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## Plans Discussed For Recreational Program Here This Summer

### Family Life Council Take Lead; Recommendations Are Suggested

A meeting of a tentative group composed of Rev. R. N. Barefoot, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, Jack Ramsey, Mrs. John Corbett, J. C. Dodson and Ron Sprinkle met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McEllya on Redmon Road Tuesday night to discuss community recreation plans.

Rev. Mr. Barefoot opened the discussion, representing the Family Life Council.

The meeting was an outgrowth of discussion at a recent meeting of the Family Life Council at which time the consensus was that each town should form or work with its own committee, using the Family Life Council as a clearing house for projects and ideas. The group at the meeting was hastily called together in order to start some action by people representative of various clubs and associations within the Town of Marshall, pending approval by those groups.

The main points arrived at are as follows:

1. There was general agreement on the need for a supervised, integrated program utilizing present resources of pool, park and school playgrounds, providing approval can be secured from the agencies in charge. That this program should be under the leadership of trained personnel. That a summer program could serve as a proving ground for future planning.
2. Concerning the financing of such a project, it was proposed that a tentative budget of \$600 be submitted for a six weeks' program to the clubs, organizations and churches, plus interested individuals, in order to enlist their support in raising.

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## MARSHALL O.E.S. ELECTS OFFICERS MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sprinkle of Marshall was elected Worthy Matron of Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, for the ensuing year at a regular meeting of the chapter held Monday night in the Masonic Temple here. F. Ray Frisby was elected Worthy Patron.

Other officers elected were Miss Ruth Guthrie, Associate Matron; Wade Huey, Associate Patron; Miss Akdeen Waldrun, Secretary; Mrs. Carlene Frisby, Treasurer; Mrs. Nadyne Worley, Conductress; and Mrs. Miriam Zink, Associate Conductress.

The Worthy Matron-elect will announce her ten appointive officers later.

A public installation of the new officers will be held in the Masonic Temple, Saturday, April 9, at eight o'clock.

## Special Meeting Of Burley Producers Scheduled Tuesday

A very important meeting of all county burley tobacco producers has been scheduled in Madison for Tuesday, March 22, at 9:30 a. m., at the courthouse in Marshall. R. Lee Wallin, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee announced here today. Officials from the Tobacco Division of the Department of Agriculture will be present to discuss the situation confronting Burley producers at the present time. Mr. Wallin pointed out that the production and marketing problems facing Burley producers are more serious than most farmers realize and that all indications are that if some action is not taken to remedy the present situation that there is serious danger of losing our tobacco program. All farmers, representatives of all agricultural agencies, farm organization officials, business men, and representatives of civic organizations are urged to attend this meeting and take a part in the discussion.

## BROADCASTING IN CHARLOTTE HOME IMMENSE IN SIZE

### 51,000 Square Feet Of Floor Space To Be Dedicated On April 13

Charlotte, N. C., March 15, 1955—WBT Radio and WBT Television began broadcasting and telecasting from their new \$1,250,000 home on Jefferson Place here today.

The new building, first in the nation to be specifically designed for telecasting in color, contains 51,000 square feet of floor space and was 13 months in construction.

Designed around an "operational block," the edifice houses three spacious radio studios, two television studios, one measuring 40 feet by 60 feet and the other 40 feet by 40 feet, an employees' cafeteria and the usual executive and departmental office facilities.

WBT is one of the first television stations in the nation having dual color film and slide projectors, with a Dumont multi-scanner and an RCA "3-L" unit being utilized.

WBT Radio is the third oldest licensed commercial radio station in the United States and WBT Television is the first television station to begin operations in the Carolinas. The two stations, along with WBTW Television in Florence, S. C., are owned by the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company and the new Charlotte building will serve as the home office for the company. Joseph M. Bryan is president of the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company, and Charles H. Crutchfield is executive vice president and general manager.

Thomas E. Howard, vice president in charge of engineering, was in charge of designing the technical facilities of both WBT Radio and WBT Television. The new building will be dedicated April 13.

## Three Wrecks In County On Sunday Within 25 Minutes

Rains and slippery roads were perhaps responsible for three wrecks on U.S. 70 in Madison County within 25 minutes last Sunday afternoon, according to Patrolman P. S. Bagwell, Jr.

At 5:45 o'clock a 1950 Plymouth, driven by Oakley Coleman Reeves, of Marshall RFD 4, ran off the road at Walnut. Reeves suffered a cut hand but his wife and another passenger escaped with bruises. The car was a total loss.

