

Heard And Seen

By POP

Jack Ramsey, secretary of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, is to be congratulated for his fine explanations of the financing and other pertinent information concerning the Marshall and Smoky Mountain Fire District... he did a great job on several "sticky" questions during the meeting at Madison High School Monday night... he displayed excellent knowledge of the financial structure of the two departments and answered with little hesitation all questions asked during the meeting. Ralph Rice, chairman of the SMFD Commission, presided, and also did a fine job... appreciation of the firemen was expressed by the more than 70 persons present for the fine work they are doing.

Although the immediate Marshall area has had plenty of snow during the past week, right here in Marshall we have escaped the deep snows which have fallen in many sections of the county... it's strange indeed that some 3 or 4 inches accumulated in sections a few miles from Marshall while we have had only an inch or so...

Work is continuing on the Bowman Funeral Home extension and also at the First Union Bank extension... maybe things will pick up when winter is over. The Christmas decorations across Main Street are still up but the weather has been too cold to take them down — yet.

Interest in basketball is rapidly growing... it's amazing how many teams are in the county... from the little ones to the Madison High teams... I'm looking for some strong cage teams in years to come... when members of the Marshall Youth League mature, they're going to give their opponents plenty of headaches.

SCHOOL BUS TRAINERS — North Carolina Department of Transportation personnel currently are developing training procedures for school bus drivers in the use of new safety features on the vehicles. About 80 driver education representatives and supervisors from the transportation department's Division of Motor Vehicles examined a bus equipped with new features last

week in Raleigh while attending an employee development seminar. State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw, far left, is shown with school bus trainers from Western North Carolina. John Fisher, of Burnsville, formerly of Marshall, is shown fourth from left on second row. Fisher's territory assignments are Madison, Yancey and Mitchell Counties.

Plans For Day Care Nursery Announced

The Madison County Child Development Program has announced plans to open the first developmental nursery in the county for infants. The nursery will be located at the Marshall Day Care Center and initially will be able to serve four children between the ages of 3 to 18 months.

The program is scheduled to be operational no later than April 1. Applications for children may be picked up at the Marshall Center.

However, according to Teresa Zimmerman, day care coordinator, the nursery can only be opened with local support. "We have no money to equip the nursery. We are counting on parents and friends of the program to donate everything from cribs and toys, to blankets and sheets in order to open the nursery."

Ms. Zimmerman, explained that with the relocation and expansion of both the Marshall and Great Ivy Centers during the past year along with decreased funding at the state level, the program has exhausted its normal sources for expansion. "The opening of the nursery has been planned for some time and we have had to choose between shelving the plans or trusting to the goodwill of our supporters. We are requesting that parents, service clubs, or church groups who have access to any unused nursery equipment, toys, or supplies donate these to the program," Ms. Zimmerman stated.

Items may be dropped off at any of the day care centers in Hot Springs, Greater Ivy, Mars Hill or Marshall. If anyone needs help with a large item, such as a crib, he or she may call 649-3587 and request assistance.

"This is a grand opportunity for parents to put to use these baby items that are no longer needed in the family. If we are

unable to furnish the nursery through donations, we will be forced to delay its opening indefinitely," added Ms. Zimmerman.

Already the program has received requests for infant care. Additionally, the Health Department has agreed to provide consultation to the nursery consequently, the day care staff has already begun the search for nursery equipment.

Listed below are the items required for the nursery for those who wish to join in the venture: four cribs, four mattresses, four high chairs or feeding tables, two strollers, mobiles, music boxes, teething rings, rattles,

Fisher-Price toys (activity box, shape sorter etc.), stuffed animals, baby dolls, push and pull toys, balls, riding toys, children's books for very young children,

One play pen, crib sheets, changing table, two walkers, four car seats, two baby carriers, musical records suitable for playing in nursery, one new washable 4x8 throw rug approximately, wash cloths, towels, baby blankets, stacking toys, adult rocking chair, washable cushions or pillows, small table top refrigerator, one large diaper pail, crib pads, rubber sheets, and baby drinking cups.

Jurors Drawn

The February term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Clifton E. Johnson presiding.

The following jurors have been drawn for the term: Marjorie Tweed, Lola Franklin, Ervin C. Tweed, Theodore Worley, Jesse L. Hunter, Ernie M. Letterman, Glenn W. Woody, Eva A. Moore, Owen H. Blankenship, Nat Fox, Judy A. Grigg, Beulah Stamey, Ralph T. Rice, Sonja Shelton, Ethel Caldwell, Ronald D. Massey, Cayes F. Robinson, John T. Flynn, Minnie McCormick.

