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Hammarlund Plant To Observe First Anniversary Sat., June 25

Employees To Receive Salaries In Silver Dollars Friday; Open House Saturday

The Hammarlund Manufacturing Co., Inc., of Mars Hill, will observe its first anniversary in starting operations in Madison County next week, according to Mr. Lloyd Hammarlund, of New York, president of the vast electronics plant.

The observance will begin next Friday, June 24, when the employees of the plant will receive their salaries in silver dollars. On Saturday afternoon, between three and five o'clock, open house will be held with the public cordially invited to visit the Hammarlund plant and tour its spacious building.

Next week's issue of this newspaper will publish many congratulatory advertisements, pictures of the plant, interesting information concerning the Hammarlund products and more about the Open House to be held Saturday. Be sure to read next week's issue!

CIVITAN AND LIONS CLUBS SEE 4-H FILM HERE

The Civitan Club held its regular luncheon meeting in the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday, 21 members and 2 visitors were present.

Mr. Donald Colvin, assistant farm agent, showed a film pertaining to 4-H work, entitled, "The Town That Cattle Back." Mr. Colvin was introduced by Jimmy Sprinkle, program chairman.

Mr. J. H. Eads, president of the club, presided.

Bill Rickers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rickers, was chosen by the club to attend the Wildacres Camp this year.

The Lions Club met at the Rock Cafe here Monday night where Mr. Colvin also presented the 4-H film.

BAPTIST V. B. S. COMMENCEMENT TO BE SUNDAY NIGHT

Commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church will be held at 8:00 p. m., Sunday. The school will close tomorrow (Friday) with a picnic on the church grounds for the students and faculty. The school had a total of 88 people registered with an average attendance of 75.

At the Sunday evening commencement exercises the students and faculty will march into the church and hold a worship service similar to the worship held each day during the school. Each department will present a sample of its memory work and tell some of the things learned and done in that department.

Handwork will be on display, and after the service each student will take his own handwork home with him. Parents are cordially invited to come with their children to this service.

Glee Club To Give Concert At Mars Hill

The 72-voice Barrow, Florida, High School Glee Club will give a concert tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 p. m. in the Mars Hill College auditorium.

Adult Sewing Class Now In Progress At Marshall High School

The Marshall home economics department is now conducting an adult sewing class which meets after school hours.

RECEIVES HONOR



A. E. LEAKE

LEAKE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE AT U. S. SUPREME COURT

Prominent Marshall Attorney Receives High Honor Last Week

Arthur Eldridge Leake, prominent Marshall attorney, last week received the highest honor ever given a Madison County lawyer when he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. The ceremony took place in the Supreme Court Building, one of the most imposing buildings in Washington, D. C.

After being welcomed by Chief Justice Warren, Mr. Leake, along with 50 other attorneys, including three members of the North Carolina congressional delegation, were presented. They are Representatives Woodrow W. Jones, of Rutherfordton, Hugh Q. Alexander, of Kannapolis, and George A. Shuford, of Asheville.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., of Morganton, presented the men to the nation's highest tribunal.

Mr. Leake, who resides at Walnut, passed the N. C. Bar in August, 1933. He is a member of the N. C. Bar Association, the Madison County Bar Association and has also been admitted to practice in the U. S. District Court for the western district. A few years ago, he was admitted to practice before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and last week attained the distinction of being admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Leake is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, secretary of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, a member and treasurer of the Walnut Presbyterian Church, a member of the Walnut Boy Scout Committee and the Marshall Lions Club.

He is married to the former Miss Annie Lee McDevitt. They have two children, A. E. Leake Jr., and Larry Bruce Leake.

FHA Meeting Held At Marshall School

On Monday, June 12, the Marshall FHA Club held a workshop at the school. Fifteen girls were present. Social events planned for the summer included a movie-seeing party to Asheville on June 14, and a swimming party at the Marshall pool on Wednesday, June 23.

Driver's License Office To Be Closed On June 22 and 23

F. S. Motter, driver's license examiner, announced this week that the office in the courthouse would be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 and 23, and that the office would be open on Friday, June 24.

\$700,000 HOLE IN MADISON COUNTY MUST BE FILLED

Burley Tobacco Income To Be \$200 Less Per Farm For 1955 Crop

Farmers of Madison County will receive about \$700,000 less income in 1955 from burley tobacco than they did for their 1954 crop! This figure represents an average of about \$200 per farm. The above representation is not the true item represented. The true representative items are as follows: food, clothing, farm improvements, educational opportunities, home improvements, lack of prosperity for business, savings and financial support for religious and social activities. In short it amounts to \$200 less money available to support a standard of living. What are we going to do about this situation?

