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Con. Basil L. Whitener Opposes Pay Television

Statement of Basil L. Whitener, member of Congress, 11th District, North Carolina, to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the United States House of Representatives with reference to Pay-Television Broadcasts.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

In connection with the hearings which you are currently conducting to determine the advisability of authorizing closed circuit transmission of television broadcasts I would like to express my opposition to the proposal.

It is my considered opinion that a departure from our present system of handling the television transmission of intelligence and entertainment is not in the public interest. The proposed pay-television method would place an undue financial burden upon the masses of the people of this Nation and would leave them with the alternative of either suffering deprivation of the pleasures and values of television or paying money for that service which they cannot afford to do.

I do not believe that it is consistent with the best interests of our economic, cultural, or social life to authorize a system which would have the effect which I visualize that pay-television would have upon the life of the people of America.

BARBERSHOP QUARTETS IN ASHEVILLE SAT.

1958 International Mid-Winter convention of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., presents an all-star show of the world's finest barbershop quartets at the Asheville City Auditorium Saturday, February 1, at 8:00 p. m.

The 1958 Champion and Medalist include: "Lads of Enchantment," Albuquerque, N. M.; "The Playtonics," Tenack, N. J.; "Four Pitchers," Springfield, Mo.; "Home Town Quarter," Lodi, N. J.; "Chickasaws," Memphis Tennessee; and "Land of the Sky Chorus."

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Allen Duckett at Bowman-Rector Funeral Home here.

Whitehurst Scholarship Fund Aids Students At MHC

Mars Hill — As the second semester of the 1957-58 school year began this week at Mars Hill College, six students could thank the board of directors of the Citizens Bank of Marshall for helping them meet the cost of going to college.

The six are holders of scholarships from the Arthur W. Whitehurst Memorial Scholarship Fund. They are Lucille Ponder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ponder of Route 1, Mars Hill; Shirley Wilds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry Wilds of Route 3, Marshall; Marion Ingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ingle of Route 2, Marshall; Tony Ponder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ponder of Route 1, Mars Hill; Marshall Peek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Peek of Route 3, Marshall; and Harold Garry Wilds, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Alan Wilds of Route 2, Marshall.

The board of directors of the bank voted to set aside the help young men and women of Mars Hill County attend college. They also set aside \$200 annually for the same number of years. In the future the board will continue this practice.

Against Pay TV



Congressman Whitener

MHC SPRING TERM STARTED ON WEDNESDAY

First semester examinations, which began Monday, January 20 for the students at Mars Hill College, ended Saturday. Registration for the spring term was held Monday and Tuesday, and classes began again at 8 a. m., Wednesday.

Approximately 50 new students enrolled for the second semester, Registrar Robert Chapman said. The enrollment for the first term totalled 3,110, including 1,962 full-time students and 48 special students taking non-credit courses.

Founders' Day To Be Observed By Marshall PTA

It was announced here this week by Mrs. Earl Robinson, president of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association that their next meeting would be held Tuesday, February 4, in the school cafeteria.

A special Founders' Day program will be presented and all past presidents will be honored at a tea.

"We urge everyone to attend this special meeting," Mrs. Robinson stated.

perpetuates the memory of the late Arthur W. Whitehurst, who was executive secretary of the bank and a trustee of the college.

When the directors voted to set aside the initial \$500, the fund was to be used to lend money to students to help them meet college expenses; however, in 1955 the money was converted into a scholarship fund from which grants are given to worthy students. The grants usually total \$100 per year, divided \$50 for each semester. Most of the students receiving the scholarships live at home, and the \$100 goes a long way toward meeting the \$250 yearly costs for general fees and literary tuition at the college.

Since the money contributed by the bank was converted from a loan fund to a scholarship fund, two dozen Madison County youths have benefited from it, including the six named above.

Any student who is a native of Madison County and is interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 1958-59 school year may write to Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college. Those to receive scholarships will be selected by the faculty scholarship committee on the basis of merit and financial ability to receive the same.

CIVIL COURT TO BEGIN NEXT MONDAY, FEB. 3

It was announced here this week that the regular term of Civil Court will be held next week, starting Monday, February 3.

The Honorable Francis O. Clarkson, judge, will be presiding.

Mrs. Atkinson Is New Case Worker With Co. Welfare Dept.

Mrs. Helen Abernathy Atkinson, wife of William E. Atkinson, of Asheville, has accepted a position as Case Work Assistant with the Madison County Department of Public Welfare and assumed her duties here Tuesday.

Mrs. Atkinson, who is a native of Reidsville, is a graduate of Meredith College where she received her BA degree in English and History. She also attended Queens College, Greensboro College and did graduate work at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. For the past two years she was a member of the Wentworth High School faculty. Prior to that she served two years as county and assistant district supervisor of recreation and nursery schools under WPA.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have a daughter, Burwell, and a son, Ned and are members of the Grace Presbyterian Church.