Paula W. Shelton, Hazel F. Green, Topsy A. Davis, Bruce Boone, Charles R. Blankenship, Patricia Ann Waldrop, Rushie B. Thomas, Lois Waldroup, Jerry M. Hunter, Edward Roberts, Vernie Peak, Claude B. Keener, Suzanne B. Morton, Minnie

Bell Baldwin, Charlie T. Maxwell, Shirley W. Lambert, Bobby A. Griffin, Ernest Ramsey,

Lovinia R. Moore, Wayne O. Ponder, Kaye Ann Sams, Bernie D. Edwards, Ruth T. Stills, Marion Hensley, Fred Craine, Homer Griffin,

George R. Worley, Jay E. Payne, Marietta Smith, Eloise D. Ramsey, Lody Chandler, Hubert Roberts, John G. Crawford, Walter P. Smith, Fred H. Rector, Ruby Carol Marler, Charles C. Eatmon, Charles D. Garrett, Myrtle F. Holt, Ollie C. Shelton, J. Rex Allen, Raleigh Bryant, Roy Norton,

Evie D. Church, Celia Ann Metcalf, John Knox Brigrman Jr., Mary L. Payne, Etta F. English, Cleophas Cutshall, Spurgeon Brooks, Ruby Jean Chandley, Opal C. Moore, James W. Willis, Cleatus E. Worley, Clyde B. Griffin, and Bobby Adams.

True Bills Are Returned By Grand Jury

A regular criminal session of the Madison County Superior Court began on Jan. 22 with the Honorable Clifton E. Johnson, Superior Court judge of Charlotte, presiding.

The Madison County Grand Jury also met at this court session. In addition to Leonard F. Ponder, Raleigh E. Ballard, Ida K. Ramsey, Joyce G. Lewis, Jack P. Phillips, Jane G. Grose and Clayton D. Rice who were already empaneled on the Grand Jury, Doyle Willard Ammons, Randy S. Reed, Isabelle Maynard, Meredith C. Wilburn, Callis Rice, Ishmael Wallin, Fenner Johnson, Pearl Ammons, Jerry Lee Edmonds and Daniel Bunyan Wallin Jr. were seated on the panel. Daniel Bunyan Wallin Jr. was named to replace Jane Gray, who was excused from the original half of the panel and Kenneth Gardner of the original panel was temporarily excused. Judge

Johnson named Fenner Johnson as foreman of the Grand Jury.

District Atty. Clyde M. Roberts submitted 15 bills of indictment to the grand jurors including the following charges: Randy Kim Tweed, manslaughter; Paul Chandler, five counts of breaking and entering and four counts of larceny; Douglas Pressley, larceny; Shirley Shook, larceny; Billy Holt, two counts of breaking, entering and larceny; Chuck Gentry, two counts of breaking, entering and larceny; Kenneth E. Miller, two counts of forgery and uttering; and Cooper Winfield Thorn Jr., felonious possession of marijuana.

All of the indictments were found to be "true bills" by the Grand Jury, and each of the defendants will be brought to trial in the Superior Court of Madison County.

ASCS Payments Must Be Reported

As required by law, ASCS must report to the Internal Revenue Service all program payments made to producers during 1978 under the Feed Grain, ACP, Emergency Conservation, and other direct payment programs, according to an announcement by the Madison County ASCS Office. This report will include payments made directly to

producers, to assignees, and to U.S. Government agencies for any debt owed by producers.

W.B. Zink, county ASCS director, said that as an additional service, producers will receive a notice of the amount reported on Form CCC-182 prepared by the Kansas City Data Processing

Center and mailed during January.

Producers may also receive a supplemental report on Form CCC-183-1. This supplemental report will include additional program payments, if any, which were not included on Form CCC-182 but which will be included in farmers report to IRS when filing tax returns.

When producers receive these notices, it is suggested that they carefully read the explanation on the form and check the total against their records to see that the amount reported is correct. If producers find that the amount is not correct, or if they have any questions regarding the form, they should contact the county ASCS office from which the payment was received.

Executive Panel Chooses Leake

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Following the other candidates' speeches, committee chairman Bob Edwards retired the group to the Buncombe County Grand Jury room where they deliberated on the vote.

Leake's reaction to winning was one of quiet smiles and optimism.

"I'm very excited, elated," he said after the election. "I look forward to representing the district well and living up to the confidence that was expressed in me tonight."

"I'm just sorry it had to come under the circumstances (Crawford's death). I certainly have a very large pair of shoes to fill." Edwards, chairman of the committee, when asked how Saturday night's voting went, refused to comment, saying he had been instructed by Mrs. McCain to turn the results over to her alone.

There wasn't much comment from the other candidates to be found, concerning Leake's victory.

Narvel J. "Jim" Crawford, secretary of the Buncombe County Democratic Party, and who had been a candidate but asked that his nomination be withdrawn Saturday night, said all he was interested in was "unity in the party."

Asked if Leake's election would contribute to that unity, Crawford deferred, saying, "I think generally the party will rally around whoever got the nomination."

