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## One Dead, One Injured Last Friday Following Line Fence Argument

**Bill Burris Killed By Shot;  
Woodrow Norton, Jack  
Smith Are Involved**

One man was shot to death Friday in an argument over a line fence and his alleged assailant was wounded by the companion of both men with the death weapon, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported.

Bill Burris, 44, of Marshall RFD 5, was slain about noon by a pistol bullet in the jaw as he sat in his car on the Long Branch Road near the home of Woodrow Norton, 41, accused of the killing.

The sheriff said Norton, with a bullet near his heart, was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital at Asheville. His condition is improved and he is expected to be released from the hospital in a few days.

The sheriff said the third man, Jack Smith, 35, of the same section as the other men, surrendered voluntarily at the jail here about a half hour after the shootings, reporting that he shot Norton after Norton shot Burris.

Ponder said Norton was charged with murder, and Smith with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Smith is now out on a \$2500 bond, it was stated.

The sheriff said Norton was hit in the left arm pit by one bullet after it struck his finger and that it entered his chest. Another bullet, he said, hit Norton in the right arm near the shoulder and passed through.

The sheriff quoted a witness, Arthur Tweed, 66, one of Norton's neighbors.

## DEMOCRATS HAVE LARGE GAIN IN MADISON COUNTY

**Ball States That County  
Now Has 12,842  
Qualified Voters**

Marvin Ball, chairman of the Madison County Board of elections, stated this week that Democrats had shown a large increase since May 3, 1958 with a total of 961 re-registering from Republican to Democrat. Only 15 Democrats have re-registered as Republicans since May 3, Mr. Ball said.

He also said that 493 Democrats and 55 Republicans had become of voting age or moved into this county since the 1956 general election.

"There are now 12,842 qualified voters in Madison County with 8,138 registered as Democrats and 4,704 registered as Republicans," Mr. Ball concluded.

## WALNUT ALUMNI BANQUET TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The 11th annual Walnut High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria. Dress for the occasion will be in formal, and a special program honoring two favorite teachers of the school will be given. In addition, there will be music and entertainment, and, of course, a delicious meal.

Officers of the Association are Mrs. Earl Robinson, president; Miss Odessa Henderson, 1st vice president; Millard Tipton, 2nd vice president; Miss Emma Thomas, secretary; and Donald Stines, treasurer.

The program, which was announced last week, will be held at the school cafeteria.

## SAFETY CHECK LANE HERE IS SUCCESSFUL

Bruce Murray, Madison County coordinator, announced that the safety check lane which was in operation four days last week on Mashburn Hill was highly successful with the response "the best in the county's history."

It was pointed out that all cars which were inspected were local vehicles with no out-of-state cars inspected.

The total number of cars inspected was 553.

"I wish to thank all the cooperating firms and individuals for assisting in this worthwhile project. I also wish to thank each owner who had his or her car inspected," Mr. Murray said.

State Patrolman C. H. Long also announced that "Safe-Driving Week" was also highly successful with no accidents reported by local car owners.

## Four Firms To Start Closing Saturday Afternoons

It was announced this week that four Marshall firms — P. R. Elam Farm Supply Co., Coal Feed & Lumber Co., Teague Milling Co., and Builders Supply Co. — will begin closing each Saturday afternoon beginning June 7. It was stated that the four firms would remain open on Wednesday afternoons.

## United Fund Disburses With 50% Of Pledges; Checks Sent

**Directors And Officers Met  
Thursday Afternoon;  
Fine Response**

Herschel Sprinkle, chairman of the Board of Directors, and J. Frank Fisher, treasurer, Madison County United Fund, announced this week that 50% of the total pledges for the 1958 United Fund had been divided and checks sent to the various agencies which were set up in the UF budget.

A meeting of directors and officers was held last Thursday afternoon in Marshall when it was decided to disburse the portion of the monies.

The following agencies received the following amounts with the remainder of the disbursements to be made later in the year:

Polio Fund to Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville, \$1000; Salvation Army, \$750; Boy Scouts, (Continued on Last Page)

## ELECTION SAT. CREATES LITTLE INTEREST HERE

The May 31 Democratic Primary election in this county has created little interest since there are no contests for county offices. The only countywide contest is that of solicitor, of this district. The race is between Robert S. Swain, present solicitor; S. Thomas Walton and James S. Howell.

Township 10 has a contest for constable between Andrew Chandler and Isaac Gunter, both Democrats.

There will be no returns posted on a blackboard Saturday night due to only one contest, it was announced by The News-Record.

Election officials, however, are asked to rush in the results of the solicitor's race as soon as possible so returns can be phoned to daily newspapers.

## FIREMEN TO MEET TWICE MONTHLY HERE

Members of the Marshall Fire Department met Tuesday night at the City Hall here where plans were made for regular meetings of the department. It was decided that the firemen would hold regular drills every first and third Tuesday night with fire chief Allen Duckett in charge. The drills will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Plans were also made to have the department represented at the quarterly meeting of the WNC Firemen's Association which will be held at Valdese on Wednesday, June 11.

Also discussed were the urgent need for hydrants on back street and other needs in Marshall and vicinity.

14 members of the department were present.

## COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR MHS ANNOUNCED

Bernard S. Brigman, principal at Marshall High School, announced the following commencement schedule this week:

Friday, May 30, 8 p. m., Senior Play.

Sunday, June 1, 8 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church.

Monday, June 2, 8 p. m., Dance Recital under direction of Mr. Fletcher.

Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 p. m., Eighth Grade Graduation.

