



## Discount TVA Ammonium Nitrate Available To Farmers

The TVA through their Test Demonstration Program is making available TVA Ammonium Nitrate to farmers in Madison County at a discount price to be used as follows, stated Harry G. Silver, county agent:

1. On small grains and annual grasses planted for fall and winter grazing 100-150 lbs. per acre when established, and another application of 100-150 lbs. for February and March if desirable.
2. On straight seedlings of grass or on pasture or meadow land where the legume is disappearing, 200 lbs. around February and/or 200 lbs. about the first of August.

This material will be available to Madison County farmers by filling in a Certificate of Eligibility through the ASC office in Marshall and presenting this certificate to Teague Milling Company who is handling the material for the Madison County Soil Conservation and Land Use Association at the prices given below:

July — \$3.65 per 100  
August — \$3.70 per hundred  
September — \$3.75 per 100  
October — \$3.80 per 100.

Farmers desiring this material for any of the above practices may obtain it at their earliest convenience and store the material until the suggested time of application. Madison County farmers who have used this material in the past have stated in general that they received excellent results and good returns on their investment.

## Frank C. Johnston Kills Rattlesnake 35 Inches in Length

Frank C. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, of Walnut, is becoming one of the finest rattlesnake killers in Madison County. He has killed a total of five to date and expects to kill more if and when he finds them.

His latest experience happened on Pondera Mountain on July 8 while he was picking cherries. He spotted the huge reptile and calmly picked up a stick and with deadly aim, struck the snake a fatal blow. When he measured the snake, it was 35 inches long and had 15 rattlers and a button.

It was back in May, 1953 that he brought a rattlesnake to Marshall which he had killed. The snake was 3 feet, 4 inches long and contained a whole rabbit inside it.

"I don't like snakes and they're finding it out the hard way," Frank told this newspaper.

## Accepts Position With Clerk of Court

Miss Mary Poole, daughter of Mrs. Charles W. Poole and the late Mr. Poole, has accepted the position as deputy clerk of court on a temporary basis.

Miss Poole succeeds Mrs. Arthur Norton who resigned due to her health.

Miss Poole began her duties this month.

## Russian Sputnik Is Clearly Seen Here Tuesday Night

The Russian Sputnik which passed over this area of the United States Tuesday night was clearly visible in Marshall at 8:17 o'clock.

More than 30 members of the Marshall Baptist Church, enjoyed a picnic on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Davis, were thrilled to see the Sputnik fly through the sky and quickly go out of sight in about 10-15 seconds.

It resembled a shooting star, but appeared larger. Striking sparks as it went out, then it glowed, then faded, then disappeared. It was hovering momentarily in sight.

## SWIMMING NOW BEING TAUGHT AT POOL HERE

All Ages Are Acceptable; 45-Minute Periods Given Daily

Two-week swimming lessons are now being taught at the Marshall swimming pool, it was announced this week by Greenwood Edney, instructor. Edney stated that all ages are eligible to sign up for instructions at \$5.00 per course. He explained that the course was two weeks in endurance with 45-minute periods held daily beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Assisting with the instructions are Misses Allison Cohn and Paula Roberts.

"If you wish to learn to swim, contact me at the pool, sign up, and begin the course immediately," Mr. Edney said.

## TREAT PASTURE LIKE A CROP

Much of the land in Madison County is too steep for row crop cultivation. This land makes excellent pasture. In the past our farmers have thought of pasture as an area that could be improved very little. More and more farmers are beginning to consider pasture like any other type of crop, stated Printess W. England, assistant county agent, this week.

Very careful pains are taken with burley tobacco, for example. In too many cases our pastures are not considered of much value. In order to realize the best return from every acre of our land our attitudes must be changed toward pastures.