At 5:45, a 1955 Ford and another vehicle collided head-on near Hot Springs. No one was injured. Both (Continued to Last Page)

## One Killed, One Injured In Wreck Monday

Harrison Wilson, 23, of Barnard, was killed, and Geter Roberts, 33, of Barnard, was injured, in an automobile accident on U. S. 25-70 in Buncombe County Monday, March 14, 1955 at 5:10 p. m.

Wilson was killed instantly. State Highway Patrolman Pfc. A. V. Harrison said Wilson was a passenger in a 1949 Oldsmobile being driven north on U. S. Highway 25-70 by Geter Roberts, 33, also (Continued to Last Page)

## DEWEESE SPEAKS TO LIONS HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Earl Dewese, a member of the Haw Creek Lions Club and fingerprint expert of Asheville, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Marshall Lions Club at the Rock Cafe Monday night.

Mr. Dewese discussed ably the scientific aids to law enforcement, dwelling especially on fingerprinting. His remarks were informative and entertaining as he told the club about the various methods of identification in tracing criminals and suspects. Positive identification, he said, can also be traced from the palms of the hand, feet, hair and blood.

Mr. Dewese also told the club how modern methods in solving crimes had improved, citing that thread, rope and string are so classified that any found at the scene of a crime can be traced to its manufacturer and on through its sale to the customer. He also explained how car paint and even tires could be traced from manufacturer to customer.

Following his talk, many questions were asked Mr. Dewese by members of the club concerning solving of crimes. Mr. Dewese ably answered all questions.

President Walter Ramsey named Lions Ralph Neill, Joe Nix and Overton Gregory as a nominating committee to name a slate of officers at the next meeting.

In addition to Mr. Dewese, Cecil Parham, C. K. Buckner, and L. C. Buckaloof of the Haw Creek club, were guests of the club.

## King's Men Quartet To Present Sacred Concert At Walnut

The King's Men Quartet from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., will present a program of sacred hymns at the Walnut Methodist Church Saturday evening, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

The quartet is internationally known and has traveled in many foreign countries where it has been well received.

## WALNUT SCHOOL COMPLIMENTED ON SAFETY MARK

"Walnut School has the best record in Madison County for school bus safety," according to J. E. "Speck" Alexander, supervisor of School Bus Safety for the western district. He spoke at a meeting of the Walnut PTA. He strongly urged parents of children who ride the busses to be particularly careful at this time of year, however, about their children playing in the roads while waiting for the bus.

Other phases of safety in the home, on the farm, in bicycling and in scouting were discussed by a panel consisting of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Baker, nurse; Charles Buckner and Patsy Redmon, scouts; Coach Glenn Painter and L. A. Zimmerman, panel moderator.

Several girl scouts from the Marshall troop with their leader, Mrs. Jack Gross, and district chairman Mrs. Overton Gregory, spoke on scouting for girls.

The PTA voted to sponsor a troop for the Walnut girls.

Officers for the coming year were elected, with Mrs. Paul Roberts being renamed president.

Other officers include Mrs. Alma Jarvis, first vice president; Mrs. Queen Ramsey, second vice president; Mrs. Grace Dockery, recording secretary; Mrs. Zora Huffman, corresponding secretary; and E. O. Burnette, treasurer.

## Auditor's Office, Co. Commissioners Exchange Locations

A move to make more convenient for the public in the courthouse, the auditor's office has been moved to the first floor where the commissioners usually meet and the commissioners' room has been moved to the second floor where the auditor's room was formerly located. Also on the second floor is the office of the Home Demonstration Agent.

The new arrangement seems to be much more practical and convenient than the former arrangement.

## Red Cross Membership Drive Now In Full Swing In County

## Vote Probe In Madison Has Paused

### U. S. District Attorney Baley And Solicitor Swain Have No Official Comment

The Madison County Superior Court investigation of election irregularities in the county has paused for court officials to prepare subpoenas for federal authorities.

Two weeks ago, the Madison County grand jury asked the court to help in an investigation into the last general election and Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles immediately instructed Solicitor Robert S. Swain to subpoena "anybody who knows anything" about the alleged irregularities.

U. S. District Attorney James M. Baley, a Madison County resident, has not taken any official stand on the matter, saying that until the papers are served he cannot comment. At present, he says, "All I know is what I read in the papers."

Swain says that "things are moving along" but that at present he can make no official comment on the situation.

Federal authorities stepped into the Nov. 2 general election picture in Western North Carolina early this year, with a Federal grand jury, which is still impaneled, having indicted a total of 43 persons in Graham, Clay and Swain counties.

Dec. 30-31, officers from the office of U. S. Marshal Roy A. Harmon impounded election materials in Madison County at the order of Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, presiding jurist in the western district of North Carolina.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation into the alleged election irregularities in all four counties and made an inventory of the impounded Madison records.

