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REA Co-Op Meeting To Be Held Here On Island This Saturday

Westco Is Announcing \$1,100,000 Expansion For County

Quality Of Telephone Service To Be Improved In County

Refunds Are Explained; Guntertown To Have New Exchange

The District Manager of Westco Telephone Company, Paul Wooten, recently announced plans for expanding the area served by Westco in Madison County.

It is estimated that the construction program will allow Westco to serve an additional 800 subscribers in the county. It was reported that work is progressing very rapidly in Mars Hill and that \$400,000 project there should be completed by September. A similar program is scheduled for Marshall, Guntertown, and Hot Springs. The engineering work has already been completed and it is anticipated that the contracts will be let for bids within 90 days on the proposed projects. This program includes construction of new central dial offices in Guntertown and Hot Springs at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The cost of the planned additions to the Marshall and Mars Hill offices will be approximately \$50,000 each. The cost of new telephone lines and cables and the replacement of

MHS SENIORS LEAVE SUNDAY FOR WASH., N. Y.

Will Board Bus Here At Midnight; To Return Saturday, May 2

69 happy and excited Marshall High School seniors will board a chartered bus at midnight Sunday on route to Washington, D. C., and New York City for a week's tour. In addition to seeing the many points of interest in the Nation's capital, they will also travel by bus to New York where they will see outstanding points of interest there plus a visit to the World's Fair.

Another highlight of the trip will be a visit to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Accompanying the seniors will be Mrs. H. B. Ditmore, Miss Carol Whitt and J. C. Wallin, members of the faculty. The group is expected to return to Marshall sometime Saturday night, May 2.



Wind Scholarship

James 'Mike' Ledford

'MIKE' LEDFORD WINNER OF \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

Popular Marshall Senior Is One Of 12 Receiving Honor

James (Mike) Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ledford of Marshall, has been named winner of a \$500 scholarship from the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

Ledford, a senior at Marshall High School, is one of 12 4-Hers across North Carolina selected to share in \$8,000 of scholarship money being distributed this year by the Fund.

Dr. Joe Pou, of Greenville, president of the Fund, says the scholarship will be for college study during the 1964-65 academic year. The 4-H Development Fund, with headquarters at North Carolina State in Raleigh, was organized in 1958 by friends and alumni of 4-H to help support certain phases of club work.

President Pou says this is the third year scholarships have been

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W. M. ROBERTS DIES SUNDAY; RITES HELD WED

Well-Known Civic Leader Succumbs After Long Illness

Wiley M. Roberts, 87, of Marshall Rt. 5, Madison County civic leader, died Sunday night, April 19, 1964, in his home after a long illness.

Mr. Roberts had served at various times as a member of the Madison County Board of Education, a director of the Bank of French Broad, chairman of the county Selective Service Board for 20 years and as a director of the Asheville Production Credit Association.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Marshall Methodist Church.

The Rev. W. C. Clark and the Rev. John Goforth officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hubert Worley, E. Y. Ponder, Woodson Ammons, Jack Payne, Hobert Kent, and Jack Ball.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. A. Sams, Dr. Arthur Ramsey, D. M. Robinson, M. J. Ball, Dillard Sluder, Woodard Treadway, Ben Clark, F. H. Stines, E. W. Plammons, B. J. Ledford, Hilliard Teague, Bruce Murray, T. R. Worley, Milburn Goshell, John R. Anderson, J. Walter Brown, Harry Nettles, Alton Ward, Hubert Edwards, and Glen Basson.

Surviving are a widow, Mrs. Valeria Murray Roberts; four daughters, Mrs. Dorey Wills of Flat Rock, Michigan; Mrs. Christopher Boyle of Dearborn, Michigan; Mrs. J. L. McElroy, of Marshall; Mrs. George E. McConnell, of Miami, Florida; four sons, Porter and Woodrow, of Detroit, Michigan; Paul and William, of Marshall. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY MARS HILL PTA

On Monday night of last week the membership of the Mars Hill PTA elected its officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. Page Lee presided during the election of officers. Mrs. Robert Chapman was reelected president. She is Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Mars Hill College. She received the B. S. degree at Woman's college of the University of North Carolina. In 1960, she received the M. Ed. degree from the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Chapman is a member of Delta Pi Epsilon and Delta Kappa Gamma. She and her husband, who is Registrar at Mars Hill College, have two children, Susan, and Melanie who are students at Mars Hill School.

