

Madison County Now Has 23 Townships; No Wards

Commissioners Approve Change At Meeting Here Tuesday

The county commissioners Tuesday approved action of changing the seven Wards in Madison County to Townships, thus making 23 Townships instead of 16 Townships and seven wards.

The action by the commissioners was taken following the legal advertising of four weeks. Citizens of the seven wards separately signed the various notices of petitions.

Members of the county board stated that there was not opposition to the change.

The original 16 Townships will remain the same but the wards will be, in the future, recognized as the following Townships:

- TS 1, ward 2, Walnut, will be Township 17.
 - TS 1, ward 3, Laurel Fork, will be Township 18.
 - TS 2, ward 2, Little Laurel, will be Township 19.
 - TS 2, ward 3, Guntertown, will be Township 20.
 - TS 4, ward 2, Middle Fork, will be Township 21.
 - TS 8, ward 2, Lower Spring Creek, will be Township 22.
 - TS 10, ward 2, Revere, will be Township 23.
- The board members stated that the change is immediately effective and will be so declared after September 8, 1964.

ATTENTION ALL VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY

Official legal notices to all voters in Madison County are published on Pages Seven and Eight of this issue.

Included are notices of changes in polling places: Bull Creek, California Creek, Upper Spring Creek, Big Laurel, Big Pine and Meadow Fork.

Another notice concerns clarification of No. 4 Township, Ward 2 and No. 5. This notice reveals that the D. W. Ramsey Farm, also known as the McElroy Farm, located on California Creek, is in and a part of No. 5 precinct.

Another legal official announces a new registration ordered for this county.

BRIGMAN NAMED COMMITTEEMAN ON COUNTY FHA

W. M. Metcalf And Dewey Wallin Also On FHA Committee

Wayne Brigman of Marshall is the new member of the Madison County Committee for Farmers Home Administration. He succeeds Fred J. Rigby of Rt. 5, whose three year term expired on June 30th.

Mr. Brigman operates a tobacco, livestock and truck crop farm in the rural area of Marshall and is one of the prosperous farmers of the county.

W. E. Hill, local County Supervisor for FHA, says Mr. Brigman has had varying experience in his farming operations. He knows what it takes to improve farming operations. Having had experience in farming in Madison County, he will be able to render valuable service as a county committeeman.

Serving with Mr. Brigman during the coming year will be Wilbur Metcalf of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, and Dewey Wallin of Rt. 3, Marshall.

There is a Farmers Home Administration committee serving every agricultural county. All loan applications must be approved by the committee before funds can be advanced. The committee also helps the county supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies and services to local conditions.

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans to farmers to buy livestock and machinery, to finance annual operating costs, to improve buildings and fences, to purchase land and re finance debts against farm property, and construct new homes which are modest and reasonable in price.

The agency also lends money to farmers or their non-profit associations.

(Continued To Last Page)

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- Spruce Pine at Marshall
- Mars Hill at Crossnore
- Hot Springs (Open)

CONSERVATION MATERIALS IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Booklets Donated By Local Co-op To All Sixth Grades

Conservation Education materials will be available this year for use in the Madison County schools. The French Broad Electric Membership Corp., has donated booklets entitled, "The Story of the Land," that will be distributed to each sixth grade teacher for their students to use in Conservation Education activities, according to E. C. Teague, Madison Soil and Water District Supervisor.

"The way we manage our soil and water resources will largely determine our present and future," (Continued To Last Page)

TOMATOES ARE OFFERING NEW INCOME SOURCE

The 1964 season has been most undesirable for producing vine-ripened tomatoes. From May 7 until July 11, the ground was not wet in most sections of Madison County. Dry weather in the early part of the growing season results in small stems, light leaves, and the fruit is exposed to the sun. These conditions have resulted in tomatoes producing less total value, high incidents of cracked fruit, and a large amount of rain check following the heavy rains on the week-ends of August 15 and August 29.

Despite a very undesirable season many Madison farmers are finding tomatoes a very profitable enterprise. One tenant farmer recently remarked, "This is the first year since my children started to school that I haven't had to borrow money to start them in school. 'I like the tomato business.'"

"The bad season has discouraged most tomato farmers, but it has also shown that money can be made in a bad season with tomatoes," Harry Silver, farm agent, said.

New Registration Ordered In County

MAN IS SHOT AT OLD MILL WHEEL CAFE SUNDAY

Douglas Williams, 30, was shot in the body by the operator of the Old Mill Wheel cafe, Bruce Leake, 28, of this county Sunday night. The cafe is located at Laurel River.

Sheriff Ponder said Williams, who has been living in Cleveland, Ohio, was creating a disturbance and damaging property just before the shooting.

He was treated at a Greenville, Tenn., hospital and released, according to Sheriff Ponder, who put Leake under \$1,500 bond for an October grand jury hearing.