CONSERVATION THROUGH THE SOIL BANK

Madison County is now authorized to take requests from farmers to participate in the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve Program. Noville Hawkins, chairman of the county ASC Committee, in discussing the Soil Bank Program, stressed the fact that conservation work carried out in the County through the Soil Bank Conservation Program is intended only to supplement the good work of the Agricultural Conservation Program which has done much for this state in the past 22 years. The two programs, although somewhat similar, are not competing programs by any means, he says. The goal of the ACP is to encourage farmers to carry out additional conservation that they would not otherwise carry out entirely at their own expense. The Conservation Reserve Program has three goals: To store up productivity in the land as a "Bank Deposit" for the future, to reduce production of crops for harvest and to improve the economic condition of the Nation's farmers.

According to Hawkins, any farm land regularly used in the production of crops including tame hay, may be included in the Soil Bank's Conservation Reserve. Land which is not eligible under the program includes "Non-crop Pasture," land that is already designated in the Acreage Reserve, and land owned by the Federal Government.

When an approved practice is carried out on land placed in the Conservation Reserve, a farmer will receive a payment which may represent up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing the practice. He will also receive an annual payment of \$10 an acre for every acre placed in the Reserve each year during the contract period. To qualify for payment the farmer must reduce the average acreage of crops harvested on his farm during the past two years by the number of acres he places in the Reserve.

Mr. Hawkins urged farmers to remember that there is a definite closing date for signing up under the program and that additional detailed information on the program as it affects the individual farm may be obtained from the local ASC county office.

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSN. HAS GOOD YEAR

Wade Huey Named To The Board Of Directors Last Friday

The Asheville Production Credit Association lent \$1,430,000 to 985 members during 1957. Alton L. Ward, executive secretary-treasurer, reported at the annual stockholders meeting Friday in the Courthouse at Asheville.

The association experienced one of its best years since its organization in 1934, Ward told the stockholders.

A farmer-owned cooperative, the association operates in 14 Western North Carolina counties and makes short and intermediate term loans to farmers.

All officers were reelected as follows: H. L. Nettles, president; Charles W. Davis of Brevard, vice president; and Ward.

Wade Huey of Marshall was named a new member of the board of directors from Madison County, replacing Wiley M. Roberts, who has retired. The group is under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration.

TATUM'S TEAM TO PLAY TONIGHT IN ASHEVILLE

Goose Tatum and Big Bill Spivey, two of the greatest basketball players ever to take the court, will play in City Auditorium Thursday night (Jan. 30) at 8:00 o'clock when Tatum and his Harlem Stars meet Spivey's New York Olympians.

Tatum is an elongated Negro who has an 84-inch reach, one of the widest in basketball. He began gaining his fame 19 years ago when he joined and became the star of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Four years ago, Tatum quit the Trotters and formed his own all-Negro club. One of the attractions he will bring to Asheville is Boyd Buie, a one-armed star.

Tatum claims to have played 5,000 basketball games during his career. He says he has averaged about 35 points a game.

Spivey gained his basketball fame with Coach Adolph Rupp's Kentucky University Wildcats several years ago. Standing 7 feet tall, Spivey has little trouble making baskets and setting up plays for his teammates.

His Olympians are an aggregation of white former college and university stars.

Spivey's New York Olympians are making this year's tour of the U.S.A. with Tatum and the Harlem Stars.

The Asheville game will be their only appearance in the Western North Carolina area.

All seats are reserved and advance tickets are on sale at Teague's Soda Shop on Patton Avenue in downtown Asheville.

HOT SPRINGS FORESTER IS TRANSFERRED

Owen T. Jamison, Forest Ranger at Hot Springs, has been transferred to a similar post in Croatan Forest at New Bern, according to Hugh E. Redding, supervisor of N. C. National Forests.

A successor has not been named to succeed Jamison, who is a retired forester.

Redding also announced the transfer of Charles H. Smith, Forest Ranger, and of Robert L. Smith, Forest Ranger, to Hot Springs.

COUNTY AGENT RECOMMENDS SOIL TESTS

Will following soil test recommendations give maximum yield? Madison County Agent says that many farmers fell if they follow soil test recommendations they will make the maximum yield possible. However, to get maximum yields all growth factors such as plant food, water, temperature, weed control and stand must be at optimum levels. To make sure that all of these growth factors were optimum would cost the farmer a great deal of money. Maximum yields, therefore, are not necessarily the yields which give the greatest economical return to the farmer.

Farmers then should be interested in the maximum profit possible rather than in maximum yields, according to Harry G. Silver, the county agent. This requires good sound management on the part of the farmer. Soil test recommendations are based on average conditions of rainfall, stand and other growth factors. Following soil test recommendations will give the farmer who practices good management a good return for every dollar spent for fertilizer. Getting a soil test, therefore, is just another step in good sound management.

Soil sampling information and supplies are available from county agent's office and also from Vocational Agriculture teachers, the SCS, and ASC.