Friday, June 6, 8 p. m., High School Graduation.

## Search Fails To Yield Trace Of Two Missing Madison County Boys

## This Edition Salutes 1958 Graduating Classes In County

## MARSHALL MAN SENTENCED HERE IN ATTACK CASE

**Shelton-Jones Murder Case  
Continued; Price  
Sentenced**

Jim Patrick, 38-year-old Marshall resident, on trial in Madison Superior Court here on a charge of attempted rape, interrupted the trial here Wednesday to plead guilty to a charge of assault on female. He had been charged with the attempted rape on his 17-year-old half-niece.

Judge Francis O. Clarkson sentenced Patrick to 12 to 18 months suspended upon payment of \$300 fine and court costs.

Patrick's case was the last jury trial of the term.

The case of Clarence Shelton Buncombe County farmer charged with murder in the been slaying of Samuel D. Jones, was continued to the July term. Jones, also of Buncombe County died of head injuries received when slugged with a bar of filled beer caps in the Marshall section May 1.

Burleson Price of the Spring Creek section was found guilty of a charge of burning an unoccupied dwelling and was sentenced to from five to 10 years in State Prison.

Richard Hall and Richard Green, charged with larceny of chain saw, placed on probation.

Several minor cases and divorces were disposed of during the term.

This issue of The News-Record salutes the Madison County Graduates of 1958.

Throughout this issue can be found messages of congratulations to the '58 Graduates from various business firms in Marshall.

Due to the unusual rush during this week, it has been impossible to contact all business firms in Marshall or to contact business firms in Mars Hill and Hot Springs.

The entire personnel of The News-Record joins the other advertisers in extending our heartfelt congratulations to the Graduates. We feel sure, also, that others would have had messages had they been contacted.

## COMMERCIAL CATTLE FIELD DAY JUNE 6

According to Harry G. Silver county agent, a Commercial Cattlemen's Field Day will be held at the Caroland Angus Farm on Friday, June 6, beginning at 10 a. m. The Caroland Angus Farm is located at Tryon on the North Carolina-South Carolina border. The program outlined for this field day is one of the most outstanding ever to be scheduled in this part of the country.

Mr. Charles Coddling, a rancher from Foraker, Oklahoma, who produces grade Hereford cattle and has built quite a reputation with his production testing program.

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## Babe Ruth, Little League Baseball Planned In County

**To Start Play On June 10;  
Season's Schedule Is  
Announced**

A Babe Ruth League, composed of boys from 9-12 and a Little League, composed of boys from 12-15, have been organized in Madison County, it was announced this week.

At a meeting held on May 19, Everette Boone, of Marshall, was elected Commissioner of the Leagues.

Towns committed to field teams are Marshall, Walnut, Mars Hill and Hot Springs.

Although there are many problems yet to be worked out, a tentative plan was made for Achievement Day later this year.

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## H. D. COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS HERE ON MONDAY

**Mrs. Burnette Is President;  
Mrs. Shelton Gives  
Report**

The Madison County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met Monday afternoon in the REA Building here with Mrs. George Shupe, president, presiding.

Tentative plans were made for Achievement Day later this year.

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## RED CROSS AIDS DURING SEARCH; OTHERS HELP

**Red Cross Serves 25 Dinners  
Wednesday; Fire  
Dept. Helps**

The American Red Cross, always quick to be of assistance during emergencies, set up a canteen service north of Redmon Wednesday while searchers combed the river for the bodies of the two boys thought to be drowned.

In addition to serving coffee, sandwiches and soft drinks during most of the day, the Red Cross also served approximately 25 dinners to rescue workers.

Also aiding in the search for the bodies are the Madison County Sheriff's Department, a rescue squad from the Enka Fire Department, the Marshall Fire Department and the State Wildlife Commission.

Special praise should be given the efforts of Mrs. C. D. Bowman, Mrs. Allen Duckett, Mrs. Reeves Fisher and Mrs. Fowler Shelton, Red Cross volunteers of Marshall, who carried heavy containers of food to the scene so that rescuers could be fed.

The search is continuing today, officials stated.

It was requested that all persons not actually assisting in the search stay away from the scene so as not to hamper the men who are working voluntarily.

## SWIMMING POOL TO OPEN FRIDAY

It was announced this week that the swimming pool at the Marshall Recreation Park would officially open tomorrow (Friday) at 1 p. m. Greenwood Edney will serve as life guard.

The skating rink which was opened last week has been a popular place with hundreds of skaters enjoying the new addition to the park.

Rex Cohn is manager of the park.

## Petersburg Defeats Hot Springs For Loop Lead; Marshall Loses!

**Banks To Close  
This Friday For  
Memorial Day**

It has been announced that the Citizens Bank in Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs, and the Bank of French Broad of Marshall and Weaverville will be closed this Friday (May 30) in observance of Memorial Day.

**Jimmy Johnson Shuts out  
Locals; Petersburg  
Wins, 10-9**

Petersburg handed Hot Springs a 10-9 loss on the Mars Hill College diamond last Saturday to gain undisputed lead in the Madison County league. Jimmy Johnson handcuffed the locals, 5-0. Laurel was idle last Saturday.

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SEARCHERS COMBED the French Broad River north of Marshall through the day Tuesday without finding the two Madison County boys reported missing from their homes since Monday evening. The youths are Pink Freeman, 12, and Hawley Frizzelle, 16.



Left photo, the Enka motor boat was carried about a half a mile by hand by a search site. Right, searchers dragged the cain pool at right, among other sections of the river.

—Our courtesy Asheville Times photo