Mr. Coy Morgan of the White Oak community has built up the fertility of his pasture land to such a degree that he is able to keep a dairy cow to the acre over the grazing season. The gross value of this pasture per acre in 1957 was \$172.59. This resulted in a net value per acre in 1957 of \$164.78. In 1958 the value of the pasture on Mr. Morgan's farm will run even higher. The figure of \$204.27 is the gross value of the pasture per acre in 1958. Taking the cost of maintaining this pasture of \$7.77, it will give a net value per acre in 1958 of \$196.50. This is an outstanding achievement in view of the fact that in 1950 most of the farm on which Mr. Morgan dairies was at a very low level of fertility.

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY LIONS MONDAY

Earl Robinson Is President; Shull Installs Slate At Cafe Here

New officers of the Marshall Lions Club were installed at the bi-monthly dinner meeting Monday night in the Rock Cafe here. They included: Earl Robinson, president; J. Frank Fisher, first vice president; H. E. Bollinger, second vice president; L. A. Zimmerman, third vice president; Dean Shields, secretary-treasurer.

Also Bernard Brigman, assistant secretary-treasurer; Roy Reeves, tail twister; Olin Coleman, assistant tail twister; W. W. Peek, Lion Tamer; Vernon Ransom, Howard Barnwell, W. B. Zink and O. A. Gregory, members of board of directors.

Installation ceremonies were conducted by F. E. Shull of Canton, District 31-A Governor.

Gov. Shull also presented the club with a certificate of membership to the North Carolina Eye Bank.

Shull reported about the International Convention he recently attended in Chicago and also instructed members to teach Lionism to the men who wished to join and strive for quality rather than quantity. He pointed out three necessary objectives for a successful club, namely Vision, Faith and Courage.

This was Gov. Shull's official visit to the club. Lion Henry Ramsey accompanied Lion Shull here.

Shull was introduced by Lion W. B. Zink, deputy governor of 31-A.

## ALFALFA PRODUCTION INCREASING

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, alfalfa acreage has been increasing at a tremendously rapid rate in Madison County. This increase proves the adaptability of alfalfa to Madison County farming conditions. It proves that farmers who have tried alfalfa in Madison County have found it to be a desirable feed crop for their livestock. The late freezing weather and heavy rains during the spring prevented many farmers from seeding alfalfa. Most farmers who have seeded alfalfa during the early part of August in the past have experienced a greater success of establishing alfalfa and have found that by proper fertilizing this crop, it would not be necessary to re-establish as soon as is necessary with the spring seeding. Farmers who were not able to seed alfalfa in the spring will have an excellent chance to prepare their soil, lime and fertilize, according to soil test recommendation, and seed their alfalfa between the 1st and 5th of August.

A shallow, firm seed bed gives best results on alfalfa seeded. This means that land which was plowed during the spring and seeded to small grain may be prepared for alfalfa seeding by a good disking operation followed by smoothing the soil and allowing this seed bed to settle and then loosening the surface by a shallow operation of a drag or section harrow. Farmers who have not used their ASC assistance are urged to check with the ASC office for assistance in seeding alfalfa during the early part of August.

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## Attention Taxpayers

William T. Moore, tax collector, stated this week that anyone paying his 1957 tax during July would save advertising cost and penalties.

Delinquent taxes for 1957 will be advertised in August, he explained.

An advertisement regarding this can be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Shelton To Be Tried Next Week For Beer-Can Murder Of Jones

### FORMER MARS HILL MAN HAS MANY DUTIES

Ben Hugh Clarke Is Now Administrator Of N. C. Sanatorium System

Over 2,700 persons will be admitted to North Carolina's four tuberculosis hospitals this year. And a 42-year-old mountaineer who now makes his home in Chapel Hill will tell you that they'll receive the best in treatment and care in their fight to regain solid health.

This man is Ben H. Clarke, easy-going, pipe-smoking administrator of the North Carolina Sanatorium System.

Mr. Clarke has been head of the Sanatorium System since 1953. He moved into his present position after serving as business manager at Western North Carolina Sanatorium, Black Mountain.

Mr. Clarke maintains his office at the Gravelly Sanatorium, Chapel Hill. Other units in the Sanatorium System — in addition to Gravelly and Black Mountain — are Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson.

