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Madison County To Participate In Cornell Auto Injury Study

N. C. Board Of Health To Function As Medical Coordinator

How can excessive and needless injury in passenger car accidents be reduced?

Hospitals, State Highway Patrol members, physicians and public health officials in Madison, Buncombe, Transylvania and Yancey counties will help supply an answer.

For six months beginning Aug. 1, these agencies and individuals will furnish data for the North Carolina-Cornell University Automotive Crash Injury program.

Begun in North Carolina in 1954, this program has as its primary objective the study of the relationship between passenger car design and the injuries sustained by occupants.

It is estimated that thousands of American motorists may already have been saved from injury or death by the application of data obtained in North Carolina and in other participating states in recent engineering safety designs aimed at increasing passenger protection.

Participating groups include the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Board of Health, the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Hospital Association, and hospital authorities and personnel.

Physicians and highway patrol officers will collaborate by reporting on special forms the nature and extent of injuries and the precise causes of injuries sustained by the occupants of cars involved in accidents in selected sampling areas.

Functioning as medical coordinator of the program will be the North Carolina Board of Health and many of its local health officers. Completed case histories including accident reports, photographs, and medical reports will be forwarded to Cornell for analysis and statistical interpretation.

The resulting pool of medical and accident data from North Carolina and the 16 other states in this interstate Cornell program has made it possible to proceed.

County Financial Statement — Page 2

The annual financial statement of Madison County, showing receipts and expenditures is published on Page Two of this issue.

INVITED TO STATE YMW CONFERENCE

Two Madison County young people, Olin Jarrett and Pat Proffitt, have been invited to attend the State YMW Conference, at Millstone 4-H Camp near Rockingham, N. C. The Conference begins with registration on Thursday afternoon, August 6, and ends with lunch Sunday, August 9.

Olin and Pat recently received a letter from Troy Howard, State YMW president. Quoting from his letter, "We would like to invite you to share a week-end of fun, recreation, and information with our State YMW Clubs."

46 PERSONS ARE X-RAYED FRIDAY AT CHEST CLINIC

Forty-six persons were x-rayed at the bi-monthly chest x-ray clinic held at the Madison County Health Center of Friday, July 17. Of the 46 films made, 10 were follow-up films of persons who had active tuberculosis at some time but now inactive. 15 persons x-rayed were contacts of persons known to have tuberculosis; 8 persons x-rayed were expectant mothers who attend the Health Department Maternity Clinic. 11 persons x-rayed were referred by their family physicians; and 2 persons were x-rayed for follow-up of previous films.

The films were read by Dr. C. D. Thomas, Medical Director of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain. Reports of the readings were as follows: the ten former tuberculosis patients were all found to be doing well with no active disease; 27 films were reported as negative; 4 films showed evidence of non-tuberculosis pathology, and 1 film showed active tuberculosis. This person will be admitted to the W. N. C. Sanatorium for treatment at once.

The chest x-ray clinic is financed by the Madison County Tuberculosis Association as part of their case-finding program. It is held bi-monthly at the Health Center. All x-rays are made by appointment only.

IKE SUGGESTS PAYING DEBT, NOT TAX CUTS

Washington — President Eisenhower said Wednesday, with great earnestness, that before talking about tax cuts, "we should start paying off something on this big debt of ours."

He also said he hopes this session of Congress will buckle down and pass a labor regulation bill, a new farm program and a bill to finance the big federal highway program. Once again, he held no hope for a tax cut in the next 18 months.

Eisenhower laid down his stand on these and many other issues at a news conference attended by 224 reporters.

ABOUT TAXES

On taxes, the President added: "It would look to be the part of wisdom to start getting the debt down a little bit, thereby creating..."

Church Musicians Will Meet At Lake Junaluska July 26-31

Church musicians from throughout the nation have been invited to an Institute of Church Music at Lake Junaluska, July 26-31, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

The director of the institute, the Rev. Dr. Bliss Wiant of the Nashville board, said the training conference is open to "church musicians of all degrees of skill and musical background."

CONSERVATION RESERVE PHASE WILL CONTINUE

Farmers throughout the nation who are interested in placing a portion of their farm in the Conservation Reserve phase of the Soil Bank program in 1960 will have an opportunity to do so, according to an announcement by Noville Hawkins, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee.

This phase of the soil bank program is designed to permit farmers to underplant their acreage of soil bank base crops thereby enabling them to receive compensation for converting a portion of their cropland to soil and water conservation uses. Mr. Hawkins further explained that the basic purpose of the program is to reduce the production of surplus crops and stabilize farm markets.

Farmers desiring to secure a contract starting with the 1960 program year will be given an opportunity to sign-up during the period August 24 to September 10. This period is the same for all counties and states throughout the nation. During this first sign-up period the farmers will merely sign forms requesting the County ASC Committee in the county in which their farm is located to establish a maximum payment rate for their farm. The second sign-up phase will be during the period of September 14 through September 24 in which farmers who wish to accept the rates established by the County Committee will be permitted to file their applications for contract.

