



THE NEWS-RECORD



VOL. 54 NO. 12

PAGES

MARSHALL, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1955

PRICE: \$2.50 A YEAR

Over 1000 County Tobacco Growers Attend Meeting Tuesday

Burley Officials Speak To A Capacity Audience In Auditorium

Over 1000 burley tobacco producers of Madison County attended the tobacco meeting held in the Marshall High School auditorium Tuesday morning. The meeting was scheduled to be held in the courthouse here but the huge number of interested farmers and producers made it impossible to be held at the courthouse.

Officials from the tobacco division of the department of agriculture were present and discussed the situation and problems confronting Burley producers at the present time. Mr. R. Lee Wallin, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee, pointed out that the present 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 a serious danger of losing Madison County's tobacco program.

Representatives from all agricultural agencies in the county were present as well as producers, farm organization officials, businessmen and representatives of civic groups.

Clyde Green, of Boone, chairman of the State ASC Committee; Frank Ellis and Joe Williams, of the tobacco branch of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, executive secretary State Farm Bureau; J. L. Nicholson, chief marketing quota secretary of N. C. ASC office; and J. H. Enloe, district ASC fieldman, were among the visiting speakers.

The Madison County ASC Committee which administers marketing quota programs on the county level is composed of Lee Wallin, Woodson Ray and M. J. Ball.

Burley producers are faced with the following situation: (1) Increased yields and over production on individual farms has resulted in a surplus of tobacco. (2) Commodity Credit Cooperation purchased 1/2 of (Continued to Last Page)

Ponder Case Ends With Acquittal

U. S. Dist. Judge Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee Thursday acquitted Zeno Ponder of Alexander R-1, N. C., of a charge of violating federal tobacco production marketing laws.

Taylor directed a verdict of acquittal for Ponder on motion of Assistant U. S. Dist. Atty. John F. Dugger. Dugger told Taylor that after a thorough investigation of the case he could find no evidence of wrongdoing by Ponder.

Taylor said he agreed with the government attorney and commented from the bench he was "glad" to dismiss the charge against the North Carolina farmer.

Ponder testified at the forenoon session of court that he sold approximately 600 pounds of non-quota tobacco in Greenville, Tenn., but he said it was done without any intent of wrongdoing.

Ponder told Judge Taylor he bought the tobacco at Knoxville, Tenn., in December, 1952 and sold it in Greenville on Jan. 20, 1953.

He said he told the truck driver who took the tobacco from his farm to the Greenville market to keep the non-quota tobacco separate from his own crop. But the driver, he went on, failed to do this and the tobacco was sold together under his own quota card.

He further testified he learned of the mistake later and offered to pay a penalty. It was not brought out whether the penalty was accepted or rejected.

Approximately 25 Madison County people attended the hearing. Mr. Ponder's attorneys were John H. Dugger, past president of the Madison State Bar Association, and A. E. Laska, Marshall at-

RED CROSS MONEY? ANSWERS GIVEN; YOUR HELP NEEDED

With the current Red Cross Drive coming to an end soon, Madison County citizens are urged to contribute before the drive ends. Letters are being sent out and officials are working hard to make this county's fund go "over the top." It is now up to the individuals to support this worthy cause.

Everyone that contributes to the Red Cross wants to know where their money goes, and we are giving some questions and answers this week on Red Cross using Red Cross Administration as our topic. The annual campaign for funds is now underway in each county, and these are the questions most asked about the distribution of funds collected:

Q. Does the head of the Red Cross receive a salary?

A. The head and principal officer is the Chairman, who is appointed by the President of the United States. The Chairman is a volunteer and receives no salary.

Q. Are Red Cross employees overpaid?

A. The Red Cross is directed by volunteers at both the national and chapter levels. The volunteer board members decide how many paid staff are needed to insure continuity and technical guidance of Red Cross programs. The salaries of paid staff are also determined by these volunteers; the salaries are in line with those paid by other health and welfare agencies. (Continued to Last Page)

Bids Approved For White Rock School Improvement

Bids on White Rock School additions, consisting of a lunchroom and three classrooms, were opened Tuesday, March 22, 1955 at 11:00 a. m.

