



Patrol Car Wrecked In High Speed Chase Monday Morning

A safety belt may have saved the life of State Highway Patrol Pfc. Fred F. Bowen of Hot Springs Monday. The officer was chasing a speeding motorist about 5:10 a. m., on N.C. Highway 208 in Madison County when his patrol car left the highway and was badly damaged.

GIRL SCOUT FUND REACHES \$731.60 TOTAL

Officials of the Girl Scouts stated here this week that they are well pleased with latest reports concerning the Girl Scout Fund Raising Drive. Latest tabulations reveal that \$731.60 has been donated with a few reports still to come in.

Whitener Says State Of Union Address "General"

Washington, D. C. — Commenting on President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to the Joint Session of Congress, Representative Basil L. Whitener of the 11th North Carolina District made the following statement today: "The President's speech set forth several salutory statements of philosophy. Particularly, I was pleased that he urged additional effort in the field of saving money and manpower in government. This is a worthy and commendable aim."

Ike Asks Congress For \$71 Billion To Meet Present Budget

President Eisenhower submitted Wednesday to a Congress ringed with calls for economy a budget that will push government spending to an all-time peacetime peak of \$71,807,000,000. He asserted the outlays are designed, in large part, to "deter and if need be, to defeat aggression."

CROUCH IS HEAD OF BAPTIST BD.

Raleigh, Jan. 14 — Dr. W. Percy Crouch, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Asheville, was elected president tonight of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention. He succeeds the Rev. G. W. Ballard, pastor of Raleigh's Temple Baptist Church, who resigned to accept a pastorate in Baltimore, Md. The Rev. A. Leroy Parker, pastor of the Asheville Street Baptist Church, Greensboro, was elected vice president, and M. M. Jones of Nakina was re-elected secretary.

MADISON COUNTY LIVESTOCK MEETING JAN. 25

Agricultural income is becoming harder and harder for individual farmers to obtain, states Harry G. Silver, county agent. With these conditions it is very important that each farmer study his situation and learn every method possible which will enable him to enjoy a greater income. The County Agent's office is conducting a series of enterprise meetings for the purpose of establishing the goals which would enable Madison County farmers to obtain a maximum income from their farms. The meetings of poultry and dairying have already been conducted and if the goals can be achieved, which the farmers in these meetings have set for Madison County, dairy and poultry farmers in the county will be obtaining \$500,000 more gross income five years from now than they are today.

BLACKWELL IS FINALIST IN MFRIT CONTEST

Albert L. Blackwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill, was among 50 Western North Carolina high school students who were finalists in the National Merit Scholarship 1957 competition. They were included in the 7,500 who out-performed 162,000 highly selected fellow competitors in a college aptitude examination given in 12,500 high schools last October.

FATHER AND SON ARE JAILED

Clovis, N. M. — Under authority of a law passed by the last session of the New Mexico Legislature, District Judge E. T. Henzley Jr., sent L. B. Martinez and his 16-year-old son to jail because of the boys' repeated run-ins with the law. Father and son were sentenced to ten days in jail in connection with a theft. They were locked in the same cell.

CITIZENS URGED TO LIST TAXES THIS MONTH

Madison County citizens are urged to list their taxes during January and avoid the penalty. Tax books are with the listers now and will continue to be until January 31. It is expected that all schools

CONTROL OF TOBACCO TO BE DISCUSSED

There has been quite a bit of thinking from various sections of the burley belt on the most ideal system of controlling burley tobacco production. At the present time there is a discussion about the possibility of controlling burley tobacco production by a poundage control system. On Monday, January 21, at 10:00 a. m., there will be a meeting in room 409 in the Buncombe County Courthouse in Asheville for the purpose of discussing poundage control vs. acreage control. It is very important that Madison County farmers be represented at this meeting and voice their opinions on which system they prefer. Mr. Frank Ellis, Tobacco Specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will be present to explain the advantages and disadvantages of both systems. Any tobacco farmer in Madison County will be welcome at this meeting which is sponsored by the Farm Bureau of North Carolina. It is a state wide burley meeting and will probably be the only meeting of its type in the state. The meeting will probably hold until 2:00 p. m.

