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Madison Man Is Shot, Another Is Held In Jail

Leslie Ponder, 54, in Fair Condition In Hospital; Cox Held

MARS HILL — A Madison County man was shot twice and critically wounded Sunday night near here by a man who, minutes before, was chatting with him.

Taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville was Leslie Ponder, 54, of Mars Hill RFD 2. He was shot once in the stomach and once in the chest. The wounded man is a distant cousin to Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who arrested the assailant.

Held in Madison County jail is James Cox, 21, of Mars Hill RFD 1. The sheriff said he was preparing charges against Cox, but was awaiting the outcome of the wounded man's condition.

Sheriff Ponder said the shooting took place at the home of Leroy Snyder, also of Mars Hill RFD 1, about 8:15 p. m.

The sheriff related this sequence of events:

Cox, Leslie Ponder and James and Kenneth Jarvis, also of RFD 1, were standing about the front porch of the Snyder home talking.

The Jarvis men said they missed Cox for about five to eight minutes when Cox came around the corner of the house waving a .32 calibre revolver and threatening to shoot the other three men.

The Jarvises fled and heard five shots fired. Then James Jarvis came back around the house and yanked the pistol away from Cox and found Ponder wounded.

Sheriff Ponder said that Cox

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Marshall Principal

BOBBY EDWARDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards, of Mars Hill, is the new principal of the Marshall school. He succeeds Bernard S. Brigman, who served as principal for 9 years.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Madison County. He graduated from Mars Hill High School, Mars Hill College and High Point College. He completed graduate work at East Tennessee Teachers College and for the past 12 years has been assistant football, basketball and track coach at Mars Hill College.

He is married to the former Miss Louise Joyce and they have one daughter. They will reside at Mars Hill for the present.

LIONS CLUB TO HAVE PICNIC NEXT MONDAY

Prospective Members And Families Are Also Invited

The Marshall Lions Club will sponsor a cook-out on the Island next Monday night with all members, prospective members and their families invited.

Lion H. E. Bolinger, in charge of arrangements, urges everyone to be on the Island at 6:30 o'clock.

"We are looking forward to a big time and fine fellowship and food," Lion Howard Barnwell, president, said.

Local Men Safe; Leave Earthquake Area Last Sunday

Much anxiety was shown here this week following the news of the earthquake in Montana. Reason: Two Marshall men were in this area.

Word was received by phone Wednesday, however, that Ted McKinney and Wade Treadway left the Hebgen Dam area on the Madison River Sunday. At the time of the earthquake which took many lives, the two local men were several hundred miles north of the devastated area.

The two men are on a fishing trip in Montana and other areas.

The price of liberty is vigilance —always payable in advance.

CONSERVATION RESERVE SIGNUP TO START AUG. 24

Farmers who wish to put cropland in the Soil Bank's 1960 Conservation Reserve must ask the county ASC committee to set a basic annual rate per-acre for the offered land, Novile Hawkins, chairman of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, said today. The period for filing such requests is from August 24 through September 10. No such requests will be accepted after September 10.

In setting the basic annual per-acre rate for land offered, the county committee will take into consideration the productivity of the land and the rate will be limited to the local fair rental value of the land based on the crop harvested from it during the past 5 years. When all the eligible cropland on the farm is offered for the Conservation Reserve, the

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WEST FOUND AFTER SUICIDE; BANK LOOT IN CAR

Was Member Of Prominent Weaverville Family; Rites Friday

Husky Troy William West Jr., 37, of Weaverville, who robbed the Biltmore branch of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. last Friday, shot himself to death near Weaverville Wednesday morning.

West had ended his life by simultaneously pulling the triggers on two .38-calibre pistols held to his temples. The weapons were the same guns with which he pulled the holdups.

Recovered in the trunk of West's car was $5,393 taken from the bank—actually $53 more than the bank's estimate of loss.

A rural mail carrier, William J. Baley, of West Asheville, and formerly of Marshall, discovered the body shortly after 10 a. m.

West, a Clemson College graduate and World War II veteran, had undergone treatment for mental illness in hospitals in Greenville, S. C., and in Asheville since last January.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m., Friday in Weaverville Methodist Church. The Rev. W. P. Waugh and Dr. H. B. Dendy will officiate. Burial will be in West Memorial Park.

The deceased, a member of a prominent Weaverville family, is well known in this area, having assisted in many real estate sales.

STUDENTS START SCHOOL TUES.; "CONSOLIDATION" IS EXPLAINED

COUNTY RATE SET FOR 1960 CON. RESERVE

The basic rate of rental payment in Madison County under the 1960 Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank will average $18.50 an acre, Ralph W. Ramsey, county office manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, announced today. This is the same as the basic payment rate in the county under the 1959 program.

The basic rate of rental payment in North Carolina under the 1960 Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank Program will average $16.00 per acre.

