bring back Mrs. McDevitt, the Marine, or the unborn baby.

We read daily where some reckless, intoxicated driver "floorboards" the accelerator, making our highways dangerous for all the public. Our lawmakers MUST pass laws with more "teeth" and our courts MUST punish the drunkards and speedsters much more severely if our highways are to become safer. A suspension of a driver's license for a few months, suspended sentences, acquittals when all evidence seems to point to guilt, or "failing to answer" when a case is called merely encourages those who drink to "try it again."

Not only alcoholic beverages are the cause of so many accidents but the present emphasis on SPEED is also a major highway problem. Spin the wheels, see how much "she'll do," listen to the tires on a curve, gutted mufflers, drag races — these seem to be the order of the day. Horsepower and more horsepower seems to be the goal of our manufacturers. Year by year, faster cars, faster drivers, inadequate laws, unsafe highways. How much longer will we go on without doing something?

All this speed brings to mind a prayer which has a great deal of good, common, down-to-earth sense. The prayer was made by a Negro preacher in a revival meeting.

LORD, PLEASE SLOW ME DOWN

"Slow me down, Lawd. Ah's goin' too fast. Ah can't see mah bruther when he's walking past. Ah miss a lot o' good things day by day; Ah doan't know a blessin' when it comes mah way. Slow me down, Lawd. Ah wants t' see more o' th' things that's good for me. A little less o' me an' a mite more o' you; Ah wants th' heavenly atmosphere t' trickle through. Let me help a bruther when th' goin's rough; when folks work t'gether it ain't so tough. Slow me down, Lawd, so I c'n talk with some o' your angels; slow me down t' a walk." — Jim Parker, Chatham News.

Taking Course At U. N. C.

Mrs. Florence Bell, County Public Health Nurse, left Wednesday for Chapel Hill, where she is taking courses in Maternal Health and Principles and Practices of Public Health Nursing at the University. She is expected to return home July 5.

It was also stated that Mrs. A. Feldman of Mars Hill has accepted a position as clerk in the Madison County Health Department, replacing Mrs. Joe Rice, who has taken a leave of absence.

Decoration To Be Held At Runyon Cemetery Sunday

There will be a decoration at the Runyon Cemetery on Walnut Street on Sunday, June 9, at 2:00 o'clock.

All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Will B. Ramsey Lands 15-Inch Rainbow Trout

Will B. Ramsey, J. J. Ramsey and Hobart Davis enjoyed a successful fishing trip on Hickey's Fork last Sunday. All in all, the three sportsmen caught 24 trout. Will B., however, had the "prize catch" of the day when he landed a beautiful 15-inch Rainbow. He used a spring lizard for bait.

Russell Thomas Receives Degree At Lees-McRae

Russell Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Thomas, of Walnut, received the associate arts degree during graduation exercises last week at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C.

Mr. Thomas graduated from Walnut High in 1945 where he was a star basketball player.

Remember When

By EMMA THOMAS  
From the Files of THE NEWS-RECORD

ONE YEAR AGO

Superintendent W. W. Peck announced that Howard W. Barnwell, popular coach at Franklin for the past two years, had been named head coach at Marshall High School, succeeding Glenn Painter, who resigned.

The tax rate of the Town of Marshall was reduced from \$1.65 to \$1.10 per \$100 valuation.

David Metcalf graduated from Barber College, Winston-Salem.

TEN YEARS AGO

The Rev. James L. Hyde preached his final sermon at the Walnut Presbyterian Church after serving as its pastor for twenty-six and one-half years.

Miss Clyde McLeod of Mars Hill and Miss Ruth Delphine Cogdill of Mars Hill RFD 1, graduated from WCUNC, Greensboro.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Miss Helen Rudisill, of Marshall, was one of 431 students to graduate from the Women's College of the University of North Carolina in its 50th anniversary commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennis, of Marshall, announced the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Dr. Robert C. Peacock, of Dunkirk, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsey had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meyerhoff, of New York, N. Y.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Ben Frisby, of Marshall, attended the 12th annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, at High Point.

The Madison County Board of Public Welfare was formed, with Mr. W. K. McLean and Mr. G. L. McKinney of Marshall, and Mr. I. N. Carr of Mars Hill being named board members.

With Our Boys In Service

Clyde B. Griffin YN3 left Sunday, June 2, for San Diego, California after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Griffin, of Marshall RFD 1.

