



## Walnut Girls, Marshall Boys Win County Cage Titles

### Ball, Ponder, Wallin Are Submitted By Larkins For County Board Of Elections

Fred Holcombe Is Expected To Be Candidate For House

Democratic State Chairman John D. Larkins submitted the names of Marvin Ball, Levi Ponder and Emory Wallin to the State Board of Elections for appointment to the Madison County Board of Elections Saturday.

The state board will meet before March 21, probably this week, in Raleigh to name the boards for Madison and the other 99 counties. Under state law, the state board is required to pick the two Democratic members from the three recommended by Chairman Larkins.

Larkins' decision means that the election machinery for the May 31 primary and Nov. 4 general election in Madison County will be controlled by the faction headed by Sheriff E. Y. Ponder and his brother, Zeno Ponder. The other faction, led by County Chairman Glenn Reems and County School Supt. William W. Peek, had backed N. B. Blankenship, Auburn Wyatt and C. T. Sprinkle for the board of elections. Ball and Blankenship are the Democratic members of the retiring board.

The two factions, at breaking points for several months, brought their differences out into the open at a meeting of the county executive committee last month. The meeting called for the purpose of recommending members for the board of elections, broke up into two separate sessions. The Ponder faction took their case before Judge J. Frank Huskins in injunction proceedings. Larkins emphasized that in submitting the Ponder-backed recommendations to the state board, he was governed by Judge Huskins' decision upholding the contentions of the Ponder group.

As a result of the Ponder faction's victory, Fred H. Holcombe is expected to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for the state House of Representatives with the full blessings of this group. He served in the 1955 House.

A. E. Leake, who represented Madison in the 1957 House, has advised friends that he will not run again.

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### TROPHIES ARE PRESENTED MHS PLAYERS TUES.

Champions Of Football And Basketball Are Loudly Applauded

Two beautiful trophies were presented the Marshall football and basketball players and coaches Tuesday morning by Principal Bernard S. Brigman following the fashion show in the auditorium.

The large, shiny football trophy signifies that Marshall High School's Red Tornadoes are the Skyline A Conference champions for the past season. Mr. Brigman handed the trophy to Captains Bruce Baldwin, Pender McElroy and Wayne Clark.

The other trophy was for the Madison County Basketball Champions of 1958. This trophy was presented to co-captains Johnny Corbett and Bruce Baldwin.

Loud applause greeted the players as each presentation was made.

The Marshall girls' basketball squad was then asked to stand in the front of the auditorium where they were recognized and applauded by the audience.

### LIBRARY WEEK TO BE OBSERVED ON MARCH 16-22

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Statement By Governor Luther H. Hodges North Carolina and the Nation will observe National Library Week March 16-22.

This observance is sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Book Committee, Inc. Purpose of National Library Week is to arouse the people's interest in reading so that we will have a better read, better informed State and Nation.

For the first time all media—newspapers, magazines, radio and television—will unite to dramatize (Continued on Page Four)

### FINANCE, SITES COMMITTEES MET ON MONDAY

The Finance and Sites Committees of the Marshall Industrial Council met in the REA Building here Monday night and gave reports on the progress being made in the Marshall area.

Mr. S. C. Rodisill, chairman of the Finance group, commended the Marshall businessmen on their cooperation in contributing money so that plans could go forward in encouraging industry to this area.

E. C. Teague, chairman of the Sites Committee, heard reports from members who are investigating several proposed industrial sites.

The entire Council will meet Thursday night, April 3, at the REA Building.

### GLEN ALPINE, MARS HILL ARE SKYLINE CHAMPS

The Glen Alpine boys and Mars Hill girls were declared Skyline A Conference basketball champions at a meeting Monday night at The Sports Mart in Asheville.

Glen Alpine finished the season with a 6-2 conference record, trailed by Mars Hill and Marshall, each 6-4. The Mars Hill girls were unbeaten in 10 conference games. Glen Alpine was runner-up with a 7-0-1 mark.

In compiling their record, Mars Hill girls defeated Clyde, Bakersville, Hot Springs, and Walnut twice during regular season play. The girls have been rated as high as second place in the time ratings for Western North Carolina. Even though defeated in the county tournament for the first time since 1949, the girls are proud of their 18-2 record for regular season play.

With the complete starting lineup returning with the exception of the star guard and all-tourney Joy Lou Hensley, the girls are looking forward to another year. Returning next year will be Jo Whitt, Brenda Ponder and Barbara Metcalf, all-tournament selections; Louella Ponder and Gladys Ponder, who played outstanding ball all year.

### Ammonium Nitrate Suggested For County Pastures

The winter of 1957-58 has been one of the most severe winters of recent years. Farmers throughout Madison County will find it necessary to turn their livestock on pastures sooner than in previous years.

"A good investment at this time would be to apply from 100 to 150 pounds of ammonium nitrate per acre on some of the earliest grass pastures so that the pastures may come out sooner and furnish more forage for our livestock," Harry G. Silver, farm agent, said.

