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\$12,132 Received Monthly In Old-Age, Survivors Benefits

349 residents of Madison County were receiving \$12,132 a month in Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits at the beginning of this year, according to D. C. Nichols, who provides local service in this area as Field Representative for the Asheville District Office of the Social Security Administration. These figures represent a 33% increase in beneficiaries and a 37% increase in total monthly benefits over corresponding figures for the previous year.

The total amount of benefits being paid to County residents, by type of benefits was as follows: 136 retired wage earners and self-employed persons were receiving \$6,234 monthly; 41 wives of retired persons were receiving \$1,014 monthly; 114 children under 18 of retired or deceased wage earners were receiving \$2,699 monthly; 46 other beneficiaries, including dependent husbands and parents, widows over 65 and widowed mothers of children under 18 were receiving \$1,995 monthly. Only a small part of the increase in total beneficiaries resulted from the extension of Social Security coverage to farm operators, these payments going to farmers who became eligible on the basis of 1955 earnings combined with some covered work before 1955; however, a substantial number of awards is expected in early 1957 to farmers who qualify on the basis of farm earnings in 1955 and 1956 alone. County residents seeking information about Social Security or wishing to file claims may contact D. C. Nichols, who is at the Court House in Marshall, on the Friday following the second Monday in each month.

Swimming Pool Is Popular; Over 150 Enjoy Swim Sunday

Roy Reeves, manager of the Marshall Recreation Park, stated this week that the swimming pool was becoming more popular every day. Mr. Reeves estimated that between 150-200 persons enjoyed the pool last Sunday afternoon. He also reminded the public that the pool is closed every Monday while the water is being changed.

CIVITANS HEAR WELFARE SUPT. HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. Frances Ramsey, Madison County Welfare Superintendent, was the guest speaker at the regular Civitan Club meeting here Tuesday. Mrs. Ramsey spoke of the indigent cases in Madison County and how they were handled at Asheville hospitals. She also ably discussed the various services of the welfare department. (Continued to Page Eight)

Davis-Sexton Post American Legion Elects Officers

The Davis-Sexton Post No. 317, American Legion, recently enjoyed a fish supper at the Legion Building here. Following the supper, officers were elected for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Commander, L. B. Ramsey of Marshall; Vice-Commander, Arvil Gosnell of Marshall RFD 2; adjutant, Roy Reeves of Marshall; finance officer, J. C. Dodson of Marshall; Sgt.-At-Arms, Jim Cook of Marshall RFD 3; service officer, John Ward of Marshall. Fifty members attended the meeting. Commander Ramsey stated this week that there are 98 members in good standing and that the post meets on the first Thursday night of each month. A Rules and Regulations Committee to draft regulations pertaining to the Legion building and parking lot, was appointed. The committee is composed of Joe Nix, Don West, Daney Ramsey, Swann Frisby and John Ward. They are expected to meet at the next meeting.

NEW MARSHALL COACH



HOWARD W. BARNWELL

BARNWELL NAMED AS HEAD COACH AT MARSHALL HIGH

Superintendent W. W. Peck has announced the hiring of Howard W. Barnwell to coach the Marshall High Red Tornado beginning this fall. Barnwell, who leaves Franklin High to come to his new job, will replace Glenn Painter, who was named last week as head coach at North Buncombe High in Buncombe County. Barnwell, a U. S. Army reserve captain, whose coaching career was interrupted during the Korean War when he was recalled to active duty, has coached at Franklin for the past two years. He is a native of Black Mountain and a graduate of Western Carolina College. He holds a master's degree. Barnwell's entire coaching career has been in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Before taking the Franklin reins he coached for four years at Swain High in Bryson City. In two of those years he guided his team to the Smoky Mountain Conference football championship. Barnwell coached all three sports, football, basketball and baseball, at Franklin and Swain. He will do the same at Marshall. Barnwell is married has two small children. He expects to move his family to Marshall in August. Roy Reeves, assistant coach at Marshall High, has been retained as aide to Barnwell.

4-WOMEN ATTEND REGIONAL MEET LAST WEEK

Charles Foster of Hot Springs, and Nancy Stackhouse, Marshall R-3, were selected as delegates to attend the Valley States 4-H Conference at Fontana, June 8-8. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Foster and Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stackhouse. Madison County Unit Test Demonstration Farmers sponsored Nancy and Charles on this trip. Mr. Foster and Mr. Stackhouse are both U.T.D. Farmers.

Local Draft Board Closed June 18-25

The local Draft Board office will be closed from June 18 until June 22, it was announced here today. The office will reopen on Monday, June 25.

THE ROVING REPORTER—

Everybody wants to live a long time, but nobody wants to get old. I don't get it.

