



## No Solution Reached In Mars Hill Dispute

### Individual Applications Are Returned Here Unsigned

Neill Defends Stand; Does Not Make Return To School Appeal

The task of replacing 30 members of the Mars Hill School faculty apparently will face the new principal when he succeeds Ralph Neill Jr., at the end of the present school term.

Re maining also is the question of whether parents will change their minds and discontinue their boycott of the school.

After learning of the Mars Hill School committee Saturday night elected Evan Evans to succeed Neill, some parents in the community said they would send their children back to school Monday.

"We did what we thought was right when we kept our children out of school. Now that there is nothing else we can do we may as well send our children back," one of them said.

Other parents were more determined than ever to continue their boycott of the 950-pupil school, where attendance has been below 100 every day since Tuesday, when a group of mothers marched on the school to begin a mass demonstration which ended in the county courthouse in Marshall, 11 miles away.

A vast majority of the parents questioned took their place in the latter category that they are willing to see their children remain out of classes until the end of this school year, about three weeks away.

There was a difference of opinion among parents but the 30 faculty members who earlier signed (Continued to Page Six)

### Bell Institute Alumni Meeting To Be At Walnut

The 2nd annual reunion of former students and teachers of Bell Institute will be held at the Walnut Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 25.

Following the morning church service, a picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds.

Later, an afternoon program is planned (including a brief business meeting).

Everyone who attended Bell Institute (or any other school under the Presbyterian Board in Madison County) is invited to bring a picnic lunch and attend this reunion.

The officers are: President, Clyde McClure; vice president, Luther Wardrop; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Bob Henderson; historian, Miss Lula Chandler.

### MHS Alumni Banquet To Be Held Here On Saturday

To Hold Picnic Supper At 6:30; Program In Luncheon

The annual Marshall High School Alumni Banquet will be held on the Island Saturday night, beginning with a picnic supper at 6:30 o'clock. Following the supper, a talent program will be enjoyed in the Marshall luncheon. This program will be followed by the usual business meeting and election of officers.

Dr. J. L. McElroy, president, announced that the informal outdoor meal proved so popular last year that the same type of meal will again be in order. Mrs. Loretta Robinson, Home Economics teacher, is again in charge of the (Continued to Last Page)

### FOUR NARROWLY ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY FRIDAY

Car Burns After Wrecking Near Ivy Bridge Friday Night

Four young Marshall men miraculously escaped serious injury about 11 o'clock last Friday night when the car in which they were riding struck a rock embankment and overturned near Ivy Bridge on the Marshall-Asheville Highway. Seconds after the impact with the rock embankment, the car burst into flames but the occupants managed to escape with minor cuts and bruises.

The four men were Harry Baldwin, driver and owner of the 1960 Tudor Chevrolet Sedan; Harry Briggs, Johnny Ball and Gordon Rice.

One of the men stated that an oncoming vehicle's lights blinded the driver who struck the rock embankment on the right side of the highway as they were traveling toward Marshall. Firemen from Marshall quickly went to the scene and extinguished the flames. The car was completely demolished.

### DEADLINE NEARS FOR FEED GRAIN PROGRAM SIGNUP

Corn grows have until May 22 to sign up under the 1961 feed grain program, Joel B. Morgan, Chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today.

The program provides special payments to growers of corn who divert acreages this year from the production of corn to a soil conserving use. Up to half the total payment to be earned on a farm may be made in advance if the farmer requests it.

In Madison County, the acreage county rate is \$33.40 per acre for reducing corn acreage a minimum of 20 percent below the farm base acreage. Higher rates will apply for reducing corn from 20 to 40 percent below the base. Rates on a farm may be higher or lower than the county rates, depending on the farm's productivity in relation to the county acreage.

While the program is voluntary, corn producers will not be eligible for price support on any of their 1961 feed grain crops unless they (Continued to Last Page)

### MHS STUDENTS SELECTED FOR INSTITUTE

Judy Ball And Shirley Parris Will Participate In A Four-Weeks Study

Miss Judy Ball, age 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball of Marshall RFD 5, and Miss Shirley Parris, age 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parris of Marshall, have been accepted for a four-weeks' Summer Institute for Talented School girls at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina beginning June 6.

