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Madison Contempt Hearing Postponed Until March 29

Members Charged With Violation Of Court Injunction

Contempt proceedings against three Madison County men, growing out of an election board controversy, will be heard before Superior Court Judge J. Frank Huskins March 29. The hearing, originally scheduled for Saturday, was continued on agreement.

In these proceedings, Election Board Members N. B. Blankenship and Wm. V. Farmer are charged with violating a court injunction in abolishing seven Madison County voting precincts. Democratic County Chairman Glenn Reems is a defendant because he ruled at a meeting of the county executive committee that the election board had abolished the seven precincts and precinct chairmen from these precinct were not eligible to vote. Blankenship and Farmer contend they abolished the precincts at a meeting prior to issuance of the injunction.

Two weeks ago, Judge Huskins ruled that the board acted illegally in abolishing the seven precincts. As a result of the court order in that hearing, the Ponder faction's slate of nominees for the county elections board—Marvin Ball, Levi Ponder and Emory Wallin—were submitted by State Democratic Chairman John Larkins to the State Board of Elections.

Several Roads Are Improved In County Corkill Reveals

Division Engineer William M. Corkill today reported on work completed in Madison County in the Thirteenth Highway Division during the month of February.

State forces completed 0.9 mile of grading, draining, and surfacing with Traffic Bound Macadam on Rector Branch in Madison County. State forces also completed 0.4 mile of grading, draining, and surface with Traffic Bound Macadam on Doe Branch in the same county. Both jobs, a total of 1.3 miles, involved widening to 12 feet. Both are a part of the Secondary System.

In addition to Corkill, the engineering staff of the Thirteenth Highway Division, with headquarters located in Asheville, includes J. T. Knight, the Assistant Division Engineer. Roger Franklin is District Engineer for Burke, McDowell and Rutherford counties, and B. S. Connelly is District Engineer for Madison, Buncombe, Mitchell and Yancey counties. G. E. Basterville is Road Oil Supervisor.

Marshall Book Club Met Monday With Mrs. Corbett

Mrs. John Corbett Jr., was hostess to the Marshall Book Club Monday, March 17. Program for the evening was an entertaining review of Jean Kerr's amusing book, "Don't Eat The Daisies," given by Mrs. R. R. Ramsey.

An article concerning National Library Week was read by Mrs. Overton Gregory. Everyone is urged to "Wake Up and Read."

Mrs. Clyde Roberts commented briefly on books named on the best-seller list.

"The Life and Legend of St. Patrick" was given by Mrs. Agnes M. Stuart.

A social hour followed during which delicious refreshments in the St. Patrick motif were served.

Those present were Mrs. W. T. McKinney, Mrs. J. W. Ramsey, Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Mrs. J. L. McElroy, Mrs. Wiley Roberts, Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Mrs. Overton Gregory, Mrs. Agnes M. Stuart, and Mrs. Paul Dinwiddie. Also present were two guests, Mrs. John Corbett Sr., and Mrs. A. W. Whitehurst.

CIVIL COURT TO BEGIN HERE MON.

It was announced this week that the term of Civil Court will begin here next Monday. Judge Francis O. Clarkson will preside.

8th Grade Girls, Boys Win Grammar Grade Cage Titles

Mrs. D. D. Gross' eighth grade girls and Mr. Dwight McDevitt's eighth grade boys won the Marshall School grammar grade basketball championships last Friday afternoon in the gymnasium here before a large crowd, mostly composed of students.

The Gross sextet defeated Mr. McDevitt's eighth grade girls, 10 to 1. Patsy Frisby led the scoring for the winners.

The McDevitt quint defeated Mrs. Huffman's 8th grade boys, 11 to 5.

The winning girls were coached by Judy Perg and Dora Lee Edwards, and the winning boys were coached by Virgil Smith.

Unique trophies were presented Mrs. Gross and Mr. McDevitt at the conclusion of the tournament.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY COURSES TO BEGIN SOON

Beginning March 24 through the 28, there will be a group Sunday School Study Course at Gabriel's Creek Baptist Church, on March 31 through April 4 at Enon Baptist Church; on April 7 through 11, at Upper Laurel and Chapel Hill Baptist Churches. Each will start at 7:30 p. m. There will be a class for all ages from the oldest to the youngest. Special courses will be offered for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

All churches in the Association are urged to attend the group study course which is the most convenient and nearest to you.

