



## Over 1,000 Attend R E A Meeting Here Saturday

### Gwyn B. Price Praises The "Teamwork" of Members; Prizes Are Awarded

Over 1,000 citizens from Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell counties in North Carolina, and Unicoi County, Tenn., attended the 17th annual meeting of the members of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation Saturday afternoon. The meeting was held in the new and spacious gymnasium on the Island.

Following special string music by the Boone String Band, the invocation was given by the Rev. W. B. Robinson.

Clyde M. Roberts, Marshall attorney, and also attorney for the Co-op, presided at the meeting. J. H. Sprinkle, treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report which was followed by the Manager's Report, given by D. M. Robinson, manager of the Co-op.

Mr. Robinson then introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Mr. Gwyn B. Price, Chairman, N. C. Rural Electrification Authority.

Mr. Price emphasized the great "teamwork" and cooperation which has been shown since the French Broad Co-op has been established. His general theme concerned the success of REA Program in your everyday lives. He spoke of the members as being progressive, yet conservative who are striving for new ways and methods on the farm and in the towns. Mr. Price stated that co-ops fix their own rates with service at cost and are masters of their own destinies. He reminded the crowded gymnasium that the system is now worth much more than the investment and announced that the replacement value is now estimated at approximately \$8,000,000.

"Co-ops mean more business for your local dealers and more money for your counties," he spoke of the progress electricity on the farms made possible by the REA and compared modern times with those in the past.

He praised the fine work of the board of directors and other officials of the French Broad Co-op and said that the average equity in North Carolina during 1956 was 12% but the French Broad Co-op had an equity of 16%. He gave credit to the great cooperation of its members in making the local Co-op such a success.

"There are now more than 2,100 miles which have been energized by the Co-op which at the present has 13,124 consumers," he stated and added, "wherever there is a line, there is power available which can and does serve thousands."

He spoke of the increase in electrical appliances on the farms where the F.B. Co-op serves and stated that not only farm machinery has increased, but that these improvements have made housekeeping much easier and cleaner for the housewives.

He closed his talk by challenging the members of the Co-op to seek further advancements which can be done "by your excellent teamwork which has already been demonstrated."

Among the distinguished guests present were Congressman Basil

## RED CROSS MEETING TO BE HERE ON MAY 10

We are about to lose our Red Cross connection in this county! An urgent call is being made to all residents of the county, ministers, school teachers, bankers, merchants, welfare workers, health department, county officers, lawyers, doctors, farmers, service station operators, etc., to meet at the county courthouse in Marshall at 2:30 p. m., Friday, May 10, 1957 to hear our position from Red Cross people, and find out what we can do to save our Red Cross Service.

BRUCE K. MURRAY,  
County Chairman  
W. A. SAMS,  
Blood Bank Chairman.

## COUNTY ALL SET FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TUES.

Madison County is all set for the three municipal elections to be held in the towns of Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs, next Tuesday, May 7.

Marshall and Mars Hill contestants will have no filed opposition, but Hot Springs will have eight men run for the four offices. For Marshall: Clarence Nix, incumbent, for Mayor; Liston B. Ramsey and J. C. Dodson, incumbents, and John Ward Jr., for aldermen.

For Mars Hill: For Mayor — John O. Tilson; for aldermen — R. Bruce Sams, Paul Tugman and Arthur Wood.

For Hot Springs: For Mayor — Joe E. Henderson and Peter Feldtmose; for aldermen — Aubrey Ramsey, Charles Schaffer, E. B. Sumerel, Homer W. Foster, Lee Fowler and Burnett Moore. Three aldermen are to be chosen from the six contestants.

## Marshall PTA To Hold Last Meeting Tuesday Evening

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association will hold its final meeting of the school term next Tuesday night in the school cafeteria.

The annual picnic dinner will be served in the cafeteria at 6:30 o'clock and each family is asked to bring a basket.

Following the dinner, a business session will be held and the Junior Band, under the direction of Mr. Lackey, will play several selections.

Mrs. Wade Huey will be in charge of the devotions.

Installation services will also be held for the new officers of the Association who are: President, Mrs. Earl Robinson; first vice president, Mrs. Edward Hale; second vice president, Mrs. Mace Wallin; secretary, Miss Eloise Ward; treasurer, Mrs. Jerry Rice.



