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## Mrs. Grace Freeman To Retire As Postmaster Next Wednesday

After 15 years of responsibilities as postmaster here, Mrs. Grace Freeman will retire optionally on the last day of February. Mrs. Freeman has reached the required age and years of service with the Post Office Department and in speaking of her retirement, she looks back over the past 15 years with many kind memories as well as hard work and strenuous hours. In an interview with this newspaper she spoke kindly of the people who have been associated in the post office with her and praised the entire personnel of the office and department.

During her tenure as postmaster, Mrs. Freeman has received many letters of commendation for her faithful and untiring service. As her retirement became known, she has been the recipient of several nice gifts and has also been honored with luncheons.

Mrs. Freeman, who was educated at Dorland School in Hot Springs and Cecil's Business College, Asheville, was the first woman postmaster ever appointed at the Marshall office. In addition to her duties as postmaster, she has also been active in business and civic affairs. She was one of the first Matrons of the Marshall Chapter of Eastern Stars. Mrs. Freeman also served as president of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association in 1936 and has been associated with several women's clubs and other organizations. She is a member of the Marshall Presbyterian Church.

In retiring, it can be said that Mrs. Freeman has worked assiduously with her fellow citizens in carrying on the duties as postmaster.

Mrs. Freeman and her husband are planning a trip to California this summer and it is the hope of many Marshall citizens that she enjoys every minute of the trip—a trip she so rightfully deserves.

## INTEGRITY AND OPTIMISM TRAITS OF DR. BLACKWELL

President Of Mars Hill College Heads Enlargement Program

By WALTER SMITH  
Mars Hill, Feb. 18 — Integrity and optimism characterize Dr. Hoy Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College, more than any other words.

His honesty, which springs from deep Christian convictions, has manifested itself in the character of the college and has fostered confidence in the institution among a host of friends.

His optimism rises from confidence in the ultimate triumph of right and in an unflinching faith in God. Such optimism has been the lifeblood of an enlargement program which began under his leadership in 1935 and is still progressing.

Three dormitories for women, a modern cafeteria, a science building, a sewage disposal system, a dormitory for men and a spacious new library have been added to the college plant. In addition, the endowment has been increased to \$500,000 and improvements to older buildings and extensive landscaping have transformed the campus into "a gem in the emerald ring of the hills."

When he succeeded Dr. R. L. Moore as president in 1938, Dr. Blackwell inherited an awesome job. He was responsible for enlarging the college physically and, at the same time, maintaining the high academic standards and Christian character of the institution.

To say simply that he has succeeded in this undertaking would be a gross understatement. The academic standards have been raised, the character of the college has been preserved and strengthened. The college is enjoying the largest enrollment in its history, and its assets foretell an even greater future.

When he was appointed director of enlargement in 1935, Dr. Blackwell undertook the expansion and improvement of the physical equipment of the college. The first major project was a dormitory for women. The optimism with which he approached the task impressed the trustees and friends of the school. Sufficient funds were raised to engage in a theological study in which he is especially interested.

In 1928 he joined the Mars Hill faculty as teacher of Greek and Bible, a position he held until he was

## BOBBY REESE TO PLAY IN ALL-STAR GAME ON AUGUST 3

To Be Played In Greensboro Between East-West All-Stars

Bobby "Ta-Ta" Reese, outstanding tackle of Marshall High School for the past four years, has been named by the N.C. Coaching Association to play in the East-West All Star Game to be played in Greensboro on August 3.

Reese, a 215-pound, 6 foot 1 inch tackle, has been named as lineman of the week on several occasions by the Asheville Times during his high school career. He made practically every All-Western North Carolina athletic team in his senior year.

Several major colleges have talked Reese about scholarships.

Bob Tate, coach of the Hendersonville Bearcats, is on the coaching staff of the All-Star game.

## APPOINTED POSTMASTER



F. RAY FRISBY

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Succeeds Mrs. Grace Freeman; To Be Installed On February 29

F. Ray Frisby, former clerk of the superior court, a veteran of World War II and an active member of the French Broad Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star, has been designated acting postmaster at Marshall effective February 29. Mr. Frisby will succeed Mrs. Grace Freeman who is retiring optionally on February 29 after serving as postmaster since March 1, 1941.

The following letter, in part, was received by Mr. Frisby Monday: "Under the provisions of the Act approved June 25, 1938, you are being designated acting postmaster at Marshall, N. C." The letter was signed by N. R. Abrams, Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Frisby is a former tax supervisor of Madison County, past Master of French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF&M, and is now secretary of the Lodge; Worthy Patron, Order Eastern Star, Marshall Chapter 35; former Scoutmaster; member of Loughran-Malloy-Grant Post, 891, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Asheville; former member N. C. State Republican Executive Committee; former secretary Madison County Republican Executive Committee.

In 1950, he was married to Miss Carlene Waldrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Waldrop, of Marshall RFD 2. They have two children, Franklin Ray Jr., and Susan.

