

Walnut, Laurel Girls; Spring Creek, Marshall Boys Advance In Tourney

Semi-Finals Slated Tonight; JV Teams Battle Hard

The 1961 Madison County high school basketball tournament enters the semi-final stage tonight when the Mars Hill girls take on the Walnut sextet and the Mars Hill boys battle Spring Creek in the final game of the night's program.

In the Junior Varsity division, the Spring Creek girls battle the Laurel girls and the Marshall boys vie with the Laurel boys.

Other semi-final games will be played Friday night with the finals scheduled for Saturday night. Although most of the games thus far have been won by decisive margins, they have been, for the most part, exciting. The Marshall-Walnut girls game, won by Walnut, 52-47, provided the most exciting fireworks.

Although the crowds have been large throughout the first two nights, the gymnasium is expected to be filled to capacity from here on out.

The Junior Varsity games also are giving the fans an idea of what to expect in the coming season. (Continued To Last Page)

NORTH CAROLINA MAY GET \$27 PER PUPIL

Washington — President Kennedy's education proposals, submitted to Congress Monday, include a total of 716 scholarships worth \$500,000 for North Carolinians in 1962.

Federal funds for North Carolina classroom construction and teacher salaries for the same fiscal year would amount to \$27,905,485, or an average of \$27.35 per pupil.

The number of scholarships available increases each year and by fiscal 1966 there would be 5,365 for North Carolinians, worth \$3,756,500.

Classroom and teacher pay funds also increase. North Carolina's total in fiscal 1963 would be \$32,093,440, or \$31.40 a pupil, and in fiscal 1964, \$36,142,562, or \$34.62 a pupil.

TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE ROUNDS

Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, deputy collector for the North Carolina Department of Revenue for Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties, has announced that she will visit various places in her territory between now and April 15. She will aid taxpayers in preparing income tax forms for 1960.

Her Madison County itinerary follows:
Mars Hill — Warrick's Soda Shop, March 8 and 20.

Marshall — Courthouse, Feb. 23, March 8 and 20.

Any questions concerning North Carolina income tax forms may be referred to Mrs. Huskins at the time she makes her visits.

PLANTING TREES IS PROFITABLE

The planting of trees on farmland within Madison County can be a paying proposition to the farm owner in several ways. The root system which trees form beneath the surface of the ground provides one of the best means of protecting the soil from water erosion. Trees also help to restore fertility of thin or worn out soils. Then, too, they represent an investment which will pay big dividends to the owner at harvest time.

In addition to the reasons stated above farmers in Madison County who have land that should be devoted to trees, have two incentives which few, if any, other counties have this year, that should cause them to want to plant trees in 1961. These incentives are the offering of free seedlings by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company and a cost-sharing payment of \$12.00 per acre through the County Agricultural Program. In speaking of these two incentives, Ralph W. Ramsey, ASO office manager, stated that persons interested in the free seedlings should place their orders immediately and that ACP payment on planting the (Continued To Last Page)

WALNUT HEART FUND DRIVE TO BE SUNDAY

Solicitors for the Walnut Heart Fund Drive will be canvassing Walnut Sunday February 26, afternoon, according to Mrs. George Shupe, Walnut chairman. They will be giving out educational material at the same time, trying to help stamp out the nation's number one killer, heart disease.

All are urged to give in this drive. It is not a part of the United Fund Drive and all donations go specifically to furthering research and aid for heart disease victims.

Solicitors and their areas include: Mr. and Mrs. Choice Plemmons, from Mrs. Stack Reeves' to Hopewell; Mrs. Leonard Baker, Hopewell Church; Mrs. Emma Kate McDevitt, Reagan McDevitt's to Guthrie's Service Station; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallin, Guthrie's to their own home; Mrs. Paul Smith, Ramsey's Store to R. McDevitt's; Miss Joan Hollifield, Mrs. Emmett Allen's to Thomas Branch; Mrs. Claude Landers, Miss Lulu Chandler's to Mrs. Landers, Miss Lewis to Mrs. Vance Ramsey's to the Free Will Baptist Church to Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Grace Deckery, Mrs. Minnie Davis' to Jim Chandler's; Mrs. Eara Burnett, Mrs. Wheat McClure's to Barnard; Miss Ruth Guthrie, Free Will Church to Dockery's to Lewis'; Jack Cole and Mrs. Tibery Stack to Mrs. Deane Cook, and Mrs. George Shupe, Johnston's to Emma Payne's.