Low bidder on general contract was Jerry Liner Construction Company, of Waynesville, N. C.

Low bidder on plumbing and heating contracts was Dover Plumbing and Heating Company of Asheville.

Low bidder on electrical contract was Burnsville Electric Company of Burnsville.

Architect for this project was Lindsey M. Gudger of Asheville. The total cost of the project will be \$56,871.00.

The funds needed for this project are from both State board money and from County Capital Outlay Funds.

The board passed resolution to award bids to low bidders listed as soon as approval on bids are received from State Board of Education.

CHANGES MADE IN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Madison County was a last minute addition to a bill introduced in the General Assembly to appoint members of county boards of education in 95 counties.

Added as an amendment to a bill which passed the House Tuesday night was a Madison board which would be comprised of Clyde Brown, Chan Baldwin, William Roberts, Zeno Ponder and W. T. Moore.

As the new board is composed, William Roberts and Zeno Ponder would replace Hilliard Teague and Dr. Bruce Sams on the board.

All-Night Singing Here April 2; Benefit Crippled Children

An all-night program of singing will be held at the Marshall High School auditorium on Saturday night, April 2, at eight o'clock, it was announced here this week.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Crippled Children's Drive.

READING AND DECLAMATION CONTEST HELD

Marshall Elementary Students Win Top Honors At Contest Friday

The annual elementary reading and declamation contest for Madison County was held in the Marshall school auditorium last Friday night. All the participants were "tops" according to those present with, Miss Judy Pegg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pegg, of Marshall, winning first place in the reading division. Miss Pegg's subject was "Ma's Monday Morning." Lillian Tolley, of Hot Springs, won second place in the reading division.

Others in the contest were Sharon Tomberlin, Beech Glen; Faye King, Laurel; Hazel West, Mars Hill; and Doris Lankford, Spring Creek. Sharon Chandler, of Walnut, was ill and unable to participate.

In the declamation division, Paul Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sarge Houston, of the Marshall school, and Billy Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Fowler, of Hot Springs, shared first-place honors and were declared "co-winners." Paul's topic was, "I Speak For Democracy" and Billy's topic was, "American Citizen."

Others in the declamation division were Johnny Rigby, Walnut; J. R. Fish, Spring Creek; David Larry Phillips, Mars Hill; Edgar Wallin, Laurel; and Natt Ferguson, Beech Glen.

Superintendent W. W. Peek made the presentation of awards. Miss Sara Ann Davis was program chairman for the event.

To Raise Funds For Girl Scouts During Next Week

Donald M. Cox, chairman Madison County Girl Scout Fund Drive, sent out the following letters this week which are self-explanatory:

Dear Friend: GIRL SCOUTING is one way interested citizens can work together in the field of youth welfare and the development of good citizens. The GIRL SCOUTS are more than a million and a half girls throughout our country who are united in ideals of friendship and service. They belong to an organization whose purpose is to help them become healthy, happy individuals and active citizens. They have accepted a personal code of ethics, embodied in the Girl Scout Promise and Laws — and it is available to all girls from seven through seventeen years of age.

Madison County is one of the seven counties in the Pisgah Girl Scout Council. This coming week we are making a sincere effort to raise our fair share of the financial support for the area program.

If you will mail a check today, you will have contributed to a cause that should go a long way toward building a better country in which to live.

Sincerely yours,
DONALD M. COX, Chairman
Madison County Girl Scout Fund Drive.

Dr. Sams Attending Doctors' Meeting In Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. W. A. Sams, prominent Marshall physician and one of the two delegates from North Carolina, left Marshall Wednesday for Winston-Salem where he will board a Piedmont Airlines plane Thursday (today) en route to Los Angeles, Calif., to attend the American Academy of General Practitioners. Dr. Sams and Dr. Perry G. Dixon, of Ayden, N. C., are the two delegates from the North Carolina branch.

Dr. Sams has been chosen to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Delegates Sessions in Los Angeles. He will return to his office here on Saturday, April 2.

Mrs. Sams accompanied him to Winston-Salem where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Lowe, and she will also visit another daughter, Mrs. L. G. Geddle, at Mt. Olive, during Dr. Sams' absence.