A grant from the National Science Foundation enables the



Ball Parris

Woman's College to offer a Summer Science Training program for Secondary School students. This program is designed to give a group of 40 high-ability girls in the summer between the 11th and (Continued to Last Page)

### 1961-62 HUNTING REGULATIONS PROPOSED

Raymond Ramsey, wildlife protector of Madison County, announced that the Wildlife Resources Commission will hold a series of public hearings in each of the Commission's nine districts to give sportsmen an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the 1961-1962 hunting and trapping regulations.

Ramsey said that the Commission met in Raleigh May 10, to establish a set of proposed regulations that will be presented at the hearings. Ramsey urged that local sportsmen attend the District 9 hearing scheduled for 7:30 p. m., at the Court House in Sylva on May 23.

Up for consideration this year, Ramsey said, is a proposal that the squirrel season be opened statewide on October 16, and close January 1. In Madison County the season would open two weeks later than last year.

The Commission proposes essentially the same season on bear as last year Oct. 16 through Jan. 1, with minor local exceptions, and the same dates would generally (Continued to Last Page)

### GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OPENS CAMP DRIVE

The Pisgah Girl Scout Council of Western North Carolina held a "kickoff" luncheon at the Battery Park Hotel Saturday for a fund drive to improve the girls camp in Transylvania County. The following people gave progress reports and future plans for the drive: C. G. Pidgeon, advance gifts; Frank Coxe, industrial; E. Mack Salley, business; Mrs. Harold Clark, clubs and organizations; Mrs. James Garrison, Girl Scout adults; Dr. Mary Shuford and William M. Styles, professional.

Mrs. Tania Rollman presented a panorama program and senior Girl Scouts presented a program of reminiscences about camp life. Intermediate and Brownie Girl Scouts representing troops from the entire thirteen-county council, staged a "Cornerstone Ceremony" . . . twenty items from Girl Scout camp life, ranging from the American flag to the lovely box of cookies which have played so great a part in the development plan to date, were placed in the "cornerstone" by girls while a student from Plunk School of Creative Arts narrated this highlight of the meeting.

Miss Margo Roberts and Miss Martha Louise Ramsey represented Madison County at this meeting, and were accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Ed Niles.

Newfangled movies may be okay for men and the kids, but a man missed the silent films. It was so good to see a woman open her mouth and have no sound come out.

### Dr. Carroll, Board, Committee Set Up "Meeting Of Minds"

25 Citizens Are Extended Invitations To Attend Tuesday's Meeting

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, met with Madison County school officials here Monday night in an effort to restore normal conditions at beleaguered Mars Hill School.

He was accompanied to Marshall by J. Everett Miller, assistant state superintendent, who also assisted in the meeting.

Prior to the meeting in the Courthouse, 30 of the 35 teachers at the school gathered at Mars Hill and again told the Citizen that there would be "no compromise" in their decision not to accept re-

## Meetings End Deadlocked; No 'Compromise' In Sight

### EVANS REJECTS PRINCIPALSHIP OF MARS HILL

Evan J. Evans, a native of Madison County, who is assistant principal of a school near Orlando, Fla., stated, "Upon receipt of further information on conditions relative to the Mars Hill situation, I do not feel it would be wise to accept the position at this time."

He said he had informed Madison County School Superintendent Fred W. Anderson of his decision and he voiced appreciation for the confidence shown in him by the officials who offered him the job.

### Firemen's Auxiliary To Hold Bake Sale In Marshall Sat.

The Marshall Firemen's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday in the building on Main Street which was formerly occupied by Model Grocery. In addition to the bake sale, the rummage sale which has been held for two previous Saturdays will be continued since several items still remain to be sold.

