



## CIVITANS HEAR MRS. DOTTERER ON BOOKMOBILE

County Service Is Growing In Popularity; Books Needed

Mrs. Harry Dotterer, Madison County Bookmobile operator and assistant librarian, was the guest speaker at the Marshall Civitan luncheon-meeting Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Dotterer told the group about the services of the bookmobile and stated that the unit is being used more and more each trip. She told how the people from every section of the county were taking advantage of the bookmobile and termed the county library service as a "wonderful success."

Mrs. Dotterer explained that books written by Zane Grey were the most popular, with many people asking for religious literature. She also said that many also enjoyed "light romances."

Mrs. Dotterer explained that books were introduced by J. Herschel Brinkley, program chairman for February.

22 members and one visitor were present.

## Bookmobile To Park Between Bank, Courthouse Feb. 28

It was stated here this week that the bookmobile will be parked between The Bank of French Broad and the courthouse on its next visit to Marshall which will be February 28.

"This will be a more central location and should prove a great help for those wishing to secure books and magazines free of charge," Mrs. Dotter, bookmobile operator, said.

## 1956 RED CROSS MEETING TO BE AT MARS HILL

Louis Lipinsky Sr., and Manley Wright, both of Asheville and members of the Advisory Council, will be the guest speakers at a Red Cross meeting to be held at Mars Hill College next Wednesday. Three counties will be represented at the meeting, namely, Madison, Mitchell and Polk.

The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the 1956 campaign for membership and funds. The meeting will begin at 10:00 o'clock and continue until 12:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Buncombe County completed its Red Cross Membership and Fund Drive last fall.

Officials of the Red Cross explained that due to the many disasters throughout the country this year, expenditures have increased.

Everyone is urged to become a member of the Red Cross Drive and to donate generously during the campaign.

## Complete Results of Dimes Drive To Be Announced Next Week

Most of the communities and clubs have reported, and more will come in. It is expected that a complete total received in the March of Dimes Drive will be announced next week's issue.

The following schools have reported their collections for the 1956 March of Dimes Drive against polio as follows: Beach Glen, \$165.70; White Chapel, \$125.70; Hot Springs, \$217.00; New Hope, \$70.21; Mars Hill, \$23.20; Mars Hill (College), \$11.00; Sevier, \$100.00; White Oak, \$20.20; White Oak, \$20.20.

## SALK VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE; PROVEN SAFE

The Madison County Medical Society unanimously urges all parents to have their children vaccinated now before the polio season begins. In making this announcement, Dr. W. A. Sams, a member of the Medical Society, stated that the Salk vaccine had been proven safe and that results revealed in Canada show that the vaccine is about 85% effective.

Dr. Sams also announced that the vaccine is now available in Madison County for all ages.

"I urge every parent to see your family doctor immediately and see that your children are vaccinated. In this way, and only this way, can we rid our county of this dreaded disease," Dr. Sams said.

## ACP PRACTICES LISTED FOR 1956 BY RAMSEY, ASC

Farmers of Madison County who sign up to cooperate in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation program may select from a wide list of practices the ones needed on their individual farms to check and control soil erosion, build up the stockpiles of soil fertility, and make better use of water.

The list includes: 1. Seeding Permanent Pasture or Hay; 2. Additional Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation; 3. Permanent Pasture or Hay Improvement. (These three practices include the use of lime, fertilizer and seed as needed to establish or improve pasture land and meadows); 4. Liming Farm Land. (Limestone to farmland now in sod or will be in sod for 1956 or 1957); 5. The initial establishment of contour strip cropping to protect soil from water or wind erosion; 6. Installation of field drain tile on farm land to dispose of excess water.

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## Tourists Receive "Shotgun Reception" Sunday Afternoon

A person can't much blame Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Browning and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Eastwood, of Ontario, Canada, if they decide to return to their homes by another route other than U. S. 25-70.

