



Firemen To Participate In New Pension Program

Pension Plan Is Contested By Fire Insurance Companies

Fire Chief Allen Duckett, of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, stated this week that the local firemen will take advantage of the pension plan as passed by the 1957 General Assembly. Chief Duckett said that the firemen have the program under consideration and voiced the opinion that practically every fireman is interested in the plan.

This morning, it was reported from state headquarters that over 1900 members have paid \$52,000 in the four months the plan has been operating. Members pay \$5 each month until retirement in order to receive a pension of \$50 each month after retirement. The fund is augmented by a levy of one per cent on fire insurance premiums paid in the area protected by the department. The one per cent rate increase was authorized by the law creating the pension plan and is paid by the policy holders.

The firemen's pension will provide a valuable supplement to social security benefits and private incomes for many firemen who have been serving their communities at considerable personal risk and expense with little or no compensation, Duckett said. Many cities and towns are paying all or part of the firemen's payments to the pension fund.

The pension plan is being contested by the fire insurance companies who have filed suits in the Wake County Superior Court. The demurrer filed by the Attorney General, who is defending Charles F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance and Henry L. Bridges, State Auditor, both trustees of the pension fund, recently was upheld by the Wake court. The judge's action on the demurrer has been appealed to the State Supreme Court.

ANDERSON PLANT RECEIVES GRADE "A" PRODUCTS

Margery J. Lord, M. D., Madison County Health Officer, announces this week that all products of the one local plant, Anderson's Pasteurization Plant, are grade "A" as determined by inspection records and laboratory analysis.

In addition to the local plant, the following plants from outside the county market pasteurized milk here: Pet Dairy, Skyline Dairy, Biltmore Dairy and Sealtest Dairy. Laboratory examination of all milk products sold places them on grade "A."

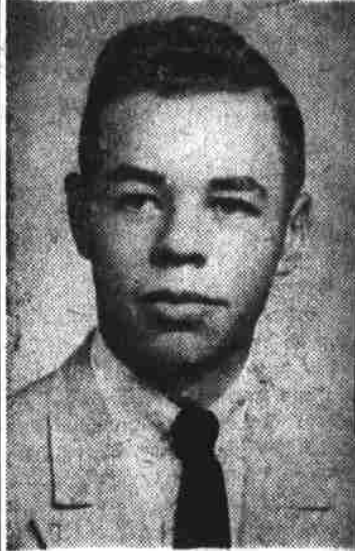
The producer dairies presently selling milk to the one local plant are grade "A," according to our records. They are: A. W. Huff and Ralph Anderson. There are also 44 grade "A" producer dairies selling milk to processing plants outside of this county.

CON. WHITENER ON JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C. — The House of Representatives Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution electing Congressman Basil L. Whitener of the 11th Congressional District to the House Committee on Judiciary.

The Judiciary Committee is one of the most powerful committees in the Congress. It has legislative jurisdiction over the entire federal judiciary. Its jurisdiction includes the appointment, removal, discipline and impeachment of federal judges, and the appointment and removal of federal judges in bankruptcy courts.

Licensed To Preach



Vance Davis

Spring Creek Boy Licensed To Preach By Meth. Conference

Vance Davis was issued his Local License to preach by the Waynesville District Conference of the Methodist Church in Franklin, N. C., January 15.

He completed his required course of study and passed his examination before a committee on Ministerial Qualifications, which included the Rev. F. C. Smathers, District Superintendent of the Waynesville District.

Vance is a freshman at High Point College, High Point, N. C., where he is studying for the ministry. He was awarded the Roberts Bequest Scholarship for 1957-58.

He is a graduate of Spring Creek High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davis.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL TO BE HERE TOMORROW

It was announced here this week that an official of the Social Security office would be at the courthouse on Friday, January 24, at ten o'clock.

He will assist anyone wishing information concerning Social Security.

STATE GOP PARLEY SET FOR MARCH

Policy-Makers Pick City Of Winston-Salem For Convention

Winston-Salem, Jan. 20 — Republicans who make party policy in North Carolina agreed this week to hold their 1958 convention at the Coliseum in Winston-Salem.

State Executive Committee members voted overwhelmingly in favor of having the convention here Saturday, March 8.