## Lack Of Quorum Wrecks Tuesday's Meeting Here; Pupils, Teachers Speak

### MRS. HUSKINS WILL ASSIST IN TAX FILING

State Privilege License For New Tax Year Based On 1960 Census

The 1960 Census will be used in determining State Schedule "B" Privilege License tax liability for the tax year beginning June 1, 1961, according to information furnished by Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, local Deputy Collector for the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Mrs. Huskins states that many Privilege Licenses are based on population and suggests that the taxpayers refer to the Schedule "B" Partial List, which is being mailed together with application blanks to taxpayers throughout the State within the next few days. Privilege Licenses not based on population will not be affected by these population changes.

The 1960 population figures for some of the places in Madison County are: Mars Hill, 1,574.

If any taxpayers in Madison County are in doubt as to their correct tax liability or need assistance in filing their applications, Mrs. Huskins suggests that they contact her at her office, which is in the Pollards Drug Store, 2nd Floor in Burnsville, N. C., or call her at telephone No. MUrray 2-2418, and she will be glad to furnish any information desired.

### TWELVE HUSBANDS

Chicago — Arrested while living with her twelfth service-man husband, Mrs. Virginia Debus, 32, was accused of marrying the other eleven to obtain their Government subsistence checks. She was given a one-year sentence.

She was convicted on falsely receiving two subsistence checks for \$157 each. (Continued on Last Page)

### Tuesday's Meeting Flops

Tuesday night's meeting in the courthouse which was requested by Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of Education, floundered and ended in a "do-nothing" stalemate after four hours when three members of the Mars Hill School Committee failed to show up. They were chairman D. M. Robinson, who is in Washington, Eugene Reece and Paul Gillis. Also absent was J. G. Gardner, school board member from Mars Hill.

The meeting had been called to attempt to find a solution to the Mars Hill crisis after Dr. Carroll had met with the county board and the Mars Hill Committee Monday night and requested a "meeting of the minds" be held.

The two bodies selected the place and the persons (25) who would be extended invitations "plus others who were interested."

Some 100 persons turned up at the meeting which started at eight o'clock. Attempts to locate Reece and Gillis and persuade them to come to the meeting were unsuccessful. Thus, with no quorum present, no official action could be taken.

Later in the meeting, Rex Allen and Dr. Otis Duck, leaders of the pro-Neill faction, met privately with Ponder and B. K. Meadows, board chairman, in an effort to work out some sort of solution. This meeting also failed to produce any results.

### Secret Meeting Wednesday Night Stalemated

Following Tuesday night's "deadlock", a secret meeting was planned for Wednesday night between members of the board of education and the superintendent and Dr. Otis Duck and Rex Allen. Principal Ralph E. Neill Jr., was also included in the meeting in another effort to reach a solution.

At last night's meeting, held in the office of Superintendent Fred W. Anderson, both sides came armed with compromise proposals but the affair ended in a (Continued on Last Page)

## Marshall Mayor Highly Commends Local Firemen

### MHC IS GIVEN \$20,613 GRANT BY FOUNDATION

Mars Hill College has been chosen to receive a \$20,613 grant from the N. C. Foundation for Church Related Colleges.

The announcement of the grant was made Thursday in Winston-Salem by Paul Kell, executive director of the foundation. Kell said 25 Tar Heel Colleges would share in \$402,618 to be distributed by the foundation. The grants go to colleges and supported by tax funds.

Wade Huey, newly-elected mayor of Marshall, highly commended the Marshall Fire Department in a letter to their newspaper. The letter follows: Mr. James I. Story, Editor The News-Record Marshall, N. C. Dear Mr. Story:

On Thursday evening, May 4, was the first meeting held by the new Town Council. The meeting adjourned about 11:00 p. m., and on my way home I saw a group of men with one of the fire trucks in front of a private residence which appeared to be on fire.

After passing them I saw the fire truck and saw that the fire was out. I found the firemen standing in front of the residence. I was very impressed with the firemen's quick response and the way they handled the situation. I am sure that the firemen of the Marshall Fire Department are a credit to our community. (Continued on Last Page)



Scene during meeting at courthouse Tuesday night. Speaking is J. A. McLeod, who was moderator.