MARTIN SPEAKS TO CIVITAN CLUB HERE ON TUESDAY

New Officers Are Elected; Installation To Be Held Here April 5

W. B. Martin, of Asheville, supervisory auditor with the North Carolina Department of Revenue (Asheville Area), was the guest speaker at the Marshall Civitan Club meeting here Tuesday.

Mr. Martin explained the various functions of the Department of Revenue and pointed out the different branches of the system. He had a large chart prepared which was most interesting and informative. Mr. Martin praised Madison County taxpayers for their splendid cooperation.

Mr. Martin was introduced by the Rev. Jack Gross, program chairman.

Dr. W. A. Sams spoke briefly concerning the Rural Health meeting scheduled today (Thursday) in Asheville. The Rev. R. N. Barefoot spoke about the proposed recreational program for Marshall this summer.

The nominating committee then reported on the new officers for the ensuing year which were unanimously elected. They are as follows: Joe Eads, president; the Rev. Richard Mellin, vice president; W. F. Holland, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. Jack Gross, chaplain. The board of directors include J. J. Ramsey, John Corbett, Dr. P. H. Dinwiddie, C. L. Rudisill, Jr., Dr. W. A. Sams and Arthur Ledford.

Ladies' Night and installation will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, April 5, at 7:00 o'clock. Plans for the occasion will be announced later.

Members and visitors were present at the meeting Tuesday.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT



ROBERT EPPS McCLURE

McCLURE GETS APPOINTMENT FROM NAVY

Robert Epps McClure, 22, of Walnut has received an appointment to the Navy's "Annapolis of the Air" and is presently enrolled in Preflight Naval School in Pensacola, Florida. After a 15-months course there he will be commissioned an ensign in the USNR.

McClure is a graduate of Walnut High School where he was valedictorian of the class of 1951. In January he finished 3 1/2 years at N. C. State College where he majored in civil engineering construction.

While at N. C. State, he was active in the ROTC, being platoon sergeant for two years; made an outstanding showing in freshman football, but did not go out for the varsity in the following years; and was a member of the Sigma Chi Social Fraternity. He became a master Mason in January of this year.

He is the son of Robert H. McClure of Walnut, a supervisor in the Buncombe County roads system. His mother was Mrs. Epps Haws McClure, well known Madison County civic and educational leader, who died last June.

Madison County Wildlife Club To Sponsor Fishing Contest

FIRST AID COURSE IS COMPLETED AT HOT SPRINGS

An 18-hour American Red Cross First Aid training course has just been completed at the Goodall-Southern plant in Hot Springs. This course was under the direct supervision of Mr. David Cash, tri-state First Aid training supervisor of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Leonard Coffman, principal of the Hot Springs High School, actively participated in the training phase of the program by conducting 6 of the training sessions. Mr. Coffman was ably assisted by Mrs. Mae Clapp, teacher at Hot Springs High School.

This training course adequately covered the basic principles of First Aid treatment. Among the many topics covered were making of bandages, administering artificial respiration, making splints, and recognizing symptoms of shock, heat exhaustion, sun stroke, and heart failure.

The Goodall-Southern employees who took this course will receive First Aid certificates from the American Red Cross. They are as follows: Adrienne Woody, Douglas Ramsey, Talitha Price, Geraldine Wyatt, Bobby McFall, Virginia Southerland.

Taking the course also were Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Rynnion, teachers at Hot Springs.

Arrangements for the training course were handled by Mrs. Ruth Lockman, Red Cross Field Representative for the 18 counties of Western North Carolina.

Courthouse Now Getting New Porch

A new porch is now being built on the second story of the courthouse here. The porch leads from the courtroom and has been in need of a new flooring for sometime.

Warning!

All dogs quarantined within 3-mile radius of Mars Hill for 3 weeks or through April 10, 1955.

An apparently rabid dog was shot in this area Sunday after he had bitten several other dogs.

MARGERY L. LORD, M.D., Madison County Health Officer.

