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EDITORIAL

PARK VOTE DELAYED

The town officials have in their hands petitions requesting a bond election so that the Marshall Recreation Park can be "finished up." However, due to the primary election which is to be held this year, it will be impossible to call the bond election possibly before August. There are certain laws which state that a special bond election cannot be held within so many days from another election. Although several Marshall men, especially Dr. H. E. Bolinger, have worked hard to get the necessary names signed on the petitions, the petitions did not have enough qualified names to call such an election until a few days ago.

We are optimistic, however, that the Marshall citizens who have signed the petitions requesting an election will someday see a completed recreation park and community building. It would be a shame and disgrace if the public would not overwhelmingly approve the bond issue.

The \$50,000 park lacks only about \$20,000 more to assure a floor even suitable for skating for the community building, an all-weather road, outdoor games, picnic tables, etc. An investment of \$50,000 is standing idly on the hill, save for the swimming pool during the summer months. Are we willing to stop where it is? Has anyone been "hurt" by the first \$50,000 bond issue?

In addition to various social functions and recreational programs, a finished community building could easily be the answer to the crying need for a suitable meeting place for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Marshall and vicinity. Families could picnic at the park without having to drive to Asheville or some other place. Church socials could be held at the park. A completed park and community building would be the answer to many of our problems for both young and old. Let's keep this in mind, and when the election is called, let's vote in favor of the bond issue and in doing so, assure Marshall of a year-around recreational program and a fine place to get together and be better friends and neighbors.

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A SHORTAGE YOU CAN HELP CORRECT

Perhaps the subscribers of this newspaper are growing a bit tired of reading an editorial concerning the March of Dimes drive in every issue during January, but we feel that the need for funds to combat polio cannot be overemphasized. The response to the appeals has been most gratifying thus far in the drive and it is hoped that the people of our county will continue to respond to this growing and urgent need. Early indications, according to drive officials, point to a successful campaign in Madison County. We feel sure that our citizens realize that there is always something we can view with alarm. But it isn't every day that we are given the opportunity to go into immediate action about it.

We may very well view with alarm a statement from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis that America is short many thousands of physical therapists and other experts in the care of polio patients and persons stricken with body disabilities.

The shortage of these workers, the National Foundation says, is "almost unbelievable." There is not one qualified physical therapist per hospital in the United States!

Because polio isn't licked yet, this is a warning of concern to every parent in America.

Fortunately, we can do something about it. The March of Dimes recruits and trains specialists in repairing the ravages of polio. We can all tackle this dangerous shortage now — by giving to the March of Dimes.

Money-Mad

A caddy working at a swanky golf club in Los Angeles tells this one. Recently he was standing peacefully on the course when suddenly the tycoon for whom he was laboring blazed away at him from out of the depths of a "large sand trap.

"What in tarnation am I doing here, anyway?" he yelled. "I don't have to do this sort of thing. I'm a wealthy man."

Recognized

The henpecked plumber had received an emergency call from the Smith residence. In answer to his ring, both Smith and his wife met him at the door. Smith was a very methodical man, so at once said to the plumber "Now before you go up to the bathroom, I wish to acquaint you with my trouble."

The plumber pulled off his cap, blushed shyly, and holding out his hand to Mrs. Smith said, "Pleased to meet yer, ma'am."

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SMARTER DOGS NOT ALWAYS PEDIGREED

The question is often asked—what is the smartest breed among dogs?

If you think you know the answer and you think you have the smartest dog in existence, you may be right. No breed, as a breed, produces all of the smartest dogs.

A canine expert recently queried on this subject, said that the intelligence of a dog, or any animal, depended upon the individual animal itself. In the case of dogs, he had a word of advice which he would like to pass on.

The smartest dogs, he wrote, are those who have the benefit of human companionship and who are allowed to associate with humans, or the family to which they belong.

There are breeds which train better than others, and there are breeds which are smart in different ways from other breeds. However, a dog does not have to be a pedigreed animal to be smart. Experts say that many of the smartest dogs are not pedigreed animals.

The best advice then, if you would have a smart dog, is to give him a chance to associate with the family. Dogs that are shut up in cellars, or chained in a yard, seldom develop likeable personalities, or have a fair chance to become "smart" animals.

1956 SEASONS AND WHEN THEY BEGIN

It may be hard to believe, as Winter tightens its grip, that the days are already getting longer, and the sun shines on the United States a little longer each day.

This is because the Winter Solstice occurred in late December, 1955, when the sun entered Capricornus.

Spring this year will come with the Vernal Equinox, on March 20, at 10:21 a. m., when the sun enters Aries. It is hard to believe that Spring is only about two months away, but that is when Spring begins this year.

The Summer Solstice occurs on June 21, at 5:24 a. m., when the sun enters Cancer and Summer will last until the Autumnal Equinox, September 23, at 4:36 p. m., when the sun enters Libra.

Thereafter Autumn will continue until the Winter Solstice, which occurs on December 21 at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the sun once again enters Capricornus.

For those who watch morning and evening stars, Mercury is favorably situated to be seen as an evening star in January, as is Venus, which will be an evening star longer than Mercury, or until about June 22. Thereafter, Venus will be a morning star for the rest of the year.

Morning stars to be seen now include Mars, which will be a morning star until September, when it will become an evening star for the rest of the year. Jupiter will be a morning star until February 16 and Saturn will be a morning star until May 20. From that date until November 27, Saturday will be an evening star.

MARRIAGE AND TELEVISION

In Los Angeles, recently, a television set was given as the reason for a proposed divorce. The wife, who was asking for a divorce from her husband, claimed that the television set was responsible for his indifference.

