



## North Carolina May Abolish Public Schools Due To Integration

### Dual System Seen Assured For Coming Year, Hodges Says

Gov. Hodges said Monday he thinks North Carolina would "seriously consider" abolishing public schools in the state rather than face mass integration between white and Negro students.

He said he does not believe mass integration will ever be put into effect in this state.

In this mountain area on a fishing trip, Hodges said the state has taken steps to prevent integration during the coming school year. He said he hopes a year will be time enough to work out the problem.

Asked if the state would abolish public schools should integration appear inevitable after this year, the governor replied: "Well, let's put it this way: I think the state would seriously consider doing so."

### HOPES FOR SOLUTION

Hodges, who previously has stated he does not believe the Negroes of North Carolina want integration, said he hopes the problem can be worked out by "consent" within the next year.

He said agitation for integration in the schools is being brought about by "a bunch of misguided white people in New York," referring to officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

## HENNESSEE TO HEAD WNC SCOUT DRIVE

W. C. Hennessee of Syva was named chairman of the annual financial campaign at a meeting of representatives of the Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council Wednesday in the S and W Cafeteria in Asheville.

The campaign will begin October 4 and continue for two weeks, A. W. Allen, Boy Scout executive, reported.

Funds will be sought in 11 Western North Carolina counties: Madison, Clay, Graham, Cherokee, Macon, Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Yancey, Avery, and Mitchell.

John B. Hackney of Atlanta, Ga., deputy regional executive, outlined campaign details for the approximately 25 Boy Scouts representatives who attended the meeting.

Council financial support in Buncombe County is received through the United Fund.

Allen announced plans for an enlarged budget to care for such increasing needs as additional troops, training activities and camping programs.

## MASONS TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE AT TEMPLE THURS.

The "Sheriff's Skyline Quartet" of the Sheriff's Department of Buncombe County will sing at an open house sponsored by the Masons of French Broad Lodge No. 292, A.F. & A.M., to be held Thursday evening, July 28, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple in Marshall. The quartet is composed of Myrtle Lance, 1st tenor; Glenn Creaman, 2nd tenor and pianist; F. S. Moffitt, baritone, and Ernest Gregg, bass.

In addition to the quartet, John Creaman will sing a solo and the invocation will be given by the Rev. D. H. Green, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church. The Rev. O. L. ... will deliver the invocation.

## SNIPES GIVES FRENCH BROAD ROUTE BOOST

Black Mountain, July 18 — All hope for a better road linking Asheville, Marshall and the Tennessee line is not lost, J. Fleming Snipes of Marion, 13th district highway commissioner, said today.

"I haven't given up hope of getting something done about the road," Snipes said. He was a guest, along with Gov. Hodges and other political officials, at a mountain lodge near here today.

### HOPES FOR FUND

Snipes said he hopes to obtain money for bringing about broad repairs on the road from the special so-called governor's fund.

This is state money which comes from: 1-Higher tax income than budget requests, and 2-Matching funds which the state does not have to put to match federal allocations.

It was estimated early this year this fund might run into several millions. It is turned over to the governor to be used among the counties for road work.

### REQUEST NOT MADE

Snipes said he has not made a request to Hodges yet, but that he has "talked the matter over with him."

"I think this section has a good friend in the governor," Snipes said, "so there is a possibility we will be able to get some money from this source."

A hearing on the French Broad and Pigeon River sections over a proposed interstate route to Tennessee ended recently when the State Highway Commission decided on the Pigeon River route and then turned down a request for a full survey of the French Broad route.

Snipes said the amount of the governor's fund should be made known within the next several weeks.

"I hope to be able to convince the governor that we need this money worse than the other counties," Snipes said.

## DIVIDENDS ARE DECLARED BY CITIZENS BANK

### Charlotte Firm Continues Examination And Audit Here

E. R. Tweed, president of the Citizens Bank, announced this morning that the board of directors has employed the certified public accountants Campbell & Fehhelm, of Charlotte, to make the annual directors' examination and audit the books of the bank.

