



March Of Dimes Drive In Full Swing In County Now

Cooperation Of Public Urged; Funds Are Badly Needed

The 1956 March of Dimes Drive in Madison County is now in full swing with coin collectors being placed in many stores and several township workers named. Mrs. R. G. Franklin has mailed out many letters to the various schools and churches in the county and it is hoped that the public will respond generously to the call for much-needed donations. Victims of polio in Madison County have received the best of hospital care through the help of your contributions and the generosity of the National Foundation. Much more is needed if these small victims are to remain in hospitals to be cured. In addition to these already afflicted, money is needed for research to develop vaccines to combat polio. It is hoped that around \$4,000 can be raised in Madison County during the drive.

Mrs. Franklin has named the following workers with more to be named during the next few days:

Marshall, J. Frank Fisher; Mars Hill, Jim Fish; Hot Springs, James Gentry; Walnut, Miss Odessa Henderson; Madison Seminary, Mrs. Frank Fisher; Petersburg, Harley Cody; Coin Collectors, J. A. Dennis; and Churches, Wade Huey.

"With the full cooperation of everyone, I feel sure that Madison County can raise \$4,000 during the remainder of this month," Mrs. Franklin stated this week.

Dan Robinson Named Football Coach At Western Carolina

Dan Robinson, athletic director and football coach at Morganton High School the past four years, Tuesday was named to succeed Tom Young as head football coach at Western Carolina College.

Young, who recently completed his 28th year of coaching, has been Western Carolina's athletic director and head football coach since 1946. He is giving up coaching duties in order that he might devote full time to his work as athletic director.

MOLD AND DUST FROM RUGS CAN CAUSE COLDS

Dr. Almon F. Halpern, of Dallas, recently told an audience attending a Southern Medical Association Meeting many children catch colds watching TV "while lying on the rug." Halpern said mold and dust on a rug can cause a cold.

It is an allergic type of cold, Halpern says, and children sensitive to such material will often develop colds after close contact, such as lying on the floor watching television. Halpern suggests such rugs be sprayed, and that stuffed furniture be sprayed in the TV room, if there is such a room in the house, when possible.

He says sprays can very effectively control the materials and particles which are often airborne which cause these allergic colds.

Although a vaccine is being perfected which is expected to prevent the most serious types of colds, parents might find it profitable to spray stuffed furniture and rugs which may be dusty or moldy, in the television room.

While doing so, we suggest they also spray the television sets, not that it will help the arena caused by nose shows, but in the hope that some of the germs, which definitely cause allergic reactions, mentally or otherwise, might be modified in their effect.

Billy Graham Passes Through Marshall

Evangelist Billy Graham, en route to Kentucky, stopped in Marshall Wednesday for a brief visit. After looking about the condition of the town...

Jim Tatum Accepts Post As Football Coach At U.N.C.

Chancellor Robert B. House of the University of North Carolina announced Sunday that Jim Tatum of Maryland has signed as head football coach of the Tar Heels.

Simultaneously, the University of Maryland announced Tatum's resignation as head football coach and athletic director effective Jan. 31.

Terms of Tatum's contract with North Carolina were not announced but Jake Wade, athletic publicity director at North Carolina, said Tatum's salary will not exceed the \$15,000 limit placed on the position. House said in announcing the appointment: "We are very fortunate in getting a fellow of Jim Tatum's ability as our football coach."

Tatum is an alumnus of North Carolina and was a tackle on the 1934 North Carolina team captained by George Barclay, whom he succeeds. Barclay's three-year contract expired at the end of the 1955 season and was not renewed.

Barclay's 1955 team finished with a record of 3-7 and left him with a three-year record of 11-18-1.

The announcement of Tatum's signing ended weeks of speculation as to whether he would return.

Lions Met Monday At Rock Cafe Here; Membership Discussed

The Marshall Lions Club met Monday night at the Rock Cafe here with 15 members present. Bill Zink, president, presided at a most interesting meeting.