Those not at home on Sunday will be contacted at another time.

SCHOOL TO BEAR IRA B. JONES' NAME AT GRACE

Husband Of Former Mary Bradley, Native Of County

A veteran Asheville schoolman won public acclaim and the new building of an old school got a new name Tuesday at Grace School in Asheville.

In surprise ceremonies held by the Grace PTA, Ira B. Jones, principal of Grace for 29 years, was told that the school's new \$600,000 building will be named the "Ira B. Jones Elementary School" when the 26-classroom structure opens for classes next fall.

Announcement that the new building will be named in honor of the present principal was made by W. P. Griffin, city school superintendent, as the climax of a "This Is Your Life" program in which relatives, teachers and early students of Jones and now prominent in Asheville came on (Continued on Last Page)

Marvin Ball Now Acting Postmaster At Marshall Office

Marvin Ball, 59, of Marshall RD 2, began his duties as acting postmaster at the Marshall office last Saturday, succeeding P. Ray Frisby.

Mr. Ball stated this week that he had resigned as chairman of the Madison County Board of Education in order to accept the position.

Mr. Ball attended the Marshall High School and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

It is reported that he is a member of the United Methodist Church.

MADISON DAIRY SHOW

Madison County produced 10,736,000 pounds of milk in 1960 — 1,500 tons of milk and 2,500 tons of milk. The milk value added \$80.00 to the gross agricultural income of the county. This is an increase of \$18,900.00 over 1959 despite a loss of 4 grade A dairies. One new dairy was established, one old dairy was sold and four changed from grade A to grade C production.

Ten dairymen on the unit test demonstration program, sponsored by TVA and the county agricultural agents' office, set the pace in increased production. The ten demonstration dairymen produced 1,848,970 pounds of milk in 1959 and 2,128,091 pounds of milk in 1960. An increase of over 20% in one year! How was this increase obtained?

Better Feed Program
Seven of the ten UTD dairymen used a program of full feeding silage during the winter with limited hay. The other three feed silage and hay in adequate amounts to supply their cows ample roughage. Four of the ten (Continued To Last Page)

IT PAYS TO TOPDRESS EVERY YEAR

Pastures and hay crops need to be topdressed every year, according to James M. Stewart, assistant county agent. Topdressing will pay big returns when done annually. Crops which have a winter cover should be topdressed in the fall and in the spring. These fields can, then, be put back in pastures or hay crops.

Less than one half of a ton of alfalfa hay would pay for 600 lbs. of 0-9-27. This, plus the fact that you can maintain your stand for a longer period of time.

In a year's time a steer would have to gain only 60 pounds to pay for 600 lbs. of 0-9-27. Topdressing will improve the quality, the stand and total production for your pastures. In many cases enough additional growth can be obtained on pastures to get a cutting of hay.

Yes, annual topdressing will pay you good returns. In hay crops it will increase your tonnage of hay. In pastures it will increase the number of livestock you can graze and with increased growth of pastures you increase the rate of gain with your livestock. Topdressing does not cost; it pays!

Education Bill Asks \$5 Billion

JFK Describes Program As Essential; GOP Calls It Excessive

President Kennedy declared Monday the federal government is under obligation to help educate the country's youth and he proposed spending \$5.7 billion as a starter over the next few years.

To Congress, which never has passed a law providing general federal funds not only for education, Kennedy described the program as an "essential though untested contribution."

Opponents, mainly Republicans, called it excessive. Supporting, mainly Democrats, called it a "necessity."

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AT ASSEMBLY

Speaker Joseph M. H. ... day announced members of various committee in the general assembly.

