

## Two Murder Cases Head Docket For Court Which Starts Monday

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, Of Asheville, To Preside At Term

The May term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding.

Approximately 90 cases are listed on the calendar for trial.

Two murder cases are listed on the calendar for trial during the one-week term. Scheduled to begin Monday is the murder case of Farada Ledford, 62-year-old Madison County farmer, who is charged with killing Jack Moore, 40-year-old farmer of the Spring Creek section, on February 2, 1955.

The second murder case scheduled to be heard on Tuesday is that of State vs. Wade Rice, 54-year-old farmer of Mars Hill RFD 1, who is charged with the murder of his half-brother, Jesse Rice, also of Mars Hill RFD 1, in January, 1955.

Following is a list of jurors drawn for the term:

Hubert Price, TS 8 W 1; Everett Barnett, TS 1 W 1; Edd Coates, TS 1 W 1; Shad Ramsey, TS 9; Harold Brooks, TS 1 W 3; Pearson Ball, TS 6; Jake Cody, TS 5; Gaston Brown, TS 8 W 1; Bruce Teague, TS 1 W 1; Jack Price, TS 9; J. L. Cook, TS 2 W 2; John R. Ramsey, TS 1 W 1; Tracey Waldroup, TS 4; Claud Rainey, TS 13; W. G. (Winfred) Sheppard, TS 15; Winfred Ramsey, TS 14; Coy Yelton, TS 5; Carmon Phillips, TS 4; A. C. Plennmons, TS 9; Luke Griffin, TS 10; Robert Buckner, TS 3; W. A. Greene, TS 3; John Hensley, TS 1 W 3; E. W. Payne, TS 7; Walter Moss, TS 4; Lloyd E. Thomas, TS 5; Pessley Rice, TS 10 W 2; Doyle Worley, TS 12; Charley Metcalf, TS 11; Brady Rice, TS 10; Jonah Gosnell, TS 1 W 3; W. H. Wallin, TS 10; Arthur Thomas, TS 15; Zack Ramsey, TS 9; Auburn Wyatt, TS 3; Grover Baker, TS 12; Homer Barnes, TS 6; Edison Ray, TS 15; Luney Metcalf, TS 2 W 2; Lloyd Payne, TS 6; T. C. West, TS 6; John H. Gillis, TS 4.

## Mars Hill Bows To Mt. Holly In First Of Three-Game Series

Mt. Holly blanked Mars Hill High School, recent winners of the Sky-line-A Conference, 3-0, at Mt. Holly in the first of three-game state Class-A playoff series.

Rain washed out the second game, scheduled to be played Wednesday at Mars Hill, and will be played this (Thursday) afternoon. If another game is needed, it will be played on a neutral field.

Charles Ramsey is slated to pitch the game today.

## Vacation Bible School At Methodist Church

The "All-Bible Vacation School" will begin at the Marshall Methodist Church beginning June 6 and lasting through June 17. The time of the school will be from 9 to 11:45 a. m. The theme for the entire school will be "Marching Together For Jesus." The theme for the individual departments are: Nursery, "Loving and Pleading Jesus," beginner, "God's Word and God's Word," primary, "God's family—how to belong to it and live in it," junior, "See Christ's time and talents," intermediate, "Answering why's of young people." There will be worship programs, Bible stories, Bible drills, Scripture memorizing, planned recitations, musicals, and especially a daily singing program for each pupil.

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## JOINS FIRM HERE



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## JOINS MASHBURN IN LAW FIRM HERE

Mashburn & Huff Law Firm Located In Citizens Bank Building

Announcement was made this week that Joseph B. Huff, attorney of Asheville, and Charles E. Mashburn, prominent Marshall attorney, had entered into a partnership, and the practice of law with offices located in the Citizens Bank Building in Marshall, formerly the office of Mr. Mashburn. The newly-formed law firm is now known as Mashburn and Huff.

Mr. Huff, son of the late Joseph B. Huff Sr., and Mrs. Corneilla Orr Huff, was born in Mars Hill on April 8, 1919.

He was educated in the public schools of Mars Hill, graduated from Mars Hill College in the Class of 1938 and from Wake Forest College in 1942 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Mr. Huff passed the bar and was licensed to practice law in August, 1942. After practicing in Dobson, N. C., he entered the U. S. Navy. He was assigned to and received his commission from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University. During World War II he spent two years in the Pacific area on the staff of Admiral Nimitz.

Mr. Huff was recalled to active duty in the Navy in April, 1951, where he served until April, 1953. He was recently selected for promotion to rank of Lieutenant Commander. (Continued on Page Five)

## "Ta-Ta" Reese To Leave Today To Visit U. Of Ky.

Bobby "Ta-Ta" Reese, star football player for the past three years at Marshall High School, left today for Lexington, Kentucky, where he will visit the University of Kentucky. Accompanying Reese will be Harry Baldwin, student and also football star at Marshall High.

