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Madison Teams In New Class A Pisgah Conference

W. W. Peek, Superintendent Of Madison Schools, Is New Loop President

Conference President



W. W. Peek

By RICHARD MORRIS
Citizen Sports Writer

When a conference grows too large in number it literally splits at the seams. That's exactly what has happened to the Class A Skyline Conference and as a result Western North Carolina will have a new conference in the state sports picture at the start of the 1959 football season.

The infant circuit was born on to the sports scene Monday night when the westernmost members of the Skyline circuit voted to drop from that strong small school loop and to form the new Pisgah Conference.

Main purpose behind the forming of the new conference, under consideration for some time, was to give the area one more representative in state playoffs and to cut down on travel for teams making up the loop.

Making up the new Pisgah loop are East Yancey, Cane River, Tryon, Edneyville, Clyde, Mars Hill, Marshall, Walnut, Hot Springs and Rosman. All except Rosman were members of the Skyline.

Left in the Skyline, which was formed in 1955 as an 11 school league and which grew to 17 schools late in 1958, are Glen Alpine, Drexel, NCS, Bakersville, Spruce Pine, Old Fort and Crossnore. One or two more schools are expected to be added to the loop in the next few months.

Skyline Conference officials long had felt that the loop was too big and that the area it covered was not getting enough representation in the state playoffs in view of the fact that some conferences of five or six members had equal representation in state play.

William W. Peek, superintendent of Madison County Schools, was elected president of the Pisgah Conference at the organizational meeting at Bailey's Cafeteria in Asheville Monday night. Other officers chosen were W. B. Hamilton, superintendent of Tryon City Schools, vice president; and Bill Bennett, Mars Hill, secretary-treasurer.

Making up the executive committee are Perry Plimmons of Clyde, W. B. Nesbitt of Edneyville and Glenn Painter of Cane River.

The Skyline is expected to regroup in the next few weeks. Idaho started the policy of dropping beavers from planes in isolated regions, to build dams to regulate flow of streams. Believe it or not, it works.

COUNTY EXCEEDS SAVINGS BONDS '58 SALES QUOTA

December showed the largest sales increase of any month during 1958 for United States Savings Bonds in North Carolina. Total sales for the month were over 19% higher than December 1957. Series E Bonds were up over 14%. Series H Bonds up 54%.

The cumulative sales for the year showed an increase of 3.4% over last year. Sales for the year were \$48,464,225 or 99% of the annual goal of \$49 million.

Thirty-one counties exceeded their 1958 quotas while twenty-three other counties came within a small percentage of achieving their assigned annual quota.

"We have just concluded an excellent year for the Savings Bonds Program in North Carolina and are pleased with our improved performance," said Walter P. Johnson, State Director, U. S. Savings Bonds Division. "Last year's achievements reflect great credit to the media, industries, banks, volunteers and organizations of our state which were active in the promotion of Savings Bonds sales."

Madison County sales for the year were \$181,911.16, which is 100.3 per cent of the 1958 annual quota of \$181,300.00, according to C. L. Rudisill Jr., Madison County Volunteer Chairman.

There are about 16,000 varieties of orchids — and each has a name.



Pictured above is the demolished car in which Mrs. Joe Eads, of Marshall, was critically injured last Thursday en route to Asheville. Mrs. Eads was rushed to the Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where she is recuperating. She received a broken ankle, several broken ribs, facial lacerations and other injuries. The wreck was caused when an approaching automobile attempted to pass a trailer truck over the yellow line. Mrs. Eads applied her brakes, her car skidding on wet pavement into the rig.

—Cut Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

HIGHWAY 25-70 IMPROVEMENT Tabled (EDITORIAL)

We were profoundly shocked this week when we learned that the proposed improvement of US 70 north of the present section under construction (the Marshall Bypass) had been "tabled" or set aside by the State Highway Commission.