R. V. RAMSEY OF WALNUT DIES AT 84

Robert Vance Ramsey, 84, a retired farmer and civic leader of Walnut, died in an Asheville hospital nursing home about 4 p. m., Wednesday, January 16, 1957 after a long illness. Ramsey was a native of Madison County and was a member of the Walnut school board. A lifelong Democrat, he was a familiar figure in Madison County political circles. He was a member of Walnut Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m., Friday at Walnut Methodist Church. The Rev. Mack Reeves will officiate. The body will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the services. It was taken to the home this (Thursday) morning.

W. G. McDARIS, 70, PASSES; RITES TO BE FRIDAY

Walter Gerome McDaris, 70, of Alexander RFD 1, died at his home Wednesday morning, January 16, 1957, following a brief illness. Mr. McDaris was a well-known farmer and a member of the Grandview Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at the Grandview Baptist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. Dan Windsor, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. N. H. Griffin and the Rev. T. A. Wheeler. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be James W. Briggs, Elvey Buckner, Frank Buckner, DeEls Greene, Charlie Connor and Jerry Rice. Flower bearers will be nieces and cousins. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eloise Deal McDaris; three daughters, Mrs. Tom, Duja of Weaverville, Mrs. J. L. Bumgardner of Asheville, Mrs. Jack Navy of Mars Hill; two sisters, Mrs. Ben Burnett and Mrs. J. O. Whitfield, both of Asheville; one brother, C. A. McDaris, of Hot Springs; and two grandchildren.

Fisher Urges "All-Out" Effort In March-of-Dimes Campaign

J. Frank Fisher, chairman of the March of Dimes Drive in Madison County, stated this week that although it was too early to make any reports concerning donations, he felt the people were aware of the great need for funds to stamp out polio. It is expected that all schools in the county will cooperate in soliciting contributions but Mr. Fisher urged adults to give dollars instead of dimes. Township workers have been appointed and they are urged to make "all-out" efforts to raise as much as possible. "This drive is everybody's drive and we must all give, and give generously," Mr. Fisher stated.

F. W. JARVIS PULLETS HAVE FINE RECORD

F. W. Jarvis of the Jarvis Branch community believes that the twelve pullets he purchased at the 4-H Poultry Show and Sale have a good record. Mr. Jarvis says that when he got his pullets home from the sale he had six eggs in the coop. The next day he got fifteen eggs and on several days since then his hens have laid thirteen eggs. Mr. Jarvis purchased his pullets September 29 and from then to December 21 he received 967 eggs for an average production of 85 1/2 per cent. Mr. Jarvis says that he has sold \$27.50 worth of eggs from the twelve hens in addition to what has been used in the family. Mr. Jarvis has provided a good warm house for his birds and has built a lot for them. He feeds a commercial laying mash in the morning and scratch feed at night. In addition to these practices he also keeps plenty of fresh water before his birds and keeps a good dry litter in his house.

EQUALIZATION BOARD FAILS TO ORGANIZE

It was learned here this week that the Madison County Equalization Board, scheduled to organize on January 7 and hear complaints beginning January 14, failed to organize because of confusion and disagreement as to the legal membership of the board. Dates announced for the board, as a body, to hear complaints will have to be re-set pending the organization of the board. It was previously announced that Troy Rector had been named to the board with Nat Blaukenship and B. K. Meadows as the other members. However, since the announcement there has been considerable disagreement as to just who is "legally" a member of the board. For the convenience of the public, it is hoped that the matter can be cleared up in the near future. A board definitely organized and dates for "hearings" be reset.

Sams Child Is Fatally Burned; Father Injured

The 20-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sams, of Marshall RFD 3 in the Shelton Laurel section, was fatally burned and Mr. Sams severely burned early Wednesday morning. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated the incident, stated that the fire originated in the room where the baby was sleeping. The child's mother said that due to sickness of the child, a hot plate had been placed under the bed with Vick's salve on the hot plate. Mr. Sams was in the room with the child but apparently had fallen asleep during the night. About 3:00 o'clock, he awoke to find the bed on fire. In attempting to rescue the child from the flaming bed, Mr. Sams received second degree burns of the hands, arms and head, Sheriff Ponder said. The flames had gained such headway, however, that the child was fatally burned. Mrs. Sams, who was sleeping in another room in the house, called neighbors who rushed Mr. Sams to the Tacoma Hospital in Greenville, Tenn., and managed to put out the fire, although much of the dwelling burned. Mrs. Sams escaped injury. Funeral services for the child, Wesley Sams, will be held at 2 p. m., today (Thursday) at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kye Sams of Marshall RFD 3. The Rev. L. A. Zimmerman will officiate and burial will be in Al-landstand Cemetery. Surviving in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Kye Sams, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sams, and his brother, Dwight, a teacher. Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norton of near Asheville. Bowman-Rector Funeral Home is in charge.