With all due respect to the ladies, and without attempting to interfere in this particular case, we would humbly suggest that if a television set draws a higher husband rating than a wife, the fault may not lie altogether with the television set.

At least, millions of couples have been able to remain happily married despite the advent of television. And wives, it might as well be faced, you will be competing with television from here on out.

We might suggest one comforting word of advice to all those wives whose husbands find television so attractive: If television is that fascinating to them, we believe better husband material is available elsewhere.

GRUON DEPARTS

Salon, Mass. — A young man, a divorced recently, Mrs. A. H. ...

Drought Of 1952—

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pond per acre yield suffers much more from lack of moisture than to be treated in such a manner as to yield only 1,500 pounds per acre under good conditions.

Many farmers have a new tool in irrigation and don't know how to use it to best advantage. As of now we do not possess the know-how to use irrigation in such a manner as to receive the greatest benefits available from it.

Soil and water and their combination with temperature and light in crop production are extremely complicated. We have much to learn about wise use of irrigation.

Members of the Board of Directors of the French Broad Electric Membership Cooperation recently voted to co-sponsor a study to be made on the use of irrigation in Madison County with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and the Madison County Agents office. The study will be an evaluation study to try to determine the value of irrigation on various crops under various conditions on 30 farms using irrigation and some not irrigating. Much effort will be made to determine how much — when — at what rate — and with what size unit we may expect best results.

This much has already been determined, we are dryer than you may think. A bulletin, "Weather and Climate in North Carolina," prepared by Charles B. Carney, Meteorologist, in Charge, U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast Office and State Climatologist for North Carolina shows Marshall to have the lowest average precipitation of any of 84 stations throughout North Carolina. We receive an average of only 37.57 inches of precipitation per year. Another interesting fact is that in the average year the precipitation rate exceeds the precipitation rate in this area from about May 15 to July 1. We must learn more and use it wisely.

Did you know that evaporation on bare wet soil may reach 1/4-inch in 24 hours?

The fellow who knows when to lie is called a diplomat.

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CHANGE IN PRIOR SERVICE PROGRAM OF U. S. AIR FORCE

All non-commissioned officers discharged from the Armed Forces who stay out of service more than ninety days before re-enlisting will now lose title to their permanent grades, Sergeant Wm. E. Hull, local Air Force Recruiter for this area announced today.

A recent change in the Air Force's enlistment policy states that no prior-service man who stays out of the service more than ninety days will be enlisted in a permanent grade higher than Airman First Class, even though he qualifies for a higher prior rank at the time of discharge and the critical skills needed by the Air Force.

This new ruling, according to Sgt. Hull, is designed to protect NCO's who re-enlist immediately or within the ninety-day period. Until now, men with over the ninety-day break, were given their old permanent grade as well as their old temporary grade if they held skills valuable to the service.

Sgt. Hull stated that the veteran who goes beyond the ninety days has several disadvantages. He takes the chance of getting his former temporary grade back. Whether he does or not depends upon the need for his skill. Then, under the new policy, he can expect no higher than a permanent grade of Airman First Class. Finally, he will lose credit for previous time in grade, since his rank will date from enlistment. In addition, the man with a break in service loses out on the lucrative re-enlistment bonus and some of the assignment-of-choice benefits afforded an immediate re-enlistee.

New rules more clearly reward the man who re-enlists within the shorter period. In most cases he will get both his permanent and temporary grade back and retain the same dates of rank at time of discharge.

Veterans from the other services will get the grades authorized for the Air Force's equivalent of their former skills according to Sgt. Hull.

Any prior-service man who desires more information on the Air Force's new re-enlistment policy and grade determination should contact Sgt. Hull at the local Air Force Recruit-

J. B. RAY, 70, DIES MONDAY; RITES WEDNESDAY

J. B. Ray, 70, of Mars Hill RFD 2, died about 9:50 p. m., Monday, January 16, 1956 in an Asheville hospital following a short illness.

He was a retired farmer and a former postmaster of Paint Fork in Madison County. He was a lifelong resident of the Paint Fork section.

Funeral services were conducted at the Paint Fork Baptist Church at 2 p. m., Wednesday. Burial was in the Mars Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gaither and Porter Ray, nephews; and Paul Gillis, Pearl Gillis, Clyde Brown, Harold Metcalf, Bill Church, Kenneth Ray, O. E. Anderson and Paul Carter.

Ray was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Order.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sue Robinson Ray; five daughters, Mrs. Cecil Anders of Barnardsville, Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter of Asheville, Mrs. B. H. Higgins of Bald Creek, Mrs. Hugh Haynes of Mars Hill RFD 2, and Mrs. Emory Metcalf of Marshall; three sons, Kelly R. Ray of Asheville, J. Hughie Ray of Mars Hill and Mack B. Ray of Barnsville; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

West Funeral Home, Weaverville, was in charge of arrangements.

Train Announcer

A returned traveler from Wales reports that whenever the through trains stop at the town of Llanfech-pwllgogerych the guard simply call out, "If anybody's getting out here, this is it."

Modern Kid

A little boy, on his way to kindergarten, tripped and fell on the sidewalk. A kindly old lady rushed over to help him up. "Now, little boy, you must be a brave little man and you mustn't cry." The little boy answered: "Cry my foot! I'm going to sue somebody!"

ing Office located at Asheville. The office is open daily between 8 a. m., and 5 p. m. Information can be had by telephone. Call Asheville 2-3084. Sgt. Hull will be at the court house in Marshall each Monday afternoon.

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