County Girls Are Awarded Choir Medals At M.H.C.

Among the list of choir members at Mars Hill College receiving medals last week were Miss Frances Anderson, of Mars Hill, and Miss Kathaleen Shelton, of Marshall RFD 3.

CARD OF THANKS

Words do not express the appreciation we feel for the kindnesses show us at the time of his death.

THE FAMILY OF  
MACON S. LISENBBE

County Farmers Build Practical Building For Use

By PRINCESS W. ENGLAND  
Assistant County Agent

Farmers are cooperating in providing facilities together that individually they could not provide economically. Frank Massey, Weaver Massey and Arthur Trammell of the Baltimore Branch community in Madison County have built a tobacco case house which is two stories high. This house is 24 feet wide and 32 feet long. These farmers use the bottom story to case and hand the burley. The top story is used to pack the tobacco. By using lights they can case and hand their tobacco in a short time regardless of weather conditions. At one time last season they had ten thousand pounds of burley ready for market. By building the proper size door in the upper story the tobacco can be loaded easily on a truck and hauled to market with a minimum use of time and labor. This building is used for storage of farm supplies during the season when not in use for working tobacco.

Local Student Gets Reader's Digest Award

Iva Wild, valedictorian of the graduating class at Marshall High School, was given the Annual Award of The Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community, it was announced last Thursday by Bernard Briggman, principal.

Miss Wild will receive an honorary subscription to The Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the Editors, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

The Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards yearly in senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class.

The award to Miss Wild, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wild of Marshall RFD 4, was made possible through the cooperation of Mr. Briggman and his teaching staff. They selected Miss Wild to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

Decoration To Be Held At Ramsey Cemetery, June 16

There will be a decoration at the Ramsey Cemetery, 2 miles south of Marshall, the 3rd Sunday in June at 2 o'clock.

ROME WOODSON

Decoration To Be At Ball Cemetery Sunday, June 9

There will be a decoration at the Ball Cemetery, Marshall, N. C., Sunday, June 9, at 2 o'clock.

All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Gross To Leave Sunday For Camp

The Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, will leave Sunday morning for Fort Bragg where he will spend two weeks attending the annual summer encampment of the North Carolina National Guard.

Dr. Robert L. Holt, vice president of Mars Hill College, will conduct both the morning and evening worship services at the Marshall Baptist Church during the pastor's absence, and will also be on call for emergencies. The Wednesday evening prayer service will be conducted by members of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Gross expects to return to Marshall on Sunday, June 23, in time to conduct the evening service.

Macon S. Lisenbee Passes In Canton; Funeral Sunday

Macon S. Lisenbee, 45, of Lanham, Md., was found dead in a Canton city parking lot last Thursday night, May 30, 1957. Authorities attributed death to natural causes. Mr. Lisenbee had been working in Canton for a few months.

He was a jeweler and was a native of Madison County.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at ten o'clock in the chapel of Bowman-Rector Funeral Home here. The Rev. Jack Davis, pastor of Davis Chapel Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Station Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Vergie Worley Lisenbee, and one son, Jerry; his mother, Mrs. Mollie Lisenbee of Route 1, Marshall; two sisters, Mrs. Bruce Greene of Washington, D. C., and Miss Nancy Lisenbee of Route 1, Marshall; 6 brothers, Kenneth and Dewey of Asheville, Harold of Lanham, Md., Robert and James of Washington, D. C., and Forrest of Falls Church, Va.



MR. AND MRS. E. B. GILBERT, who observed their golden wedding anniversary May 29, were hosts at an open house Sunday celebrating the event at their home in Asheville. They were married in Marshall, where he was editor of The News-Record at one time. They have lived in Asheville for more than 20 years. There are six children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marshall OES To Meet Monday

Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a regular meeting Monday evening, June 10, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

All members of the Order are invited.

To Attend Golf Assn.

Fred O. Tilson, of Marshall, plans to leave here June 14 for Miami, Florida, where he will attend the Southern Golf Association meeting there June 17-22. The Association includes 14 states and Mr. Tilson is a member of the Rules Committee.

