



Burley Farmers To Vote In Referendum Next Thurs.

Tourney Starts Tonight; 2 JV, 2 Varsity Games

First Game At 6:00 P. M.; Large Crowd Is Expected

Capacity crowds are expected to jam the Marshall gymnasium tonight (Thursday) when the 1965 county high school basketball tournament gets underway. The first game of the tourney, a Junior Varsity affair, will pit Spring Creek girls against the Laurel girls. The second game will be between the Mars Hill JV boys and the Spring Creek quint. The other JV teams drew byes in the opening round.

VARSITY PAIRINGS

Varsity pairings for opening night are as follows:
GIRLS: Spring Creek vs. Hot Springs. All other teams drew byes.
BOYS: Hot Springs vs. Laurel. All other teams drew byes.
Four games (two JV and two Varsity) will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 18, 19, and 20. The semifinals of the varsity and finals of the JV tourney will be played Friday night of the following week (Feb. 26) and the varsity finals will be played Saturday night, Feb. 27. This schedule gives both the players and fans a rest period to recuperate from the first three nights of the tourney.

MARSHALL FFA WINS PUBLIC SPEAKING MEET

Future Farmers of America Chapters from Clyde A. Erwin High School and Marshall High School took top honors in a parliamentary procedure and public speaking contest held Thursday at Erwin.
Erwin placed first in parliamentary procedure, and Marshall won the public speaking round.
Mars Hill won second place in parliamentary procedure, and Marshall won third place.
In public speaking, the team was led by Donnie Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks, of Marshall.
Other students participating in the contests included Jerry Dale Hunter, Bobby Plimmoms, Bobby Fisher, J. B. Sams, David Rice, and Everette Mace.
J. C. Cole is FFA teacher at the Marshall school.
FFA chapters from Buncombe, Yancey and Madison counties took part in the event, which was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Future Farmers of America Federation.

A. L. FELDMAN IS CHIEF CDCD, WYATT STATES

David Wyatt, Civil Defense Director in Madison County, announced this week that State Highway Patrolman A. L. Feldman, of Mars Hill, has been appointed Civil Defense Chief, Communications Director.
Mr. Wyatt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Wyatt, who has been director since October, stated this week that he hopes the Civil Defense Programs for this county can be "stepped up" immediately.
In announcing Feldman as chief of communications, Wyatt chose a man who is an expert "ham" radio operator who will fill this important post well and efficiently.
Feldman is married to the former Miss Shirley Sprinkle. They have two children and reside in Mars Hill.

NAT "KING" COLE DIES OF CANCER IN CALIFORNIA

Popular Singer, Pianist Was Idol Throughout World
Nat (King) Cole, popular singer and jazz pianist of world renown, died in his sleep at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif., early Monday morning, three weeks after he had undergone surgery for removal of a cancerous left lung.
His wife, Maria, who was at his side, "knew for several days he was dying," a hospital spokesman said, "but she didn't want anything made public because he watched television constantly."
Aware that he had cancer, the 45-year-old singer thought he was recovering after the removal of his lung, but doctors said the disease had spread beyond control.
Nat Cole's life was one of fluctuating economic extremes, but at the end he could command \$20,000 a week.
Among his all-time best-selling recordings were "Mona Lisa," "Too Young," "For Sentimental Reasons," "Pretend," "Answer Me My Love" and "Smile."
"I love this profession," Cole once said in chatting about rising newcomers.
The messages of condolence poured in Monday from the great and the nameless for a man they regarded as the best of all.

Tobacco Allotment Notices To Be Mailed On Friday

Farmers Will Know How Referendum Will Affect Them In 1965

Notices of individual farm acreage allotments will be mailed to farm operators on Friday, February 19, Emory Robinson, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committee, has announced. The notices are sent in advance of the February 25th marketing quota referendum so that farmers will know how the quotas they are voting on would affect their individual farming operations for 1965.
For the 1965 crop of burley tobacco, the Department of Agriculture has announced a total of 284,146 acres available for allotment. This compares with 315,698 acres allotted for 1964. If quotas for the 3 years, 1965-1967, are approved in the February 25 referendum, the allotments for 1966 and 1967 would be determined and announced.
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Criminal Court To Start Here Monday

Approximately 80 Cases; McLean To Preside; Jurors Named

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning at ten o'clock with Judge W. K. McLean, of Asheville, presiding. Robert Swain is the solicitor.
There are approximately 80 cases on the docket, some of them minor charges.
On the docket scheduled to be heard Tuesday is the case involving eight Walnut men charged with disrupting school procedures a few years ago during the consolidation of the Walnut and Marshall schools. Also on the docket for Tuesday is a case involving a school bus driver, charged with carrying a concealed

weapon, also during the Walnut-Marshall school dispute.

