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## Commencement Schedules Are Announced For County Schools

### 183 Students To Graduate; 326 Students To Enter High School

W. W. Peek, county superintendent, announced this week that approximately 183 students would graduate this month from Madison County schools and that approximately 326 students would be promoted from grammar grades to high school during commencement exercises which will be observed this month.

Following is a partial schedule of commencement activities at the various county schools:

Marshall—Friday, May 20 at 8:00 o'clock, Senior play, "Big As Life." Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 a. m., Baccalaureate Service, Sermon by Dr. A. Ellison Jenkins, member of the Mars Hill College faculty. Wednesday, May 25 at 8:00 p. m., Eighth grade commencement exercises. Speaker Dr. Robert Holt, vice president of Mars Hill College. Thurs-

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## T.B. COMMITTEE MAKES PLAN FOR X-RAY SURVEY

A supper meeting of the Madison County Tuberculosis Committee was held Friday evening in the Community Building at Mars Hill for the purpose of making preliminary plans for the mass X-Ray survey which will be held in the county in late summer.

Mrs. Bevan Semones, of Mars Hill, President of the Madison Coun- [illegible] ed and a financial report was given by Don Cox, treasurer of the association.

Dr. H. W. Stevens, Health Officer of Buncombe County, spoke on the value of X-raying all people over 15 years of age and particularly urged that adults over 60 be X-rayed.

Dr. Marjorie Lord, Health Officer of Madison County, also spoke regarding the mass X-ray survey and outlined tentative plans.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. Ammons, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Lord, Dr. S. W. Vance, Mrs. Florence Bell and Mrs. Annie Fox, county health nurses; Don Cox, Mrs. Harvey Lance, Miss Lula Chandler, Mrs. James Story, and William B. Braswell, Field Secretary of the N. C. Tuberculosis Association.

## MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

The Juniors, Intermediates and Young People of the Marshall BTU will be in charge of the service Sunday night at the Marshall Baptist Church when a Mother's Day program will be presented.

Miss Barbara Davis is in charge of arrangements and an impressive service has been arranged. Special music, poems, and readings will feature the service.

The public is cordially invited and a special invitation is extended all parents and grandparents of the young people of the church.

The service will begin at eight o'clock.

### Weekly Legislatives Summary

*NOTE: This is the sixteenth 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.*

Those who thought this would be the week of decision for the 1955 General Assembly were wrong. The big issue for this session has been, and still is, what and how much, in new taxes will be levied. This issue was not settled this week. As a result, it seems clear that there can be

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## MARS HILL NEGRO SCHOOL 100% IN POLIO TREATMENT

### Estimated 65% Of First And Second Graders Receive Treatment In County

The Madison County Health Department this week announced that the Mars Hill Colored School was the only school in the county which was 100% in the Salk Vaccine treatments.

"We are indeed proud of this great cooperation of the small Negro children," one official stated.

An estimated 65% of all first and second graders in the county received the first dose of vaccine with the second dose to be administered next week.

## MRS. RAMSEY HEADS MADISON LIBRARY GROUP

Mrs. Walter Ramsey of Marshall was named president of the Friends of the Library group at an organizational meeting in the Madison County Courthouse Monday afternoon.

The purpose of the organization is to aid the Madison County Library Service which is now being planned for the county.

Other officers elected were: [illegible] Burnette of Walnut was named chairman of a drive for funds which will begin immediately. Publicity will be handled by Jim Story of Marshall and Dot Shupe of Walnut.

## Day Camp For Girl Scouts To Be Held June 27 – July 1

Day Camp for Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts of Madison County will be held this year from June 27 through July 1, from 9:30 a. m., to 3:00 p. m., each day. Transportation from town to the camp site and back will be provided by the Troop Committees. All registered Girl Scouts and Brownies are eligible to attend the Day Camp. A health examination wil lbe required and a registration fee of about $2.50 will be charged. This fee will cover the cost of daily milk, insurance and general equipment. There will be an adult on duty for each 8 girls and a registered nurse will be present each day. A qualified life guard will be on duty when the swimming pool is open. Parents of Scouts who wish to be registered for the Day Camp are asked to notify the Troop Leader by May 9.