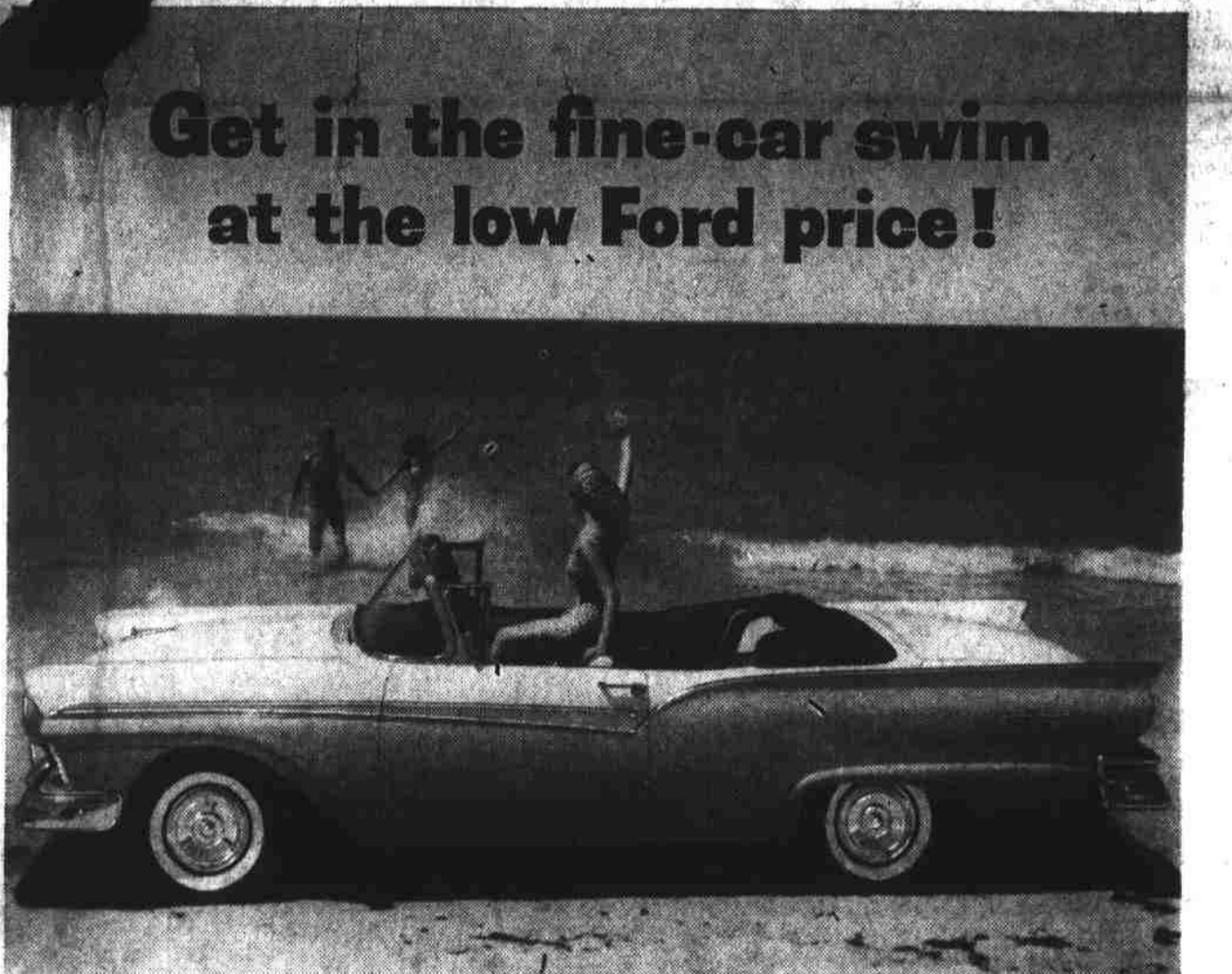
MONEY MAD

Dollars cut such a figure with some men that they feel they have to disfigure themselves to get them.

Attend Handicraft Workshop This Week At Camp Schaub

The 8th Annual Western District Handicraft Workshop ends today (Thursday) after a three-day session at Camp Schaub. Some 175 home demonstration club women and agents attended, according to Iola Pritchard, N. C. Agricultural Extension Service food conservation and marketing specialist.

The workshop, designed especially for home demonstration club women in 20 western North Carolina counties, began Tuesday of this week. Club women and agents participating from Madison County were: Mrs. Janie Ramsey, home demonstration agent, Marshall; and Mrs. J. E. Carter, Marshall R-2. Mrs. Shadrack Mace, Mars Hill R1, is an instructor in chair bottoming at the workshop.



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