"The Madison County Soil Conservation and Land Use Association has on hand at this time 45 tons of TVA ammonium nitrate which can be purchased by any farmer for \$3.85 per hundred. Any farmer interested in purchasing ammonium nitrate contact the county agents," Mr. Silver concluded.

### Woody Injured In Auto Accident

John Woody, 18, of Hot Springs, N.C., received emergency treatment at an Asheville hospital for a leg injury sustained in a car accident here Monday night.

### '58 SOIL BANK CONSERVATION PROGRAM OPEN

Ample funds are still available to Tar Heel farmers under ASC's Soil Bank Conservation Program. H. D. Godfrey, State Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, said today that even though funds are running mighty close under the Acreage Reserve part of the Soil Bank, the Conservation Reserve is still in full swing.

Godfrey expressed concern over the fact that farmers in this State don't seem to be participating in this Conservation Program as they should. He reports that (Continued on Page Six)

### HIGHWAY PLANS ARE MADE FOR THIS COUNTY

Priorities for a \$17,000,000 highway program to meet Western North Carolina's major road problems have been approved by the State Highway Commission.

The program will answer critical needs in the mountain country and fill vital requests submitted to the SHC since last July, when the state's revamped highway set-up became effective.

The WNC program is part of a comprehensive state-wide undertaking approved by the Commission at its March meeting last week in Raleigh designed to provide a comprehensive plan for development of highways that will serve the entire state.

Construction of the program under first and second priority ratings will take place over the next three to five years, subject to availability of funds and approval of the United States Bureau of Roads.

Aiming broadly at opening Western North Carolina in a manner not undertaken since the primary road program of the 1920s, the state will set in motion steps for new routes to Tennessee north from Asheville through Madison County, along the general route of U. S. 19-23 toward Erwin and Johnson City and over an improved and relocated U. S. 25-70 routing toward Knoxville.

Other priorities established for projects in WNC by the Commission include: Relocation of N. C. 212 from White Rock to the Tennessee line. (Continued on Page Six)

### Eastern Stars Elect Officers Here Mon.; Mrs. Huey Honored

Mrs. Elizabeth Stines Roberts, wife of William Roberts, of Marshall, was elected worthy matron of the Marshall Eastern Star Chapter at a regular meeting held Monday night in the Masonic Temple here.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Roberts were F. Ray Frisby, worthy patron; Miss Al-Jones Waldrop, associate matron; Wade Huey, associate patron; Mrs. Nadyne M. Worley, secretary; Mrs. Willie W. Story, treasurer; Miss Luellen Waldrop, conductress; and Mrs. Ella Metcalf, associate conductress.

The ten appointive officers selected to serve for the coming year will be announced at the next meeting.

During the meeting a program was presented honoring Mrs. Louisa B. Huey, who is serving in the Star Point Adm. this year, a position which is being recognized by all subordinate chapters in North Carolina. A gift was an early member of the chapter.

### ALL-TOURNEY TEAMS PICKED SATURDAY NIGHT

Johnston, Cahagan Selected As Most Outstanding In Tournament Play

Walnut was the big winner in the Madison County basketball tournament which ended here last Saturday night.

The Walnut girls captured their divisional crown by trimming Mars Hill, 53-45. They placed three girls on the all-tourney team and then had forward Ellen Johnston selected as the most outstanding girl in the tournament.

Marshall's boys downed Walnut boys, 67-46, for the title but Walnut's Ben Cahagan was selected as the division's top performer. In addition the team put three players on the all-stars. The champs had two on the stars.

The all-star squads and other award winners are as follows: Boys all-tourney — Ben Cahagan (Continued on Last Page)

### MHC CHOIR TO BE IN ASHEVILLE SUNDAY NIGHT

The Mars Hill College Choir, directed by Rufus Norris, will present a concert of sacred music at Calvary Baptist Church in Asheville during the regular worship hour Sunday night.

The program will mark the second trip the choir has made this semester. Last Sunday night the 48-voice choral group presented a similar musical service at the First Baptist Church in Elizabethton, Tenn. On March 22 the group will depart on its seventh annual concert tour, traveling through Virginia to Washington, D. C., and Silver Springs, Maryland.

After the concert tour the choir is scheduled to give programs in Hickory, at the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Medical Society in Asheville and in the Mars Hill Baptist Church during the college's commencement season.

Dr. Robert L. Holt, vice president of the college, serves as business manager of the choir and Rayford Sowell, a second-year organ major from Lynchburg, Va., is rehearsal accompanist and soloist.

Edith Shepherd of Mars Hill is the only Madison County student in the choir.

### FARMERS URGED TO CONSERVE "RESERVE" LAND

North Carolina farm land, which has been placed in the 1958 Acreage Reserve Program, presents an excellent opportunity for conservation advancement under ASC's Agricultural Conservation Program, according to H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee.

