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Rep. Ramsey Introduces Bill To Bolster Tourism

Rep. James Ramsey, D-Madison, has introduced a bill in the General Assembly to appropriate \$100,000 to help local people promote their travel attractions. Ramsey said, "Tourism is the backbone of several areas of the State, particularly in Western North Carolina."

Ramsey, who is a Representative of the 40th House District, said many of North Carolina's local chambers of commerce need to do a better job promoting tourism, "certainly now with the economic slowdown."

Last session, Ramsey introduced a bill that an-

Production Of Non-Quota Tobacco

W. B. Zink, Madison County ANS Executive Director, announces that a recent change has been made in the law relating to the production of Maryland and other kinds of non-quota tobacco in areas where quota kinds are traditionally produced.

Beginning with the 1976 crop, any non-quota kind of tobacco that is produced in an area where a quota kind of tobacco is traditionally produced will be subject to the production and marketing controls of the quota kind if the non-quota tobacco possesses any of the distinguishable characteristics of the quota tobacco. Classification standards of the quota tobacco will be used by tobacco inspectors of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in making the determination as to whether the non-quota tobacco possesses any of the distinguishable characteristics of the quota tobacco.

Chain Saws, Ammunition Stolen Here

Five chain saws and an undetermined amount of ammunition were stolen last weekend from the Coal, Feed & Lumber Company on Upper Bridge Street. The thieves gained entrance through a door on the railroad side of the building.

Marshall policemen and the sheriff's department are investigating.



SPECIAL SUPERIOR Court Judge James M. Baley Jr. of Asheville administered the oath of office in Marshall Saturday to Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill, appointed by Gov. Jim Holshouser as resident Superior Court judge of the 21st Judicial District. Briggs moved up from the District Court bench. Prior to that he served as an assistant U. S. district attorney and as a state senator from the 31st District.

First Union Will Assist Car Purchase

First Union National Bank will rebate up to \$200 on the first monthly payment of any new car financed with the bank. Bruce Hall, First Union vice president, said the offer is good until March 31.

"We feel the rebate is one more way First Union National Bank helps North Carolinians afford a new car," he said. "It should be used by all dealers in the state," Hall said.

The new rebate is the second effort First Union has made to reduce the impact of new all prices on the consumer. In November 1974, the bank began a "rebate plan" which allows customers to pay off a car loan in 48 months instead of the traditional 36. Hall added that consumers have several reasons to buy that new car now. They can receive exceptionally low trade-in values on their old car, making it worth more to sell now than to trade in later. They can also take advantage of the new cars. First Union's rebate offer will give them additional savings of up to \$200 depending on the size and number of monthly payments on the loan. And the bank's 48-month financing plan is one of the most flexible in the industry. For more information and details on First Union's rebate offer, call 348-1100 or write to: First Union National Bank, 1000 N. Main St., Marshall, N.C. 28753.

Fire Damages Residence Of C.D. Bowmans Here

Marshall, N.C. (Special) — Mrs. J. D. Bowman, 905 Roberts Hill Road, early last Thursday morning lost through a rapidly spreading fire at the front portion of the house when firemen arrived about 4:30 o'clock they were successful in putting out the fire before the flames spread to other portions of the beautiful home. Considerable damage was done to the roof, attic and covered side porch.

Cause of the fire was attributed to an electric unit which Mr. and Mrs. used to keep their pet dog, "Bozo," warm on cold nights. Bozo's realizing the emergency quickly first from his bed unharmed. He returned to his home after the fire had been extinguished.

"We've used an electric heating unit in 'Bozo's' sleeping box for years but this is the first time it has shorted. We're sure glad that 'Bozo' escaped before being hurt," Mr. Bowman stated.

Estimates of the damage from the fire are unknown at present.

FmHA Business, Rural Loans Available

Guaranteed loan funds for North Carolina businesses and industries are available through the Farmers Home Administration, reports James T. Johnson, FmHA State Director.

These loans can be made to existing businesses and industries for expansion purposes or to new businesses for new facilities. Loan funds may be used for land purchase, building construction, machinery and equipment purchase, working capital.

Repayment terms are up to 30 years for real estate purposes, 15 years, or its useful life for machinery and equipment, and up to 7 years for working capital.

The industry or business must be located in or planning to locate in a rural area or town of 50,000 or less. Objective of the program, reports Johnson, is to create new jobs in rural areas and improve rural economic conditions.

Private lenders, such as banks and savings and loan associations, make the loans which are guaranteed by FmHA up to 90 percent. The interest rate is negotiated by the applicant with his lender. Equity requirements vary but the applicant must have a

minimum equity of ten percent.

There is no minimum or maximum dollar limitation for any loan," Mr. Johnson stated, "but priority is given to the larger industrial type of projects creating the most jobs."

