



Last-Ditch Effort Being Made To Keep Interstate System

Graham Writes A. E. Leake Concerning Two Proposed Routes

In a desperate effort to keep the inter-state highway system in Madison County...

Another group of Madison County citizens, including Mr. Leake, Mrs. H. B. Ditmore, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder...

A vigorous campaign to keep Highway 25470 on the interstate system with the possibility of relocating the highway within the county is being made.

Madison County citizens are urged to write at once to Governor Luther Hodges and to Highway Commissioner J. Fleming Snipes, Marietta...

State Patrol Assigns Feldman To Mars Hill

Alvin Feldman, 100 Edgewood Rd., Asheville, has rejoined the State Highway Patrol and will be stationed at Mars Hill...

Feldman was with the patrol from 1951 to Feb., 1954, when he resigned to enter private business.

Hot Springs Has Kick-Off Dinner For 1955 Finer Carolinas Contest

Citation, \$500 Check Awarded Hot Springs As 1954 Winners

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, the Carolina Power and Light Company was host for a dinner given some 30 citizens of the Town of Hot Springs.

The Ladies' Friendship Club, had charge of preparing and serving the dinner which was in the school dining hall. It was a delicious meal, well served. The dining hall was beautifully decorated.

FEED PRODUCTION SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE WED.

Farmers looking for additional income from the sale of dairy products or from meat animals know that feed is the largest item of expense.

A feed production school will be held in Marshall on Wednesday, March 2, at 10:00 o'clock.

VALUABLE SOCIAL SECURITY DATA IN THIS ISSUE

Farmers Of County Urged To Read Series; Is Very Beneficial

Beginning in this issue is a series of timely questions and answers pertaining to Social Security benefits for hundreds of farmers in Madison County.

Madison County citizens can greatly benefit by becoming better informed about Social Security.

ANNUAL BANQUET AT MARSHALL HIGH SUCCESSFUL

Young Is Speaker; Letters And Other Awards Are Presented

The annual Athletic banquet which was held Friday night in the beautifully decorated cafeteria at Marshall High School was a most successful and enjoyable occasion.

Following the meal, Mr. Brigman recognized the guests present and (Continued to Last Page)

PUTNAM SPEAKS TO CIVITANS HERE TUESDAY

Well-Known Lecturer Warns Americans Of Complacency In Struggle

Col. Robert J. Putnam, of Asheville, who has recently returned from a 54,000-mile lecture tour on Americanism, spoke to the Marshall Civitan Club here at the regular luncheon meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Col. Putnam, forcefully and with authority, warned his listeners of the complacency of the American businessmen in their roles as leaders and urged them to "think."

The 17 members and three visitors present listened with rapt attention as Col. Putnam expertly spoke on world conditions. There was no doubt in the minds of anyone present that another solution and answer to America's problems is to awake America with such expert talks as the one delivered by Col. Putnam.

He was introduced by Jonas Chandler, program chairman. President J. J. Ramsey appointed the Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Baptist Church, to be program chairman for the month of March.

Purchasing Agent Abolished By Commissioners

The office of Purchasing Agent for Madison County was abolished by the commissioners at their last meeting, it was stated here this week.

J. C. Chandler, chairman of the board, said that Ted Russell, auditor, would serve as purchasing agent of the county without compensation.

A. W. Coates had served in this capacity for several years.

ANTI-COMMUNIST BALLOON FOUND IN COUNTY MON.

Balloon Released In Louisville, Kentucky, On Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12

F. N. Flynn, well-known farmer of the Walnut Creek section of Madison County, was surprised Monday morning when he discovered a balloon on his farm. The balloon, which resembled a plastic bag, was about 3x4 feet in size and contained material for the Crusade for Freedom campaign.

The material was brought to The News-Record office Monday morning by Mr. Flynn's son, Mr. Sanford Flynn.

Thus far, this is the only such balloon which has been reported landing in Madison County.

The letter in the balloon read as follows: Dear Finder: Congratulations on finding this balloon, the enclosure of which will afford you the patriotic privilege of assisting so worthily a cause as the Crusade For Freedom.

Therefore, on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, at twelve noon, on Saturday, February 12, 1955, at Asheville hospital Sunday night.

Report Shows Madison Books, Ballots Missing After Search

County Cage Tournament Starts Tonight

6:00 P. M. White Rock vs. Hot Springs (Girls) 7:00 P. M. Marshall vs. White Rock (Boys) 8:00 P. M. Marshall vs. Spring Creek (Girls) 9:00 P. M. Spring Creek vs. Hot Springs (Boys)

10 COUNTY MEN ARE INDUCTED

The following registrants were sent to Knoxville, Tennessee, for induction this month: Phillip R. Banks, Warren Grant McDaris, Jr., Billy C. Beck, Everett G. Chandler, James J. Griffie, Charles Tweed, Joseph Clyde Chandler, Jr., Harlon Marion Rice, Garrett C. Ramsey, Ray Leonard Payne.

EQUALIZATION BOARD TO MEET HERE MAR. 16, 17, 18

J. C. Chandler, Chairman of the board of commissioners, announced this week that the commissioners will sit as a board of equalization at the courthouse on March 16, 17, and 18.

A breakdown of townships and when they will be heard can be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Varner To Speak At Mars Hill And Marshall Next Week

Joe Varner, director of the blood program in the Southeastern area for the Red Cross, will be the guest speaker at the Mars Hill Civitan Club next Tuesday night.

