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Madison Schools Break Previous Records In March Of Dimes Drive

Total Of \$2,902.74 Reported; Marshall Easily Leads With \$1,152.35

Madison County schools have broken all previous records in soliciting donations for the 1955 March of Dimes Drive which is now over. An amazing total of \$2,902.74 was reported here yesterday which did not include Spring Creek school which has not yet reported.

Marshall led all schools with the highest total in the school's history of \$1,152.35. It was pointed out that all schools in the county had surpassed their quotas easily. A quota of \$2000.00 was set for the schools with the students surpassing this quota by more than \$900.00.

Much of the credit for the success in the various schools can be attributed to the fine leadership of Mrs. Hattie Teague, Schools' Chairman during the drive. Mrs. Teague was ably assisted by Miss Hazel Sprinkle and Miss Lula Chandler who have worked untiringly in seeing the schools go "over the top."

Complete results will be published after Spring Creek reports.

A grand total of \$3,562.94 has been reported from all sources with many more sources yet to report. Perhaps by next week, the coin collectors and totals from several towns will be available.

Auburn E. Wyatt reported the (Continued to Last Page)

LIONS CONTINUE CALENDAR DRIVE; DEADLINE NEAR

The Marshall Lions Club met Monday night at the home of Mrs. E. C. Teague where 14 members were present. Following a delicious ham supper, Lion Walter Ramsey, president, reviewed progress being made in the sale of personalized calendars and urged the members to put forth every effort to conclude the solicitations by Thursday, February 24.

Captains of the various "teams" gave their reports and all teams stated that the drive is most successful with almost 100% participation.

The calendars have individual birthdays, anniversaries and meeting dates printed in the proper date at a cost of only 25c a line. Many advertisements at the top and bottom of the calendars have already been sold.

Proceeds from the calendars will go toward the improvement of the Marshall park with a portion going to the Girl Scouts.

FIRE DAMAGES EDMONDS STORE AT PETERSBURG

Efforts Of Three Men Save Building; Discovered At 6:00 A. M.

An early morning blaze in the O. S. Edmonds store at Petersburg last Friday morning did considerable damage to the inside of the building but would have been much worse had it not been for the alertness of three Petersburg men. The blaze started from an oil stove which set on two wooden boxes. It is thought that a (Continued to Last Page)

Weekly Legislative Summary

NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1955. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance. Pre-session fears that the 1955 General Assembly would be a long one, somewhat allayed in the quiet (Continued to page four)

WARREN BALL IS FATALLY INJURED BY BULLDOZER

Machine Starts While Repairs Being Made; Native Of Madison County

Warren Ball, 35, of Alexander, was fatally crushed in the wheel-track of a bulldozer Wednesday afternoon, February 16, 1955, on Marshall RFD 1, Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported.

The sheriff quoted witnesses as saying Ball was working on the blade and hydraulic lift of the machine, when the driverless bulldozer started to move. Ball's foot got caught in the track, and the machine trapped him.

The sheriff said Bill Roberts, who was working with Ball, couldn't reach the machine in time to stop the motor and save his companion.

Ball owned Alexander Grill at Alexander.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Glenna Ramsey Ball; a son, Ashley Warren, of the home; a brother, Jack, of Marshall RFD 1; three sisters, Mrs. Celola Ramsey of Marshall RFD 3, Mrs. Eunice Slagle of Alexander, and Mrs. Mary Sue McDonald of Charlotte; and a half-sister, Mrs. Jarvis Ann Ball of Marshall RFD 1.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m., in French Broad Baptist Church, with the Rev. Vernon Hensley, the Rev. Jesse Slagle and the Rev. J. A. Martin officiating. Burial will be in Runyon Cemetery on Walnut Creek.

Pallbearers will be William Roberts, Conley McKinnish, E. Y. Ponder, O. A. Gregory, Liston Ramsey and Mosby Ball.

The body will be at the home until the funeral hour.

BANQUET HELD HERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Coach Tom Young, Of WCC, Is Guest Speaker; MC Is Gene Wyke

The annual Athletic Banquet will be held in the cafeteria of the Marshall school Friday night at seven o'clock, when more than 140 students and guests will be present.