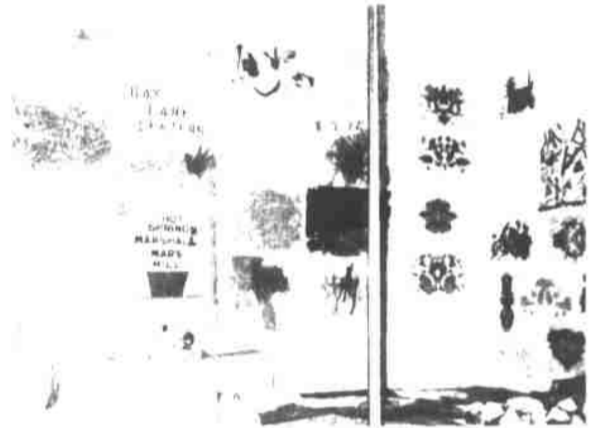
Since adequate funds are available, Johnson went on to say, "we have an excellent opportunity to help industries already in business and to finance new industries."

Small lenders also may participate since only the ten percent or unguaranteed portion is charged against the

lender's loan limits. The 90 percent or guaranteed portion can be sold by the lender to a secondary market thereby helping the lender retain his liquidity."

Prospective applicants can make applications or obtain more information about this program by visiting local bankers, one of the 13 FmHA county offices serving the 100 North Carolina counties, and contacting James T. Johnson, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, Room 414 Federal Building, 40 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. 27601. Phone 919/755-4640.

The Farmers Home Administration office serving Madison County is located over the Wachovia Bank building in Marshall.



THIS MONTH the window at the Marshall Library displays some of the work done by the children in the three Day Care Centers of Madison County. The centers are open 5 days a week, serving children between three and five years of age. The program includes good nutrition, physical fitness, health screening and structured play and games. The children also learn to play together. Picnics, train rides, a ride in a police car, and a children stage play are some of the field trips. Each center has a bus that helps with the transportation of the children. All centers meet all the standards for licensing and certification. If you would like more information please call one of the following numbers: Marshall 649-1587, Mars Hill 689-3518, and Hot Springs 622-1581.

New Sediment Control Program Will Begin

By BILL BROWN
Soil Conservation Tech

Noting that state law will soon require a sediment control plan on all clearing or grading operations more than one acre in size, State Conservationist Jesse J. Hicks today pledged the support of Soil Conservation Service agents to help control sediment.

Under terms of the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1974, earth-disturbing activities after March 1, 1975 must include measures to keep sediment from such work on the project site.

Land cleared or graded for agricultural or forestry uses are exempted, Mr. Hicks said, and no plan will be required.

"But we have a lot of development and building projects that are clearly included in the category covered by this part of the Act," he added. "Fortunately, conservation measures are available to help prevent the sediment from washing away and entering streams and their waterways."

Under the law a plan must be submitted 30 days before grading operations begin. The plan must list and define measures that will be used to keep disturbed earth from causing the eroded area. The North Carolina sedimentation

Commission is responsible for enforcement of the law.

More information may be obtained from regional engineers of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources. Field offices are located in Asheville, Mooresville, Winston-Salem, Kaleigh, Fayetteville, Washington, N. C. and Wilmington.

Technical assistance in developing erosion control plans may be obtained from the 92 soil and water conservation districts, which serve every North Carolina county. Here in Madison County, help can be obtained by contacting the Madison Soil and Water Conservation District office, located upstairs in the Wachovia Bank building in Marshall.

Lions Enjoy Steak Dinner

Marshall Lions Mike Bradley, Jim Story, Wiley DuVal, Tom Wallin, Pace Bragan, Maurice McAlister, Earle Wise, Roger Wood, Jerry Plemmmons, David Caldwell, Ed Morton, Marvin Ball, Steve Wallin, Roy Reeves and Dorton Gregory enjoyed steak dinners at The Fiddler on Tunnel Road Monday night.

The annual event is a result of the Christmas promotion of the Marshall Lions Club. President Maurice McAlister presided at the brief business session following the dinner.

Energy Crisis Meeting

The February meeting of the Energy Crisis Meeting was held Thursday Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the North Asheville Community Center. The program will feature Dr. Robert S. Cole, Assistant Professor of Physics at UNC-Asheville, will speak on Alternate Energy.

Those who have asked what alternatives there are for our nation's energy needs, if nuclear power is too dangerous will be especially interested in this program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Policy Board To Meet Thurs. Public Invited

A meeting of the Policy Board of the French Broad Criminal Justice Planning Agency (FBCJPA) will be held at the Rodeway Inn located at the intersection of 140 and U.S. 70 (Tunnel Road) on Thursday, Feb. 27. Arrangements have been made for those attending to eat together in the restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be Dutch treat and ordering will be done from the normal menu. The business session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Inn.

Members of the community are also cordially invited to attend.