Mrs. Charles C. Naron Jr. was elected Vice-President. Mrs. Naron received her formal education in the schools of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Mrs. Naron is assistant leader of the Brownie Scout Troop of Mars Hill and is Sunbeam Band Director at Mars Hill College.

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J. B. Tweed Breaks Leg In Accident Last Friday

J. Bewley Tweed, well-known sportsman, suffered a broken leg in a fall on the Beaver Lake Golf Course last Friday afternoon about three o'clock.

He was treated at the Veteran's Hospital at Oteen and is now at his home here where he is recuperating.

PATIENCE

It takes a miracle man today to take the kinks out of fishing tackle without putting some in the English language.

Rep. Lacy Thornburg Will Speak; String Music, Prizes Also Will Be Featured



Rep. Lacy Thornburg

Mars Hill Seniors Now In Washington, New York City

The Mars Hill seniors left Sunday for Washington, D. C., and New York City on their annual Senior trip.

They are expected to return home Saturday night.

Registration At 10 A. M.; Capacity Crowd Is Expected

The members of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will meet again at the Marshall High School gymnasium this Saturday for the purpose of transacting the business of the Cooperative and to mix and mingle with their neighbors. The meeting Saturday will be the 24th anniversary of the Cooperative which has grown constantly in membership in four Western North Carolina counties, and three Eastern Tennessee counties. They are Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, and Mitchell in North Carolina; and Greene, Unicoi and Cocke in Tennessee.

At this meeting the members will have an opportunity to hear Lacy H. Thornburg, Representative from Jackson County, who will be the principal speaker Saturday afternoon.

He will be introduced by Clyde M. Roberts of Marshall, attorney for the Co-op.

Representative Thornburg was

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No Money Orders Taken In County On Saturdays

New Changes Will Become Effective Monday, May 4

The limited adjustments in some postal services ordered in Washington, D. C., March 10, 1964, by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to save \$12.7 million will begin to take effect in Walnut-Marshall, Hot Springs and Mars Hill and other cities May 4, 1964. Postmasters at each of the offices said today.

Service changes planned locally included the following:

(1) Window service for these offices will remain the same, 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., week days and 8:00 a. m., to 12 noon Saturdays; with the following exceptions:

(a) There will be NO Money Order Service on Saturdays at any office, rural stations or on rural routes. Please purchase your money orders on week days — Monday through Friday.

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COMPLETING AND REPORTING ACP PRACTICES

Farmers within the county who are utilizing the Government cost-sharing assistance in performing farm practices which will help to solve their soil and water conservation problems were urged this week to complete and report their approved practices at the earliest possible date. County ASCS Office Manager, Ralph W. Ramsey, points out that adverse weather conditions during the past two months has prohibited many farmers from performing their farm practices which were approved for completion under the spring portion of the County ACP Conservation Program. Since weather conditions have now improved, he

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Candidates Seeking County Offices Are Announced; Only Two Contests

State Senate, Tax Collector Nominees To Be Chosen By Democrats

Following the April 17 deadline for filing for county officials in Madison County, Roy Freeman, chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections announced that there are only two actual contests for the May 30th Primary.

These two contests involve the State Senatorial bid for nomination by Zeno H. Ponder, of Madison County, and Clyde Norton, of McDowell County. Both men are seeking the nomination in the Democratic Primary for State Senate in the 34th District. The other contest involves the bid for nomination in the Democratic Primary in the county race for Tax

Collector between Byard Ray, incumbent, and C. A. Duck.

The Republican county slate has no two persons seeking the same office, hence there is no contest and the persons filing are automatically the nominees for the November election.

The following list does not include persons seeking State nominations, such as Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, etc.

The complete list of candidates for county offices follows:

DEMOCRATS:

State Senate: Zeno H. Ponder (Madison); Clyde Norton (McDowell). Representative: Liston B. Ramsey.

Auditor: Wade Huey. Tax Collector: Byard Ray, C. A.

Duck. Register of Deeds: Hilliard Teague.

Commissioners: William M. Roberts, Gay Merrill, Emery Wallin. Coroner: Dr. W. A. Sams. Justice of Peace, No. 10 Township: J. V. Roberts.

Constable, No. 10 Township: Charlie Gunter.