HOT SPRINGS — Hot Springs last Thursday night received its \$1,000 award as winner of one of the three first prizes in the Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Finer Carolina program for the state. L. to R. Mrs. Jesse Bridgeman, Peter Feldtmose, Kenneth Burgin, all of Hot Springs; Ned Champion, Carolina Power and Light Co., who presented the award; Mrs. Harry Dotterer and Mrs. R. L. Davis of Hot Springs. The Hot Springs people

served on the 1956 Finer Carolina steering committee. Feldtmose received the award for the town. Ed Ellenburg, U. S. Forest Service ranger, served as program chairman in 1956 but couldn't attend the celebration meeting. He was transferred last fall to another forest service area. Hot Springs scored heavily on the establishment of the Craig L. Rudisill Memorial Clinic and the securing of a resident physician, who has leased the building.

—Cut courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

## SILVER SAYS MILK CHECKS ARE 'A-COMING'

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, Madison County farmers are trying hard to regain the income potential they lost by the 1954 tobacco acreage reduction. Madison is a mountain county populated by farmers' industries enough to produce from their rough steep mountain farms with a few smooth creek bottoms the second highest gross agricultural income of any of the mountain counties.

The income from the sale of milk, both grade A and for manufacturing purposes, represents the greatest increase of any enterprise in the past three years. The grade A producers have increased from 34 in 1954 to 44 now. They have increased their efficiency at an astoundingly rapid rate. The average base built by Madison dairymen in 1956 exceeded that of 1955 by almost 20%, and their milk sales for the first quarter of 1957 are equally greater than the same period of 1956. An increasing number of cows are artificially inseminated. Silage pro-

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## ACREAGE GOALS SEEM REACHED AS SIGN-UP ENDS

With the close of the sign-up of 1957 Soil Bank Acreage Reserve agreements, a report from the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office shows that 318,751 acres of cropland has gone under the program for the 1957 season. The Soil Bank sign-up was announced here.

By crops, the reported Acreage Reserve sign-up included 82,635 acres of corn, 122,254 acres of

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## SOIL BANK COVER CROPS MUST BE 'APPROVED'

Farmers who plant a cover crop on land designated for the Soil Bank's Acreage Reserve should make sure that the crop planted is one of those approved for that purpose. Noville Hawkins, Chairman of the County Agricultural

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## MAP SHOWS PLAN FOR BY-PASS ON U.S. 25-70

The State Highway Commission's plans for Marshall's by-pass and relocation of four miles of the present U.S. 25-70 northward to Walnut are shown in a map which has been posted at the Courthouse here.

The cutoff leaves the present route at the Ivy Creek bridge 3 miles south of here, passes east of the town and rejoins the highway near the highway department maintenance buildings one and a half miles north of town.

From that point on, another 4 miles of the present highway would be relocated. The relocation would end at Walnut. Also in the Highway Commission planning, but not a part of the bypass planning is the relocation, reconstruction and straightening of the highway from Walnut to Hot Springs.

The bypass will be about ten miles long. Gov. Hodges last September allotted \$1,000,000 for the bypass work.

MADISON WRECK last Thursday night left one dead, four injured. Citizen Photographer Ewart Ball, on another assignment, arrived on the scene moments after the accident. Driver of car at top, Jack Callaghan of Dayton, Ohio, slightly hurt, is shown in photo. His wife also was injured. Marvin Cook of the Shelton Laurel section was killed in car at bottom, and two companions hurt.



Cut Courtesy Citizen-Times

## Hot Springs Lions Club Gets Charter; Monteith Speaker

### MHS ALUMNI BANQUET HERE SAT., MAY 18

Colonel Edward F. "Husky" Rector To Be Guest Speaker

The Marshall High School Alumni Banquet, which is now an annual event following the successful meeting last year, will be held at the Marshall High School Cafeteria on Saturday night, May 18 at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here this week by Earl J. Robinson, president.

Officers of the Alumni Association met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson last Saturday night and made plans for the banquet.

It was announced that Colonel Edward F. "Husky" Rector, Class of '34, will be the guest speaker. Col. Rector is now stationed at Waco, Texas.

Other interesting "features" are being planned and a large attendance is expected.

Officers of the Association are: President, Earl J. Robinson; vice president, Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts; secretary, Miss Alma Lee Ferguson; treasurer, Miss Mae Fleming.

## 4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN 4-H CONTEST

Sixteen 4-H Club members attended and participated in the District Elimination Contest at the Clyde Erwin High School Saturday, April 27. This contest is an annual event for the 4-H Club members in the Western North Carolina counties.

All the boys and girls participating from Madison were awarded either a blue or red ribbon. The boys that gave demonstrations were Edwin Stines, Soil and Water, received a blue ribbon; Dean Ricker, Vegetable Production, a blue ribbon winner; Charles Foster and J. D. Rathbone, Tobacco Plant Production, and they were red ribbon winners; Forest Protection, Virgil Smith, red ribbon winner.