## Sunday School Rally At Methodist Church

The annual Church School Rally Day will be observed in the Marshall Methodist Church on May 15 at 10:00 A. M. Captain Henry of the Salvation Army in Asheville will speak and a special service with the Intermediates and Juniors representing Bible Characters. Mr. J. A. Dennis is the leader of the service with the theme: "The Eternal Word, Yesterday, Today and Forever'.'

## WALNUT SENIORS RETURN FRIDAY FROM FLORIDA

Seventeen members of the senior class of Walnut High School returned Friday night from a tour of Florida last week. On the tour they visited Ocala, Daytona, Silver Springs, Jacksonville and many other interesting places.

They were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Hettie Rice and Mrs. Paul Roberts.

## WNC BURLEY FARMERS OK CONTROLS

WNC burley tobacco growers last week joined the swelling list of farmers favoring government controls on tobacco production this year.

In 18 western counties, the vote was 10,8[illegible] in favor of control and 873 against, according to complete but unofficial returns. A total of 17,290 of the 22,414 eligible burley farmers voted.

Madison voted 3,585 for, and 163 against.

Buncombe voted 2,117 for, and 51 against.

All over the nation a record turnout of burley tobacco growers voted overwhelmingly to cut 1955 acreage up to 25 per cent below last year in return for continued price supports.

Incomplete returns from an Agriculture Department referendum last Thursday showed 96 per cent of those voting favored the combination of rigid controls and price supports. A two-thirds favorable vote was required. The alternative was unlimited planting with no price supports.

The incomplete figures showed a total vote of 333,[illegible], of which 319,330 favored controls and only 1,714 opposed them. The previous record of 232,000 votes was cast in 1939, when controls were rejected.

Mr. R. Lee Walkin, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee, said that he would like to thank all the people [illegible] contributed so much in getting [illegible] involved in this referendum [illegible] to the producers and [illegible] cooperation given [illegible] the voters out to the [illegible]

[illegible] conducted by Gene [illegible]

## Two Madison Men Enlist In U.S. Navy

Two men from Madison County are enlisted in the U. S. Navy during the month of April.

The men are Frank Thomas Ogle, of RFD 2, Marshall, who reenlisted for a second enlistment of four years and is now at the U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, S. C.

Don Ray Shelton of RFD 1, Mars Hill ,is now undergoing his recruit training at the U .S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Grazing of domestic stock is prohibited on the mountain districts of the North Carolina National Forests.

## Madison Man Charged In U. S. Liquor Case

A hearing will be conducted at 11 a. m., Friday by U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker for Legat Chandley of Madison County, charged with violation of the Federal liquor laws.

Chandley, arrested Wednesday, was charged with illegal possession of an unlicensed distillery, with illegal possession of mash, with illegal operation of an unlicensed distillery and with removing and concealing non-tax-paid liquor.

## FRENCH BROAD FLOOD CONTROL SEEN DOOMED

An en dto TVA flood control plans in the French Broad River basin was presaged last week by local proponents of control.

It was based on the announcement that the Tennessee Valley Authority will withdraw July 1 its financial support of 16 water guaging stations in the French Broad and Little Tennessee River basins.

Fred Gray, chairman of the WNC Flood Control Committee, said the announcement "means the flood control project is now at a standstill.

"We've struck out."

TVA said the stations were being closed because of a cutback in TVA funds. The stations are:

Valley River at Tomolta, Little Tennessee River at Fontana Dam, Scott Creek above Sylva, Cullasaja River at Cullasaja, Elk River near Elk Park, Nelichucky River at Poplar, Cane River near Sious, North Toe River at Altapas, Sandy Mush River near Alexander.