Quite to their surprise, as they were traveling south about a mile from the Old Mill Wheel between Hot Springs and Marshall Sunday afternoon, 36 shots from a gun struck their 1955 Cadillac Tudor Sedan. The shots "peppered" the left side of the car, some striking the windshield. Many of the shots barely missed the driver.

The two middle-aged couples came on to Marshall where they reported the "shotgun reception" to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder. Sheriff Ponder immediately secured some bloodhounds and started a search for the person or persons firing the shotgun.

About 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Sheriff Ponder arrested Marvin Lankford Beck, 57, of the Shelton Laurel section, who is charged with assault. He is now in the Madison County jail. Beck denies firing the gun, Sheriff Ponder stated.

The Canadian tourists continued on their way southward uninjured but with considerable damage done to their car.

## School Report On Current March Of Dimes Drive

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## Basketball Tournament To Start On Walnut Court Next Wednesday Night

### A Double-Elimination Event; Pairings Now Await Friday's Games

The annual Madison County High School basketball tournament will get underway on the Walnut court next Wednesday night at 6:00 o'clock. Four games will be played each night during the first week of play. Dates of the tournament include February 22-25 and March 1 and 2.

Pairings for opening play cannot be made until after this week's games on Friday night, Superintendent Peek explained.

County won-lost records will determine the tournament seeding and will control the pairings. Since Spring Creek and Mars Hill currently share the lead in the boys' division, they will no doubt draw byes in the opening round. The same is true of the Mars Hill and Walnut girls, who are tied for top honors in their division.

This annual event is the outstanding sports show in the county and the vast Walnut spectator space is expected to be crowded at all games.

## Stores To Start Wednesday Afternoon Closing On March 14

The Marshall Merchant Association met Tuesday night and voted to begin the Wednesday afternoon closing on Wednesday, March 14 and continue through Wednesday, October 17.

The half-day holiday gives the employees and employers an opportunity to "get out" from under the regular grind and work in gardens, yards, homes and to enjoy outings, fishing and picnics.

## MINSTREL IS ENJOYED HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Sponsored By Lions Club; Jim Patrick Is Revealed As Temptation Jones

The first Minstrel to be presented here in many years was highly successful Saturday night in the Marshall high school auditorium. The entertainment was sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club and Jim Bean, of Asheville, was the promoter. An audience of more than 200 roared with laughter at the joke-filled program and applauded loudly at the intricate chorus routines and special musical numbers.

Jim Bean acted as interlocutor and was superb in this role. Six members of the Marshall Lions Club, assisted by several high school boys and girls, kept the audience laughing with jokes involving many local business and professional men. The chorus line, composed of Nancy Rector, Bobbie Jo Nix, Madeline Ramsey and Patsy Houston, featured precision step routines. The audience was generous with applause following each number. In addition to the routines, Patsy Houston and Bobbie Jo Nix each sang solos. Bobbie's "Ta-Ta" Rease, Bernard Rease, and Tommy Bell thrilled the audience with string music and singing with Ta-Ta handling the washboard with uncanny ability as a "drummer." Jim Bean executed a difficult soft-shoe tap routine and the second line of the chorus, composed of high school boys and girls, added much to the program with songs and amusing routines.

The program, however, was featured by the six "Negroes"—Loyan Martin, George Shupe, Dr. H. E. Sullinger, E. G. Franklin, Roy Brown and Glenn Palmer. These fellows sang "Blues" to help the audience relax, entertained with jokes and

## SOCIAL WELFARE COURSE ENDED HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. John Wright Instructor; Certificates To Be Awarded

Mrs. Murray Strain, of Asheville, Volunteer Field Consultant of the American Red Cross, spoke on "Orientation and History of the Red Cross" at the final session of the Social Welfare Aid course held Tuesday at the REA building.

