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Marshall Promotion Council To Meet Here Tuesday Night

Date Changed From April 3rd To Avoid Conflicts

The Marshall Industrial Promotion Council will meet next Tuesday, April 1, instead of April 3. The change in date was made so as not to conflict with the community communion service which will be held Thursday night at the Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Council are expected to eat at the Rock Cafe at 7:00 o'clock prior to the meeting which will be held in the REA Building after the meal.

Reports concerning developments of the council will be heard and all members and other interested citizens are asked to attend the meeting Tuesday night.

"Please bear in mind that the meeting will be held next Tuesday instead of Thursday," John Corbett, president of the council, stated this week.

\$779 Million In Gold Bought By U. S. In 1957

Washington — The Treasury Department reported Sunday that the United States bought \$779,800,000 worth of gold from foreign governments and international institutions in 1957.

This country sold gold worth \$8,200,000 in the same period, making the net inflow \$771,600,000. Gold is valued at \$35 an ounce.

The largest gold purchase — 599 million dollars — were made from the International Monetary Fund.

Countries from which the largest amount of gold was purchased during the year were Argentina, \$75,400,000; Spain, \$31,500,000; the Netherlands, 25 million dollars; and the Philippines, \$21,900,000.

County To Be Represented At Industrial Meet

Madison County is expected to be well represented at the Western North Carolina regional industrial development conference to be held Friday, April 4, at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Hosts for the conference will be the City of Asheville and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Cooperating will be the Department of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry division.

Governor Hodges will speak at the 1 o'clock luncheon closing the conference, which begins at 10 a. m., following registration of those attending at 9:30 a. m.

Leo H. Harvey of Kinston, vice chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry committee, will make the introduction to the conference following the welcome address by Fleming Talbot, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

New Vacation Book Just Off The Press

Containing 62 pictures in full color, the 1958 North Carolina "Variety Vacationland" vacation book is off the press and available free on request to the State Travel Bureau, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The new book is divided into three sections, with attractions of the Piedmont central part of the State and the Mountains and Coast grouped for convenience in reading. A new feature is introduced in the form of a picture index. Instead of the usual textual table of contents, 1958 "Variety Vacationland" shows a map of the State with page numbers indicating location of places illustrated.

If all concerns were as generous as the Hot Springs plant, the Madison County United Appeal drive would be highly successful.

It has been announced that 78 out of 79 employees have pledged an average of \$12.00 each for United Appeal this year.

More than one-third of the total pledges throughout the county have been paid and all persons who have pledged are urged to "keep up" their payments.

Heads Bar Association



Joseph Huff

Huff Is Elected Head Of County Bar Association

At a recent meeting of the Madison County Bar Association, Joseph W. Huff was elected president of the group.

Clyde M. Roberts was elected vice president and Charles C. Mashburn, secretary-treasurer.

FFA JUDGING TEAMS COMPETE IN ASHEVILLE

Blue Ridge Federation FFA teams will compete Friday to determine the federation representative at the State FFA Land Judging meet at Sanford April 12.

Madison, Buncombe and Yancey County schools comprise the federation. Entrants must be vocational agriculture students who are members of the Future Farmers of America.

Judging is based on kind of soil on a field, drainage, slope, erosion, and how fast the soil can absorb water. From these factors the land capability class of the field is determined. The boys then determine the best use for the field and what conservation practices to adopt to keep the land as productive as possible.

The federation winner competes in the state meet for the privilege of representing North Carolina in the International Meet at Oklahoma City. This team is awarded \$750.00 for expenses for the trip. The second place team in the state receives \$100.00 expenses to the state FFA camp.

The top team of four members in each of the six vocational agricultural districts in North Carolina receives \$50 for expenses to the state FFA camp. All district and state winners also receive a plaque for the chapter as does the second place team in each district. Prizes are also awarded the first and second individual high scores in the state.

The land judging program is co-sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Co.

HOT SPRINGS PLANT GIVES TO COUNTY UA

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Earl Robinson, president, will preside.

Mr. John Corbett, program chairman, announced that the Rhythm Band, under the direction of Mrs. Maco Wallin, will present a concert.

All members are urged to attend.

DAV OFFICIALS TO BE HERE SAT. TO ASSIST VETS

Four members of the Disabled American Veterans of Asheville and the State Department will be in Marshall Saturday, March 29, at nine o'clock to assist veterans with claims and pensions and to secure memberships for the DAV.

The officials will be at the Builders Supply Company until Saturday afternoon, it was explained.

"All disabled veterans of Madison County who wish advice on any phase of this work are urged to see one of the representatives here Saturday," Don West, Commander of the Madison County DAV, stated.