The Federal grand jury has not been called into session since the indictments in Swain, Clay and Graham were returned Dec. 17.

Although a Federal grand jury is impaneled for 18 months, customarily a new jury is drawn each May (Continued to Last Page)

### Plans Completed For 1955 Campaign; Chairmen Appointed

The Rev. R. N. Barefoot is chairman for Madison County for the American Red Cross 1955 campaign with Mrs. Fred O. Tilson serving as co-chairman. The Mars Hill drive is sponsored by the Woman's Club with Mrs. Jim Cox as chairman, and by the Civitan Club with the Rev. M. H. Kendall, Joe Hernandez and Leonard Briggs as chairmen.

At Hot Springs, a central committee will be in charge of the Red Cross Membership Drive. Heading the committee are the following: Men's Civic Club, Charles Sheaffer; Women's Friendship Club, Mrs. E. B. Summerell; Women's Civic Club, Mrs. J. B. Tweed. Also adding in the drive is the Goodall-Southern Plant with Mr. Herb Hattaway as drive chairman.

Mr. Barefoot, county director, has appointed Mrs. Fred O. Tilson solicitor for the Marshall business district; Mrs. A. J. Ramsey, Home Demonstration Clubs; and Mr. Alonzo Dennis, rural communities.

Mrs. C. D. Bowman has accepted chairmanship of Nursing Services for Madison County, which includes all Red Cross volunteer nursing activities. Assisting Mrs. Bowman will be Mrs. Edwin Mashburn, Mrs. James Baley Jr., Mrs. Leonard Baker and Miss Gayle Isensee.

Dr. W. A. Sams will be 1955 Blood Program chairman, assisted by Miss Virginia Hart, chairman for Mars Hill.

Mr. Glenn Painter will be water safety chairman with Mrs. A. M. McEllya serving as co-chairman. Mrs. George Shupe is First Aid chairman.

The following community chairmen have been named to help in the current drive:

Red Hill, Fred Rigby; Redmon, Riley Fisher; Madison Seminary section, Mrs. L. B. Bryan; East Fork, Woodrow Dill, Mr. Woode; Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Edd Howell; Chapel Hill, Starling Gentry Sr.; Davis Chapel, Mrs. Knox Brigan; Bluff section, Ted Russell; Upper Little Pine, Mrs. Lon Sluder; Lower Little Pine, B. J. Ledford; Little Ivy, W. J. Grindstaff; Grapevine, Arvil Gosnell, Margie Triplett; Spillcorn, Mrs. John Roberts; Big Laurel, Andy Lewis; Marshall, Sarah Tilson; Mars Hill, W. H. Kendall; Laurel Valley, A. C. Honeycutt; Laurel Branch, R. C. Eller; Bull Creek, (Continued to Last Page)

## "Friends-of-4-H" Banquet Is Well Attended Here Friday

### High School Phone Number Changed!

The telephone number of the Marshall High School has been changed from 3576 to 2511.

Because of the many people interested in this particular phone, this information is published in the interest of the public.

Remember — when you call Marshall High School, dial 2511.

Many a fellow is able to size up everybody except himself.

## Weekly Legislative Summary

NOTE: This is the ninth of 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.

On Tuesday morning Lady Astor came from Southern Pines to jolly the legislators with stories of her parliamentary experiences, her thoughts about men and women and (Continued to page 3)

The "Friends-of-4-H" Banquet, held Friday evening in the Marshall High School cafeteria, was one of the most successful events held here in years. More than 100 4-H Club members and "friends of 4-H" were highly entertained in the beautifully decorated cafeteria which had a huge sign of white and green "planted" between pine trees back of the speakers' table. On the sign were the words, "National 4-H Club Week."

Miss Glinna Ponder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ponder, who is president of the Madison County 4-H Club Council, presided and opened the banquet. The Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation. Edwin Stines, of the Walnut 4-H Club, played several selections on the piano as the dinner was being served.

Following a delicious dinner, the entire group repeated the 4-H Pledge, led by Miss Ponder.

Harry Silver, county farm agent, then recognized the guests present. Mrs. Janie M. Ramsey, home demonstration agent, expressed thanks to the many who made the occasion possible and especially commended the Home Economics Department under the leadership of Miss Margaret Black and the 4-H girls who prepared and served the dinner. Miss Betty Jean Mayes, (Continued to Last Page)



Shown above is the wreck which occurred on Pike's Straight Monday afternoon, killing Harrison Wilson, 23, of Barnard and injuring Geter Roberts, 33, also of Barnard. The car was traveling from Asheville toward Marshall. After striking the rock cliff (right foreground) the car skidded 129 feet to stop against the steep bank. —Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times.