53 PINTS BLOOD RECEIVED HERE ON TUESDAY P.M.

64 Madison County citizens visited the Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit at the Legion Building here Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-6:00 o'clock. 53 pints of blood were donated with 11 rejections. All rejections were due to low hemoglobin. Dr. W. A. Sams, County Blood Chairman, stated:

"This was one of the greatest days in the history of the bloodmobile here," Dr. Sams said. He also announced that he will try to get the bloodmobile unit for a full day on its next visit here, which will probably be in October or November. He will also contact the French Broad, Newfound and Free Will Baptist Associations in an effort to get more needed blood. "I wish to thank the 64 persons, many for their first time, who donated blood here on Tuesday," Dr. Sams said.

PETRIFIED BODY OF INFANT FOUND BY BOYS FISHING

Measures Only 3 1/2 Inches; Is Found By Adolphus Treadway Tuesday

The petrified body of an embryonic baby, measuring about 3 1/2 inches in length, was found wedged in the crevice of some rocks in the French Broad River Tuesday afternoon. The discovery was made by Adolphus Treadway, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Treadway of Barnard, where Mr. Treadway and station agent. The son was fishing with his brother, Cletus, 16, when he noticed the object above the water mark and took it to his father. The body bears a remarkable resemblance of the head, eyes, hands feet and body, in addition to the navel cord. The age of the hardened body is not known but it is thought that the embryonic body was about five-months developed. "It may be 100 years old and again it might be only one year of age," one person stated after examining the flint-hard body.

AT WILDACRES

Miss Jessie Mae Sams and Virgil Smith are at Wildacres this week where they are being sponsored by the Marshall Civitan Club. They were taken to Wildacres Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Story will bring them back Saturday.

MAJOR BROWN IS LAUDED DURING MAX PATCH EVENT

Max Patch, June 10 — Words of praise for two decades of service in the spiritual and economic life of the Max Patch section of Western North Carolina resounded through the hills and valleys as Maj. Cecil Brown retired from her Salvation Army Post, in the 20th annual Max Patch Singing Convention.

Major Brown was presented gifts by folk of the countryside and Commissioner William J. Dray of the Salvation Army was there to present her retirement certificate. The special retirement service in the early afternoon also was the occasion for the introduction of Capt. James P. Henry and Mrs. Henry, who leave their Salvation Army work in Asheville Wednesday to assume Major Brown's work at Max Patch.

AMONG GUESTS

Among the many special guests on hand for the event was Mrs. E. I. Pugmire of Atlanta, Ga., whose husband as southern territory commissioner assisted Major Brown in the dedication of the Maple Springs Chapel at the Max Patch settlement 20 years ago. Mrs. Pugmire, whose husband, now deceased, later (Continued To Last Page)

MARSHALL LIONS CLUB RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The Marshall Lions Club met at the Rock Cafe here Monday night and Lions Bernard S. Brigman and Mr. Treadway gave a report on the recent Lions State Convention which they attended at Carolina Beach.

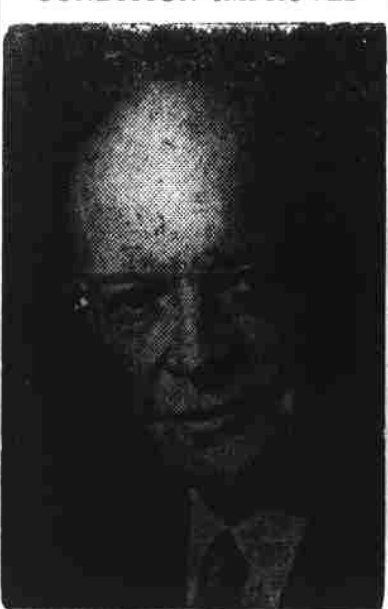
A beautiful trophy was presented the local club for Best Convention Attendance, from District 31-A. The trophy was displayed at the meeting and the announcement was applauded by all those present.

Secretary George Shupe received a medal for being 100% during his tenure of office in the local club. This honor was made possible due to Lion Shupe's reports being correct and on time. He was loudly applauded by fellow members. Lion President W. B. Zink presented Lion Shupe with the attractive medal.

Softball was also discussed and Roy Reeves was named coach and also equipment manager of the Lions Club. Coach Reeves will try to schedule games for Thursday nights on the island. 16 members were present Monday night.

Whitener Calls Second Primary; To Be Held Saturday, June 23

CONDITION IMPROVES



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

Washington, June 13 — President Eisenhower, after resting and dozing most of the afternoon, drank some broth today — the first food he has taken by mouth since his intestinal operation last Saturday. He was "very happy" to get the clear beef broth, even though it was less than half a cupful.