The girl that entered the contest was Patricia Proffitt, Dairy Foods Demonstration, and a red ribbon winner; Joy Buckner, Patricia Proffitt and Flossie Ray entered the talent contest and were awarded a blue ribbon.

The Walnut officers in the Junior Club participated in the Officers Contest and placed in the red ribbon group.

The participants not only learned by presenting their demonstrations, but also had a chance to watch their opponents present theirs. Most of the boys and girls that entered the contest seem to be eager to participate in 1958.

### Charter Night Held At Hot Springs High School Cafeteria

District 31-A Lions Club officials participated in the Charter Night program for the newly-organized Hot Springs Lions Club in Madison County Friday night, April 26, in the Hot Springs High School cafeteria.

Among the WNC Lions Club leaders invited to take part were F. E. Shall of Canton, deputy district governor of Region 2, and G. Henry Ramsey of West Asheville, Chairman for Zone 4, which includes these six clubs; Candler, Erwin District, Marshall, Weaver-ville, West Asheville and Woodfin.

The Marshall Club sponsored the Hot Springs Lions Club, the 36th to be organized in District 31-A which comprises some 1,600 members in twelve western mountain counties.

Governor W. E. (Ed) Michael Jr., of West Asheville, formally presented the charter from Lions International to Owen Jamerson, first vice president of the Hot Springs club.

Hugh Monteith of Sylva and Asheville delivered the principal address and Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain was toastmaster. Both Monteith and Taylor are past District 31-A Governors who are serving as international counselors.

Other District 31-A officials participating included: Shelby E. Horton Jr., of West Asheville, cabinet secretary-treasurer; Judge William A. Hart of Weaver-ville, WNC director of 'White Cane Drive'; and Robert S. Matthews Jr., of West Asheville, district director of public relations.

George Shupe, president of the Marshall Lions Club, presided and presented a Lions Club gavel and going to the new club president, Robert R. Barnes of Candler, international councillor, was among the state officials who assisted in organizing the new club.

## H. D. Meeting Is Well Attended At Mars Hill

The Western District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual meeting at Mars Hill College Wednesday of last week with Mrs. A. W. Huff presiding.

Dr. Robert E. Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, addressed the group, using as his topic the theme for the meeting, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Special music was rendered by Miss Jo Anne Weber, a voice major from Statesville.

Approximately 200 delegates from Madison, Buncombe and Yancey counties attended the day-long meeting.

The group was served coffee in the college home economics department at 9:30 a. m., and a banquet luncheon was served to the visitors in the Coyte Bridges Dining Hall by students from the home economics department.

## Baptist Hospital Offering To Be Taken In County May 12

### WNC Justices Of Peace Affected By Omnibus Bill Listed

Raleigh, April 27 — Under an omnibus bill introduced in the House today the following justices of the peace would be appointed in Madison County:

- No. 1 Township: Zeb E. Merrill, Garret Metcalf; No. 2 Township: Leroy Shelton, B. G. Gunter, Floyd Wallin, Charlie Gunter; No. 10 Township: Raeborn Wallin; No. 13 Township: Casey J. Smith; No. 16 Township: Everett Ingle.

### Funds To Be Used To Help Provide Hospitalization For Needy Sick

According to a joint statement by Rev. and Mrs. David B. Roberts, Associational Missionaries, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bayless, Associational Hospital Stewardesses, the 48 Baptist Churches of the French Broad Baptist Association will join North Carolina's 3,228 other Baptist Churches Sunday May 12, to observe the annual day of prayer for the needy sick. The funds for hospitalization of the needy sick will be raised through the collection of contributions on that day.

## Marvin Cook Killed In Wreck Thursday Night; Others Hurt

### Federal Services Held Last Sunday Afternoon At Chapel Hill

One man was killed and four persons injured in a two-car, head-on collision near here Thursday night, April 25, 1957.

The dead man was identified by the State Highway Patrol as Marvin Cook, 24, of Shelton Laurel. He was killed. Patrolman C. H. Long said, when a car driven by his brother, Adolphus, 30, ran off

Route 25-70 about four miles south of here at 7:50 p. m., swerved back across the highway and into the path of an oncoming car.

Long said the injured were Adolphus Cook, J. E. Callaghan of Dayton, Ohio, whose car Cook hit; Mrs. Louise Callaghan, and Frank Shelton, 21, of Shelton Laurel, a passenger in the Cook car.

The Callaghan's five-months-old son escaped injury.

Callaghan was driving his family to a new job in Charlotte. Long

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