Gov. Michaels ATTENDS LIONS MEETING HERE

Lion District Governor Ed Michaels, of West Asheville, attended the meeting of the Marshall Lions Club at the Rock Cafe Monday night and officially welcomed two new members into the club by giving them their obligations. The new members are Lions Ernest Sawyer and Vernon Runion. Also present, in addition to 16 members, were two visiting Lions, Henry Ramsey of the Woodfin Club and Grover Redmon of the Erwin Club. Various reports were heard, including the Christmas basket campaign. Lions Joe Nix and Bernard Brigman were recognized for their outstanding work in getting baskets prepared and furnishing transportation for delivery of the baskets. The members also expressed gratitude to Cleophus "Pee-Wee" Ward, who donated gasoline for the delivery of the baskets. The club voted to contribute \$100.00 to the Girl Scout Drive and also voted to donate \$25.00 to the March of Dimes Drive. "Ladies' Night" was discussed and a committee appointed to make definite plans for the annual occasion in the near future. In welcoming the new members into the club, Gov. Michaels emphasized the point that the Lions Club was not a "civic" club but a "service" organization, known to the world over. He complimented the local club on its fine record of worthwhile projects. Lion George Shupe, president, presided and introduced the guests.

TIME TO SIGN UP AGAIN IN ACP

It's time to sign up again in the Agricultural Conservation Program, says Noville Hawkins, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee. Farmers of the county have an opportunity again to cooperate with the farmers of other counties and states in strengthening the Nation by improving the country's ability to produce food and fiber. He said that the following conservation practices have been approved for Madison County for 1957: Practice No. 1, Permanent Pasture or hay; Practice No. 2, Additional vegetative cover in crop rotation; Practice No. 3, Lining materials on farmland; Practice No. 5, Forest tree planting; Practice No. 6, Permanent pasture or hay improvement; Practice No. 7, Farm ponds as a means of protecting vegetative cover and/or for irrigation water; Practice No. 8, Forest improvement; Practice No. 12, Tile drainage; Practice No. 14, Winter cover crops. The 1957 program is open to all farmers and any farmer of Madison County who would like to use the ACP to help him conserve the soil on his farm and improve the productivity of his land should contact his local ASC Committee man or call at the County ASC office located at Marshall. Farmers who cooperate in the 1957 ACP will be helping to build up the nation's soil reserves, says Mr. Hawkins. Not only will they be protecting the nation's soil and water resources against erosion and waste, but they will be building into the soil a resistance to erosion as well as storing up production potential in the land. With the nation's farm plant now geared to produce ample supplies of most major foods there (Continued To Last Page)

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CHANGES IN ACREAGE RESERVE

Several changes have been made in the Soil Bank Acreage Reserve Program that will be in effect this year, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, office manager for Madison County ASC. For 1957 there will be no minimum limitations on the amount of land that may be entered in the program except those already in effect for 1957 wheat. There will be limits on the extent of participation and in some cases the limits are lower than for last year. First, the acreage for any commodity placed in the acreage reserve for a year shall not exceed that farmer's allotment for the commodity. Within this limitation the maximum burley tobacco acreage that may be originally placed in the program is one acre or 30 percent of the allotment, whichever is larger. The Sign-up under the 1957 (Continued to Last Page)

HAM SUPPER AT WALNUT NEXT TUESDAY

There will be a ham supper given at the Walnut school cafeteria Tuesday evening, January 22, before the Walnut-Marshall basketball game, from 5:00 o'clock until 7:00 o'clock. The Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor the event. Food will be furnished by the room representatives of the PTA, with the proceeds being used for the home economics department. Prizes for plates will be for children through the 4th grade and 75c for all others.