Much money has been spent in surveying the proposed improvement between Marshall and Hot Springs and from many sources we have thought that it was a foregone conclusion that improvement on this section of highway was forthcoming in the near future. Plans were drawn, right-of-ways inspected and with the completion of the bypass, we believed that this important link would be improved.

Anyone with any sense at all could see that this highway SHOULD be improved since it is one of the main arteries in our highway system. But for some reason, the State Highway Commission in October considered this project but the three-year program of improvement on our Highway System "did not include this section of highway."

Mr. Raymond N. Stines, one of the interested citizens who operates a business on this highway wrote Governor Hodges concerning the proposed need for improvement. Governor Hodges referred his letter to Mr. Babcock, Director, who in turn referred his letter to Mr. R. J. Kimley of the Advance Planning Section.

In a letter dated January 16, 1959, Mr. Stines received the following letter from C. W. Lee, assistant director:

State of North Carolina
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

January 16, 1959

Mr. Raymond N. Stines
Route 3
Marshall, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Stines:

As you know, Governor Hodges referred your recent letter to this office in which you inquired as to the status of the proposed improvement of US 70 north of the present section under construction.

After many, many months of study of the need for improvement to our State Highway System throughout the State, the State Highway Commission in October approved for programming a three-year program of improvement on our Highway System. This section of US 25-70 was considered but the approved program did not include this section of highway.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. R. J. Kimley of our Advance Planning Section for his information and consideration in studying the future improvement needs so that the Commission, when it next considers another improvement program, may consider further the improvement of US 70 west of Marshall.

Very truly yours,
C. W. LEE
Assistant Director

Somewhat or other we cannot understand what kind of "study" was made which resulted in the decision not to approve this part of the program. Perhaps some light will be forthcoming from the State Highway Commission as to WHY this link wasn't included on the three-year plans.

In 1956, Governor Hodges, along with key Highway personnel, traveled over this certain link and Governor Hodges stated that he was "certainly in sympathy" with us concerning the need of improvement on US 25-70.

It is hoped that Mr. Kimley will quickly call to the attention of the Commission the URGENT NEED for this improvement and that the Commission will meet soon and give this matter serious consideration.

BLOOD BANK HOURS GIVEN

The Asheville Red Cross Blood Bank hours are as follows:

Mondays: 9:00-12:00 a. m.; 1:00-4:00 p. m.; 6:00-8:00 p. m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 6:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Fridays: 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Saturdays: NOT OPEN.

The above schedule is published so that those wishing to donate blood during emergencies and otherwise will know the hours in which they can give blood in Asheville.

Social Security Exhibit On Display At Bank Here

An exhibit on the Social Security disability program has been set up at the Citizens Bank in Marshall, by George F. Leinwall, Field Representative for Madison County. It will be on display for several weeks.

Publications describing in detail the disability program, as it applies to disabled workers, their dependents, and disabled children age 18 or over, are available at the Bank.

If you have any questions about disability insurance, contact George F. Leinwall, at the Court House in Marshall every Tuesday between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m.

County's Banks Show Gains; Stockholders Are Elected

Citizens Bank

Over eighty-five per cent of the outstanding stock of the Citizens Bank of Marshall was represented at the annual Stockholders' Meeting held in Marshall, at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday, of this week.

R. B. Chandler, executive vice president, reported to the stockholders that at the end of 1958 the total assets of the bank were over \$5,000,000. He reported that a record number of Madison County people were served in the past year through the Mars Hill, Hot Springs, and Marshall offices; that almost all deposits are of Madison County citizens or former residents, and that loans for the past year in the maximum amount of \$1,800,000.00 were made almost exclusively to Madison County farmers and businessmen.

He further reported that management of the bank has consistently taken the position that the bank's (Continued on Last Page)

Rain, Wind, Lightning Hit County Wed. Night

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE-APT. OF DOYLE ROGERS

Home Is Saved By Rural Fire Truck Early Sunday Night

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the garage-apartment of Doyle Rogers' Sunday night about 6:45 in sub-freezing weather.