A report was made on the recent Beef Calf Sale and other projects were discussed. The club voted unanimously to contribute \$25.00 to the March of Dimes Drive, now in progress.

The club also discussed Ladies' Night which will be held in Asheville on Monday night, January 30. The club voted to meet at the S&W Cafeteria where a private room will be reserved for the Marshall club members and their wives.

Following these plans, the club discussed the possibility of increasing the membership of the club during January.

Following adjournment of the meeting, several members "pitched in" and contributed money for the purchase of a band uniform for Marshall High School.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, January 23 at the Rock Cafe. All members are urged to be present when final plans for Ladies' Night will be made.

Madison County Men Join Leathernecks

S/Sgt. Marion E. Neal, Marine Recruiting Sergeant for Madison County, announced today that three men from this county joined the World Famous Leatherneck organization during the month of December.

These men, George Rollins, son of Mr. Isham Rollins, Jimmie Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chandler, and William Goldsmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldsmith, were sent to Parris Island, S. C., where they will undergo ten weeks of recruit training.

After this first phase of famous Marine Training, these men will be given a ten day leave in which they may come home to visit friends and relatives and show off their newly won fame and sleek trim uniforms.

After this leave the men will be transferred to one of the many Marine Bases all over the world for further training in one of the 470 job skills offered by the Marine Corps in either the Land, Sea, or Air branch.

Anyone wishing to learn the men may do so by writing Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

EISENHOWER'S HEALTH CALLED 'EXCELLENT'

Washington, Jan. 11 — "Excellent" was the word doctors applied to President Eisenhower's health today.

Three Army physicians who made another examination of the President in his White House bedroom this morning reported his recovery from a Sept. 24 heart attack continues to progress satisfactorily. Then they added:

"His physical condition is excellent and he benefited greatly from the exercise and relaxation obtained during his recent visit to the White House."

These were welcome words to Republicans who are hoping that Eisenhower will lead them again in the presidential and congressional elections this fall.

The President reiterated to newsmen just before he left Florida Sunday that his health will be a very important factor in deciding whether he will run for re-election.

METHODISTS FROM WORLD TO MEET AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

Lake Junaluska, Jan. 11 — A summons to the Methodists of every continent to send representatives to Lake Junaluska next September for a World Methodist Conference is issued by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo.

The bishop speaks as the president of the World Methodist Council, a permanent body representing 40 million members in 70 countries. The membership of the council is growing rapidly. The next meeting, Sept. 1-11, will be the ninth in a series that began in London in 1881.

Neither the conference nor its governing body, the council, exercises legislative power nor is there any effort to exert control over the independent bodies that make up World Methodism.

Merit System To Have Clerical Exams Saturday, March 3

Raleigh — March 3, 1956 has been announced as the date on which clerical examinations will be given by the North Carolina Merit System Council. Official application blanks may be obtained from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C., or from any county welfare, local health or employment service office.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 10, 1956. Persons who will be graduated in June are eligible.

The agencies served by the Merit System Council are the Employment Security Commission, State Commission for the Blind, Medical Care Commission, State Board of Health and local health units, and State Board of Public Welfare and county welfare departments.

Examinations for positions on the State level will include stenographer clerks III, II and I, typist clerks III, II, and I; research analysts II and I; research assistant. On the county level the following examinations will be given: senior and junior stenographer clerks, typist clerk, senior general clerk-stenographer, senior general clerk-typist, and senior and junior general clerks. Bulletins (No. 1) giving more complete information concerning these positions may be secured from the Merit System Office.

If there are a sufficient number of applications, the examinations will be given in approximately 12 cities throughout the State.

Tax Listers Are Named For County

Tax listers for the various townships and wards have been named and their names and positions of tax listers can be found in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

BURLEY SALES SUSPENDED UNTIL JAN. 19

The Asheville Burley Tobacco Market Wednesday suspended sales until Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11 a. m., to accommodate farmers who have been unable to work their crops because of the dry weather.