CHOICE CRITICIZED

According to an Asheville newsman, the chairman of the Buncombe County Democratic Party said Sunday that Larry B. Leake, the 26th District Senatorial nominee, will be a political liability for the county and the state and that Gov. Jim Hunt and Zeno Ponder of Madison County should take full credit for his election.

Joseph C. Reynolds, party chairman, told the newsman in a telephone interview that Hunt and Ponder "engineered" the selection of Leake, for the Senate post.

Hunt, Ponder and Leake denied the charge. Reynolds' comments followed disclosure that Leake was charged by Asheville police in April 1976 with making obscene telephone calls to a minor girl. He later pleaded no contest to a lesser charge.

One member of the Buncombe County legislative delegation and two of four losing candidates for the Crawford seat said Sunday that Leake should not accept the nomination.

Leake stated Sunday night

that he plans to accept the Senate seat.

Leake was selected despite a last-ditch effort to throw the vacant seat to former Sen. Clyde M. Norton of Old Fort.

The selection of Leake also apparently headed off an effort by former Rep. Claude DeBruhl to return to the legislature despite his loss in last year's House primary.

Leake, Reynolds said, would be a political liability for Buncombe County and the state because of his scrape with the law in 1976.

Reynolds said that while he is sympathetic to what might have been unfortunate circumstances that got Leake into trouble with the law, that as chairman of the Buncombe County Democratic Party he doesn't feel that such a choice should be forced on the district by political leaders in high places.

"It was 100 percent a Jim Hunt and Zeno Ponder show," Reynolds said of the nomination of Leake.

Hunt aide Gary Pearce quoted Hunt as saying he did nothing to influence the outcome of the balloting, and that he talked to none of the delegates about Leake or any other candidate.

Pearce said Hunt did talk to one of the committee members briefly at Crawford's funeral in Asheville Saturday, but that a candidate for the vacant seat was not discussed.

Hunt said through Pearce that he was "vaguely aware" of the difficulties Leake had with the law in 1976, but that he did not know the specific details of the charges.

Leake was arrested at a restaurant parking lot in Asheville on April 21, 1976, where a police stakeout had been set up to nab a suspect in a case involving obscene telephone calls to a young girl.

Leake was tried before District Court Judge William M. Styles on Feb. 3, 1977 and entered a plea of no contest to a lesser charge of making annoying telephone calls to the girl.

Styles entered a verdict of guilty, but continued prayer for judgment in the case, which means it is held open indefinitely.

Leake said Saturday night that he only made the one call and fell into the police trap that was set for somebody else.

Bible Study

The public is cordially invited to the Bible Study on Wednesday night at the Union Valley Baptist Church, Route 4, Marshall. The session begins at 7 o'clock.

Gudger Added

To I. & J. Committees

U.S. Rep. Lamar Gudger will serve again on both Interior and Judiciary committees of the House of Representatives.

His membership on both committees was approved by the House, following action by caucuses of both parties.

The 11th District Democrat also was successful in his bids to return to Interior's subcommittees on National Parks and Public Lands. He served on both during the 95th Congress.

During the last session, the subcommittee on public lands had jurisdiction over Indian affairs also while the subcommittee on parks had jurisdiction over territories. Whether this jurisdiction continues has not been decided.

The Judiciary Committee organization of subcommittees has not been completed.

During the 95th Congress, Gudger served on both the crime and criminal justice subcommittees, the latter

charged with rewriting the Federal Criminal Code. He feels it is likely he will again serve at least on the latter subcommittee.

LEGAL NOTICES

Procedure for Solicitation of Proposals

FY '79 Summer Youth Program

The State of North Carolina, as Prime Sponsor for the county Balance of State area, will notify applicants of proposal solicitation efforts for the operation of the FY '79 Summer Youth Program under Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1976, as amended. Proposals are being solicited at this time by the Prime Sponsor in order to promote early planning at state and local levels.

Applicants will be made aware of the availability of preliminary planning materials through publications appearing in major newspapers within the Balance of the State area. Planning materials will be made directly to FY '79 SYP operators. All other applicants will be instructed to submit in writing to the Prime Sponsor a request to receive the preliminary planning materials. Applicants will be made aware of technical assistance workshops to be conducted by the Prime Sponsor staff for the purpose of providing information regarding fulfillment of the preliminary planning requirements. Project operators qualifications and identified program needs will be reflected as a result of completion of completed planning materials by a designated date, indicated on the application form for FY '79 SYP funds. The Prime Sponsor staff will conduct a review of the submitted planning material, approving or disapproving them, based upon satisfactory fulfillment of or failure to meet the requirements.

