



Countywide Red Cross Meeting To Be In Mars Hill Nov. 29

Urgent Problems Will Be Cited; Public Must Show Interest

A countywide meeting for the purpose of stressing the importance of the Red Cross Program in Madison County will be held at the community building in Mars Hill on Thursday night, November 29 at eight o'clock.

Miss Ruth Lockman, National Red Cross Field Representative for western North Carolina, will preside at the meeting and stress the urgent need for more cooperation. It has been pointed out that Madison County is on the verge of losing the services of the Red Cross, which includes the all-important Blood Program.

In addition to Miss Lockman, other Red Cross officials will be at the meeting to explain what must be done in order for the Red Cross programs to be continued in Madison County.

People from every section of the county are expected to be present in this all-out effort to assure continuance of the programs. The public is urged to keep this date in mind and make plans to attend this meeting.

SFC J. J. Slusarski Replaces Sgt. Klutz; Here On Mondays

SFC Joseph J. Slusarski, United States Army Recruiting Service, has been assigned to the Madison County Area by the Army Recruiting Service, replacing S-Sgt. Klutz according to word received here this week.

SFC Slusarski, a native of Madison, was assigned to the Madison County Area from the Ordnance Guided Missile Center, Huntsville, Alabama. Sergeant Slusarski and his family are presently living in West Asheville.

Sergeant Slusarski will be at the Court House in Marshall Monday of each week from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Soil Conservation District Supervisor Election To Be Held

P. R. Elam of Marshall and Zeno Ponder of Alexander have been nominated as candidates for supervisor of the Madison County Soil Conservation District.

Election of a supervisor will be held during the week of December 3-8. Ballot boxes will be placed in each precinct of Madison County.

Present supervisors who will remain on the board in 1957 are E. C. Teague and Rankin Wallin. Election is for a three-year term. J. R. NEBBITT

Mars Hill In Good Position For Junior College Bowl Bid

Mars Hill, Nov. 19 — Coach Don Henderson's Mars Hill College Mountain Lions have just completed the most successful season in years at the 100-year-old institution. The 7-2 record places the Lions high in the Eastern division rating and in line for a bid to a junior college bowl game.

Coach Henderson received a telegram recently from Benton Heights, Michigan, which stated, "Wire today if you are interested in receiving a bid for championship Football Game December 15." A contract followed the telegram requesting statistics, squad roster, pictures, and general college news. The final selection will be made on November 27. Hibbing's Junior College, Hibbing, Minn., with a 6-0 record, Grand Rapids Junior College, Grand Rapids, Mich., with a 5-1-3 record and Mars Hill with a 7-2 record are

Makes Great Record



Clarence Edwards

EDWARDS, STAR M.H.S. HALFBACK, HAS FINE RECORD

To Play With All-Stars In Asheville Thanksgiving; Was 1956 King

Clarence Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards of Marshall, has made quite a record at Marshall High School. For the past four years he has starred in practically every football game he has played in and has been termed "one of the most elusive backs ever to perform in western North Carolina." Not only is the Marshall senior a great offensive player but he is a rugged and sharp blocker and tackler. His teammates elected him co-captain of the 1956 football team where he was the "take charge" player in practically every game. Coach Barnwell has termed Clarence as one of the finest line-backers he has ever coached as well as great on offense.

He was selected on the All-Star Senior Midwestern team which will meet outstanding senior players from Buncombe County schools at Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving.

The 19-year-old Edwards not only starred on the football team but was also a varsity player on the baseball and basketball teams of Marshall High School.

"He will be a hard boy to replace after graduation," Coach Barnwell stated.

In addition to his athletic ability, Edwards, who is very modest is also one of the most popular students at the school. He was selected as Football King of 1956 and is also active in other school activities.

CLYDE COOK IS INJURED SUNDAY IN GUN MISHAP

Clyde Cook, 30, son of Mrs. Kelsee Cook and the late Mr. Cook, of Marshall RFD 8, was rushed to the Moore General Hospital Sunday morning after receiving a gunshot in the left leg and knee. According to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated the accident, Mr. Cook was cleaning his .22-calibre rifle and it accidentally discharged. Mr. Cook was alone at the time of the accident which occurred about ten o'clock Sunday morning.

He is a farmer of that section and a veteran of the Korean War. His condition is reported satisfactory today.

BANKERS BEGIN WORK ON SOIL CONSERVATION

Miss Fleming Announces Land Judging Contest Next April

North Carolina's bankers, who recently won a national award for service to Tar Heel farmers, this week began work on one of their most important annual projects.

Details of the bankers' program to encourage better soil conservation practices were announced locally by Miss Mae Fleming, Assistant Cashier, Citizens Bank, who recently was appointed as County Key Banker for this county.