REPUBLICANS:

Representative: Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey.

Commissioners: William C. Silver, Jr., Ron Sprinkle, Doyle B. Cody.

Auditor: W. B. Zink.

Tax Collector: Jim F. Craine.

Register of Deeds: Chauncey Metcalf.

Constable, No. 15 Township: Phillip Ball.

Hot Springs Lions Name Officers; Zip Code Is Cited

Whitten Urges Use Of ZIP Code On Mail; Wells President

The Hot Springs Lions Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the Court Restaurant on Thursday, April 16. The main item of business was the election of officers for the coming year. The following people were elected: President, James Wells; first vice president, Jimmy Lewis, a teacher at Hot Springs High School; 2nd vice president, Sidney Harrison, teacher at Laurel High School; secretary and treasurer, Harry Upchurch, personnel manager at Pacific Mills; Tailor, Bill Whitten; Postmaster, and Lion Turner, Homer Foster, general overseer at Pacific Mills. All members of the club

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SECURE RIGHT PLATES TO PLANT CORN

With the use of high priced chemicals to control weeds in corn the importance of a proper stand cannot be over emphasized. In order to make sure that you get a stand of corn to your desire, it is good business to have a corn planter plate that will put down the right amount of corn seed. Most of the companies that make corn planters will supply you with the proper plate if you will inform the company of the space that you desire and also the size of the

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New Insurance Plan For Those 65 Or Over Announced

If you're 65 or over, or financially responsible for someone who is, you'll want to know about a new program of health insurance coverage.

As a result of special state laws, signed by Governors Harrison of Virginia and Sanford of North Carolina, residents of these two states 65 and over (and their

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DEBUT NEARS FOR NEW \$75 SAVINGS BOND

A reminder that the new \$75 Series E United States Savings Bond, bearing the portrait of the late President Kennedy, will go on sale May 1, came today from C. L. Rudolph, Jr., County Savings

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Coon Hunters To Meet Here Next Friday Night

The Madison County Coon Hunters Association will have an important meeting at the Courthouse in Marshall, Friday night, May 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

All members, prospective members and other hunters are urged to be present at this important meeting.

Ignored By The Board, Madison GOP Contends

N. C. Symphony To Give Concert At MHC Saturday

Lovers of classical music will have an opportunity to hear the North Carolina Full Symphony, directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, when it plays at Mars Hill College Saturday night.

The concert, scheduled in Moore Auditorium at 8 p. m., will be open to the public. A similar performance in Asheville Tuesday will be open only to members of the N. C. Symphony Society.

Guest artist for both performances will be Miss Elaine Skorodjin, a talented young violinist. Following the intermission she will perform with the state symphony in Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole." Other selections on the evening's program include Schubert's unfinished symphony and Tchaikovsky's popular "Capriccio Italien."

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Says Only Three Names Of 115 Recommended Used By Board

"I knocked on the door and nobody answered. Then I shook it. There was still no response — I guess I should have kicked it down."

Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill, the young Asheville attorney who heads the Republican Party in Madison County, Saturday answered a reply from the Democratic-controlled Board of Elections in his county to a charge that he made a week ago claiming that GOP preferences were ignored in the selection of precinct election officials.

Roy Freeman, chairman, of the board, said earlier in the week that the meeting had already adjourned when the GOP party chairman arrived with his list of recommendations for the precinct appointments. Freeman said Republican judges were selected at random when there was no list available from the county GOP at

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Increased Interest Is Shown In Feed Grain Program

NEW WHEAT PROGRAM FOR '64

The new wheat program which was recently passed by the Congress and approved by the President amends the law under which the wheat program was to have been operated.

According to Emory Robinson, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, the new wheat legislation has the following four principal objectives: (1) To raise the income of wheat growers substantially above what it would have been in the absence of new legislation; (2) To avoid increases

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Ramsey Urges Farmers To Comply With Program Provisions

More of the 2200 corn producing farms within Madison County indicated a desire to take part in the 1964 voluntary feed grain program than for either of the three previous years the program has been in operation. According to ASC office manager Ralph W. Ramsey, a total of 371 county farm producers timely signed agreements to divert 1169 acres of their 1964 corn bases to conservation uses. This reduction represents 51% of the total acreage established for these farms which indicates more farmers are diverting their entire farm base or a greater part of their base than for either of the two

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