WCC Coach Tom Young, of Calhoun, will be the guest speaker for the occasion and Gene Wyke, of the Asheville Sport Mart, will be master of ceremonies.

Special music for the occasion is under the leadership of Mr. Phil Magnus and Mrs. Harry Woodson. Miss Margaret Black, home economics teacher and Mrs. Jack Sprinkle are in charge of the dinner which will be served by members of the Home Ec Department.

Dr. W. A. Sams will present the trophies following the speech and Superintendent W. W. Peek will present sweaters and letters to the various athletes. Following these presentations, the co-captains of next season's football team will be announced.

Boy Scout Fund Drive In Progress; Cooperation Urged

Vernon McCurry, Scout Field Executive of the Rhododendron District, of Asheville, met with the Boy Scout Committee in charge of soliciting funds this week and the Membership Drive is now in progress.

The county goal has been set at \$750.00, with Marshall's quota at \$450.00.

W. F. Holland, chairman of the committee, emphasized the importance of full cooperation and urged everyone interested in Boy Scouts to contribute liberally during this drive which ends next Friday night, February 25.

Other members of the committee in addition to Mr. Holland, are Arthur Ledford, C. L. Radbill Jr., Leonard Baker, John Corbett, Dr. H. E. Bellinger and C. P. Brown.

MARS HILL GIRLS, WALNUT BOYS ARE FAVORED IN MEET

Games To Start Next Thursday Night On Walnut Gym Floor

With teams entering the final week of play before the annual high school tournament, it is the Mars Hill girls and the Walnut boys who have the most impressive records this season. Hence, they will be favored to cop the top laurels in the annual cage event. Other teams have different ideas, however, as "upsets" are common when the tournament gets underway.

Admission to the tournament will be 50c for children and students and 75c for adults.

The present standings are as follows. (Continued to Last Page)

"THINKING DAY" TO BE OBSERVED BY GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout "Thinking Day" will be observed by Troop 95 and Brownie Troop 100 at a joint meeting Monday, February 21, at 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. D. D. Gross, Leader of Troop 95. Mrs. O. A. Gregory, Chairman of the Madison County District of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, and Mrs. R. H. Kaplan, Acting District Director of the Council, members of the Troop Committees, and mothers of the Scouts will be special guests.

"Thinking Day," which falls on February 22, is the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, Founder of all Scouting, and of Lady Olave Baden-Powell. (Continued to Last Page)

COMMISSIONERS TO STUDY PLAN FOR BOOKMOBILE

A second meeting was held at the French Broad Electric Membership office here Wednesday in connection with the establishment of a bookmobile for Madison County. Miss Elaine Von Oesen, field librarian of the N. C. Library Commission of Raleigh, spoke to the group and told them of the requirements in order to receive State funds.

Mrs. Janie Ramsey, home demonstration agent, presided at the meeting. Mrs. George Shupe spoke briefly about the bookmobile and introduced Miss Oesen.

After discussing the prospects for the countywide bookmobile, a committee composed of Mrs. H. B. Dittmore, chairman; Mrs. George Shupe, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, the Rev. R. N. Barefoot and Jim Story was appointed to meet with the commissioners next month and present the matter to them.

Mr. Rex Allen, a member of the board of commissioners, was present at the meeting and spoke favorably about the bookmobile. "It will be up to the people of Madison County to show sufficient interest to warrant more study about the project," he said.

Rural citizens are expected to be in full favor of the traveling library which will be equipped with books of all subjects the readers desire.

Friendship Night Observed By OES Here Last Monday

Mrs. Hilda S. Halliburton, of Clyde, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of N. C. Order of the Eastern Star, was guest of honor at Friendship Night which was observed by the Marshall chapter on Monday evening, February 14, in the Masonic Temple.

The Valentine theme was carried out in the decorations, program and refreshments, and a special program was presented in Mrs. Halliburton's honor. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses and a beautifully decorated, heart-shaped cake. (Continued to Page Six)

Hot Springs Wins \$500 Award In Finer Carolina Contest

TO SPEAK HERE



REV WAYNE McCLAIN

DEDICATION WEEK TO BE OBSERVED BY METHODISTS

The Week of Dedication of the Methodist Church will be held from February 20-27. Services will be at 7:30 each evening in the Marshall Methodist Church. The Inspirational speaker for the services will be the Rev. Wayne McClain from Statesville.