The Marshall volunteer firemen, using the rural fire truck, were unable to save the garage but succeeded in saving the Rogers home which is a few feet from the garage.

The fire was discovered by Charles Jackson, a neighbor, who immediately notified the fire department.

Mr. Rogers said that no one occupied the apartment and that the fire could not have been the cause of wiring because the switch was cut off to the garage. The only loss in addition to the apartment and garage was some meat which had been stored there.

The cement walls and foundation were not damaged and Mr. Rogers plans to rebuild in the future. Loss by fire was estimated at about \$1,000.

In thanking the firemen for their assistance, several men present, realizing the value of the rural fire truck, stated that they planned to make donations to the new apparatus. Although the truck is usable, there are many additions which should be made so that fire fighting can be more effective in the rural areas.

ED CANDLER IS AWARDED \$60,000 BY RAILROAD

Ed Candler, of Marshall, was awarded approximately \$60,000.00 by the Southern Railway on January 9, it was revealed here this week. It was an out-of-court settlement, Mr. Candler stated.

The settlement involved an accident which occurred on May 26, 1956 when Mr. Candler, who was employed by the railroad, was accidentally knocked off a train when the train was switching near Middlesboro, Ky. Mr. Candler was a brakeman at the time and the accident resulted in the amputation of one of his legs.

Mr. Candler went to Chicago, Ill., on January 8 to collect the settlement.

Cold Due To Follow WNC Storm; Snow Flurries Today

Wind, rain and lightning dealt Western North Carolina triple blows Wednesday night.

Intense cold, possibly beginning with snow flurries, was to follow. The leading edge of a cold wave, which has staggered the Midwest and Tennessee and Kentucky, struck Madison County between 6:30 and 7 p. m., at the end of a soggy, warm day.

Wind and lightning damaged utility lines throughout the area and water rose in smaller streams.

The windstorm and heavy rain and lightning came after an unusually hot winter day. Beginning at 45 degrees early Wednesday morning, the temperature rose steadily until 5 p. m., at which time it was 61 degrees. The Weather Bureau closed at that hour but unofficial thermometers showed there was little change until around 6:30 p. m., when the mercury began to drop.

The French Broad River was (Continued to Last Page)

\$50,000.00 ACTION FILED IN ACCIDENT

A Tennessee truck driver, Paul Emerson Poore of Kingsport, filed a \$50,000 damage suit in U.S. District Court Wednesday against a young Madison County man and his father in connection with a traffic accident near Weaverville in November, 1957.

In his suit, Poore said he was driving a Mason-Dixon Lines tractor-trailer truck which collided on U. S. 19-23 at Lake Louise with a 1952 Ford driven by Jack Edward English, accompanied by his father, Carroll English.

Poore alleges that the collision occurred because English was driving on the wrong side of the highway at a high rate of speed and was intoxicated at the time. The trucker asks \$50,000.00 as compensation for what he called "serious and permanent" injuries.

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HOT SPRINGS
 Park 200

Ike Nominates Baley For New 4-Yr. Term As U. S. Attorney

James M. Baley Jr., of Asheville and formerly of Marshall, was nominated Saturday by President Eisenhower for another four-year term as United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Baley, a Republican, has held his present post since June 9, 1955.

A native of Greensboro, Baley was graduated from Asheville High School, Mars Hill College, the University of North Carolina, and the UNC Law School.

He practiced law in Marshall during the 20-year period from 1933 to 1953 except for service as a naval officer during World War II.

He has served as a member of the State Legislature from Madison County, delegate to the Republican National Convention, county attorney in Madison County, and chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party.

He is a member of the Civitan Club and the American Legion.



J. M. Baley Jr.

and past master of French Broad Lodge 292, AF & AM.

He is married to the former Diana Chastley of Asheville. They have two children, James III, and Kathy Deane.