Below is a list of jurors:

- Mrs. Charles Paris, Mrs. Erwin Adams, Grady Brown, James Davis, Earl Moore, Wayne Cook, Jim Cody, Harold Metcalf, Hardy L. Willett, A. D. Freeman, Mrs. Clay Talton, Mrs. Overton English, Fernman Franklin, Mrs. Zede Merrill, Willard Anderson, Elbert Gentry, Jr., Clarence Davis Edwards, Mrs. Curtis Shelton, Tony Randall, Mrs. C. N. Penland, Mrs. Vernie Peck, Adam Dycus, Mrs. Kermit Cody, George Reeves, Jr., Joe B. Morgan, Mrs. John D. Ray, Okley Freeman Berry Hollifield, Jack Chandler, Reuben Wallin, Ted Tucker, Floyd Reid, Carl H. Ferguson, Albert Ricker, Walter

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DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHWAYS IS PROPOSED

Washington — Development of highways proposed in the Appalachian bill will "rebuild and revitalize" the economy of Western North Carolina, 11th District Rep. Roy A. Taylor declared here Friday.
"I urge quick passage of the bill, Taylor recommended at a hearing before a special House subcommittee on Appalachia.
"In my opinion, this is the most important single piece of legislation for the people of Western North Carolina to be considered since I came to Congress," he said.
Out of every dollar, 85 cents will be spent for highway construction. A total of 142 miles of new roads are planned for the 11th Congressional District.
The Senate passed the bill Feb. 1 by a vote of 62 to 22. In the House, the bill now goes from the special subcommittee to the full Public Works Committee and then to the House itself.
A committee spokesman said Friday the House might receive the bill by late next week.
Taylor is giving his full support. "The highway building proposals, coupled with other features, promise relief to an area economically retarded by an inadequate highway system," he testified.

BODY OF ROY WILLIS FOUND WEDNESDAY A.M.

Had Been Dead Five Days; Heart Attack Blamed For Death

The body of a 53-year-old disabled veteran was found early Wednesday morning in a branch near his home in the East Fork section of Madison County about 13 miles from Marshall. Dr. W. A. Sams, coroner, stated that he had probably been dead about five days.
The victim was identified as Roy Willis, who made his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willis.
According to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, the body was discovered about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning by the victim's father who was walking down a small road from the home to the main East Fork highway.
Further investigation revealed that Willis was last seen last Friday afternoon by his mother. She stated that he often left home without telling them and some-
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Heavy Vote Is Desired; Important To County

HOUSE, USED AS BARN, BURNED NEAR HERE SAT.

The two-story house, belonging to Lorado Ponder, located on Marshall Route 1, was completely destroyed by fire about 9:00 o'clock last Saturday night. Origin of the fire is unknown.
The structure, said to be over 100 years old, had been used as a storage building for feed but was recently cleaned out making it ready for occupancy of renters. It was partially insured, it was stated.
Marshall firemen went to the scene but the house had collapsed before they arrived.
West Point cadets are paid \$111.15 a month.

Two-thirds Majority Needed For Approval Of Quotas

All Burley tobacco producers in Madison County are being urged to vote in a grower referendum being held on Thursday, February 25, to determine whether the present government tobacco allotment program will be continued or dropped. If at least two-thirds of the growers participating vote "yes" the present program will be in effect for the next three years. If the growers do not approve the referendum there will be no allotments and no loan program for the 1965 Burley crop. The Burley program has been in effect since 1940.
Agricultural leaders are urging all Madison County farmers who are eligible to vote in this election to do so. They point out that Burley tobacco is the number one cash crop in the area, having returned \$3,309,240, gross sales to farmers in 1964.
"Each person who is eligible to vote in this election on February 25 should make every effort to do so," states the Madison County Burley Referendum Committee. "This is the farmers' program — your program — and too much is at stake to let someone else decide for you."
In Madison County there are 2,900 farmers with Burley allotments totaling 2,617 acres. Anyone who shares in the production of Burley is eligible to vote.
Community polling places which will be open from 7:00 a. m., to 7:00 p. m., next Thursday are as follows:
Community 2: White Rock School.
Community 3: Silver's Store; Oak Grove Community Center.
Community 4: Beech Glen School.
Community 5: Dock Ramsey's
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Harold Gosnell Is Named Dog Warden For County

BOOSTERS CLUB BUYS ITEMS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL

The Marshall Boosters Club met Monday night in the home economics room of the Marshall school with 15 members present.
James Sprinkle, president, presided at the business session when various needs and accomplishments of the club were aired.
Members voted to purchase a much-needed duplicating machine for the grammar grades. It was explained that the school had two of these machines but a third one was badly needed.
The club members also voted to purchase a spray gun and paint table to help in interior painting of several rooms and perhaps the
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Will Assist In Preventing Spread Of Rabies; Duties Cited