Electric Workshop Held

The Marshall Housing Board (HOB) has attended an Electric Workshop held Saturday Feb. 15 in the REA Building conducted by James Bragman. As we listed the things we use that are electric, we learned that electricity is an important part of our daily lives. We also learned if we keep our incandescent bulbs replaced we could save 25 percent of our light wattage. A Los Electric Motor was given

Shut-In D.C. Elects Officers; Buy Fire Truck

The group of shut-in Madison County residents organized their own group, "Shut-In D.C.," and elected officers. The group will purchase a fire truck and buy a fire truck.

Power Fuel Adjustment Announced

The Public Service Commission has announced that the monthly fuel adjustment factor for persons receiving service for monthly 60-day will be \$0.0087 per KWH for persons receiving service on a monthly 30-day billing cycle. The Purchase Power Fuel Adjustment factor for persons receiving service for monthly 60-day will be \$0.0087 per KWH.

The Purchase Power Fuel Adjustment factor should hopefully start to decline as the price of coal has now started to stabilize as has been noted in the press by hearings that are now under way before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

He Put His Trust In Luck

By JOHN PARRIS

LUCK. A mountain man who put his trust in luck suggested the name for this tiny community that nestles among the dark wrinkles of the Newfound Mountains between Hot Springs and Lake Junaluska.

His name was Joseph Plemmmons.

He gave birth not only to Luck but to its next-door neighbor Trust, which is just down the road a couple of twisting miles at the forks of NC 206 and NC 63.

Up until the turn of the century, this part of Madison County was known only as the Spring Creek section, a wild and isolated region with a scattering of families.

The nearest post office was 15 miles away and it took a week to get mail or wanted to post a letter that had to make the journey by horseback or by wagon or by shanks' mare.

Joseph Plemmmons figured the folks hereabouts ought to have a post office of their own.

So he sat down and wrote a letter to the post office department up in Washington.

And he told them, "I trust I will have the luck of getting to be postmaster of this community. They sent a representative out to talk to him and a decision was made to establish two post offices in upper Spring Creek."

And taking a cue from Joseph Plemmmons' letter they named one, Luck and the other, Trust.

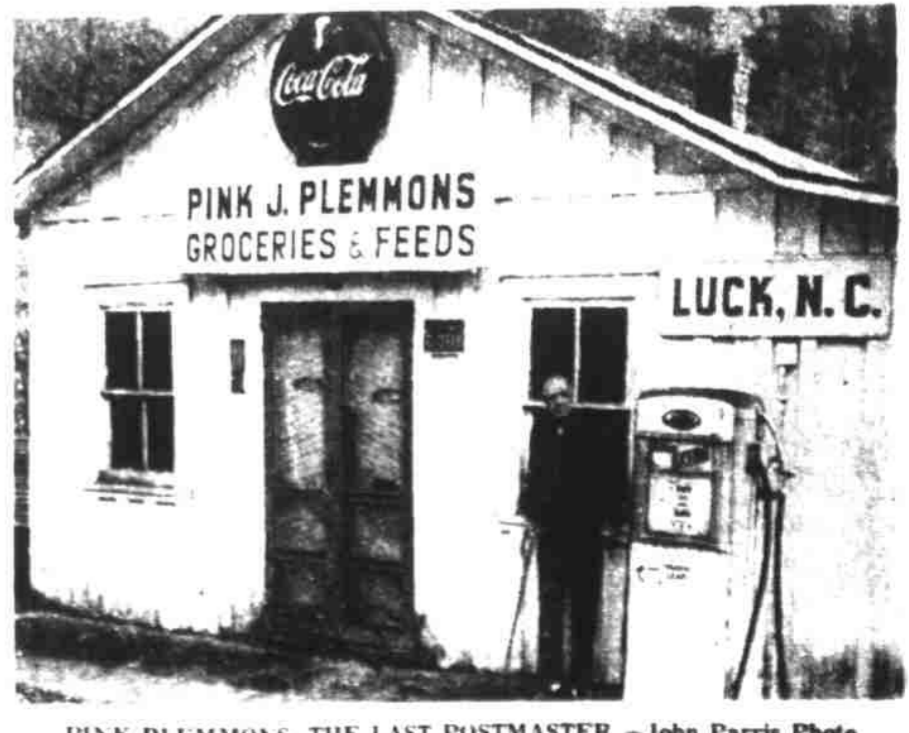
This was around 1900 when he was 41 years old.

And he was appointed postmaster of the Luck post office.

The first post office, his 15-year-old son, Bryan Plemmmons recalled a couple of days ago, was in my father's home. It was right here in this room where I'm sitting. The post office was in one corner of the room and the rest was used as a store.

But it got awful crowded and he put up a store building next to the house and moved the post office into it. It's gone now. I tore it down and used the lumber from it to make me a garage.

The post office at Trust five miles down the road from Joseph Plemmmons' place was set up in another little country



PINK PLEMMONS, THE LAST POSTMASTER — John Parris Photo