Although the Coliseum will cost \$540 — more than twice as much as rental in other cities — Winston-Salem was chosen over Raleigh. (Continued to Page Four)

Wiley M. Roberts Injured In Fall From Barn Loft

Wiley M. Roberts, prominent Madison County citizen of Marshall RFD 1, received a serious neck injury last Thursday morning about 4:30 o'clock, when he fell from a barn loft while feeding his stock.

He is now recuperating in the Johns Park Hospital where his condition is greatly improved.

76% Of Goal Pledged To Date In Madison County United Fund Drive

DR. DERTHICK TO TALK ON WMMH SATURDAY P.M.

Congressman Whitener Also Here; To Discuss Education

According to a telegram this week from Congressman Basil L. Whitener, of the 11th district of North Carolina, he will be in Marshall on Saturday, January 25 and will appear with Dr. Lawrence G. Dertthick, United States Commissioner of Education, over radio station WMMH at 12:45 p.

Dr. Dertthick will discuss high school and college education to secondary and college education to our national problems.

BURLEY TOBACCO MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

Burley tobacco production in Madison County has been going through a continuous period of adjustment. Harry G. Silver, county agent, stated here this week that the county is planning support prices to be stepped up and down, and production per acre has been gradually climbing.

An individual tobacco farmer can do little about allotment changes or the level of support prices. The area of the tobacco picture the individual farmer can influence is his own production. Under whatever system he operates he can make more money by efficiently producing a high yield of good quality tobacco and properly preparing this tobacco to present a desirable appearance on the market.

Research information properly used, combined with a farmer's (Continued to Page Two)

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL HERE TWICE MONTHLY

"Many Madison County farmers over 65 years of age who are receiving social security checks have been asking if they must continue to file tax returns and pay social security taxes," R. Lee Alltop, field representative of the Asheville Social Security Administration office, said today.

"Farmers are like other self-employed people and workers in industry — they are not exempt from paying social security taxes because they are over 65 or already receiving benefits. Self-employment tax returns are required of all farmers who had gross self-employment income of at least \$400 and a net of at least \$400 in 1957."

Alltop reported that many farmers already receiving benefits are asking if additional tax payments will increase the amount of the benefits payable. He stated that this would be true in some cases but that a review of the tax return would be necessary before any change could be put into effect. In no case would benefits be stopped or reduced by lower earnings or by reason of no earnings at all.

Alltop said that the County agent in Marshall, Harry G. Silver, advised that the Social Security office in Asheville is willing to supply a card which would explain the benefit rules which the farmer should follow. (Continued to Last Page)

RAMSEY'S DEPT. STORE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Name Changed To Marshall Department Store; Is Incorporated

One of Marshall's leading department stores is under new ownership and is now open for business with new merchandise arriving daily.

The store, formerly owned by J. J. Ramsey and Arthur Ledford and known as Ramsey's Department Store, was purchased last week by Mrs. John Corbett and Mrs. E. C. Teague, with Mr. Ledford retaining his interest and stock in the store. The store has been incorporated and the name changed to Marshall Department Store, Inc.

The major stockholder, Mr. Ledford, is well-known throughout the county, being one of the most popular managers and clerks here. He plans to manage the store himself when he returns from the Veteran's Hospital at Oteen, where he is a patient. During his absence, Mr. Dan Windsor, present manager, will continue in that capacity.

Mr. Ledford announced that the same personnel will continue in the store.

"I will do everything possible to give the people of Madison County an up-to-date store and if we do not have what you want, we will make every effort to get it. I'm asking the public to be patient while this changeover is being made and cordially invite everyone to visit the store here," Mr. Ledford stated this week.

The store personnel includes Dan Windsor, acting manager; Mrs. Imogene Davis Wilds, Mrs. Velma Henderson, Mrs. Beulah Shelton and Pender McElroy.

MARKETING CARDS MUST BE RETURNED — ASC

There are several farmers in Madison County who have not yet returned their 1957 tobacco marketing cards, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, office manager.

Ramsey pointed out that the regulations governing the marketing quota program require that the tobacco marketing cards be returned to the county ASC office within thirty days after the close of the burley auction markets in the area, and that failure to return the cards constitutes a violation of the marketing quota law which will result in the reduction of the 1958 tobacco allotment to "zero" acres.