At a meeting of the Madison County Commissioners with Dr. Margery J. Lord, Madison County Health Director, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, Dr. Lord was authorized to proceed with the dog warden program. In view of the emergency situation with regard to rabies in Tennessee counties adjacent to Madison County, it was decided to implement this program as soon as possible. There has been an increase in the number of rabid animals in Greene and Cocke counties in Tennessee since January 1, 1965. Greene County has had 33 new confirmed cases of rabies, most of which was in cattle, since January 1. The Health Department in Greene County stated there were over 100 people who had or were taking prophylactic treatment for rabies as of Feb. 15, 1965. Cocke County has had 34 new confirmed cases of rabies, ten
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MHC STUDENT DIES SUDDENLY DURING DRILL

Grandson Of Mrs. W. T. Bradey; Was Lenoir Resident

James Frank Bradley Jr., 18-year-old Mars Hill College sophomore from Lenoir, collapsed and died in the college gymnasium Wednesday morning during a basketball drill.
Efforts at artificial respiration by fellow students were followed by external heart massage, oxygen, and direct injections by Dr. Ernest Powell of the college medical staff in the infirmary, which is across the street from the gym.
Dr. W. A. Sams, Madison County coroner, ruled that the youth suffered a massive coronary attack.
The gym instructor, Jim Fish, said the class, divided into teams for the basketball workout, had gone through five or six minutes of light warmup and had run up and down the floor twice when Bradley ran off the end of the court and slumped against the wall.
Fish, acting as referee, was almost beside him when it happened.
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4-H Achievement Program Held Here Monday Night

\$2,400.00 NEEDED FOR 4-H PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTY

Camp Improvements And Scholarships Depend On Current Response

During 1961, a program was set up for North Carolina known as the 4-H Development Program. It was designed to help 4-H club boys and girls in the State, by providing better 4-H camps, a scholarship program, and to increase the State awards and Farm Youth Exchange Program. Each county in North Carolina was given a quota to raise to help reach the one million dollar goal established for the state.
Since 1961 gifts amounting to \$554,000.00 have been made to the 4-H Development Fund. Counties have contributed \$27,900.00 and gifts acquired by a state committee have amounted to \$27,900.00. Most of the 4-H camps in the state were in a bad state of repair.
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Successful Meeting Held In Courthouse; Winners Cited

The annual 4-H Achievement Program was presented Monday night before a filled courtroom at the courthouse here.
Jay Nealy Edwards acted as master of ceremonies and leaders, members, officials and parents enjoyed the event.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warren Roberts and the 4-H Pledge was led by Adale Payne. Delbert Arrington gave the devotion and Jewell Ball and Hilda Gommel led in group singing.
Charlotte Shupe gave the welcoming talk and Mr. Earle Wias introduced the leaders. Mrs. Barbara Rhodes presented the club charters which was followed by an electric guitar duet by Gary Hall and Larry Boma.
Steve Wood introduced the principal speaker, Mr. Bob Ballou. Following Mr. Ballou's impressive speech, Joan and Joan Wood entertained the crowd with a unique duet.
Awards and slaps presented.
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Teams Advance In Tournament

Due to the paper being a day late, Thursday's night's results in the county tournament are made possible to publish.
Results:
Junior Varsity:
Laurel, 33; Spring Creek, 5 (Girls)
Mars Hill, 48; Spring Creek, 19 (Boys)
Varsity:
Spring Creek, 30; Hot Springs, 14 (Girls)
Laurel, 48; Hot Springs, 45 (Boys)

PAPER DAY LATE

Due to mechanical trouble, this week's issue is a day late. We ask your indulgence.

SGT. MAJOR GETS ACM; SON OF MRS. J. A. DENNIS

Sergeant Major Robert M. Ammons, Battalion Sergeant Major was awarded the Army Commendation Medal Monday, Feb. 1. Lt. Col. John H. Cochran, Jr., acting Commanding Officer of the 8th Artillery Group (AD) presented the medal to Sergeant Major Ammons in an informal ceremony.
The ACM was awarded for the period Sergeant Major Ammons was with the 7th Mobile Battalion (CHAWEL), 8th Artillery.
The citation that accompanied the medal read as follows:
Sergeant Major (SM) Robert M. Ammons, United States Army, (Continued to Last Page)

Vann Ramsey Is Named Electrical Inspector For Co.

Vann Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ramsey, of the East Fork section, was recently named electrical inspector for Madison County by the commissioners.
It was explained that the county now has only one inspector instead of two. George Reeves formerly served with Ramsey in this capacity.

Freeman Home Is Destroyed By Fire Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Freeman, of Anderson Branch, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday night. The Freemans escaped but all contents in the house were lost.

Erroneous Reports

Word has come to this newspaper office that several people have been spreading erroneous tales about the status of the Walnut Rural Post Office — that it will close soon, etc.
This newspaper contacted Marshall's Acting Postmaster, Frank Ramsey, this week and he stated that so far as he knows the rural station at Walnut will continue the same service as long as the needs of the community justify the rural station.