To answer this question it is first important to know who is going to be interested in doing anything about it! The answer should be — every farmer, business firm, agency, organization, family, school teacher, lawyer, doctor, in short, everybody in our county. Many of the above may feel, "Oh, no; that's not my responsibility. I'll do my job and let the farmer do his." To answer this I would say this is an agricultural county and the county will prosper or stagnate as and in direct relationship with the farmer. Farmers support every activity in Madison County with the possible exception of three manufacturing firms, and they would gain by farm prosperity in the county. Therefore, does it not become the duty of all the people to do something to help to regain this \$700,000 that we are going to add to it?

No one person in this county of ours has the answer to this \$700,000 question. Many people will be able to contribute part of the answer and the parts added together will build up the entire amount. Let's seek this answer — put it to work — let's get out of this hole and advance. Let us all contribute our efforts to make Madison County the greatest place to live in North Carolina.

Return Of Bekik In Bank Holdup Case Expected

Cleveland, June 13—Norman Bekik, arrested here on a bank robbery charge, probably will be removed to Asheville, N. C., this week to stand trial.

Federal Judge James J. McNamee today denied a writ of habeas corpus filed in his behalf.

Bekik, a Cleveland resident held under \$40,000 bond, has been charged with participation in the \$19,000 holdup last May 22 of the Hot Springs branch of the Citizens Bank of Marshall, N. C.

FBI agents arrested him along with two other men they accused of the robbery — Edward Gosnell of Dayton, Ohio, arrested at Asheville, N. C., and Paul Virgo Wacker 35 arrested in Dayton.

"The Madison", County's Only Drive-In Theatre, To Open Sat.

To Offer Best In Equipment To Accommodate 225 Cars

The Madison Drive-In Theatre, recently completed, will officially open on Saturday night. It was announced here this week by H. W. Edwards, manager. The modern and spacious theatre is located at Brush Creek between Marshall and Walnut on Highway 24-26.

The theatre is incorporated and locally owned by the Madison Drive-In Theatre, Inc. Construction of the theatre's only drive-in theatre was started on January 1 and the theatre is now ready to open.

SWAIN DECLINES TO MAKE PUBLIC VOTE LETTERS

Bailey Willing To Release Exchange on Madison Probe

Letters exchanged by State District Solicitor Robert S. Swain and U. S. District Attorney James M. Bailey Jr., concerning investigations of alleged election irregularities in Madison County stayed in the file cabinets when Bailey said he was willing for them to be released but Swain declined.

Swain said that he felt publishing of his letter to Bailey concerning Federal cooperation in a Madison grand jury investigation and Bailey's reply would "serve no good purpose, but would just keep the situation in a turmoil."

On May 30, Swain said during the opening of the criminal term of Superior Court in Marshall that the investigation of reported election irregularities in Madison was incomplete. He claimed a "lack of cooperation" on the part of Bailey as the reason for the delay.

Swain said at the time that Bailey had refused to permit use of evidence or information of election irregularities which his office had secured.

WILLING TO RELEASE

Bailey had told the Citizen that he would be willing to release the letters for publication if Swain was willing.

"I believe my letter to Swain made plain the government's position," Bailey said.

The Madison County Superior Court grand jury asked March 3 for state court help in conducting an investigation into alleged election irregularities in the Nov. 3 general election.

Federal officers had impounded Madison County election materials on Dec. 30-31, 1954, and later it was (Continued to Last Page)

V.B.S. Commencement At Methodist Church On Friday Evening

The Vacation Bible School at the Marshall Methodist Church will close Friday with a Commencement Program at 8:00 p. m. Handwork and Pupils' Workbooks will be exhibited from each department.

The All-Bible Vacation School has been under the direction of the Rev. R. N. Barefoot with the following teachers: nursery, Mrs. Preston Bagwell, Mrs. Millard Hensley; beginners, Miss Nellie Connor, Miss Sara Ann Davis; primary, Mrs. Ed Houston, Miss Eloise Ward Mrs. Cleophas Ward; junior, Mrs. R. N. Barefoot, Mrs. S. B. Roberts; intermediates, Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Mrs. Weldon Ramsey. Secretary and treasurer for the school has been Miss Houston. Refreshments have been served each day by the ladies of the church. There has been an enrollment of 64 during the school with an average attendance of 50.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the commencement program to see the fine work the boys and girls have done.