Emma Ruth Edwards To Take Training In Pennsylvania

Emma Ruth Edwards, student nurse at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, left Monday by Capital Airlines for Torrance, Penn., where she will study Psychiatric nursing for three months, as part of her nurse's training. She will return to Asheville June 16.

Miss Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Edwards Sr., of Marshall, is a graduate of Marshall High School and attended Berea College, Berea, Ky. She has been in training for two years. She will graduate in August, 1959.

Tobacco Farmers Show More Interest In Soil Bank Program

Basic Requirements Are Listed; Interest In Other Areas

Operators of Burley tobacco farms within the county have shown considerable more interest in the 1958 tobacco reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program than they did for 1957 according to Ralph Ramsey, county ASC office manager. As of the closing date for signing tobacco agreements (March 7) 72 tobacco producers had signed documents indicating their desire to place 46,76 acres in the Reserve Program as compared to the 31 agreements under last year's Program. Payments under the 1957 Tobacco Reserve for Madison amounted to \$1,925.09. On the farm inspections and measurements of the designated reserve are now being made and should all acreage and agreements be acceptable by the County Committee, the 72 participating producers will be compensated in the amount of \$15,078.20 if they comply with all terms in their agreements. Ramsey said main objectives of the Reserve Program was to reduce production of the six basic commodities by making cash payments to producers for underplanting their allotted acres so as to reduce surpluses. He also said that reports indicated that the interest in the Tobacco Reserve in other areas of the State and Belt were greater than last year's and that the underplanted resulting from this year's Program should aid

Hubert Edwards Jr. Leaving For Army Reserve Training

Hubert Edwards Jr., of Marshall, will leave for Fort Leonardwood, Mo., Friday, where he will take his Army training in the Army Reserves for six months.

Mr. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Edwards Sr., of Marshall, is a graduate of WCC, Cullowhee, and took advanced work at the University of Michigan. He has been teaching science and driver training for the last year at Ortonville, Mich. He was also coach of football and basketball.

Funds Made Available For County Road Improvements

Baley Represents President At Parker Funeral

Washington—President Eisenhower Tuesday asked James M. Baley Jr., of Asheville, N. C., to represent him and Attorney General Rogers at the funeral of Judge John J. Parker, which was held in Charlotte, N. C., Wednesday.

Parker was chief judge of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Baley is U. S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Hot Springs Junior Class To Present Play On Friday

The junior class of Hot Springs High School will give a three-act play, "Pride And Prejudice," Friday, March 21, in the school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. The plot of the comedy is an aristocratic mother trying to get her five daughters married. In her attempt to do so, she meets with many conflicts, including the resigned humor of her husband.

The cast is composed of the following: Margaret Reeves, Tommy Davis, Charlotte Moore, Mattie Ray Lawson, Susie Holt, Linda Ramsey, Connie Sue Ramsey, Charles Poyter, Roy Lee Moore, Betty Lee Lamb, Douglas Gregory, Johnny Norton, Jeannette Lawson, Jimmy Moore.

Other students of the class will serve as ushers. The play is directed and sponsored by Mrs. Reeves Denins Church.

Hayes Run HD Club Met Thursday With Mrs. Joe Ramsey

The Hayes Run home demonstration club held its March meeting Thursday in the home of Mrs. Joe Ramsey.

Mrs. Ebb Crowe had charge of the devotional period.

Mrs. Ralph Hogan, president, presided during the business session. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read by Mrs. Fred Kent, secretary.

Mrs. Janie Ramsey, home agent, gave a demonstration on picture framing. Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mrs. Guy Rice, Mrs. Ebb Crowe, Mrs. Fred Kent, Mrs. Ralph Hogan, Mrs. Bryan Wallin, Mrs. Earl Wise and Mrs. Janie Ramsey.

GIVE The United Way

Federation Stockholders Meeting Is Set

The annual general meeting of all Farmers Federation stockholders will be held on March 22 at the Buncombe County Courthouse in Asheville, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

James McClure Clarke, Farmers Federation president, will conduct the meeting and the election of 17 directors who have been nominated for two-year terms at each of the county meetings held from February 21st through March 18th.

A special feature of the meeting will be a 4-H Club farm cooperative demonstration put on by two 4-H Club members from Transylvania County, Charles Taylor and Floyd McCall.