The Carolina, Day's and Big Burley warehouses will be open next Thursday, market officials said Wednesday.

All tobacco brought in that morning prior to 11 o'clock will be placed on the warehouse floors for immediate sales.

Sales will continue next Thursday as long as necessary as a special benefit for the tobacco growers, according to warehousemen.

Gross sales on Tuesday totaled 66,738 pounds and sold for \$35,044 for an average of \$52.51 per 100 pounds, the Federal State Market News Service reported Wednesday in Lexington, Ky.

The season's gross sales on the Asheville market total 9,818,832 pounds sold for \$5,613,488 for an average of \$57.17, the news service reported.

Reports on the West Jefferson Burley Tobacco Market showed sales on Tuesday amounting to 60,710 pounds sold for an average of \$51.68. At West Jefferson the season's sales total 4,377,824 pounds sold for an average of \$56.73.

BAPTISTS TOTAL 800,000 NOW IN N. C. CONVENTION

The Baptist State Convention in North Carolina, which opened in Raleigh Tuesday, reported the 800,000 membership mark for the first time in 1955, it was revealed Wednesday in the annual summary by L. L. Morgan of Raleigh, statistical secretary of the convention.

There are now 3,191 Baptist churches in the state, a gain of 50 over 1954, with a combined membership of 807,607, an increase of 25,890 over last year.

Total gifts to all causes were \$33,761,927, a gain of \$1,190,574, or 3.65 per cent. Of this amount, churches kept \$28,481,790 at home and sent \$5,270,147 away for missions, benevolences, and to educational institutions. The latter figure represents a gain of 9.68 per cent while the amount spent locally increased 2.61 per cent.

Per capita gifts advanced 14 cents from \$41.65 in 1954 to \$41.79 in 1955.

Baptisms dropped slightly, from 35,702 in 1954 to 35,607 last year. Churches reporting no baptisms numbered 457.

Of 3,191 churches, only 12 reported no Sunday Schools, making a total of 3,179 with this teaching program for children and adults. Sunday School membership is now 724,463, a gain of 20,610. Eighty-seven churches gave nothing to objects fostered by the convention, one less than last year; however, the net gain was actually 51 in view of the 50 new churches reported.

There are 1,881 Training Unions with 169,579 members, a gain of 75 Unions and 9,533 members. Vacation Bible Schools last summer totaled 2,644, a gain of 95, and attracted 264,074 youngsters, an increase of 30,231 over 1954.

Woman's Missionary Union organizations were reported in 2,129 churches, with 147,800 active members. This is a gain of 96 organizations, but a loss of 7,232 members due to the transfer of Royal Ambassador work from the W.M.U. to the men of the Brotherhood. The men added 114 new organizations in 1955 and now claim 985 Brotherhoods with 36,001 members.

More than 30,000 Baptist students are enrolled in 58 colleges. Twenty-nine colleges have active Baptist Student Unions.

Main Roads Open

N. C. State Highway Patrolmen reported this morning that all main roads are open.

Farmers Are Urged To Cooperate In 1956 A C P

SNOWS, ICY ROADS MAKE DRIVING HAZARDOUS HERE

Snows which fell early Tuesday morning and continued Tuesday and Wednesday, made roads in Madison County almost impassable. Although no serious accidents have been reported to this newspaper, there have been several minor collisions and many cars have skidded off the roads into ditches.

Just west of Marshall, large trailer-trucks stalled Wednesday morning although the highway department had "treated" the highway with sand. Streets and roads were reported slicker in the Marshall area than elsewhere in the county. All vehicles were slowed to a "creep" all day Wednesday on Main Street here. The sidewalks were also dangerously slick with ice which had been packed by pedestrians. Many merchants used salt in front of their stores to make walking safer.