TREES, GRASS NOW LEAD IN CONSERVATION

Trees and grass practices, available to Tar Heel farmers under the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve Program, make up about 35 per cent of all conservation work that has been signed for this year.

Tilman R. Walker, Chairman of the ASC State Committee, says that these practices will be carried out according to the same specifications as are required on these practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

For the farmer to qualify for payment in the Conservation Reserve Program for 1958 he must remain in compliance with all requirements for eligibility for 1958. According to Walker, these requirements are (1) he must not have exceeded any acreage allotments established for his farm; (2) he must sign up by April 15; (Continued on Last Page)

PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS ARE SCHEDULED IN CO.

A pre-school clinic will be held at the Spring Creek school Tuesday, April 1, at 9:00 o'clock, it has been announced by the Madison County Health Department.

Also on April 3 there will be one held at the Hot Springs school at 9:00 o'clock.

These clinics are being held for all children who will be entering school this fall, it was stated.

ZONE MEETING HELD BY LIONS HERE MONDAY

Progress reports on blind aid and prevention of blindness projects on the community and county levels were reviewed at the spring quarterly meeting of Zone Four, Lions Clubs, Monday at 7:30 p. m., in the Rock Cafe.

Club presidents, secretaries and other representatives attended from these seven clubs: Candler, Erwin District, Hot Springs, Marshall, Weaverville, Woodfin, and West Asheville.

W. B. Zink, of Marshall, zone chairman, presided.

Spring Holidays To Begin At Mars Hill College Friday

Spring holidays will begin for the students and faculty of Mars Hill College at the close of classes on Friday and will extend through Monday, April 7. Easter Sunday comes during the holidays.

It is expected that in general funds will be available to take care of all farmers who indicated that they would take part in the program if it was enlarged.

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ADDITIONAL SOIL BANK FUNDS LIKELY

The chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee, No. 5 Hawkins, reports that most farmers who wanted to take part in the 1958 Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank, but could not file signed agreements because of fund limitations, will apparently be able to sign up at the county office in the near future.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have approved a supplemental appropriation of 250 million dollars to provide for additional Acreage Reserve participation. This will bring the total to 750 million dollars for the 1958 program. Because agreement on some detailed program provisions must still be reached in House-Senate conference, Congressional action on the supplemental appropriation is not yet complete. As soon as final action is taken, the County Committee will get the "go ahead" for completing the sign up. Preliminary steps have been taken by the State ASC Committee to prepare the way for immediate action when the supplemental funds are authorized.

In addition to farmers who have already filed signed agreements, which were in general covered by the initial appropriation for the Acreage Reserve, other eligible farmers will be in position to take part in the enlarged program. These will include those whose names are on "waiting list" registers at the county office, and possibly others where there is evidence that they made an attempt to participate during the sign up period.

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Democrats Announce For County Offices



D. D. Gross

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR CIVITAN CLUB

Rev. D. D. Gross To Head Group; Mrs. Bell Speaks Tuesday

The Marshall Civitan Club held its regular luncheon meeting at the Presbyterian Church here Tuesday with J. Frank Fisher, president, presiding.

Mrs. Florence Bell, of the Madison County Health Department, was guest speaker. She spoke of some of the needs for the Health Center which will soon be built on the former County Home property. She was introduced by Mr. Fisher.

Also guests at the meeting were two members of the A&P Company, of Charlotte, and Judge Francis O. Clarkson, of Charlotte, who is presiding at court here. Judge Clarkson spoke briefly, paying tribute to Madison County and the future of Western North Carolina.

The nominating committee then read the slate of officers for the ensuing year who will be installed in April. Following the reading of the report, the following officers were unanimously elected:

President, D. D. Gross; vice president, Jim Story; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Holland; chaplain, L. Richard Mellin.

The following members were named to the board of directors: Dean Shields, chairman; Joseph Huff, Dr. Lee Knight, Reeves Fisher and Dr. W. A. Sams.

20 members were present at the meeting.

Promise To Represent The Interest Of All People

The following candidates have announced for Madison County offices, subject to the will of the voters as expressed in the Democratic Primary on May 31, 1958:

For Representative, Troy Ramsey; For Sheriff, Swan Huff; For Tax Collector, John R. Howell; For Clerk of the Superior Court, Judson Edwards; For Commissioners, C. T. Sprinkle and Nat Blankenship.

Their official announcements are published in an advertisement on Page Eight.

Plans To Be Made For Clean-Up Week At Meeting Monday

Representatives of the various civic clubs, Health Department, town officials and others are asked to be at the City Hall here on Monday afternoon at two o'clock to make definite plans for a Clean-up, Paint-up Week to be held in Marshall soon.