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## CRAFTSMAN'S FAIR ENDS FRI. IN ASHEVILLE

The annual Craftsman's Fair, which has been in progress in the City Auditorium in Asheville this week, will end tomorrow (Friday).

This is the only event of its kind in the nation. Included in the articles on exhibit are new forms of handmade jewelry, native WNC gem stones in hand-worked sterling silver, enamelware, new basket designs, handmade looms at work weaving, pottery wheels in action at which guests are invited to try their hands at molding clay, etc.

Included among the 250 craftsmen from the eight-state Southern Appalachian area, is Mrs. L. Richard Mellin, of Marshall, who is exhibiting her famous "Tee Clowns."

## Salvation Army Executive Now In County; Meeting Tonight

Mrs. General A. Orsborn To Speak Tonight At 7:45

Mrs. General Albert Orsborn, wife of the retired international leader of The Salvation Army was already a distinguished officer of The Salvation Army in her own right before her marriage to the organization's international leader in August, 1947. As Commissioner Mrs. Bramwell Taylor, she had served with distinction as director of Women's Social Service in Great Britain and Ireland. Before that she was on the staff of the International Training College in London, where she directed the training of women officers who go to the ends of the earth to put into practice the methods and high ideals of Army missionary service. She is well known in America. Before her appointments in the British field, she was superintendent of the Home and Hospital for unmarried mothers in Jersey City, N. J.

Immediately following her marriage in 1947, she set out with the General for a review of Salvation Army operations throughout the world. An intensive tour of duty

## MADISON MAN TAKES OWN LIFE LAST THURSDAY

Had Been In Bad Health; Funeral Held Saturday Afternoon

Charley Williams, 46, of the Spillcove section of this county, shot himself fatally at 5:30 p. m., Thursday, July 10, 1958.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated, said that Williams' mother, Mrs. Edith Williams, was in the yard of her home when she heard a shot fired and found Williams wounded in the house. He died en route to an Asheville hospital. The son, who had been in ill health for some time, lived with his mother.

Coroner Fred McDevitt stated that no inquest was necessary and that the death was attributed to self-inflicted wounds.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Little Hurricane Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lunie Metcalf officiating. Burial was in the Gahagan Cemetery.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Edith Williams of Marshall RFD 4; three sisters, Mrs. Crete Shelton, Mrs. Worley Johnson and Mrs. Bonnie Hensley of Marshall RFD 3; and six brothers, Oscar and Carl Williams of Marshall RFD 3, Dell and Marion Williams of Saluda, Grady Williams of Cleveland, Ohio, and Edgar Williams of Marion, Ohio.

Bowman Rector, Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BEST PAYING COW MAY NOT LOOK THE BEST

Printess W. England, assistant county agent stated this week that dairymen are on the move in Madison County. Our Grade A producers are constantly improving the quality and increasing the quantity of their milk. Grade C producers are working at the same job. Very little emphasis is placed by many dairymen on records. It takes records to tell you how much profit a cow will

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## Manslaughter, Hit & Run Cases Are Also On Docket

The July term of criminal court will begin here Monday morning with Judge Hugh B. Campbell presiding. Among some 61 cases to be tried will be the case of Clarence Shelton charged with murder in the death of Samuel D. Jones; Daniel Boone Nanney charged with manslaughter in the death of William Cornelius Ingle and State versus Milton McRay Suggs, Clarence LeRoy Klontz Jr., and Paul David Fowler. Fowler is charged with hit-and-run driving and serious personal injuries resulting, and Suggs and Klontz are charged with aiding and abetting in hit-and-run driving with serious personal injuries.

Clarence Shelton, 41, of Fairview, near Asheville, was charged with murder in the beer-can beating of Samuel D. Jones, 43, of Fairview, on May 1.

Jones was found dead in an auto parked near an Asheville cafe early Friday morning, May 2, after his companion had gone into the restaurant and told a woman there that they had a dead man in the car.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said Jones apparently had been slugged with full beer cans in the auto in the Shelton Laurel section on May 1 and died some time after 6 p. m. He said the investigation showed Jones, sitting in the front seat, was hit by the cans thrown by Shelton, who was in the back seat.