The directors have begun mailing letters asking depositors and borrowers to verify and confirm their deposits and loans with the bank. It is expected that a large number of depositors have not had interest credited on their savings books, and through the process of verification, the records of the depositors may be corrected, Mr. Tweed said.

Mr. Tweed said that all persons receiving letters from the board of directors mail their reply in the envelopes enclosed to their accountants, Campbell and Fehhelm.

As the Citizens Bank serves all of Madison County, with main offices in Marshall, and branch offices in Hot Springs and Mark Hill, the volume of stenographic work is large. It is possible that now and then some accounts will be corrected. Mr. Tweed stated Mr. Tweed said that if any person who is interested in the bank's affairs should contact the bank at its main office in Marshall.

## LARGEST BOAT IN COUNTY'S HISTORY LAUNCHED ON SAT.

### Pleasure Cruiser Lowered Into Pond On Roberts Mountain

It sounds awfully crazy but it actually happened! Madison County's largest boat was launched last Saturday afternoon in the huge fish pond of Clyde M. Roberts on Roberts Mountain. The sleek-looking cabin cruiser, which will be used for pleasure, was christened "The Ranger." Fred Sams and Bill Zink, owners of the boat, stated today that they would perhaps move it to Lake Douglas and bigger waters this week-end.

The cruiser is 18 feet in length with a 6 1/2-foot beam and is attractively painted in mahogany and white. Owners stated that the cruiser will be equipped with a 28-horsepower outboard motor and is capable of attaining 25-35 miles per hour planning speed.

The vessel is registered with the United States Coast Guard and is in readiness for pleasure trips, fishing, etc.

Construction of the boat started in Marshall with Mr. Sams, Ernest Frisby and Charlie Sawyer working at odd times on it.

This cruiser is thought to be the largest ever built in Madison County and is certainly the first boat to be launched on Roberts Mountain.

Again, this sounds fantastic, but it's true!

## Methodist Men's Club Meets This Evening

The Methodist Men's Club meets this (Thursday) evening at 7:00 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennis for a picnic supper on the lawn. They are inviting all the members of the church and their friends. The speaker for the evening will be the Rev. Lee Barnett, a Madison County man who is now pastor of the Biltmore Methodist Church. The people from both the Walnut and Marshall Methodist Churches are invited. Plans for receiving the Methodist Men's Charter will be discussed.

War will end when nations are ripe for progress —Mary B. Eddy

## CRIMINAL COURT TO START HERE MONDAY MORNING

### Judge J. Frank Huskins, Of Burnsville, To Preside; Swain Is Solicitor

The regular July term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, presiding. Robert S. Swain, Jr., is the solicitor.

This term was moved up a month under the new court term set-up which was made when the 24th Judicial District was formed. This is Judge Huskins' first term in Madison County. Approximately 80 cases are on the docket for the one-week term.

Below is a list of jurors drawn to serve during the term:

- Donnie Grooms, R. E. Shook, C. V. Lamb, Merty Buckner, Jake M. Drake, Roy Snyder, Starling Chandler, Woodall Worley, Hillard Clarke, John Griffin, Arthur Cantrell, Grover Gibbs, Lester Roberts, J. J. Cassidy, F. N. Lawson, Herbert Worley, Jim Shelton, Floyd H. Baldwin, Bill Hensley, Joe Woody, Will Thomas, Glen Brooks, B. Z. Reeves, Ernest Holt, Will Moore, Otto Rees, Ernest Snelson, Watsel Norton, E. N. Norton, Mrs. D. M. Robinson, H. S. Davis, Josh Chandler, Don Crowe, Sanford McGalliard, Rance Hensley, Grady Baldwin, D. G. Church, B. G. Ledford, Leo Egan, Mrs. Ned Ramsey, Manassa Gaster and Mrs. Emma Brown.

## FREE CHEST X-RAY SERVICE TO BEGIN IN COUNTY AUGUST 6

Announcement was made this week by the Madison County Health Department that the county's free chest X-ray for every person in the county who is 15 years of age and older will begin August 6 and continue through September 3.

There will be two mobile X-ray units in the county during this period and the trailers will be set up in convenient places within reach of everyone.