The previous five 2-hour classes were devoted to studies of Red Cross facilities and aids offered by the welfare and health departments and other agencies in case of disaster. Speakers for the classes included Dr. Margery Lord, county health officer; Mrs. Frances Ramsey, county superintendent of public welfare; W. D. Dibrell, director of the Buncombe County Health Department; Miss Ruth Lockman, field representative of the Southeastern Health Service; Mildred Patterson, representative of the Asheville, N. C. Health Department; and a member of the county health department.

Whom certificates will be awarded are Mrs. Kenneth Burgin, Mrs. J. B. Tweed, Mrs. Ralph Hogan and Mrs. J. C. Bridgman of Hot Springs; Mrs. Carl Reeves, Mrs. J. M. Baley Jr., Mrs. J. Lawrence McElroy, Mrs. James Story, Mrs. Harry B. Dittmore, Mrs. John Corbett and R. N. Barefoot of Marshall; Mrs. R. R. Ramsey of Walnut; and Mrs. J. F. Ramsey, of Asheville, superintendent of public welfare of Madison County.

## Temptation Jones



James Patrick

"gold fish," running up the aisles, crying, ribbing each other and in general "acting fools," much to the delight of the audience. Jim Story was pianist for the program.

### TEMPTATION JONES

Immediately following the 1 1/2-hour entertainment, Temptation Jones was revealed. Approximately 40 persons guessed correctly in naming Jim Patrick as Temptation Jones. Those who had correctly identified Temptation Jones voted to "share" the seven awards donated by local businessmen. The following persons were awarded prizes: Howard Fisher (Book Cafe); Dr. J. L. McElroy, (Roberts Pharmacy); Mrs. Grover Ponder, (Service Motor Sales, Inc.); Mary Ruth Candler, (The News-Record); Mrs. Page Brown, (Halk-Brooms); Thora Bell Perry, (C. D. Bowman); and Virginia White, (Patrick's Jewels).

The Lions Club raised \$115.35 from the entertainment and \$115.35 from the sale of tickets. The total amount of \$230.70 will be used for the benefit of the needy.

## ANONYMOUS DONOR GIVES \$65,000 TO MHC

Mars Hill, Feb. 13 — A gift of \$65,000.00 to Mars Hill College was announced here today by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president.

The gift, by an anonymous donor, was made on the condition that the college trustees authorize the raising of an equal amount.

The donor specified that the \$130,000 be used to renovate Melrose and Brown dormitories for men.

Melrose was completed and opened to students in the fall of 1924. Brown, almost a duplicate of Melrose in design, was finished a few months later. The combined capacity of the two dormitories is 162 students.

The structures stand side by side on the south campus overlooking the college and the town from a hill.

Last fall, Myers, a new dormitory for men located on the same hillside near Melrose and Brown, was opened to students for the first time.

Dr. Blackwell said the proposed renovation will include complete rebuilding of the interiors of the two dormitories and some reconstruction of the exteriors.

He said the renovation will make the accommodations and outside appearances of Melrose and Brown more in keeping with those of Myers. Extensive landscaping on the south campus around the three buildings is now under way.

Dr. Blackwell said he hoped the challenge will be met and the renovation completed in time for the opening of the fall semester in September.

Work on the two dormitories will be another step in the program of enlargement and improvement begun in the mid '30's under the leadership of Dr. Blackwell.

A spacious new library was completed and dedicated with Myers Dormitory during Founders' Day ceremonies last October.

The college is currently seeking funds with which to construct an auditorium and fine arts building to be named in honor of Dr. Robert L. Moore, who served the college for more than 50 years.

## Herbert Allen Accepts Position With County Welfare Department

Herbert Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Allen, of Walnut has accepted a position as Case Work Assistant with the Madison County Welfare Department and assumed his duties Monday.

Mr. Allen was born and reared in Walnut and is a graduate of Walnut High School. He attended Brevard and Asheville-Biltmore Junior Colleges and received his B. S. degree in agriculture from Berea College in 1954.