William Clark and James Revie, also passengers in the car, testified at a preliminary hearing before J. Hubert Davis, justice of the peace, on May 5 and told Davis that Shelton struck Jones over the head with four or five full cans of beer. The case was continued from the May term of superior court.

Daniel Boone Nanney of Elizabethton, Tenn., is charged with manslaughter in the death of William Cornelius Ingle on August 8, 1957. Ingle, 82, was struck

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## LOCAL GOLFERS IN BEAVER LAKE TOURNAMENT NOW

The following Madison County golfers are participating in the 29th Annual Beaver Lake Invitation Golf Tournament this week.

The following list also includes other men formerly of this county and well known in this section. The names and qualifying scores are as follows:

C. W. Bradburn, Brevard (79); Jerry Rice Jr., Brevard (82); Jimmy Sprinkle, Marshall (83); Fred Sams, Mars Hill (88); Don Henderson, Mars Hill (89); O. E. Anderson, Mars Hill (89); Fred Rector, Walnut (91); Ralph Neill, Mars Hill (92); Bill Peek Marshall, (97); Clyde Peek, Mars Hill (103).

## GET YOUR SOIL TESTED NOW, SAYS AGENT

Are you going to plant small grain or seed a ladina grass pasture or alfalfa this fall? If so, then you should take a soil sample of that field right now and have it tested to find out if you need to add any plant food to your soil, according to county agent Harry Silver. This is advisable because many of the soils in North Carolina are acid and before fertilizer will grow on them, the soil has to be added. These don't read your soil with a soil, as it is necessary to test it.

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## WHEAT SUPPORT RATE IN N.C. IS INCREASED

An increase of 4 cents per bushel in the support rate for 1958 crop wheat was announced today by Zeno O. Ratcliff Jr., chairman of the ASC state committee. "The increased rate effective in this state," he said, "was brought about by an increase in the wheat parity price on July 1, 1958 above the parity price when the 'minimum' rate was announced in April 1957." With this increase the final support rate for North Carolina will be \$2.03 per bushel for Grade No. 1 wheat.

Loans on wheat will be available through county ASC offices from harvest time through January 31.

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## Finer Carolina Meeting To Be Held At Hot Springs Fri.

## ALL LEAGUE GAMES RAINED OUT SATURDAY

Heavy rains throughout Madison County last Saturday caused postponement of all Madison County League baseball games. Center vs. Petersburg; Marshall vs. Laurel and Hot Springs vs. Walnut will each play double-headers when they meet again.

STANDINGS:

	Won	Lost
Hot Springs	10	1
Petersburg	7	3
Walnut	5	5
Laurel	5	6
Marshall	4	7
Center	1	5

NOTE: Petersburg and Walnut played a 2-2 tie before rain postponed game completion. Game will be completed at later date.

GAMES THIS WEEK  
Marshall vs. Petersburg at Mars Hill  
Walnut at Laurel  
Center vs. Hot Springs at Walnut

## Kickoff Meeting To Be At Hot Springs Inn; J. C. Wakefield Chairman

A kick-off meeting of the Finer Carolina Program is to be held at the Hot Springs Inn this Friday evening at 7:30. General Chairman Joseph C. Wakefield announced that two guest speakers will be present for the meeting. Mr. Ned Champion of Raleigh will represent the Carolina Power and Light Company. Mr. John Morgan of Reelfoot will represent Pacific Mills.

Mrs. Vivian Bushong of Asheville, the local representative of the Carolina Power and Light Company, will assist in outlining the newly proposed projects for the coming year. At this meeting the 1957-58 scrapbook of projects completed will be presented to Mr. Champion. Significant in the completed projects are the Community Center, the ambulance service, the beautification program, the baseball leagues and the new gymnasium. A large group is expected to attend this civic session. Refreshments will be served through the courtesy of the Carolina Power and Light Company and under the auspices of the Women's Civic Club. An

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