In conclusion, Mr. Hawkins pointed out that for 1960, as under the 1958 program, farmers will be permitted to offer their land under the program at a lower rate than that established by the County Committee and that priority will be given to those farmers who make the best offer in order to utilize to the full extent the funds made available for the 1960 program year.

GRAVES SPEAKS AT C OF C MEET HERE TUESDAY

Stresses Importance Of Civil Defense Planning In County

The Rev. A. V. Graves, of Hot Springs, Madison County Civil Defense Chairman, was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

Mr. Graves told the group of the National, State and County plans for Civil Defense activity and scanned over vital points as to organization. He was invited to return and further discuss CD to the group in the near future.

William Vandervort, also a guest, spoke briefly about the highway situation in this area and emphasized the importance of concerted effort and unity in future road planning.

Dean Shields, president, presided at the meeting which was attended by 23 members and four guests.

FOREIGN AID FUND BILL IS NOW APPROVED

The House and Senate, voting in quick succession with little debate, Wednesday passed and sent to President Eisenhower a compromise \$3,550,000,000 foreign aid authorization bill.

The total is only \$353,200,000 short — less than 10 per cent — of the \$3,900,000,000 Eisenhower asked, despite vigorous efforts to slash it.

The bill merely sets spending ceilings.

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MET HERE SATURDAY

The 5th regular meeting of the Madison County 4-H County Council met July 18 in Marshall. The meeting was called to order by Faith Edwards, president. Ann Huff served as secretary in the absence of the elected one. There were three visitors present, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. A. W. Huff and Miss Townsend, assistant home economics agent.

The members gave the club pledge and began discussion of the pamphlet "Putting the 4-H Pledge to Work." The Mars Hill Senior and the Mars Hill 7th and 8th Grade Clubs tied for the gavel to hold until the September meeting.

Some of the ones who were recognized at this meeting were: David Robinson and Doug Buckner as "Outstanding Campers" for the camp week, and Ann Huff as one of the six from the Western District to attend 4-H Wildlife Camp as District winner in the sewing demonstration contest.

A program, "Is Your Home Fun?" followed adjournment of the business session.

HAYWOOD STUDENT FUND IS ESTABLISHED

Mars Hill — Mars Hill College has named the beneficiary of a \$25,000 bequest in the will of the late W. J. Francis of Belmont, N. C. President Hoyt Blackwell announced Wednesday morning.

The bequest is in the form of a trust fund to be known as the "W. J. Francis Memorial Scholarship Fund" and is to be administered by the First National Bank of Waynesville and the college.

The proceeds will be used each year to award a scholarship to a student.

July Term Criminal Court To Start Here On Monday

MISS ANN HUFF GETS WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP

On the basis of her 4-H Wildlife Conservation Record Book, Ann Huff has been awarded a scholarship to the 4-H Wildlife Conservation Conference at the Millstone 4-H Camp. It begins with registration at 2:00 p. m., on Sunday, August 2, and closes after breakfast on Thursday, August 6.

Ann is one of six from the western district to receive a scholarship. A total of seventy-two boys and girls from fifty-four of the one hundred N. C. counties have been selected as delegates.

These scholarships are for all in-camp-expenses and are provided by the Federal Cartridge Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A district award of \$25.00 in cash is sponsored by the N. C. Wildlife Federation. The six 4-Hers to receive these will be announced later.

The State award is an all expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago each fall. This award is sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the N. C. Wildlife Federation.

Two Manslaughter Cases On Docket; Jurors Named

The July term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, presiding. Robert S. Swain is the solicitor.

There are 54 cases on the docket for the one-week term. Most of the cases are of minor nature with two manslaughter cases docketed for trial. They are State vs. Billy J. McKinney and States vs. Louis E. Norwood.

There are 16 listings of persons with failure to comply with judgment and 33 names on the docket of persons called and failed last term.

Spurgeon Chandler, Floyd Ponder, Homer Payne, Miss Hazel Sprinkle, Ralph E. Briggs, Walter Cody, Leonard Buckner, Carl Eller, James I. Story, E. O. Burnett, Milburn Gosnell, Jeter Cantrell, Claude Cody, Jessie Keener, Lauring Shelton, Joe Bullman, D. C. Rice, Alvin Harris, Otis Martin, Jack Anderson, Raleigh Slagle, Homer Radford, Ben Rice, Nix Ray, Claude Arrington, Hardy Ferguson, Charlie Honeycutt, C. B. Justice, J. B. Peek, W. R. Singleton, Charles E. Wills, Hatton Sams, D. O. Brooks, Glenn Slagle, C. G. Schaffer, Oliver Roberts, Marion Ramsey, Colman Buckner, Ruben Caldwell, Guy Vance Edmonds, Tom Norton, Lester J. Price, Roy Snyder, Shuford McDevitt and H. E. Flynn.