Draft Board To Be Closed From March 25 To 31

It was announced here this week that the local Draft Board office will be closed from 12:00 o'clock Tuesday, March 25 until Monday, March 31.

County ACP Benefits For 1957 Are Cited By Novile Hawkins

Post Office To Be Closed Wednesday Afternoons

It was announced here by F. Ray Frisby, Postmaster, that the Marshall Post Office will start closing on Wednesday afternoons, April 16. The post office will close on all Wednesday afternoons from April 16 until December 3, it was stated.

White Rock Presbyterians Schedule Made

There was a large number in the congregation at the morning service in the White Rock Presbyterian Church, which was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George Robertson Blue. During Sunday School it was announced that future services in the church will be held at 9:30 a. m., instead of 9:00 a. m. A few have indicated their desire to unite with the church. Any others who may wish to do so are asked to contact the pastor, Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.

Commissioners To Aid Secondary Road Plans

Marshall Baptist Church Schedule To Change Sunday

Beginning Sunday, March 23, the evening services at the Marshall Baptist Church will return to the spring and summer schedule. The Training Union will begin at 6:30 o'clock and the Evening Worship will start at 7:30 o'clock.

The Wednesday evening prayer meetings will continue at 7:30 o'clock.

Accepts Position

Dr. Joe Russell of Canton, has accepted the position as pharmacist at the Roberts Pharmacy here. He assumed his duties this week.

\$257,963 Is Allocated To Madison County, W. F. Babcock Reveals

Funds made available by the State Highway Commission for the improvement and paving of secondary roads during the 1957-59 biennium have been allocated to each of the State's 100 counties, according to Highway Director W. F. Babcock.

Under the Secondary Road Fund Allocation approved by the State Highway Commission at its March 3 meeting in Raleigh, \$87,000,000 has been made available during the current biennium for maintenance and improvements on country roads.

The Commission earmarked \$60,000,000 for maintenance on the State's 58,000-mile secondary road network and allotted an additional \$27,000,000 for improvement to country roads and bridges.

Babcock explained that the allocations to the various counties for road improvements were made on the basis of the relative need of each county as compared to the total secondary road miles of the State. Maintenance funds were allocated to Highway Divisions for distribution among the counties of each Division on the basis of traffic volumes, soil types and weather conditions.

Improvements funds available for the 1957-58 year total \$9,122,989. \$2,000,000 of this amount was made available by the 1957 General Assembly from existing surplus. \$6,297,989 will be available from State Betterment Funds and the remaining \$825,000 comes from Federal-Aid Secondary Funds.

Allocation of the 1957-58 funds will be made available for improvements to secondary roads during the approaching construction season. Babcock explained that the Federal-Aid Secondary Funds for this fiscal year are relatively small since practically all such funds were committed prior to July 1, 1957. Allocation of these funds at this time has not delayed secondary road improvement work since construction crews normally work several months behind the allocation of funds.

Availabilities for the 1958-59 fiscal year total \$16,000,000. \$8,000,000 is available from Federal-Aid Secondary funds granted to the State on a 50-50 matching basis by the Federal Government, \$6,000,000 from General Betterment Funds, and the \$2,000,000 Special Betterment Fund for secondary roads approved by the 1957 General Assembly.

Highway Director W. F. Babcock said in his letter to County Boards of Commissioners that county officials would be given the opportunity of completely reviewing the secondary road plans for their county prior to the adoption of the county plan on October 1. County Boards may make written recommendations concerning any changes they feel might be desirable in the county plan submitted by Division Engineers of the Highway Commission.

Babcock stressed the value of such recommendations on the part of locally elected officials who are in close contact with the people of each county. The Highway Director pointed out that the Department of Secondary Roads and his office would give every consideration to the recommendations of the various County Boards. (Continued on Last Page)



The Touring Choir of Mars Hill College will depart early Saturday morning on a week-long concert tour. The 48-voice, choral group, directed by Rufus Norris, will sing at high schools and churches in Richmond, Charlottesville, Arlington, Clifton Forge and Roanoke, Va.; Silver Springs, Md., and Washington, D. C. Traveling by chartered bus, the students will be accompanied by Norris, Vice President Robert L. Holt, who serves as business manager, and the accompanist.