From the date the sign-up opened through the 7th of February there were 296,808 acres placed in this state's Soil Bank Acreage Reserve. The Soil Bank Program requires that there be no harvest or grazing from this "reserved" acreage. In fact, according to Godfrey, the program would permit farmers to leave the acreage idle during the period of the contract, only requiring the farmer to prevent erosion on the field and prevent the spread of noxious weeds from the field.

Acreage designated in the Reserve, however, does not have to remain idle. Farmers may establish (Continued on Page Six)

### Mars Hill Girls, Walnut Boys Defeated In Finals Saturday

### IMPRESSIVE INSTALLATION AT WALNUT SUN.

Blue Installed As Director Of Larger Parish By Presbytery

The Rev. George Robertson Blue, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Madison County Larger Parish, which contains the Walnut, Hot Springs and White Rock Presbyterian Churches, was installed as Director of the Larger Parish in impressive services at the Walnut Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

The services were under the direction of the Holston Presbytery. The beautiful sanctuary with its dark green and white interior and soft lighting added to the solemnity of the occasion as members of the three churches and guests sat in quiet awe as the service progressed.

Following the opening congregational hymn, "O God, Our Help In Ages Past," the Rev. August Vanden Bosche, pastor of the Salem Presbyterian Church, gave the call to worship and pronounced the invocation. Following the Scripture reading, Mr. Bosche led the congregation in prayer, after which the congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation." The Rev. Warren Koeve, pastor of the Burnsville Presbytery (Continued on Page Six)

### Emmett S. Sams Awarded Merit Fellowship

Emmett S. Sams, popular mathematics instructor at Mars Hill College, has been awarded a merit fellowship to Cornell University for the 1958 summer session by Shell Companies Foundation. The fellowship, announced in a letter from the coordinator of the Foundation, Phillip G. Johnson, will provide full tuition and fees, a travel allowance, maintenance (Continued on Page Four)

### Producers Of Cattle To Vote On Assessment Saturday

### BAND BANQUET HELD TUESDAY AT MARS HILL

The annual Marshall-Mars Hill Band Banquet was held in Coyte Bridges Dining Hall, Mars Hill College, Tuesday evening.

Members of the two bands were seated at beautifully-decorated tables and the meal was enjoyed by candlelight. Miss Thora Belle Worley acted as mistress of ceremonies. Virgil Smith gave the invocation and Olin Jarrett read a poem and pronounced the benediction.

Special music was rendered by Joe Purcell and his Rhythm Group. Cecil Albano delighted the group with "rock 'n' roll numbers on the piano. Officers of the bands were Marshall: Thora Belle Worley, Virgil Smith, Sandra Clark, Roberts Reeves and Olin Jarrett; Mars Hill: Betty Edwards, Jennie Lee Roberts, Ruth Ann Carter and David Wood. (Continued on Page Six)

### Tournament Is One Of Most Exciting In County's History

The high-scoring Walnut set proved too strong for the Mars Hill girls, defending champions, as they rolled to an impressive 53-45 victory in the finals of the Madison County basketball tournament at the Marshall gym Saturday night. The Walnut girls moved through the double-elimination tournament undefeated. In winning the title, the Walnut team defeated Marshall, 64-62 in an overtime period on Friday night of the first week after drawing a bye in the opening round. In the quarter-finals Thursday night, Walnut eked out a close 66-62 win behind the expert shooting of Ellen Johnston, who racked up 36 points. Jo Whitt, of Mars Hill, with 38 points, led the losers.

In the final game Saturday night, Martha McDevitt, Ellen Johnston and Betty Johnson, with the expert play of the Walnut guards, dethroned Mars Hill, 53-45, in a game that kept the spectators on edge throughout. The game was so viciously played that spills were frequent with minor injuries being sustained by some of the players. Barbara Metcalf, Mars Hill guard, suffered a slash above her right eye in a mix-up. Again, Ellen Johnston was high scorer for the winners with 27 points. Martha McDevitt looped in 14 points with Brenda Ponder scoring 12. Brenda Ponder (Continued on Last Page)

### NATURE AND THE MONTH OF MARCH

March is an interesting month from Nature's standpoint. First, Nature brings us spring this year on the evening of March 20, a little earlier than usual. Also on that day we see a new moon, which can be observed at 3:50 in the morning of the 20th.

After the cold weather we have been experiencing, the arrival of spring will be welcomed by many. (Continued on Page Four)

### Wednesday Afternoon Closing Schedule Is Announced Here

### Merchants Elect Officers: Holland Named President

The Marshall Merchants Association met Tuesday night at the City Hall here with Kelly Davis, president, presiding.

Members decided to start closing their places of business on Wednesday afternoons from April 16 to December 3. This schedule is a little later than in previous years but it will continue later in the Winter months more than in the past.

Officers were also elected for the Association to serve for the next year.

They are as follows: President, W. F. Holland; vice president, Dean Ebeling; secretary-treasurer, J. Frank Fisher. The board of directors includes (Continued on Page Six)

### Heads Merchants



W. F. Holland