Also Cane Creek at Fletcher, Mud Creek at Naples, Clear Creek near Hendersonville, Boylston Creek near Horseshoe, Crab Creek near Penrose and Little River near Penrose.

Three of the stations—Can Creek, Mud Creek and Little River—were envisioned as detention dam points by Gray's committee. The French Broad flood control plan called for the erection of at least seven detention dams on tributaries. It was being revised when the announcement of the closing of the gauging stations was made.

## HOT SPRINGS HAIL DAMAGE

Hot Springs is still working to repair the damage caused by the hailstorm of three weeks ago.

Damage to buildings was estimated at $30,000 to $40,000 by local businessmen.

The hail tore holes in nearly every roof in town, broke window lights in the business section and damaged automobiles.

Besides this the pellets killed many birds.

Some of the hail stones measured an inch in diameter, and the intensity of the storm left the pellets as high as two feet deep in a drift at one place, local people said.

## Madison Girl Arrested In Asheville On A Theft Charge

An 18-year-old Madison County girl who had been reported missing from her home by her parents since the first part of April, was arrested by city police in Asheville Saturday night on theft charges.

Capt. Harold Brownlee, chief of the detective department, said Josephine Dockery of Marshall, RFD 2, was placed in city jail, charged with theft of $110 from George Moretz Jr., of 37 Merrimon Avenue on April 12.

## Marshall High School Band To Give Parade Wednesday

### Public Urged To Contribute Funds For Overdue Expenses

In an effort to raise funds for already overdue bills, the combined bands of Marshall High School will parade there next Wednesday morning starting at ten o'clock, it was announced here today by Principal Bernard E. Brigman. Approximately 50 students will participate in the parade which will originate on the Island. The bands will march across the bridge and plan to march to the depot. Turning at the depot, the bands will march the length of Main Street to the north end, turn and then return to the Island.

This parade is being planned so that both, the junior band and the senior band can combine and show the people the wonderful progress which is being made.

Members of the senior class will be on the sidewalks where contributions can be made by everyone. It was announced that a debt of $125.00 on instruments is outstanding and that $360.00 is due on the [illegible] supplement for this year.

Merchants and all other interested in the Marshall band are urged to contribute generously so that the band's current expenses can be met.

## Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs Name Officials At Elections Tues.

Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs voters Tuesday named their town officials in what was termed "heavy voting." Below are the results.

### MARSHALL

Clarence Nix was elected Marshall's new mayor Tuesday, topping a three-man field with 314 votes.

Loy P. Roberts was runnerup, with 124 votes, and C. B. Haynie, third, with 53.

In the six man race for the three board of aldermen posts, Liston B. Ramsey, with 373 votes, and J. C. Dodson, with 352, were re-elected, and Fred Redmon became the new member of the board as he polled 319 votes.

The other candidates for aldermen were Delmer Payne, who drew 147 votes; Vader Shelton, 139; and W. B. Zink, 132.

Mayor Clyde Roberts did not seek re-election.

A total 500 ballots were cast Tuesday.

### MARS HILL

Mars Hill citizens Tuesday elected a new mayor and town board of aldermen.

Owen Tilson defeated R. M. Lee for mayor, 243 votes to 95. Lee formerly held the office and has served for 20 years.

Named to the board were Dr. Bruce Sams, with 2[illegible] votes; Arthur Wood, with 164; and Paul Tugman, with 179.

Other candidates for aldermen and their votes were incumbent Bruce Murr[illegible] Walter Bennett, 153; and [illegible] Hutchins, [illegible]

[illegible] votes were cast.

### HOT SPRINGS

Mayor Joe R. Henderson was re-elected Hot Springs mayor Tuesday without opposition, receiving 24[illegible] votes.

Named aldermen were Charles Schaffer, with 327; Aubrey Ramsey, 250; and incumbent E. B. Sumerel, 232.

R. C. Kirby received 143 votes. The third incumbent, Frank T. Moore, did not seek re-election because he will move to Marshall.