He entered the Army in January 1954, received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and went overseas to Germany where he served as Company Clerk. While in Germany he toured much of historical Europe. He returned to the U. S. in January 1956 and was then separated from the Service. Mr. Allen was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense and German Occupational medals.

## Westminster Choir To Give Concert At Mars Hill Monday

The Westminster Choir, of Maryland, will present a program of music at the Mars Hill Baptist Church Monday evening at eight o'clock.

The choir has been nationally acclaimed and is well received wherever they perform.

"The public is cordially invited," Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Church, stated.

## 34 Pints Blood Given Wednesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Marshall Wednesday and received 34 pints of blood from the day's donors.

Dr. Robert Seymour, county chairman for the blood drive, stated that the blood will be used for the benefit of the needy.

## \$58,067 SUIT FILED AGAINST CITIZENS BANK

Don Hull, Mars Hill used car dealer, Monday filed suit for \$58,067.03 against Citizens Bank of Marshall on charges the bank has wrongfully withheld deposited funds and dishonored a \$3,725 check.

Hull filed the action in Buncombe Superior Court in Asheville Monday.

He alleges that between Aug. 7, 1954 and May 25, 1955, he made 16 deposits totaling \$15,067.03. The suit seeks return of the entire sum.

In addition, Hull seeks \$33,000.00 "compensatory damages" on the allegedly dishonored check and \$10,000 punitive damages.

The action alleges 15 of the deposits were acknowledged by slips signed by former cashier Don M. Cox and one, on March 28, 1955, by W. B. Ramsey of the bank.

DISAPPEARED  
Cox disappeared from the bank last June 27, surrendering nearly a month later on July 26. He subsequently was indicted by a federal grand jury Nov. 15 on 17 counts charging embezzlement of bank funds totaling \$90,220 during 1953, 1954 and 1955. He is presently in custody in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta under psychiatric observation. None of the indictments returned mentioned Hull's allegations.

The suit filed in Buncombe Superior Court Monday alleges that Hull was on good terms with the bank, had regular business dealings with the bank and had borrowed money from the bank.

It alleges that at the time of Hull's business connections with the bank that Cox "was an officer, agent, servant and vice principal of the defendant, to wit, cashier."

DEPOSITS  
Hull alleges deposits were made on the following days and in the amounts indicated:

Aug. 7, 1954, \$43.50; Oct. 10, 1954, \$564; March 23, 1955, \$2,863.33; March 25, \$1,492; March 28, \$150; April 4, \$1,708.20; April 8, \$361; April 12, \$1,855; April 12, \$100; April 16, \$1,290; April 22, \$1,265; April 26, \$595; May 3, \$345; May 6, \$395; May 7, \$345; May 25, \$1,495. Hull alleges the bank has refused to return any of the money allegedly deposited.

Hull further alleges that on May 10, 1955, he wrote a check for \$3,725 to Howard Hively Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio. The suit alleges that Citizens Bank refused to honor the check and returned it marked "insufficient funds."

As a result, the action claims, Hively brought criminal proceedings against Hull, causing his arrest, branding him as a "check flasher."

As a result, the suit filed Monday alleges, Hull's "character, name, credit, honesty and integrity have been put to shame, shattered and forever lost."

## Clothes Needed For Many Students At Marshall School

The room representatives and the welfare committee of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association decided last Tuesday night to sponsor a campaign for used clothes for the needy children of the Marshall school.

Mrs. C. W. Ward, chairman of the room representatives committee and Mrs. J. L. McElroy, chairman of the welfare committee, stated that any clothing would be accepted for first through twelfth grade students.

Anyone having surplus or outgrown clothes is asked to bring or send the clothes to the Marshall school and they will be given to children in need of clothes. Miss Alene Hancock, of the faculty, will have charge of the distribution of the clothes.

"It is surprising how many of the children actually need clothes and I feel sure that the citizens of Marshall and vicinity will gladly send or bring any clothing not being used," Mr. Briggman, principal, stated.