ASC ELECTION CONVENTION SET FOR SEPT. 18

The Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee for next year will be elected by farmer-chosen delegates to a county convention on September 18 at 10 a. m., at the ASCS office, according to Emory Robinson, chairman ASC county committee. The convention will be open to the public, and any person interested in observing the voting procedure may attend. However, only farmer-delegates to the convention may participate in the election process. Election is by secret ballot and plurality vote.

ASC county and community committeemen are in charge of the local administration of such farm-act programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, the feed grain program, the voluntary wheat program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, the National Wool Program, the Sugar Program, commodity loans, and storage facility loans.

A qualified candidate for service on the ASC county committee is one who is a resident eligible (Continued To Last Page)

To Begin Saturday, Oct 3; Registration Books At Precincts

Ted R. Russel, chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections, this week made the following announcement:

All Madison County voters are hereby notified that the Madison County Board of Elections has ordered a completely new registration of voters for every precinct in the county. Voters will register take notice that the new registration period will open on October 3, 1964, and remain open for the period provided by law. The new registration books will be open at the polling place in each precinct on the following Saturdays in October, for registration of voters: October 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. Every voter must register in person, and take the oath provided by law.

DORA LASHES FLORIDA COAST; AFFECTS WNC

Massive hurricane Dora raked the northeast Florida and lower Georgia coasts Wednesday night, drove flood tides into ocean-front towns and tore down power lines, leaving communities in darkness.

An estimated 45,000 persons in North Florida, coastal Georgia and South Carolina moved to safe shelter in advance of the mighty storm, which had 115 m.p.h. winds near its center.

The tropical twister's huge eye, measuring 40 to 50 miles across, appeared headed for a stretch of coastline between Jacksonville and Brunswick, Ga., but weathermen would not pinpoint a target area.

It is predicted that rains resulting from Hurricane Dora will strike western North Carolina perhaps today (Thursday). Local citizens have been enjoying the cool early mornings and nights for the past several weeks but the "middle" part of the days have been ranging from the low 70's to high 80's.

Spears Is Given Life Sentence

How Social Security Changes Affect You

The new Social Security amendments, now well on the way toward passage, make the biggest package of increases in the system's history. How will they affect employees, beneficiaries of the system, the self-employed and employers? Sylvia Porter gives the answers in a five-part series. This is the second.

There will be major boosts in the monthly Social Security checks going to almost 20 million beneficiaries now on retirement, disability and survivor rolls — if the new Social Security amendments are passed by Congress.

The odds are strong and they will be passed soon and that benefit checks mailed as early as October will reflect the hikes. How big would the raises be?

As a beneficiary, you would get a flat increase of 5 per cent over your present monthly benefit.

As a worker, your "wage base" — the amount on which your future benefits are figured — would rise to \$5,400 from today's \$4,800, and the level of benefits to which you could look forward would be

	Present monthly benefit	New monthly benefit	Annual raise
\$40	\$40	\$42	\$24
\$50	\$50	\$52.50	\$30
\$60	\$60	\$63	\$36
\$70	\$70	\$73.50	\$42
\$80	\$80	\$84	\$48
\$90	\$90	\$94.50	\$54
\$100	\$100	\$105	\$60
\$110	\$110	\$115.50	\$66
\$120	\$120	\$126	\$72

All of today's average benefits would rise to new peaks. A retired worker receiving today's average of \$77 monthly would get \$80.90. A widow receiving today's average of \$73 would get \$76.70.

A disabled worker receiving today's average of \$91 would get \$95.60. A parent receiving today's average of \$82 would get \$86.10. And a retired couple receiving to-

(Continued To Last Page)

Is Guilty Of Murder In First Degree Of Kenneth Ponder

A verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation of life imprisonment was returned by a jury in the trial of Darrell Clifford Spears, 26, of North Wilkesboro about two hours and 15 minutes after Judge Francis O. Clarkson gave them the case in Superior Court Saturday afternoon in Asheville.

The jurors returned from their deliberations about 6:28 p. m. Spears was accused of the rifle-slaying of Kenneth Eugene Ponder, 21, of Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorado Ponder. On March 7 Spears shot Ponder with a rifle after the Ponder youth had given him a ride as he hitchhiked near Alexander.

Spears took the Ponder car after rolling him out into Kensington Drive on U. S. 81. He was captured a few hours later in a huge State Highway Patrol dragnet closed about him in Polk County.

The capture ended a day-long spree of crime and terror in seven WNC counties which included armed robberies, auto thefts, kidnapping and finally the murder.

Judge Clarkson asked Spears if he had anything to say before sentencing. Spears stood and shook (Continued To Last Page)

County Youths In Auto Mishap Last Thursday

A serious accident occurred at 6:45 p. m., last Thursday, 11 miles north of Asheville on Jupiter Road, Asheville Rt. 1, was driving south when his car and a vehicle driven by Ronnie Eugene Davis, 18, of Marshall Rt. 2, collided. Davis met the Burleson car in a curve and applied his brakes; his car swerved into Burleson's lane.