Getting a chest X-ray requires no undressing, takes only a minute or two, and is free. Each person X-

## County Library Service Presented \$500 Check At Meeting Here

### "YOUTH WEEK" TO BE HELD HERE; OFFICERS NAMED

In keeping with "Youth Week" which will be observed at the Marshall Baptist Church next week, officers and teachers have been named. The young people of the church will fill every office of the church and Sunday School and will have charge of all activities of the church next week.

The young people will have charge of services on Sunday, July 31, when all members and the public are invited to attend.

Listed below are the offices and young people who will fill them next week:

- Pastor, Howard Banks; Sunday School Superintendent, Charles Huey; Training Union, Peggy Holland; Organist, Barbara Davis; Chorister, Manita Ramsey; Ushers, Virgil Smith, Luther Nix, Johnny Corbett, Ronny Candler; Deacons, James Huey, Buck Freeman, Johnny Corbett, Bobby Ponder, Greenwood Edney, Lynn Sams, Lawrence Ponder, Jimmy Eads; Trustees, Bernard Ramsey, Tommy White, Luther Nix; Treasurer, Billy Jean Redmon; Clerk, Olga Sprinkle.

- Sunday School Teachers: Beginners, Bobbie Jo Nix; Primary, Janice Thomas; Junior Girls, Blanche Stines; Junior Boys, Virgil Smith; Intermediate Boys, James Huey; Intermediate Girls, Faye Weaver; Young Men, Tommy White; Vota Vita, Olga Sprinkle; Deborah, Beatrice Ward; Adult Women, Calvin Edney, Jr.; Whitehurst Bible, Glenna Ponder.

- Choir Members: James Baley Jr., Wade Allen, Margret Corbett, Katherine Cody, Helen Fisher, Judy Pegg, Leta Jo Ramsey, Patsy Ramsey, Sandra Ramsey, Billy Jean Ramsey, Jean Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Barbara Henderson, Ann Ramsey, Patsy Redmon, and Kermit Cody, Jr.

rayed receives a confidential report by mail at his home address.

Location of the two units and the dates will be announced in this paper next week.

### Dr. Weaver Delivers Main Address; Bookmobile Now Assured

Dr. David S. Weaver, director of the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, delivered the main address at the courthouse here Wednesday afternoon when Madison County was honored for winning the Rural Progress Contest in 1954. Dr. Weaver told of the great possibilities and vast resources in Madison County and urged farmers to practice more diversified forms of income other than tobacco. "Too much emphasis is being placed on one crop," he said. "I'm not criticizing the growing of tobacco but I do feel that there are 'too many eggs in one basket'."

Dr. Weaver was introduced by Harry Silver, Madison County farm agent, who presided at the meeting.

Following Dr. Weaver's informative address, Mr. William D. Poe, of Raleigh, associate editor of The Progressive Farmer, presented the \$500 check which was awarded Madison County in the Rural Progress contest to Mr. Harry Silver.

Mr. Silver then praised the fine work of the people of Madison County and stressed the great progress being made throughout the county. He then presented the check to Mrs. Janie Ramsey, home demonstration agent who officially turned the check over to the county. Mrs. Ramsey stressed the county library service and bookmobile. The \$500 check, coupled with donations made by citizens of Madison County, put the "Bookmobile Drive" for \$3,600.00 over the top.

Mr. Kenneth Anderson introduced the various agricultural agencies which were represented at the meeting and also the state and county officials and businessmen who were present.

The meeting was attended by approximately 100 persons.

## June Bond Sales In County: \$3,712.50

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina continued to soar with purchases in June being 19% greater than last year. This sets a new ten-year sales record for the month. For the first six months of this year, a new all-time record was set with sales amounting to \$28,907,934.00, 21% greater than 1954. This amounts to nearly 50% of the annual state quota of 58.8 million dollars.

This report, released today by Mr. C. L. Rudisill, Madison County Chairman, shows that Madison County sales for June were \$3,712.50.

## HELP THE BLIND



## TRUCK LANDS IN FRISBY BRANCH TUESDAY