The Marshall Garden Club is spearheading the event and needs the cooperation of everyone in making Marshall a prettier and healthier place to reside.

MARS HILL BOYS, MARSHALL GIRLS CAPTURE TITLES

Marshall's girls and the Mars Hill boys romped off with championships in the Mars Hill basketball tournament for 9th graders which came to a close at Mars Hill Saturday night.

Judy Pegg and Crowe accounted for 10 points each in leading the Marshall girls to a 37-24 victory over Mars Hill. Jeanette Burleson and Shirley Metcalf had seven each for the losers.

The Mars Hill boys turned in a superb second half to blast Bakersville 52-35, after being held to a 22-22 deadlock at the intermission. Doyle Wheeler accounted for 23 points for the triumphant forces while Bob Levin, had 15 for the losers.

KING TO VISIT RUSSIA

Katmandu, Nepal — Official announcement has been made that King Mahendra of Nepal has accepted an invitation to visit the Soviet Union. The date of his trip will be set later.

N. C. Protests Get Results: Parkway Toll Plan Revoked

PRE-EASTER SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Pre-Easter services will be held at the Marshall Baptist Church next week on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The Wednesday service will feature a review of the events in the last week of the life of Jesus, leading to His crucifixion.

On Thursday evening the Community Candlelight Communion Service will be observed at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock.

The Friday evening service will review the seven statements of Jesus from the cross, at the Baptist Church.

Each of these services will begin at 7:30 p. m. The church welcomes all who desire to attend.

COMMUNITY COMMUNION HERE THURSDAY

Service Will Be Held At Presbyterian Church At 7:30

A community candlelight communion service will be held in the Presbyterian Church here Thursday evening, April 3, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Following participation of the elements there will be a period of darkness for the conversation in the Garden, it was explained.

The Rev. L. Richard Mellin and the Rev. D. D. Gross will administer the sacraments, assisted by the elders and deacons of the two churches.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the candlelight service.

Secretary Of Interior Fred Seaton Says Plans Won't Be Revived

Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton tolled the death knell for Blue Ridge Parkway tolls Wednesday.

He said plans to collect fees on the Parkway have been abandoned and promised they won't be revived again.

Announcing his decision at a Senate Appropriation Subcommittee hearing, Seaton expressed the hope his decision finally disposes of the controversial toll idea, which has cropped up at intervals since 1940.

Seaton said that as far as he is concerned his action Wednesday ends the question of tolls once and for all.

He said he could not find a successor but that if the plan is revived again it will have to be taken out of a "freeze."

Seaton said North Carolina protests had convinced him it would be unwise to collect tolls for use of the 477-mile-long scenic highway.

He announced his decision under questioning by Sen. Ervin (D-N.C.). Ervin is not a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee but was permitted by chairman Hayden (D-Ariz.) to question Seaton.

Protests against imposition of the tolls were carried to Seaton last week by a large North Carolina delegation including Gov. Hodges and the Tar Heel Congressional delegation.

Some members of the delegation suggested they would make a court fight of the toll question if necessary.

Seaton said he would formulate his ideas on abandoning the tolls.

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Richard E. Huff Named Manager Of Timber Loans

Richard E. Huff, of Mars Hill, has been appointed manager of timber loans, a new position, in the farm mortgage department of The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

He had previously been reviewing forest appraisals.

Mr. Huff, a forestry graduate of North Carolina State College, was in the lumber business and served as appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., before joining The Equitable in 1952.

ACP Still Open On Spring Practices Ramsey Asserts

Some farmers who have not made written request at the ASC office for Federal cost-sharing on needed spring conservation practices on their farms have acquired the idea that because they failed to file their request during the initial sign up period that it is too late to file. According to ASC office manager Ralph Ramsey, such impressions are incorrect in that cost-sharing on approved soil and water conservation practices which are to be performed this spring is yet available to all non-participating farmers.

Practices on which ACP cost-sharing may be secured if needed are: (1) Establishment of a vegetative cover for pasture or hay on which no cost-sharing has been made since 1954; (2) Liming of farmland now in a sod or farmland on which a vegetative cover will be established in 1958 or 1959; (3) Planting of trees; (4) Improving of forest; (5) Tilt drainage; (6) Contour strip-cropping; and (7) Farm ponds.

Ramsey said that as of to date, 1050 farmers had filed requests and secured approvals for cost-sharing on spring practices which represented a 10 per cent increase over the number participating in last year's program for the same period of time. He also said that the County Agricultural Conservation Program was a partnership between the Government and the farmers in which Government funds were used as an incentive to help farmers perform practices that they would not perform on their own initiative.

In conclusion, farmers with any of the above listed conservation problems were urged to contact the local ASC office at Marshall for complete details on the program.