## Hot Springs Makes Plans For Improvements At Meeting Mon.

## ENUMERATOR POSITION OPEN AT \$1.53 PER HOUR

Norwood, District Supervisor, To Be At Court House Friday Morning

For a number of years the U. S. Bureau of the Census has conducted a monthly survey on employment and unemployment in a number of sample areas located throughout the United States. The last Congress authorized the expansion of these sample areas by 100—one of the additional areas will be the counties of Madison-Haywood-Yancey, N. C. Therefore it is necessary to secure a Census Enumerator to work in these counties. It is preferred that this Enumerator live in or near Marshall.

Each applicant must at their own expense, appear at a set location and take a one hour test. Creditable high school graduates as a rule have no difficulty with the test. Applicants who successfully pass the test will be eligible for further consideration. Final selection will be based on the test score, previous work experience and an interview (at the time of test).

Although only one person is required, previous experience has demonstrated that at least four applicants should be supplied since some might not pass the test and others might withdraw for other reasons.

The work of Census Enumerator will consist of personally interviewing selected households in certain areas of the counties mentioned above each month. After the first 2 months the work will always start on the Monday of the week that contains the 19th of the month. Interviews will be both in the town and rural areas, white and colored persons. A car is necessary. Although the job is a part-time one it does require that a person put in at least an 8 hour a day while working (those persons able to devote only afternoons or evenings or week-end should not apply). About 40 hours a month may be expected after one month. Housewives (those without very young children or other responsibilities) are the main source of applicants. Persons in the full-time labor market should not apply (those seeking full time work). Some evening work will be required. Rate of pay is \$1.53 per hour while working and 7c per mile for the use of automobile.

The successful applicant will be trained for 2 days in the Census office in Charlotte, beginning March 8. They will receive the usual rate of pay while training, plus travel allowance and Government per diem rates to reimburse them for hotel and meals. Work in the home district will start on Monday, March 12.

Interested applicants should apply at the jury room in the Courthouse on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock, when Joseph C. Norwood, District Supervisor, will be present.

## Carolina Power And Light Co. Sponsors Dinner; Many Attend

A finer Carolinas Program was held Monday evening at the Hot Springs School Luncheon. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ralph Hogan, pastor of the Hot Springs Baptist Church. Words of welcome were by Mrs. V. L. Pushong. The meeting was for the leaders of Hot Springs for the better program of the town.

Various points were brought out about the 1956 finer Carolinas program. Weaverville won the \$500 award while other WNC towns, including Hazelwood and Swannanoa, won smaller prizes. Mrs. Bushong spoke at length about the awards to various towns, and as to the best projects. A good scrapbook with pictures before and after a project has been started and finished, was mentioned.

Father Graves spoke next and made many fine remarks about the food and fellowship, and the outstanding inspiration we are receiving from the finer Carolinas program. He stated that we were indebted to Hot Springs Fellowship Club for the bountiful dinner.

Father Graves then stated that Hot Springs was fortunate to have a lively Burlington Industries here working 100 persons and now expanding under the guidance of Mr. Reade Joliff and his able staff of foremen and supervisors.

We lost the Magnavox Corporation of Radio and Television to Greenville, Tenn., because we were not "on the ball." But friends, we are moving and working since that small defeat.

We are meeting new friends and people and with the help of Carolina Power and Light Co., the board of education and our county commissioners and city fathers of our town, we are going forward.

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## BULL CREEK NOW IN RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Final Plans To Enter Contest Made, Officers Elected At Recent Meeting

Final organization plans were made and officers were elected at a recent meeting of members of the Bull Creek Community Development Club, and at the same time members voted to participate in the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Contest. This decision was a climax of weeks of planning with the county farm and home agents, community leaders and pastors of churches in the area.

Officers elected were: President, Rev. James Buchanan; vice president, Aldeen Waldrop; junior vice president, Joyce Merrill; secretary, Louellen Waldrop; treasurer, Mrs. Glenn Whitley; reporter-photographer, Irma Sprinkle.

Community boundary lines will extend from Kenneth Hensley's home on the Marshall highway to Harry Wells' home near Mars Hill, and will include all secondary roads between these two points. If you live in this section, we cordially invite you to attend our next meeting. The project cannot be entirely successful without the cooperation of every one. Future club meetings will be held on the third Monday in each month, at 7:30 p. m. At present, meetings are being held in an empty store building near the home of Clifford Waldrop.

## Stores To Start Wednesday Afternoon Closing On March 14

The Marshall Merchants 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.

## Dr. W. A. Sams Urges Use Of Polio Vaccine

Dr. W. A. Sams, a member of the Madison County Medical Society, urges all children to take advantage of the polio vaccine.

"The public in general can now feel assured that the polio vaccine is entirely safe and the Madison County Medical Society as a unit urges all children between the ages of 2 and 15 years to be vaccinated as soon as they are given the opportunity," Dr. Sams said.

Pairings for tonight (Thursday): 6:00—Marshall vs. Walnut (girls); 7:00—Marshall vs. Spring Creek (boys).

Pairings for tonight (Thursday): 8:00—Laurel vs. Mars Hill (girls); 9:00—Walnut vs. Mars Hill (boys).