B-M RED CROSS AREA PLANS ARE DISCUSSED WED.

Area Planning of American Red Cross field services in this area took place Wednesday when Richard Bjurberg of Atlanta, Ga., newly appointed director of field service for Tennessee and Western North Carolina, conferred with Marshall Upton, manager of the Buncombe-Madison Red Cross chapter. It was Bjurberg's first visit to WNC since his appointment a month ago. A member of the national RC staff since 1950, he was assistant Junior Red Cross director for the Southeast, then managed the Palm Beach, Fla., chapter before returning to national headquarters as assistant director of disaster services this January.

NIXON ON WAY TO MOSCOW; WILL BE "FRIENDLY"

Vice President Richard M. Nixon took off for the Soviet Union Wednesday night vowing to be "friendly and frank" during his 11-day tour of the Soviet Union.

Nixon and his wife Pat, in an official party of 35, swept away from Friendship Airport in a sleek jetliner for the 11-hour flight to Moscow.

Nixon good-humoredly spouted some newly learned Russian phrases as he said his goodbyes to Acting Secretary of State Douglas Dillon, Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov and other dignitaries.

He waved to a police-estimated throng of 5,000 who gathered at Friendship Airport, midway between Washington and Baltimore, for the historic occasion.

Was Cunningham Hanged In 1875?

EVIDENCE INDICATES HE WASN'T

By BEALE FLETCHER (From Asheville Citizen-Times)

A grave near Fletcher which for 84 years supposedly held the remains of a man convicted of murder has revealed no evidence that he was ever buried there.

To Ben and Claude Cunningham, their children and grandchildren, this startling evidence would appear to substantiate rumors that have persisted through the years: that George M. Cunningham, who was allegedly hanged in Madison County early in 1875, for the murder of a Kansas man named Daniel Sternbergh, was never actually hanged until death — that he escaped from the coffin while it was enroute from Marshall to Asheville, and took out through the woods.

It was also rumored that to fool the pallbearers who would carry the coffin to its grave, a log had been substituted to approximate the weight of the corpse.

ed in five-minute shifts, until they came to the wood at the top of the coffin. Then they worked slowly, with painstaking care, removing the dirt by hand and sifting it through their fingers.

Some of the men had talked to workmen who had opened graves and transplanted remains to other cemeteries, when the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport was expanded in the early 30s and had to make use of land that contained a graveyard. Some of these graves were around 100 years old.

These workmen had said: "You'll find evidence if someone had been buried there for even in the oldest graves there were always some remains: buttons, hair, teeth, bones."

After two hours of careful search the men were convinced that no one had ever been buried in that grave.

But they wanted scientific proof. They sent for Doctor David Pierce who teaches chemistry at the Asheville-Biltmore College. Silently and anxiously the men awaited the opinion of Doctor Pierce as he carefully examined the contents of the grave.

was a considerable quality of heavy, thick-barked wood.

"That surely must be the remains of the log," said one of the men.

Two types of cloth were found in the grave, but since there were no buttons, Dr. Pierce said he believed that the cloth came from the padding used in the interior of the coffin. (Later analysis at the Buncombe County Health Department Laboratory confirmed that the cloth was of two different weaves, but both were made of lamb's wool. It was the lab's opinion, as well as Dr. Pierce's that this cloth would have completely decomposed long before human bones and teeth.)

After examining the contents of the grave for some 30 minutes, Dr. Pierce said, "Gentlemen, there seems to be no evidence that a man was ever buried in this grave."

By this time some of Ben and Claude Cunningham's children and grandchildren had arrived on the scene. There was a touch of hilarity in the air, as the dramatic tension of the past several hours suddenly relaxed. The young ones seeing the happy and contented expressions on the faces of the old folks, laughed, and their laughter echoed across the empty hillside grave.

CHEROKEE INDIAN FOLK FESTIVAL TO BE MONDAY

The Cherokee Indian Folk Festival will be held at the fair-ground at Cherokee, N. C., on Monday, July 27, at 8:00 p. m.

It is a folk festival comprised of four teams competing for a trophy cup. The four teams are Cherokee, N. C.; Enka, N. C.; Maggie Valley, N. C.; and Sevierville, Tenn.

The program consists of square dancing, and an added attraction, Mary Smith, a local girl from Cherokee, who has been singing folk festivals throughout the South, will be among those entertaining.

Mr. Kelly Underwood, well known throughout the folk circuit, will be the master of ceremonies.

The music will be furnished by the Smoky Mountain String Band.

Mrs. Fisher To Make Official OES Visit Monday

Mrs. Mildred B. Fisher, Asheville, worthy grand of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to Marshall Eastern Star Chapter Monday evening, at 8:00 p. m.

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