Mr. McClain attended Brevard College and Berea College, receiving his A.B. in Philosophy. Later he attended Duke University and Boston College. (Continued to Last Page)

Hot Springs was among the award winners announced Wednesday in the 1954 Finer Carolina contest sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Co.

Hot Springs was awarded a second place prize of \$500 and Swannanoa received an honorable mention prize of \$100.

The annual contest, now in its 4th year, pits competing towns according to population. Asheboro, Roxboro, and Hartsville, S. C. led those towns above 2,500 population. Wallace, Ramseur and Chadbourne led the 1,001 to 2,500 bracket. Clio, S. C., Hot Springs and Pinewood led town of 1,000 or less.

Contest judges were Dr. S. H. Hobbs Jr., professor of rural sociology at the University of North Carolina; Dr. Wilson Gee, head of rural social economics at the University of Virginia; and Dr. G. H. Aull, head of agricultural economics at Clemson College.

More than 800 projects were undertaken by the 164 competing towns in North and South Carolina. Judges based their selections upon the relative progress indicated by the five major projects reported from each town.

Cars Damaged On Main Street Here Wednesday Afternoon

Two cars were damaged on Main Street here Wednesday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock when sideswiped by a '39 Chevrolet driven by L. A. Smith, 76, of Barnardville. One of the cars, a '49 Chevrolet, belonging to Arthur Ledford, re- (Continued on Page Six)

Burlington Mill Officials Are Welcomed To County At Banquet Held At Hot Springs Friday Night

Family Life Council To Be Held Here Next Wednesday

The Family Life Council is a group of interested persons who have united for the express purpose of bringing better family relations between parents and child, getting sex education into the schools and homes, and launching a recreational program that will be for a "Better Madison."

The State recreational specialist from Raleigh, Miss Virginia Gregory, will be present at the third meeting of the Council which will be held the next Wednesday at 9:30 in the morning at the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

At the same time, Dr. Holt, vice president of Mars Hill College, will be present to discuss with the group any questions pertaining to family relations. Madison County is very fortunate in having Miss Gregory and Dr. Holt, both specialists in their fields, to be here to discuss issues so vital to Madison County.

Any person who is interested in the program is welcome at this meeting. For any information about the group you might contact the chairman, the Rev. R. N. Barefoot.

COVER ALLOTMENT REDUCTION WITH SOME OTHER CROP

Commercial Vegetable School Scheduled For Marshall Tuesday, Feb. 22

According to Harry G. Silver, Madison County farm agent, farm people on a tobacco economy with reduced acreage allotments, are in great need of an additional source of farm income. Grade C potatoes have (Continued to Last Page)

Approximately Ninety Attend Well-Planned Event; Held At Hotel

By BOB MATTHEWS Citizen Staff Writer

Executives of the parents Burlington Industries, Inc., of Greensboro disclosed plans for gradual expansion of its Hot Springs plant after receiving an official welcome to Madison County, at Hot Springs last Thursday night.

The new Goodall-Southern plant at Hot Springs is presently employing 60 persons with a weekly payroll of \$1,800, according to John Hardin of Greensboro, vice president in charge of public relations.

Hot Springs plant will be gradually expanded to employ about 125 persons with a weekly payroll of \$5,000. (Continued to Last Page)

New Members Join Civitan Club At Mars Hill Tuesday Evening

Two new members were officially welcomed into the Mars Hill Civitan Club at its meeting on Tuesday evening at the Community Center. R. M. Lee, Lt. Governor of Zone 1, presented Robert Chapman and Joe C. Robertson for membership, and R. Bruce Sams, secretary-treasurer of the club, presented them with lapel pins and copies of the Civitan Creed. Both Chapman and Robertson are instructors at Mars Hill College.

A program of music was presented by two members of the Mars Hill College music faculty, William Whitesides, tenor, and Robert Hopkins, pianist. Whitesides sang four selections from the contemporary composer Aaron Copland's "Old American Folk Songs," "Swingtime" and "It Ain't Necessarily So" from George Gershwin's "An American in Paris." (Continued to Last Page)