Eisenhower also was relieved all afternoon after the removal of the uncomfortable nose-to-stomach decompression tube inserted after the operation for drainage purposes.

James C. Haggerty, White House press secretary, said however, the tube may have to be restored if necessary to prevent nausea and drain the stomach and intestinal tract.

Barn Destroyed By Fire Near Here Tuesday Morning

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the barn of Alton Payne's located between Marshall and Walnut about ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

Jerry Alton Ramsey, 11 years old and better known as "Butch," grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Payne, was in the barn but managed to escape with singed eyebrows.

Two mules were also in the barn with one of them being burned to death and the other severely burned. Also lost in the blaze were 52 bales of hay and farming gears, plows and other implements. The pig pen and two hogs near the barn were not damaged. The fire was discovered too late to save any of its contents.

Alonzo Edwards Won't Fight Luther Barnhardt For Lieutenant-Governor

Basal L. Whitener, runner-up in the first primary for Congressman from the 11th District, has called for a second primary between himself and Ralph Gardner of Shelby. The second primary will be held on Saturday, June 23. The call was issued Friday.

Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton said Friday that he had "reluctantly but firmly" decided not to call for a second primary race for the Democratic nomination as lieutenant-governor. He was runner-up to Senate President Luther Barnhardt of Concord in a five-man race. Barnhardt received 161,662 votes to Edwards' 124,611 votes.

Whitener stated that the State Board of Elections "has advised us that we lack 394 votes leading the ticket in the primary election held on May 26, 1956. This is true even though 42,932 votes were cast in the district."

After announcing the call for the second primary, Whitener challenged Gardner to appear at each courthouse in the district to give the people an opportunity to hear "our reply." (Continued To Last Page)

Mr. Reeves To Preach In Methodist Church

Mr. Mack Reeves of Walnut will bring the morning and evening messages at the Marshall Methodist Church, Sunday, June 17. The morning worship service is at 11:00 and the evening service is at 8:00. Mr. Reeves has recently received his discharge from the Armed Forces and will be registering at Mars Hill College this summer as a pre-ministerial student.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO END HERE FRIDAY

Commencement Exercises To Be Held Sunday Evening

The Vacation Bible School of the Marshall Baptist Church will close on Friday, June 15 and the commencement exercises will be held Sunday evening at the church at 7:45 o'clock. Each department will have a part in the exercises and will display samples of their handwork.

A picnic will be held in the church yard Friday at 11:30 o'clock. Each pupil is asked to bring sandwiches to share at the picnic.

The enrollment by departments is as follows: nursery, 12; beginners No. 1, (four years old), 12; beginner No. 2 (five and six years old), 18; primary, 27; junior, 21; intermediate, 10; general officers, 6. The average attendance for the first eight days of the school has been 84.

The faculty of the school includes Mrs. D. D. Gross, principal; Miss Jean Stines, secretary; Mrs. Wade Huey, music leader; Miss Barbara Jane Davis, pianist; Mrs. Jessie Ball, refreshments; nursery, Mrs. Fred Robinson, Mrs. Bernard Brigman, Miss Faye Naves, Miss Madeline Ramsey; beginner No. 1, Mrs. Ralph McCormick, Mrs. Joe Nix, Miss Beatrice Ward; beginner No. 2, Mrs. Lee Crowe, Mrs. Reeves Fisher, Miss Blanche Stines, Miss Bobbie Jo Nix, Miss Peggy Holland, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Robert Banks, Miss Olga Sprinkle; junior, Mrs. Troy Ramsey, Mrs. Kermit Coby, Mrs. Nathan West; intermediate, Mrs. Earl Robinson, D. D. Gross, Mrs. Walter Ramsey and Mrs. Eva Sams directed the handwork. Mrs. Ken Ramsey, Mrs. John Corbett Jr., and Mrs. W. B. Ramsey assisted with the transportation and Luther Nix and Lynn Sams served as the Safety Patrol.

Additions to the faculty include Mrs. Nathan West, junior department; Miss Faye Naves and Miss Madeline Ramsey, nursery.



MAJOR BROWN
The end of a significant era and the beginning of another was affected in the retirement of Major Cecil Brown at Maple Springs Salvation Army center at Max Patch Sunday. Captain Jim Henry, leaving the Salvation Army post in Asheville, has become officer in charge of the Waynesville mountain district. Left photo shows Major Brown with her retirement certificate and her "instructions" regarding retirement of Salvation Army officers, as well as a broad smile of victory for her two decades of accomplishment in the mountain area. Capt. Henry, right, had just been introduced as the new officer in charge and was in the midst of one of his typical human stories when the photo was made. —Cut Courtesy Asheville Times