## JOHN WARD, 68, PASSES MONDAY; RITES WEDNESDAY

### Well-Known Maintenance Employee Of Schools Dies At Home

John Ward, 68, maintenance employee of Madison County schools for many years, died Monday, May 2, 1955, at 9 a. m., in his home here. He was well known in this section.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p. m., in the home. The Rev. R. S. Woodson, the Rev. Robert N. Barefoot and the Rev. Arthur Hensley officiated. Burial was in the Bowman-Rector Cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. P., and Leo Fortner, Charles Crowe, Ralph Ramsey, Donald and Conrad Ward.

Survivors are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Everett Crow, Mrs. Iverson Bradley and Miss Eloise Ward, all of Marshall; four sons, Eugene, John Jr., Hugh and Cleophus Ward, all of Marshall; one sister, Mrs. Otis Muse of Pleasant Ridge, Mich.; four brothers, V. C., and B. C., of Weaverville, Roy Ward of Woodleaf and W. H. Ward of Bennettsville, S. C.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bowman-Rector Funeral Hom was in charge of arrangements.

## PEEK ANNOUNCES SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Following is a list of the school committees for the different districts in Madison County, as announced by W. W. Peek, superintendent of county schools:

District 1 — Marshall—Roy Freeman, Jack Sprinkle, F. E. Freeman.

District 2 — Walnut — Moody Brigman, Obrey Ramsey, A. E. Leake .

District 3 — Spring Creek — Cliff Fowler, Andy Woody.

District 5 — Hot Springs — Morris Buquo, T. A. Russell, Reeves Church.

District 6 — Laurel—Elbert Gentry, Floyd Wallin, Byard Ray, A. E. Cantrell, Taft Chandley.

District 8 — Elbs Chapel — Hardy Whitt, Claude Cody, H. E. English, Wayne English, Charles Blankenship.

District 9 — Beech Glen — Nat Blankenship, T. D. Hicks, Jack Fairchild.

District 10 — Mars Hill — D. M. Robinson, Coy Morgan, Theodore Robinson.

District 10 — Mars Hill Colored—Avery Ray, Mrs .Gustie Ray.

## 'DOZER THAT KILLED ONE INJURES MAN

An Asheville man Friday narrowly escaped death from the same bulldozer that took the life of another man last winter.

Rass Merrill, 44, of West Asheville was injured but snatched to safety by a companion as his body hit the track of the machine while they were working in Madison County's Sandy Mush section.

Merrill was treated in Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, for a broken arm and internal injuries.

Merrill was operating the bulldozer about noon when it slipped out of gear and started downhill. He tried to jump and was caught in the track. But he was pulled to safety by Satola Ramsey of Marshall RFD 3.

About two months ago, Warren Hall of Alexander was caught in the track of the same machine and was crushed.

There are 1,248 miles of fishing streams and 31,952 acres of lakes in the North Carolina National Forests.

## COFFMAN RESIGNS AS HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Leonard Coffman, principal and head coach at Hot Springs High School for 18 months, Tuesday announced his resignation effective at the end of the current school year, in order to accept a position as head coach and assistant principal at Greeneville, Tenn., High School.

Coffman is a native of Greeneville. He will succeed Ty Disney at Greeneville, who coached Coffman through high school .

Coffman was an All-American honorable mention fullback at the University of Tennessee in the late '30s. He played with the Vols in the 1938 Orange Bowl and the 1939 Rose Bowl.

He was the first full-time football coach in the history of Hot Springs High.

During World War II Coffman was an infantry major in the Philippines and shortly after the war he managed the Pacific Olympics in Osaka, Japan.

He served as backfield coach under Bowden Wyatt at the University of Wyoming from 1946 until 1951 when he was recalled to active military duty and assigned as an ROTC instructor at Wyoming.

It was on his second release from active duty during the school year that he came to Hot Springs as coach.

### How They Trained

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