For the third straight year, plans are being made for a statewide Land Judging Meet at which hundreds of young Tar Heel farmers, members of the Future Farmers of America will compete for prizes and for a trip to the national contest in Oklahoma next May.

Actually the contest is a climax to a year's study of soil conservation. (Continued to Page Two)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE HERE THURSDAY A. M.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Marshall Presbyterian Church Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The service will be broadcast over WMMH.

The Rev. L. Richard Mellin will deliver the message and Mr. Henry Clay Edwards will have charge of the special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SPELLING OUT THANKSGIVING

THANK GOD in your church or synagogue for the blessings of peace and brotherhood we enjoy in our democracy.

HONOR the American tradition of fair play and mutual understanding, an important source of our people's strength and well-being.

ANSWER the defeatists, the "nationalists," and the fear-makers with a united determination to make democracy work better.

NOURISH our way of life by respecting differences, and giving everyone an equal chance to contribute to our country.

KNOW your neighbor, your partner in our common enterprise of self-government.

SOW the seed of brotherhood in your community by practicing teamwork.

GIVE generously to those worthwhile causes which help us to be our brother's keeper, and to express our thanks for the blessings we enjoy.

INSURE America against every form of totalitarianism and tyranny by being loyal to the principles of our republic; — "one nation, indivisible," of many races, many religions—"with liberty and justice for all," for men of every religion and every race.

VALUE your fellow-Americans for their individual merits, whatever their national origin, race, or creed.

IMPRESS young people with the conviction that freedom is not a gift on a silver platter, but a responsibility which every American must discharge for himself.

NAIL the hate-rumors which would poison us by setting Catholics against Protestants, Gentiles against Jews, workers against employers, whites against Negroes.

GRANT to all people the same opportunities you want for yourself.

If we all do these things, then every day will be a day for Thanksgiving.

EDWARDS GIRL, 5, IS A VICTIM OF LEUKEMIA

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 20 — Cynthia Edwards is dead. The 5-year-old Greenville girl, a leukemia victim who drew worldwide response when her fate was made known in newspapers and wire stories, died today.

She suffered from the incurable disease a little over four months. Cindy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Edwards, received letters, postcards and even gifts from as far away as Germany and South America during her illness.

Before moving here a year ago the family had lived at Asheville. Mrs. Edwards is the former Miss Edna Landreth. Edwards is with Winn-Dixie Stores.

Her illness was discovered last June when her parents noticed she was not feeling well. Her doctors gave her two months of normal activity at the time.

The mailman became one of Cynthia's best friends as friends and strangers wrote cheerful letters and sent packages to her. Included in the gifts were "Tar Baby," a little black dog; "Snowball," a bird; and "Myrtle," a pet turtle.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p. m., at Old Bull Creek Baptist Church, near Mars Hill, N. C., by Dr. D. M. Rivers, the Rev. C. D. Besinger and the Rev. L. B. Sauls. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Louis Burriss, William Landreth and Neal Pyatt.

Surviving besides the parents are one brother, Robert Donovan Edwards; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Edwards of Marshall, N. C., and Mrs. C. D. Landreth of Weaverville, N. C.; and great grandparents, Mrs. J. V. Cargile of Mars Hill and Mrs. L. J. Crowe of Marshall.

Ordinance Prohibits Fire Truck From Leaving Corporate Limits

MARS HILL FFA WINS JUDGING MEET TUESDAY

Marshall Team Wins 2nd Place With 402 Points; Others Listed

Mars Hill placed first with 487 points in the annual land judging contest conducted by the Blue Ridge Federation of Future Farmers of America chapters Tuesday on Tom Bonham's farm in Avery's Creek section.

Marshall was second with 402, Burnsville third with 390 and Walnut fourth with 365.

The federation represents 12 FFA chapters in Buncombe, Madison and Yancey counties.

Mars Hill team composed of Vernon Davis, Clifford Metcalf and Donald Revis and coached by J. E. McIntire, vocational agriculture teacher, will compete in the state contest to be held at Apex in April.

The runnerup Marshall team included Maurice Clark, Ralph Ball, Johnny Ball and was coached by Lyman Martin, teacher.

Donald Banks, Philip Bailey and Philip Garland were members of the third-place Burnsville team, with Max Proffitt, teacher.

Walnut team members were Alvin Craine, Roland Bullman and Gene Cantrell, with Jack Cole, teacher.

Other FFA teams competing Tuesday were Owen with 305 points, Reynolds with 264 and Valley Springs with 242.

Contest judges and leaders included Charles Patton and Orville Williams of Asheville, J. Nesbitt and Byard Ray of Marshall, Joel Cawthorn of Franklin and Clifford MacCachren of Waynesville.