Bruce Murray, president of the Mars Hill Club, has invited the members of the Marshall Civitan Club to join the Mars Hill Club at the meeting.

A joint meeting of the Marshall Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches has been announced for next Wednesday night at the Baptist Church when Mr. Varner will be the guest speaker.

Griffie Injured As Car Plunges Into Stream Sunday

Solie Griffie of Marshall RFD 4, was injured in an auto crash Sunday about 11:30 a. m. on N. C. Highway 208 about 18 miles north of Marshall.

Griffie lost control of his car on a curve. The patrolman reported the car struck a rock embankment at the right of the highway, swerved across the road, and plunged into the Laurel River.

Griffie was taken to a Greenville hospital and was transferred to an Asheville hospital Sunday night.

CRIMINAL COURT TO BEGIN MONDAY; ONE MURDER CASE

Ray Worley Trial Scheduled; Nettles To Preside At One-Week Term

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning at ten o'clock with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding.

Herbert Hawkins, clerk of superior court, stated that approximately 170 cases are on the docket for the one-week term.

One murder case, State vs. Ray Worley, is scheduled to be tried at the term.

Worley, 24, of the Spillcorn section of Madison County, is charged with the murder of Kimsey-Curtis (Continued to Last Page)

FAMILY LIFE MEET HELD HERE; PLAN FOR RECREATION

Mrs. McElyea Outlines Plans For Program; Dr. Holt Of Mars Hill, Speaks

A "Family Life Group" meeting was held in the lobby of the French Broad Membership Corporation here Wednesday when about 20 attended.

Mrs. Helen McElyea, of Marshall, a member of the National Recreational Association, conducted a forum during which she outlined some of the basic steps necessary in preparing for a supervised recreational program.

Mrs. McElyea stated that Miss Virginia Gregory of the State Commission, will be in Marshall on March 24 and will give more information on services offered by the State Recreational Commission.

Superintendent W. W. Peek also spoke and stated that the program would have to be planned either from a community level or from a county level, pointing out that one program could not serve both.

Dr. Robert Holt, vice president of Mars Hill College, expressed his interest in Family Life education and emphasized the importance of adult education.

Mr. Barefoot reported that arrangements had been made to rent the room above the A&P store and that the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., would be contacted in an effort to obtain some recreational equipment.

DAIRY SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE ON NEXT FRIDAY

Dairy farmers have many decisions to make during one year of operation. Many of the decisions made during the year affect their income for several years.

A dairy school will be held in Marshall Friday, March 4, at 10:00 a. m. Subjects to be covered include things to consider in culling the dairy herd, suggestions for culling dairy feed cost, and basic points in a good dairy management program.

The following personnel from State College will participate in the school: A. D. ...

Ponder Says Report Is "Close To Accurate"; Tells Of Dynamiting

Baley Says Election Records "Complete Muddle"; Grand Jury To Get Information

By BRIGHT W. PADGITT An inventory of impounded Madison County ballot boxes and other election materials lists vital documents from most of the 24 precincts as missing, it was revealed in the report filed by District Attorney James M. Baley, Jr.

This inventory, completed last week from election materials impounded Dec. 30 and 31 by the office of U. S. Marshal Roy A. Harmon, was filed in the office of Clerk of Court Tom Rhodes.

Baley termed the election records of Madison County a "complete muddle," with Marshall, Paint Fork and Hot Springs as probably the worst offenders. The box confiscated from Township 1, Ward 1, at Marshall shows that 186 absentee ballots were issued, with 182 of the containers missing.

Baley pointed out that there were no poll books found in the boxes from No. 4 at Paint Fork and No. 9 at Hot Springs. He cited the law to the effect that the chairman of the board of elections county is required to keep absentee ballots for at least 3 months, and longer in event of any contest.

The report, which was compiled by Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal J. Paul Teal Jr., shows that a total of 900 absentee ballots were issued in the 24 wards and of this number, 514 of the absentee containers are missing from the records.

Baley pointed out in the report that at Ebbs Chapel in Township 11, there were no records at all of the race for the State and United States Senate.

The report cites missing absentee ballot containers as follow: Walnut, Ward 2, 60 issued and 37 missing; Antioch, Ward 3, 36 issued and all missing; Walnut Creek, Ward 4, 10 issued and all missing; Little Laurel, Ward 2, 15 issued and 11 missing; Sandy Mush, Township 6, 15 issued and all missing; Little Pine Township 8, 48 issued and all missing.

Lower Spring Creek, Ward 2, 31 issued and all missing; Hot Springs, Township 9, 50 issued and 48 missing; Big Laurel, Township 10 and Ward 1, 15 issued and seven missing; Meadow Fork, Township 13, 56 issued and all missing; and Mars Hill, Township 15, 63 issued and 12 missing.

All Accounted For Township that reported all containers as issued were Guntertown, (Continued to Last Page)

Weekly Legislatives Summary

NOTE: This is the sixth 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. Business is good again, at least in the General Assembly. After five comparatively slow weeks, the sixth of the 1955 session saw prolonged floor debates which forced legislators to be content with amicable business so they might reach important afternoon committee hearings on their Conflicting committee meetings stipulated to such an extent that it is hoped called his ...