Davis' brother, Larry, 16, was thrown into the windshield and was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital where he is a patient. His condition is improved. Davis was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Roy Freeman Is Fined \$25 For Contempt

LOCAL GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN PARADE MONDAY

Five local girls participated in the huge Labor Day parade in Asheville which was sponsored by the Asheville Central Labor Union and viewed by thousands of people.

In addition to 20 beautifully decorated floats, adorned by beautiful girls, several outstanding high school bands participated.

Local viewers were thrilled when the beautiful red, white and blue float, sponsored by Local Union 944, passed with five local girls on it. At the front corners of the float were Judith Payne and Gwendolyn Plammons; on the back of the float were Phyllis Niles and Ann Tilson. Beneath the arch in the center of the float was Ann Ramsey. Miss Ramsey, incidentally, has served as secretary to Local 944 this summer.

Also on the float were Miss Matthews, a nephew of Mrs. Walter Ramsey; Jimmy Green, Michael Davis and Ben Daniels, all of Asheville.

Pays Fine Tuesday After Hearing; Roof Causes Absence

A roofless school cafeteria kept him from answering a subpoena during the State Board of Elections' inquiry into Madison County voting procedures, the ousted county elections board chairman told a Superior Court judge here Tuesday.

But he would have answered anyhow, Roy Freeman said, and he knew that a judge and not the State Board of Elections had issued the final subpoena.

Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro, who last week denied Freeman a Superior Court review of his ouster as chairman of the county board, fined him \$25 Tuesday on contempt charges.

The contempt charges — like Freeman's petition for a court review of proceedings that prompted the State Board to ouster him and the other two members of the county board — stem from Freeman's refusal to appear at a May 20 primary election hearing in this county.

Subpoenaed to appear, Freeman did not show up. (Continued To Last Page)

Tornadoes Defeat Cranberry, 6-0; Cardinals Down Blue Devils, 33-0; Wildcats Beat East Yancey, 13-6

34-Yard Sprinkle-to-Candler Pass In Second Period Neta Win

"Two yards and a cloud of dust" has often been the description of a defensive battle between two rugged football machines. This quotation can be amply applied to the Cranberry-Marshall football game played on the Island last Friday night. The only change in the quote would be "two yards, two passes, and a punt." The entire game, played before a large crowd, was simply a matter of which team had the most rugged defense. There was little offense except for a dangerous but not (Continued To Last Page)

McCracken, Thomason Star For Clyde; Blue Devils Improved

The Clyde Cardinals proved too strong in every department last Saturday night on the Hot Springs gridiron and easily defeated the Blue Devils, 33-0 for the second loss of the season.

McCracken, Newman, Russell, and Thomason, a quartet of fast and powerful backs, riddled the lighter Blue Devil line to shreds as they netted 195 yards rushing to the Devils' 74.

(Continued To Last Page)

Eddie Castellone Scores All Points For Mars Hill

Mars Hill halfback Eddie Castellone scored all his team's points at Burnsville Friday night as the Wildcats handed the East Yancey Panthers a 13-6 Appalachian Conference setback.

Castellone roared through East Yancey for 46 yards in the second quarter. The Panthers pulled even in the third when Gordon Banks clinched an 80-yard Panther drive with a five-yard scoring thrust.

In the final quarter, Castellone clinched a 60-yard drive with another six points, then ran the ex-

(Continued To Last Page)

Two County Students Have Pictures In Look Magazine

Mike Ledford, Tony Graham Among Those Featured In Current Issue

Madison County, and particularly Mike Ledford and Tony Graham, were honored in the September 22 issue of LOOK Magazine by having their pictures prominently published in a feature, "The Class of '68," by Thomas B. Morgan.

Both young men have accomplished many goals and each displays outstanding characteristics which point to a brilliant future. Tony Graham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Graham of the Piney Grove community, Marshall Rt. 1; Mike Ledford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ledford, of Marshall.

Among his many honors, young Ledford won top honors recently in Forestry throughout the state. He is a dedicated 4-H member and leader.

The picture of Mike shows him in front of the lighthouse in the office of The News-Record and outlines accompanying picture reads: In depressed areas, as elsewhere, college means opportunity. "Parents have want their kids to have a better chance," says Michael Ledford, who was editor of Marshall (Continued To Last Page)

ASC Community Comm. Election Deadline Nears

Farmers within Madison County who have not as yet cast their ballot in this year's ASC community committee election, were issued a last minute reminder today by ASCS office manager Ralph W. Ramsey that they may yet cast a timely ballot if they will act promptly. He explained that ballots cast by mail will be valid if they carry a postmark date of not later than midnight, September 11. Ballots cast by mail after that hour cannot be considered. Farmers desiring to return their ballots to the ASCS office in person have only through 5:00 p. m., Friday, Sept. 11, to do so.

In conclusion, Ramsey said that the farmer committee system has proved to be a highly successful way of administering farm programs and if farmers continue to vote and elect the best qualified persons, we can be assured of a greater success in the future.

QUICK TEMPER

A quick temper means trouble when used as a safety valve.