Contract application packages will then be mailed to applicants who have satisfactorily fulfilled planning requirements. Description of programmatic activities, general budget information, work site specifications, etc., will be reflected as a result of completion of contract application requirements. Upon submission of the contract application by a designated date, the Prime Sponsor will have the responsibility of reviewing applications and selecting FY '79 SYP operators. Information available to the Prime Sponsor regarding past performance of previous SYP operators will be considered in assessing those of demonstrated effectiveness. Applicants must demonstrate that they have carried out effectively similar programs under similar circumstances and that such programs can be carried out effectively within the Prime Sponsor's jurisdiction.

Any applicant wishing to appeal the Prime Sponsor's decision regarding the awarding of SYP funds may do so in writing to the Prime Sponsor. In the case of an appeal, a Prime Sponsor committee will be appointed to review the appeal situation. The Title IV Youth Employment and Training Committee will also be involved in the review of appeals situation. Final decision on selection of FY '79 SYP operators is the responsibility of the Prime Sponsor. Feb. 1, 1979 chp.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Electrification Administration

APPENDIX A

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Western, Carolina and Westco Telephone Companies have filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which they assure the Rural Electrification Administration that such programs can be carried out effectively within the Prime Sponsor's jurisdiction.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by these organizations to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or these organizations, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations. Feb. 1, 1979 chp.

Mitchell Edges Patriots 58-54

David Davis only had six points all night, but his last four came at the foul line in the closing seconds to give Mitchell a hard-earned Little MAC Conference win over Madison, 58-54, in a game played in Marshall last Tuesday.

Madison also contributed to its own demise by missing four one-and-one foul shot attempts in the last quarter.

Madison fell to 0-17 overall and 0-9 in the league, while Mitchell improved to 10-6 and 5-3.

Forward John Phillips

paced Mitchell with 16 points and teammate Richard Phillips added 12.

Senior forward Holden Nix led Madison with 14 points. Keith Flynn added 11 and Eric English scored 10 to round out Madison's double figure scoring.

The game was close throughout, as Mitchell crept to a 15-11 lead at the end of the first period. Mitchell retained the four-point margin, 30-26, at the half and led by six, 46-40, going into the final quarter.

MITCHELL-MADISON BOYS
MITCHELL (58) — R. Phillips 12, Cook 2, Davis 6, J. Phillips 16, T. Phillips 6, Pittman, Green 4, Piercy, McKinney 2, Warren 1, A. Hollifield & M. Hollifield 2.
MADISON (54) — Nix 14, Fribry 2, English 10, Sewyer 6, Bernette 4, Massey 4, Franklin, Davis, Flynn 1, Stines, Wilde.

Council On Aging To Meet

The Madison County Council on Aging will meet next Monday at 1 p.m. at the Child Care Center on Long Branch Road, Mrs. Lucile Brigman, chairman, announces.

The January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, it was explained.

School Menus

FOR WEEK OF FEB. 5

All menus subject to change because of cancellation of school due to weather.

Monday: breakfast — cookie, orange juice, milk; lunch — shrimpees, sliced tomatoes, green beans, slaw, corn bread, cookie, milk.

Tuesday: breakfast — buttered toast, apple juice, milk; lunch — southern fried chicken, rice and gravy, green peas, jello w-fruit, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: breakfast — apple turnover, grape juice, milk; lunch — hamburger on bun (mustard-onions-pickles), french fried potatoes, lettuce and tomato, cookie, milk.

Thursday: breakfast — doughnut, pineapple juice, milk; lunch — potato beans, steamed cabbage, canned tomatoes, pear half, corn bread, milk.

Friday: breakfast — peach cobbler, milk; lunch — veg. soup, sandwich, banana, milk.

Burley Stripping

Madison burley farmers are invited to attend a demonstration on machine stripping of tobacco. The demonstration will be conducted on the farm of Ina Metcalf. Ina lives in the Long Branch section of Big Laurel community, directly across from the Herschel Metcalf saw mill.

The machine was invented and patented by Metcalf a few years ago. This is an improved model compared to the one seen by many farmers last year.

The Agricultural Extension Service and Ina invite all interested farmers to be present this Friday at 1 p.m. to witness this demonstration.

1978 Savings

Bond Sales

Sales of Series E and H savings bonds in Madison County during the fourth quarter of 1978 were \$84,761. Total sales in 1978 amounted to \$285,528. This represents 96 percent of their goal of \$297,750, according to C.L. Radcliff Jr., county volunteer chairman.

Republican

Precinct

Meetings

Larry Stern, county chairman Republican Executive Committee, announced this week that precinct meetings will be held in all precincts on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

Election of precinct officials and delegates to the county convention will be held. The convention will be held at the courthouse here on March 3.

Watch next week's issue for further details.

A management consulting firm says insurance costs now account for 18.1 percent of the total fixed and operating costs of a typical car. The firm, Ramshamer and Company, Inc., says that in 1976 insurance accounted for 12.6 percent of the total cost.

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