Representative L. B. Ramsey, of Madison, was named on the following committees:

Institutions for the Deaf, Engrossed Bills, Committee on Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Public Buildings and Grounds, Manufacturers and Labor, Elections and Election Laws, Counties, Cities and Town, and Library (Joint).

PREMEASURING 1961 TOBACCO ACREAGE

Each year many tobacco farmers in the county are inconvenienced by planting in excess of their allotted acreage. Then too, some few farmers lose a portion of their potential income from tobacco by failure to plant their allotted acreage. Novile Hawkins, Chairman of the Madison County ASO Committee, points out that one way in which the farmer can be assured of utilizing his exact allotment in 1961 is to have his acreage officially premeasured by an ASO representative who is trained to perform this service.

He stated that ASO will again this year offer premeasurement services to farmers who desire it and that the charge, which will be borne by the applicant, will be the cost of performing the service. The service charge for 1961 will be the same as for 1960 which was a minimum of \$8.00 per farm plus \$1.00 for each field that is in excess of two fields plus an additional charge if measurements are to be made on more than one farm tract.

Hawkins further stated that the work involved in establishing 1961 individual farm allotments had been completed at an earlier date than anticipated and that the ASO Office personnel were now in position to accept applications for premeasuring. In conclusion he pointed out that March 15 was the closing date whereby interested producers could file their applications and deposit for this special service.

SPEECH OF C...

Dr. W. A. Sams spoke to members of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the 14th semi-monthly luncheon being at the Presbyterian Church. His topic was the Kerr-Mills vs. the Kennedy idea for medical aid to the aged. He told of a recent doctors' meeting and urged the members to study carefully all phases of the medical aid to the aged.

Following his talk, Mr. Z. H. Ponder spoke to the group concerning the school situation in Madison County and also compared the educational systems of Russia and America. He discussed the proposed new buildings of the Island and why plans at the present had been rejected. He spoke favorably of Governor Sanford's program of education and also touched on the prospect of the federal aid to education.

Jim Story, president of the Chamber, presided with 18 members present.

HOMEWORK SAVES M...

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. — Her daughter's school homework saved the life of Leroy Speer Jr., recently. The child, Patricia, 11, seeking help in her studies, went to the garage where her father was working on his car. She found him unconscious from a carbon monoxide fumes. A physician was able to revive him.

Sheriff Ponder, Four Others Ask For Dismissal Of Suit

TOMBSTONE IS FOUND AT HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL

A strange discovery was made Sunday when a sixth-grade student and his grandmother found a headstone from a set of tombstones in front of the Hot Springs School near Highway 25-70.

On the gray marble piece was inscribed, "Edith Johnson—1892-1955."

Careful investigation revealed that no one around Hot Springs ever knew such a person. Boy Reeves, principal at the Hot Springs school, told this newspaper Monday that he knew nothing about the stone came from or if any of the relatives of the deceased were interested they could find the tombstone at the school.

The discovery was made by Buddy Cady and his grandmother, Mrs. Fern Cady, of Hot Springs. "Someone evidently threw the stone off in the grass next to the highway," Mr. Reeves said.

"The school was the closest the school ever had. The stone was found in the grass next to the highway and was discovered the day of class," said Cady.

Defendants Claim Suit Was Filed In Wrong District

The sheriff, a precinct registrar and three other Madison County men have requested a hearing for March 6 on a motion that a \$500,000 damage suit brought against them on malicious arrest claims be dismissed.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder and the other men requested the hearing in Middle District Court and subsequent dismissal of the suit on the basis it was filed in the wrong district. They contend it belongs in the Western District Court.

James E. Vashburgh of Durham, a third-year law student at the University of North Carolina, filed the suit in January. He claimed his constitutional rights were violated when he was arrested while observing the Nov. 8 general election in Madison County.

Vashburgh brought the suit against Ponder, B. E. Meadows, registrar at Upper Spring Creek Precinct in Madison County, and Wade Payne, Warren North and Vashie Winder.

The suit, alleged the defendants had conspired to prevent Vashburgh from observing the election and to prevent him from participating in the election. (Continued To Last Page)