**NEXT GAME**  
Friday, Feb. 24, 8:00 p.m., Hot Springs vs. Marshall.

## Marshall P.T.A. Will Hold Clothing And Rummage Sale

A meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the P.T.A. was held Tuesday at the Marshall school to make plans for a money-raising event in order to assist in worthy projects in the school.

A clothing and household rummage sale, together with a food sale, is being planned tentatively for Saturday, March 10. Further details will be announced later. In the meantime, the committee urges everyone to scour through their attics and closets for articles of clothing, linens, a-brac, household items such as curtains, pictures, blankets and such that are still serviceable and for which you may have no further use.

If you have such articles and are not able to bring it to school, please advise any member of the committee or send a note to Mr. Brigman's office at the school. Arrangements will be made to pick up such articles.

Or, leave articles at the school with Mr. Brigman. It is not intended that this sale will conflict with the drive for clothing for needy youngsters as the two committees will work closely to see that the children are taken care of. Committee members who attended the meeting are: Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mrs. A. M. McElyea, Mrs. Coy Haynie, Mrs. Barbara Henderson, Mrs. Kermit Cody and Bernard Brigman.

## County Tournament In Progress At Walnut; 4 Games Played Wed.

## Marshall, Laurel Girls, and Walnut, Marshall Boys Advance In Tourney

Marshall and Laurel girls and Walnut and Marshall boys posted wins in the opening round of play of the annual Madison County cage tournament which got underway last (Wednesday) night at the Walnut High School gym.

The results: Marshall 68, Spring Creek 58 (girls); Walnut 78, Laurel 32 (boys); Laurel 58, Hot Springs 49 (girls); Marshall 62, Hot Springs 35 (boys).

Jean Thomas poured in 43 points to pace the Marshall girls in the initial game while Beverly Keener had 27 for Spring Creek. Ed Stines' 12 points was high for the Walnut boys and Glenn Shelton topped Laurel with 14.

Sub Eula Cantrell and Ethel Thomas paced the Laurel girls with 25 and 23 points respectively while Madison Henderson top Hot Springs with 26 points.

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## SLEEPY VALLEY RAT CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Mr. Eugene Goode, President of the Sleepy Valley community development organization, reports that the rat campaign is well under way. Farm families in the community claim signs are appearing rapidly. When you consider that one rat can do up to \$20 damage during one year you can see that the community is saving a considerable amount of money by taking an active part in the rat campaign. Also the filth and disease carrying that is associated with rats is quickly becoming a thing of the past.

An active contest is being sponsored in regard to the rat campaign. For the three individuals bringing in the most rat tails at the next meeting, prizes will be awarded. The first prize, \$10.00; the second prize, \$5.00; the third prize, \$2.50. In counting the rat tails, the rat tails will count as one.

The Madison County organization is sponsoring a contest for the most rat tails brought in by the community. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

## Message From Medical Society

The following letter was received from Dr. W. Otis Duck, President of the Madison County Medical Society, for the information of our readers:

**Madison County Medical Society To The People of Madison County:**

We, of the Madison County Medical Society, recommend that every one who possibly can should buy some protection against hospital, medical and surgical bills.

We would like for you to know that the doctors in Madison County strongly recommend the type hospital insurance plan in the community. This plan is the best and most economical way to protect your family against hospital, medical and surgical bills.

Very truly yours,  
W. Otis Duck, President

## \$3,622.85 HAS BEEN COLLECTED FOR MARCH OF DIMES

Mrs. R. G. Franklin, Drive Chairman for the March of Dimes, reported this week that a total of \$3,622.85 was collected in the county in the recent March of Dimes campaign.

The following donations received too late to be published in last week's issue: Meadow Fork Baptist Church, \$25.00; Town of Hot Springs, \$134.25; Bluff and Spring Creek Communities, \$10.00; Marshall Presbyterian Church, \$20.00.

Mrs. Franklin stated that she wishes to thank all the people of Madison County who helped to make the drive a success.

## Serviceman Arrested In Stolen Automobile In County Wednesday

Richard L. Ward, 20-year-old serviceman from Greenville, S. C., was being held here on a motor vehicle and traffic violations charges following his arrest near Hot Springs Tuesday.

State Highway Patrol Pfc. A. L. Feldman said Ward was charged with interstate transportation of a vehicle stolen in Knoxville, Tenn., and with reckless driving and driving intoxicated.

He said Ward is an AWOL serviceman.

Feldman quoted Ward as saying he was released from Spartanburg County jail at Asheville yesterday after serving eight days of a 30-day General County Court sentence on a disorderly conduct charge.

Feldman said Ward had been arrested by officers who arrested him on a motor vehicle and traffic violations charges when he had given them a motor vehicle.

## FAILS TO CATCH BOY

Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. Illene Cook and her brother, Jimmy Payton, 15, were standing outside their apartment building when a boy played ball with them. Looking up, they saw the boy jump over the roof of the building. Mrs. Cook said she saw the boy jump over the roof of the building. Mrs. Cook said she saw the boy jump over the roof of the building.