Assistant Football Coach Matt Lair, of the University of Kentucky, visited Marshall last winter and was impressed with Reese's ability as a football player. As a result, Reese was invited to visit the University campus and "look around."

Reese and Baldwin expect to return to Marshall Sunday.

## Marshall High School Senior Class To Honor Dr. Benjamin Swain

Dr. Benjamin Swain of Chapel Hill, member of the N. C. Society of Doctors, will be the guest speaker at the graduation exercises of the Marshall High School senior class on Monday, May 30, at 10:00 o'clock in the gymnasium.

## MADISON COUNTY STUDENTS TO GRADUATE AT MHC

Commencement Exercises Are Announced; Reunions Are Planned

The 99th commencement program of Mars Hill College will be observed at Mars Hill Saturday and Sunday with 266 students scheduled to receive junior college diplomas and certificates.

Graduation exercises will take place in the Mars Hill Baptist Church beginning at 9:45 a. m., Monday. Dr. Sydney L. Stealey, president of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, will be the guest speaker.

Fourteen students from Madison County are among the 266 scheduled to receive diplomas during commencement exercises Monday morning.

They are James Bert Connor, son of Vance Connor of Route 1, Marshall, and Miss Laura Lexyne Stackhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stackhouse of Route 3, Marshall.

All the others are from the Mars Hill area. They include Miss Barbara Gail Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Anderson; Miss Hannah Brown Blackwell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell; William Lewis Duncan, whose home is in Junction City, Ky., but who has lived and worked in Mars Hill while attending college.

Miss Rinda Carol Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards of Route 1, Mars Hill; Miss Alice Ann Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie W. Jarvis of Route 2; Miss Helen Phyllis Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lambert; Miss Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lee. Mrs. Ruth Chamber Ponder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Chambers of Route 2; Miss Frances Elizabeth Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Ray; Arthur Grove Robinson, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson; Miss Jane Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wells; and Miss Ethel Anne Willey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William (Continued on Last Page)

## COURTHOUSE TO CLOSE SATURDAY; OPEN ON MONDAY

The courthouse here will be closed all day Saturday, May 28, instead of on Monday, in observance of Memorial Day, May 30, it was stated here this week.

This change was necessitated due to the May term of criminal court beginning here Monday. All offices will be open for business Monday, it was explained.

## Senate Democrats Pass Own U. S. Highway Bill

Washington, May 25—The Senate tonight passed the Democratic bill calling for a five-year, 18-billion-dollar highway building program after decisively rejecting President Eisenhower's 10-year road plan. Passage was on a voice vote.

## WALNUT BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUN.

Note-Burning At 11:15 A. M.; Sermon By Dr. Robert E. Seymour

The Walnut Missionary Baptist Church will be officially dedicated on Sunday, May 29 when special services will be held. Beginning at ten o'clock, the Sunday School will convene with the children's portion of the program to be held at 10:45 o'clock. At 11:00 o'clock the morning service will begin with the singing of "All Hail the Power." This will be followed by the Invocation. (Continued to Page Six)

## GRADUATION EXERCISES AT HOT SPRINGS HIGH

EIGHTH GRADE EXERCISES

The 8th grade of Hot Springs school held its graduation exercises on Wednesday night, May 25. There were 30 members in the graduating class. This has been an outstanding class in its achievements this year. Many of the boys and girls gave speeches on the program. Among them was a reading, "June Night," given by Lillian Tolley, who won second place in the county contest at Marshall, and the declamation, "American Citizens," given by Billy Fowler, which tied for first place in the boys' contest at Marshall.

Ramona Davis gave the class prophecy, and Tommy Davis gave the class will. The music included two songs by the class with Connie Sue Ramsey and Mattie Rae Lawson. (Continued to Last Page)

## C. A. Jonas, 78, State Leader Of GOP, Passes Wed.

Lincolnton, N. C., May 25—Charles A. Jonas, former congressman and father of U. S. Rep. Charles Raper Jonas, died in a nursing home tonight after several years of declining health. He was 78.

Jonas, an attorney, was a long-time North Carolina Republican leader, and served one term in Congress.

## Madison County Teachers Are Named For Next Term

The following list of teachers for Madison County for the next school term was announced this week by Superintendent W. W. Peek. They are as follows:

**MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL**  
Bernard S. Briggman, Principal; Frances B. Chandler, Joseph B. Ramsey, Selwyn H. Ray, J. L. Cook, G. W. Wallin, Albert H. Hensley, Glenn Ramsey, James H. Hensley, James H. Hensley.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Lucille E. Burnette, Glenwood Welch, Jeannette S. Tread, Annie Rice, Della Ramsey, Alma Jarvis, Frances E. Ramsey, Jennie L. Chandler, Helen L. Adams, Naomi G. Tread, Minnie Davis, Grace S. Dochery.

**HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**  
E. W. Cook, Principal; Sara F. Cook, Mary E. Jones.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Lillian Tolley, Principal; Mary E. Jones, Sara F. Cook.

## Three Ohio Men Are Arrested For Hot Springs Bank Robbery

Gosnell, Wacker, Bednik Are Arrested After An Extensive Search



The FBI announced this week that three men have been arrested and charged with robbing the Hot Springs branch of the Citizens Bank of Marshall of \$19,500 on May 18.

There was no announcement concerning the recovery of any of the stolen money, but a Hot Springs law enforcement officer said none had been found "to my knowledge."

Charlotte District FBI Chief Ray J. Abbaticchio Jr., identified the 3 men as Edward Gosnell, 38, of Dayton, Ohio, former resident of Hot Springs; Carl Virgil Wacker, 35, also of Dayton and Norman Bednik, 34, of Cleveland, Ohio.

## Alleged Robber Of Hot Springs Bank Fights Extradition

A third man, arrested Sunday in Cleveland, Ohio, and charged with the May 18th robbery of the Hot Springs bank, will fight extradition to North Carolina.

Norman Bednik appeared Monday before U. S. Commissioner H. A. Horn in Cleveland who set Bednik's bond at \$40,000 and June 2 as the date of a hearing on the question of Bednik's removal to North Carolina.

Meanwhile, the FBI's Charlotte division, which on Saturday announced first arrests in the case, still had no comment on whether any part of the \$19,500 loot had been recovered.

Others arrested were Edward Gosnell of Dayton, Ohio, arrested in Asheville and released under \$2,000 bond, and Carl Virgil Wacker, arrested in Dayton.

Unless a special term of U. S. Western District Court is called at Asheville this summer, the trio will be tried in January, 1956.

## CECIL N. SPRINKLE PASSES MONDAY; FUNERAL TODAY

Cecil N. Sprinkle, 62, of Marshall RFD 4, died at 9:40 p. m., Monday, May 23, 1955, in a Buncombe County hospital.

Sprinkle was a retired farmer, a veteran of World War I and a member of the Seminary Baptist Church. He had been ill for only a short time before his death.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m., in the Madison Seminary church. The Rev. E. J. Hall and the Rev. J. J. Slagle will officiate, and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Funeral home will be Talmadge McLean, Bud Fox, Coy Haysle, Frank Fisher, Don Hensley, Hilliard Teague and Earl Edmonds.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Robinson Sprinkle; the father, John Sprinkle of Marshall RFD 4; four sons, Ted of Stanley, N. C.; Bobby G., with the Army in Germany; Guy Jack of Asheville, and Billy W. of Marshall RFD 4; three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Slagle of Marshall RFD 4; Miss Shirley Sprinkle of the home, and Mrs. Paul H. Hensley of Hot Springs; a sister, Miss Clara Sprinkle of Marshall RFD 4; and two grandchildren.

## Ponder Describes Chase

Gosnell was picked up in Newport, Tenn., at four o'clock Thursday morning by Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who was accompanied by Bill Watkins, Cocke County officer, and L. H. Cutshall, of Marshall RFD 3. Cutshall had seen the get-away car and a third car the night before in Newport. Gosnell was picked up after Ponder's car had chased him for approximately eight miles.

In the car with Gosnell were Norman Bednik and Carl Wacker, who fled the car and went over "Irish Cut" near Newport. Ponder stated (Continued on Page Five)

## Swimming Pool Opens Saturday

Hubert Edwards, manager of the Marshall swimming pool, announced this week that the swimming pool would open Saturday at 12:30 o'clock and would remain open until 6:30 p. m.

Mr. Edwards said that the roads to the park had been graveled and there was ample parking space. He also said that swimming trunks could be rented.

"Season tickets can also be purchased at the pool," Mr. Edwards said.

## WALNUT ALUMNI BANQUET IS WELL ATTENDED ON SAT.

The eighth annual meeting of the Walnut Alumni Association was attended by more than 140 ex-grads and guests in the beautifully decorated and arranged auditorium at Walnut High School Saturday evening.

Mr. Harold Baker pronounced the invocation and Principal Ralph E. Neill greeted the alumni and guests present. Mrs. Dorothy Gahagan Clark gave the response, after which a delicious and bountiful dinner was served. The 9th and 10th grade girls were in charge of serving.

Following the dinner, Mr. Howard Banks, Marshall's outstanding comedian and actor, entertained the group (Continued to page 5)

**Weekly Legislative Summary**

NOTE: This is a summary of the bills introduced in the House and Senate during the week ending May 25, 1955.

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Lucille E. Burnette, Glenwood Welch, Jeannette S. Tread, Annie Rice, Della Ramsey, Alma Jarvis, Frances E. Ramsey, Jennie L. Chandler, Helen L. Adams, Naomi G. Tread, Minnie Davis, Grace S. Dochery.

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