County Library Fund Drive Short Of Goal; Deadline June 30

REPRESENTS DEALERS



JOHN CORBETT

Mr. John Corbett, popular Marshall Ford and Mercury dealer, was selected to represent the Ford Dealers in Zone B at the Ford District Dealers Council meeting held in Charlotte Tuesday. He left Tuesday morning for the meeting and returned Wednesday.

Service Motor Sales Now Mercury Dealer

Announcement has been made that Service Motor Sales, Inc., of Marshall, have been granted the franchise as Mercury dealers for Madison County.

The official announcement can be found in a half-page advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

"We are proud to be the Foyd-Mercury dealers and are looking forward to serving this county," Mr. John Corbett, dealer, stated.

County To Rate Two Pages In July Progressive Farmer

Two pages of the July issue of The Progressive Farmer is devoted to Madison County. Farm Agent Harry Silver stated here this week that the article would also include some pictures giving the progress made in the county during the past year.

GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP TO BE HELD HERE ON TUESDAY

A training session for the staff of the Girl Scout Day Camp will be held at the camp site at the Marshall Memorial Park on Tuesday, June 21. Mrs. R. H. Kaplan, Acting District Director of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, will direct the session which will begin at 10:00 a. m., and will last until 3:00 p. m. In addition to the camp staff, troop leaders, troop committee members and mothers of Scouts are invited to attend.

Twenty-one girls have registered for the Day Camp which is to be held from June 27 through July 1. Members of the staff include Mrs. J. M. Bailey Jr., Mrs. C. E. Maaburn, Miss Clara Elizabeth Ramsey, Miss Bernice Thomas and Mrs. D. D. Gross.

Mrs. Gross, Scout Leader, attended a training session held at Swannanoa Tuesday in preparation for the Day Camp here next week.

Marshall Girls To Leave Today For Week At Ridgecrest

Seven members of the TWA of the Marshall Baptist Church will leave today (Thursday) for Ridgecrest where they will spend the week.

\$3,000.00 Needed To Assure Bookmobile For First Year; Funds Needed

"We're a long way from that \$5,000.00, remarked Mrs. Ezra O. Burnette recently when asked about the drive for funds for library service for Madison County.

"We must have at least \$3,000 by the end of June," she added.

Mrs. Burnette and her workers are trying to solicit funds to start library service for the county, one of the three counties in the state which does not have a library. (The other two counties are Alexander and Jones.)

The need for library service has long been felt in Madison County. Several attempts have been made to secure it but never got any farther than an unsuccessful request to previous county commissioners.

The newly formed Friends of the Library appeared before the present county commissioners who expressed favor for the idea, but had no funds available for such service.

However, they said they were willing to appoint trustees and do other necessary legal work if the group and other Madison County citizens wanted service badly enough to solicit the \$3,000 to match state funds.

They promised either to provide for it in the budget a year hence or submit the matter to a vote of the people, if the group could sponsor the first year's service financially.

Officers of the Friends of the Library are Mrs. Walter Ramsey of Marshall, president; Mrs. M. F. Zuber of Hot Springs, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Huff of Mars Hill, secretary; and Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle of Marshall, treasurer.

Members of the board of trustees are Mrs. Dorothy B. Shope, chairman; A. W. Coates, vice chairman; Mrs. J. B. Tweed, secretary; Mrs. Judson Edwards, treasurer; and Rex Allen and Winston Cook, members.

4-H Club County Dress Revue To Be Held Saturday

The 4-H Club County Dress Revue will be held Saturday morning, June 18, at 10:00 a. m., in the Marshall High School Cafeteria.

Girls participating are winners in their Club Dress Revue held May 23. They will model dresses made this year on their 4-H Club clothing project.

Club members, leaders and friends of 4-H are invited to attend. The winner Saturday will represent the county and compete with others in the State Dress Revue to be held in Raleigh in July.

Bill Ricker Chosen To Attend Wildacres By Civitan Club Here

Billy Ricker, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ricker, of Marshall, has been chosen by the Marshall Civitan Club to attend Wildacres Camp next week. He will leave Sunday along with other boys and girls throughout North Carolina.

This is an annual event sponsored by the various Civitan Clubs of North Carolina.

The Mars Hill Club will send two candidates, a boy and girl, to Wildacres. Names of the candidates were not available in time for this issue.

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