BALLARD, 34, WOUNDED ON HUNTING TRIP

Charles Berry Ballard, 34, of Marshall RFD 1, was reported in critical condition Tuesday night at St. Joseph's Hospital as the result of a rifle bullet wound suffered while hunting in the Pink Beds section of Pisgah National Forest.

Ballard suffered the loss of considerable blood when the rifle severed the main leg artery in his upper left thigh.

He was found in need of eight pints of blood upon arrival by ambulance at the hospital.

Circumstances surrounding the shooting were being investigated Tuesday night by Henderson and Transylvania County authorities and Malcolm Edwards, refuge supervisor, western management area, for the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Edwards said Ballard was found wounded and bleeding profusely Tuesday about 2 p. m., near Grassy Lot Gap in the Pink Beds.

G. H. Bridgeman of Tryon reported to Edwards that he heard a man shouting for help and saw Ballard coming over a high bank towards him.

Ballard was still conscious at the time and said that he "didn't know what had happened," Bridgeman told Edwards.

An ambulance was called and Ballard asked to be taken to an Asheville hospital.

Edwards said his investigation disclosed that Ballard had been struck by a small caliber high-velocity rifle bullet which exploded after hitting an object.

Sheriff E. V. Dillingham of Transylvania County was called to the scene of the shooting and said his investigation had not been completed Tuesday night.

The shooting occurred in what is known as compartment C of the North Mills River area in the Pisgah National Forest. Forest

Wins First Place



Vance Davis

Spring Creek Boy Wins Top Honors At N.C. State Fair

Vance Davis, a member of the Senior Class of Spring Creek High School, won first place in the Individual Burley Tobacco Grading contest held in Raleigh at the N. C. State Fair. As winner he received a check for \$50.00. Vance has been a member of Spring Creek tobacco grading team since he entered high school. He has also been active in other FFA activities.

Mr. Guy Angel is his instructor. Mr. Angel has been FFA advisor for the past two and one-half years.

Vance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davis of Spring Creek.

GENTRY ALSO WINS

Joe Gentry, a junior at Spring Creek, was awarded a check for \$28.00. He won second place in the Individual Burley Tobacco Grading Contest. Joe also has been an active FFA member. He has been a member of the tobacco grading team for 2 years.

Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gentry, also of Spring Creek.

Madison Farmers Ranked 6th In Tonnage Of Alfalfa Hay

SEAL SALE NOW IN FULL SWING; SUPPORT URGED

The local 1956 Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale got underway Friday of last week when letters coming Seals and bonds were mailed throughout the county. Again this year county residents are urged to buy Christmas Seals to help rid this community of tuberculosis, which is not licked as some have assumed.

The program to cut down on the tuberculosis rate includes a wide-spread chest X-ray program. Last year, the Madison County Tuberculosis Association paid for contacts which were X-rayed, as well as buying clothing for Sanatorium patients.

Madison County now has 7 patients in the Western N. C. Sanatorium at Black Mountain; 1 active case at home; and 8 arrested cases which are now at home.

Mrs. Brown Ammons of Mars Hill is Chairman of the Madison County Tuberculosis Association, and Glenn Carter of Mars Hill is Seal Sale Chairman for the county this year.

Sheriff Ted Seelye at Burnsville was also investigating the shooting.

Duckett Succeeds Story As Fire Chief; Improvements Are Cited

Due to a ruling of the Attorney General and also following a visit of a representative of National Board of Fire Underwriters here recently, the mayor and board of aldermen have officially ordered that the fire truck shall not answer calls outside the corporate limits of Marshall. Although an ordinance had already been passed prohibiting the fire truck to leave the city limits it has been the practice of the firemen to go outside the limits when the occasion arose.

"We have always felt it our moral duty to help put out fires near Marshall whether inside or outside the corporate limits, although we realized this was against the ordinance in Marshall and also 'frowned on' by State regulations," Jim Story, fire chief, stated.

At the request of Mr. Story, the mayor and board of aldermen recently met in special session to discuss several problems regarding fire protection, improvements, hazards, and restrictions regarding answering calls to fire. Chief Story and Assistant Chief Allen Duckett pointed out several hazards and suggested many improvements which the town officials are now working on and cooperating to the fullest. In the near future it is hoped that two or three fire hydrants can be installed on Guder Street (Back Street). This would add greatly to the facilities of fighting fires and would also alleviate the problem of stalling traffic during fires in the business district.

It was also announced that ad-

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Urgent Request

A request from the National Red Cross urges all chapters to have all their First Aid and Home Nursing Instructors listed with Red Cross and Civil Defense.

If your name is not on our list, please call 3491 so that our Instructors' list may be up to date.

Marshall, Mars Hill Bands To Parade In Asheville Today

The Marshall and Mars Hill bands are to participate in the Christmas Parade in Asheville today (Wednesday).

Several other western North Carolina bands will also participate in the parade.