Ramsey stated that since the auction markets closed in Asheville last week and in Tennessee on January 21, farmers should make every effort to return their cards not later than February 20, which is 30 days after the close of the markets. Cards may be returned in person, or by mail. Cards may be returned through the mail by placing a three-cent stamp on the back of the card and dropping it in the mail as they are addressed to the ASC office.

J. M. Baley Jr. Nominated For District Attorney

Major Baley Jr., of Asheville, was nominated for District Attorney of Marshall County, Thursday, January 23.

All Who Have Not Pledged Urged To Do So By March 1

Executive Editor



Mrs. Atwood McElyea

MRS. McELYEA IS ACTIVE IN GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Mrs. Atwood McElyea of Gladys Fork Road, Candler, has been named executive editor of Pisgah Girl Scout Council, according to Mrs. Victor H. Eliassen, council president.

She succeeds Miss Nancy Campbell, who resigned last September and then spent three months in Europe.

Mrs. McElyea is a native of Iowa, but was reared in Minnesota. During World War II, when she lived in Waterford, Conn., she served as a professional worker with the USO and Army and Navy YMCA, was community recreation director, postmaster, chairman of the Red Cross, and chief of welfare services for Civil Defense.

Mrs. McElyea and her husband and two children came to North Carolina in 1954 and resided in Marshall for two years where Mrs. McElyea was associated with her father, C. P. Sorensen, at the Sorensen Bent Wood Corp.

During her stay at Marshall, she served as a director at Rainbow Camp for Girls at Boone. The McElyeas established their home at Candler in March, 1956. Mr. McElyea is retired from the U. S. Army.

Their children are Gail, 16, a junior at Enka High School, and David, 11, in the sixth grade at Pisgah Elementary School.

ACP KEEPS FARMS READY, SAYS CHAIRMAN

Madison County farmers who make full use of the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program to control erosion and to stockpile soil reserves will make a substantial contribution to the Nation's future security and well-being.

Novis Hamkins, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee, points out that soils have to be kept in condition to respond when the need arises. "Land has been overworked and abused and it needs to be prepared when it is needed."

By-Laws, Constitution Are Adopted At Meeting Here Monday

A meeting of officers and directors of the Madison County United Fund was held at the REA building here Monday afternoon with 17 officials present. J. Herschel Sprinkle, chairman of the board of directors, presided.

Following an opening prayer by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President of Mars Hill College, the By-Laws and Constitution of the Madison County United Fund Organization were unanimously adopted.

J. Frank Fisher, treasurer, gave the financial report which revealed that approximately \$12,195.00 — 76% of the 1958 goal has been pledged to date. A "breakdown" of the pledges was given and it was decided that March 1, 1958, be a tentative "deadline" for those who wish to make pledges who haven't already done so.

The urgent need of rural participation was urged and everyone who wishes to contribute to United Fund is urged to contact Dr. H. E. Bolinger, drive chairman, J. Frank Fisher, treasurer, or the Community worker in your community.

The directors and officers discussed at length the initial drive and expressed optimism and delight at the fine response already given. They also stated that with all-out efforts between now and March 1, it is believed that the goal of \$15,326.76 would be pledged. They also stated that they believed anyone who pledges will keep up with their pledges, thus enabling the first United Fund Drive in this county to be successful.

The present budget includes the following agencies who will benefit by the United Fund: Carolinas United, Salvation Army, Madison County Heart, Crippled Children, Cancer, T.B., and Polio; American Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and White Cane.

Most business places are cooperating practically 100% and indications show that employers and employees are more than willing to give their "fair-share" to the United Fund Drive.

Dr. Robert L. Holt, president of the Madison County United Fund, expressed his appreciation for the splendid work being accomplished by the various chairmen and urged them to continue their efforts.

J. S. HOWELL SEEKING POST OF SOLICITOR

James S. Howell, Asheville attorney and one-time (1942-46) solicitor, last week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for solicitor of the 19th (Buncombe and Madison counties) district.

While Solicitor Robert S. South has made no public announcement, it is generally assumed in political circles that he will seek another four-year term.

Howell long has practiced law and acted as solicitor of Buncombe and Madison counties in the past.