Crippled Children's Parade To Be Held Here Saturday Afternoon

To Start At 1:00 O'clock; Marshall Band To Participate

Citizens in Marshall Saturday afternoon will have the opportunity of viewing one of the most impressive parades ever held. Officials of the Crippled Children's Drive announced this week that the parade will form on the Island at 1:00 o'clock and would proceed across the bridge, up back street to Upper Bridge Street. It will then swing up Main Street to the depot, turn, and proceed down Main Street to the lower end of the street. The parade will then come back up the street and end on the Island.

Featured in the parade will be a horse-drawn float with one of Madison County's crippled children riding on it. Also scheduled to participate in the parade will be the Marshall School Band, the Marshall Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Walnut Boy Scouts, Mars Hill Boy Scouts; the four automobile agencies of Marshall; the two banks will have cars in the parade and Mayor Clyde M. Roberts is expected to participate as well as officials of the drive.

The Davis-Sutton Post, American Legion, of Marshall, will furnish the

Merchants Donate Large List Of Prizes; Contest Starts April 5

The Madison County Wildlife Club met at the courthouse here Monday night with about 30 members present and unanimously voted to sponsor a fishing contest this year. J. J. Ramsey, president of the club, announced that Marshall merchants had donated generously for the contest, a list of premiums which follow:

Following is a list of the donors and their donations as prizes in the contest:

Rector Hardware, 1 Huber Fishing Reel; P. R. Elam, 1 Reel; Model Grocery, 10 lb. bag sugar; Home Electric, electric table lamp; Houston Bros., \$5.00 cash; Moore's Pharmacy, 1 box candy; Bank of French Broad, \$5.00 cash; Watson's, Billfold; Vader Shelton Barber Shop, 1 haircut; A&P, 3 lbs. coffee; Roberts Pharmacy, 1 box candy; Ramsey's Store, fishing jacket; 5 & 10c Store, flashlight; West End Service Station, grease job and oil change; Redmon & Worley, grease job; Jim Penland, Dry-Bak coat; Frank Fisher, \$11.95 fly rod; Rock Tavern, 1 free meal; Palace Barber Shop, 1 haircut; W. B. Shelton, \$5.00 cash; C. D. Bowman, \$2.00 cash; Belk-Broome, 1 dress shirt; Cody Motor Sales, \$2.00 cash; Coal, Feed and Lumber Co., fishing lantern bracket; Builders Supply Co., \$2.00 cash; Redmon's Used Cars, \$2.00 cash; Douglas Robinson, \$5.00 cash; Roberts Pontiac Co., \$5.00 cash; Edwards Cleaners, 2 suits cleaned; F. B. Chevrolet Co., outside rear-view mirror; News-Record, 1-year subscription; Dock's Shoe Shop, 1 set half-soles; Hunter's Esso Station, grease job; Wild's Radio Service, 1 fishing reel; Citizens Bank, \$5.00 cash; Teague Mill, \$25 lbs. flour; Chandler Hardware Co., glass casting rod; Service Motor Co., glass casting rod; G. L. McKinney & Son, sport shirt; Sprinkle-Shelton Co., 24-lb. bag of flour.

Mr. Ramsey stated that the prizes would be divided into various "catches" and would be published soon. The contest will begin on Tuesday, April 5, he stated.

Anyone entering this contest must have a membership card in the Madison County Wildlife Club date at least 10 days prior to their entry.

Membership cards may be obtained for \$1.00 at the Farm Agents office in Marshall, Citizens Bank in Marshall, Hot Springs and Mars Hill, Western Auto Store, Hot Springs, W. B. Shelton's Store on Shelton Laurel, and Sprinkle Hardware in Mars Hill.

Weekly Legislative Summary

NOTE: This is the tenth 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.

In the hot glare of television lamps the eleventh legislative week opened with a flood of new bills reminiscent of other postwar legislatures. On Tuesday evening members paused to honor the late Governor Umstead in a joint memorial session. By Thursday afternoon Joint Appropriations Committee (Continued on Page Three)

color guard. The parade here Saturday afternoon is being held to draw the public to the urgent need of contributing to the Crippled Children's Drive which ends soon. The Rev. R. N. Barefoot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is chairman and Mrs. George H. Pender is