LIONS TO HAVE LADIES' NIGHT FEBRUARY 10

Annual Occasion Will Be Held At Bailey's Cafeteria

The Marshall Lions Club held its regular meeting Monday night at the Rock Cafe with 17 members and one visitor present. Several important matters were discussed including a brief report by Lion W. B. Zink, Zone 4 Chairman, who attended the meeting at Robbinsville last Sunday.

It was decided to observe Ladies' Night on Monday evening, February 10. The occasion this year will be held at Bailey's Cafeteria at Westgate beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Lion Howard Barnwell is program chairman. It was also decided to invite the members and wives of the Hot Springs Lions Club to attend.

Lion President R. G. Franklin presided at the meeting.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL TO BE HERE FEB. 7

It was announced here this week that an official of the Social Security office would be at the courthouse here on Friday, February 7, at ten o'clock.

He will assist anyone wishing information concerning Social Security.

AUTOMOBILES AND ECONOMY

The business recession, currently in progress, may lead to make when they think about economy and driving. There are already several indications that automobile manufacturers are aware of the possible trend in this direction.

Automobile manufacturers have made a number of changes in their products to make them more economical to drive.

Harris Gets Life Term For Slaying Wife, Friend

Seeks Re-Nomination



Robert S. Swain

SWAIN SEEKS RENOMINATION AS SOLICITOR

Robert S. Swain of Asheville has announced his candidacy for renomination as solicitor of the 19th Judicial District (Madison and Buncombe counties) in the May 31 Democratic primary.

Swain was elected to the post in 1954 after serving three years as U. S. Commissioner in Asheville.

A former president of the Buncombe County Young Democratic Club, Swain was educated in Asheville public schools and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina. He was an Air Corps fighter pilot in World War II.

Swain resides at 600 Kimberly Ave. He is the son of Mrs. Mozelle S. Swain of Asheville and the late J. Ed Swain, clerk of Superior Court for many years.

Also announcing for nomination as solicitor in the Democratic primary was S. Thomas Walton Jr., Asheville attorney.

James S. Howell of Asheville entered the race last week.

A native of Charlotte, Walton has practiced law in Asheville since 1952. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School.

Walton is state commander of the American Veterans of World War II and Korea (Amvets) and is a member of the N. C. Veterans Commission.

A bachelor is a chap who has found nobody who likes him as well as he does.

Aiken, S. C. — A surprise plea of guilty resulted in a life sentence Thursday for James Henry Harris, 43, confessed strangler of his wife and another woman.

"This type of man should not be allowed to remain in society," said Judge J. Woodrow Lewis in passing sentence.

He said he would recommend that Harris never be paroled.

There was no explanation for Harris' sudden decision to plead guilty. Last week he demanded trial after turning down an offer by the state to enter a guilty plea.

The bodies of his wife, Ruth, a native of Madison County, N. C., and her friend, Edna English of Weaverville, N. C., were found last July 26 in a shallow grave near the Warrenville home of Harris.

Harris, a mill worker, gave no reply when Judge Lewis asked if he had anything to say after sentence was passed. He left the courtroom gripping a Bible and displaying no emotion.

Prosecution testimony hinged on the findings of a handwriting expert from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. He testified that a note Harris claimed his wife had written was actually penned by Harris himself.

The note told of Mrs. Harris' intention to visit relatives of Miss English in Weaverville.

The state claimed Harris wrote the note in an effort to explain the disappearance of the two women.

Charlie R. Norton Named Asst. Ranger At Hot Springs

Charlie R. Norton was recently transferred to the position of Assistant Ranger on the French Broad District of the Pisgah National Forest at Hot Springs, announces District Ranger Owen Jamison. Before his transfer he was with the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at Asheville.

Norton is a 1957 graduate of the School of Forestry at N. C. State College and is a native of Highlands.

H. D. County Council To Hold Meeting Saturday, Feb. 1

The Home Demonstration County Council will hold a very important meeting Saturday, February 1, at 10:30 a. m., in the French Broad Electric Membership Building. Mrs. Dorothy Shupe, president of the County Council, urges all members to attend.

\$130,885.43 In Savings Bonds Bought In County During 1957

BURLINGTON DECLARES DIVIDENDS

New York, N. Y., Jan. 28 — The Board of Directors of Burlington Industries, today declared a quarterly dividend of 26 cents per share of Common stock payable March 1, 1958 to stockholders of record at the close of business February 4, 1958.

Also declared were quarterly dividends of 2.5% per share of the Corporation's 2 1/2% Preferred stock, \$1.00 per share on the 17% Preferred stock, \$1.00 per share on the 4.00% Preferred stock, and \$1.25 per share on the 5.00% Preferred stock.

The calendar year of 1957 ended with sale of Series E and H Savings Bonds increasing and redemptions decreasing, it was announced today by C. I. Rindall Jr., Volunteer Chairman for Madison County.

In North Carolina, total sales for 1957 were \$46,861,004 which was 86 per cent of the state's annual quota. Final state figures show 1957 as being behind 1956 sales by 9 per cent. This decrease was brought about primarily by a decline in the sale of large denomination bonds. With a more favorable interest rate and improved market conditions, the year ending with 1958 should be a record year for the state.

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