Due to the condition of the roads, the Marshall school adjourned Wednesday afternoon and the continued icy roads caused postponement of all schools in the county today (Thursday).

The French Broad River was frozen over in many sections Tuesday morning and snow blanketed the ice, making the river look similar to a mirror of white cotton.

State Highway patrolmen urged today that all motorists exercise caution in driving on icy roads.

PROGRESS IN FIGHT ON CANCER

Dr. Albert Tyler, professor of embryology at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, has succeeded in isolating a substance which may be of great value in the fight on cancer.

The discovery and isolation in highly purified chemical form of the substance was announced at the recent annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Atlanta, Ga.

It is thought that the substance produced is a serum which inhibits the division and multiplication of specific cells. If this is true, it may follow that other substances, of similar chemical constitution, may be isolated from cancer cells. If they were so isolated, they might produce a serum against the division and multiplication of cancer cells.

The substance discovered and isolated by Dr. Tyler is called Fertilizin. It is the first of its kind to be purified and was isolated from the gelatinous coat of a sea urchin's egg. In experiments, when it was injected into rabbits and chickens, it led to the production, in the blood stream, of a serum which worked against the dividing mechanism of the fertilized egg.

The discovery and isolation of Fertilizin by Dr. Tyler could be a major advance in the long struggle to find an anti-cancer serum or vaccine, or a cure. If a serum could be developed which prevented the division and multiplication of cancer cells, the disease could be brought under check if it had not already produced fatal conditions, and this is the possible promise of a new discovery.

Civitan Club Met Tuesday At Church

Despite icy sidewalks and slippery streets, 21 members of the Marshall Civitan Club met Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church for the regular luncheon meeting. Joe Eads, president, presided. The club voted to contribute \$25.00 to the March of Dimes Drive, now in progress.

County ASC Chairman Cites Opportunity To Strengthen Our Soil Reserves

It's time to sign up again in the Agricultural Conservation Program, says Noville Hawkins, Chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee. Farmers of Madison County have an opportunity again to cooperate with the farmers of other counties and states in strengthening the nation by improving the county's ability to produce food and fiber.

He said that the following conservation practices have been approved for Madison County for 1956: 1. Seeding Permanent Pasture or Hay; 2. Additional Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation; 3. Lining Materials on Farmland; 4. Contour Stripcropping; 5. Forest Tree Planting; 6. Permanent Pasture or Hay Improvement; 12. Tile Drainage; 14. Winter Cover Crops.

The 1956 program is open to all farmers and any farmer of the county who would like to use the ACP to help him conserve the soil on his farm and improve the productivity of his land should contact his local ASC Committeeman or call at the County ASC Office located in Marshall.

Farmers who cooperate in the 1956 ACP will be helping to build up the nation's soil reserves, says Mr. Hawkins. Not only will they be protecting the nation's soil and water resources against erosion and waste, but they will be building in to the soil a resistance to erosion as well as a production potential.

Judge Huskins Is Second To File For Reelection

Raleigh, Jan. 6 — Superior Court Judge J. Frank Huskins of Burnsville today became the second candidate to officially enter the May 26 Democratic primary. Huskins paid a filing fee of \$110 to the State Board of Elections to run for an eight-year term. U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin Jr., of Morganton was the first candidate to file, paying his fee Tuesday to the State Board of Elections.

Road Improvements In County Listed In Dec. Division Report

The State Highway Commission completed 15.82 miles of road improvements in the Thirteenth Highway Division during December. Commissioner J. Fleming Sulgas said today.

With division headquarters in Asheville, the 12th is composed of Madison, Burke, McDowell, Swain, Buncombe, Mitchell and Transylvania counties. W. M. Conell is division engineer; J. T. Knight is assistant division engineer. W. H. Wylie is district engineer at Burnsville. E. E. Connelly is district engineer at Asheville.

In Madison County, the road improvements included widening of the road between Marshall and Burnsville, and the widening of the road between Burnsville and Burnsville.