For individual farmers, a per-acre rate will be set for the particular land to be placed in the Conservation Reserve taking into consideration the productivity of the land and limiting it to the local fair rental value of the land based on crops harvested during the past 5 years.

The 1960 Conservation Reserve program contains special incentives for farmers to place all their eligible land in the program for at least 5 years and a priority system for accepting Conservation Reserve Contract applications. Eligible land, in general, is crop-

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4-H DELEGATES SPONSORED BY MARSHALL FIRMS

Madison County's 4-H Leadership Delegates are being sponsored this year by five Marshall firms. Belk-Broome Company and A & P Food Store gave $7.00 each for the two boys, Norris Gentry and David Robinson. The two girls, Andrea Duckett and Deanna Kirkpatrick, received equal amounts. Their sponsors were Marshall Department Store — $5.00; Home Electric & Furniture Company — $4.00 and Sprinkle-Shelton Wholesale Company — $5.00.

The Madison County 4-H'ers are attending the Fifth Western District 4-H Leadership Conference at Swannanoa 4-H Camp this week. They left Marshall at 10:30 Monday morning and will return home about lunchtime Saturday.

Two senior 4-H Club boys and two senior 4-H Club girls from each of the fifteen western counties are sharing ideas and gaining inspiration for leadership in their home communities. The Madison County delegates represent three schools and four different communities. Norris, the son of Edward Gentry of Hayes Run, will be a freshman at Marshall High School. David is the son of Mrs. J. P. Robinson of Mars Hill and is a freshman at Mars Hill High School. Andrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Duckett of Luck. Deanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kirkpatrick of Spring Creek. Both girls are sophomores at

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Board To Assign Walnut Students Tuesday Night

Supt. Fred Anderson said this morning that the Madison County Board of Education has not received any definite reply from the State Board of Education relative to consolidating Marshall and Walnut High Schools. "We did receive in this morning's mail, August 20, 1959, a report from the Study Commission sent in to Madison County by the State Board of Education July 22, 1959. This report and recommendation will be discussed and we hope acted upon by the State Board of Education Thursday, September 3, 1959. The report is in effect a long range plan urging consolidation and suggesting reassignment of pupils for all of the high schools in Madison County except Mars Hill," Mr. Anderson said.

Since the opening date of school has been set for August 24, the Madison County Board favors sticking by that opening date for all schools in the county, including Marshall and Walnut, and, therefore, schools will open as scheduled. All teachers will report for duty Monday, August 24, and all students will report to their classrooms Tuesday, August 25.

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE ON 16 DISTRICT ROADS

Asheville — Improvements on 16 county roads in the Thirteenth Highway Division were completed during the past month, according to Division Engineer W. M. Corkill.

These Madison County roads were resurfaced with bituminous seal: 1 mile of NC 214; 9.2 miles of NC 208; 19 miles of US 25 and 70, from Hot Springs to Ivy River Bridge; 1 mile Big Branch Road; 2.6 miles Grapevine Road; 3 miles old 213, from Marshall, 3 miles west; 1.4 mile Little Pine Road; 0.35 mile Marshall Cemetery Road; 3.1 miles Guntertown Road; and 8.4 miles Big Laurel Road. Grading, draining and surfacing was completed on .90 mile Bull Creek Road and 0.4 mile Peachtree Road.

Also in Madison, 0.4 mile of the Puncheon Camp Road and 0.5 mile McKinney Branch Road were graded, drained and stabilized and the I-beam bridge and approaches over the French Broad River on old NC 213 and the ramp to the high school at Marshall were completed.

Pacific Mills Employees Now On Vacation

Employees of Pacific Mills of Hot Springs are on vacation this week and the plant is shut down until Monday, August 24.

ASC Community Election Boards Make Nominations

Election On Sept. 10; Will Take Offices On October 1

One of the principal duties of the 16 ASC Community Election Boards is to name a slate of 10 farmers within their respective community from which the farmers will elect their ASC Community Committeemen for the coming year. There is one exception to this policy, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, ASC county office manager, and that is a provision that farmers within each community have the privilege of petitioning additional names added to the slate of nominees as named by their community election board. At least 10 eligible voters must sign the petition in order to make nominations by petitions and each

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12 Poisonous Snakes Killed On Hickey's Fork

Hickey's Fork produces some mighty fine people, wonderful crops, large fish and many other things. Now, according to re-reliable sources, Hickey's Fork also has plenty of poisonous snakes — or did before last Wednesday.

Raymond Shelton and Delpha (Maw) Kendall were mowing weeds when they found and killed two large rattle snakes.

Quenton Norton and Lewis Patterson killed two large copperheads and seven small ones.

Jimmie Shelton killed a large copperhead nearby.

That made a total of 12 poisonous snakes killed in one day.

United Fund Meeting Next Thursday Night

Directors, Public Urged To Attend Meet At Courthouse

"The future of the Madison County United Fund will probably be decided at an important meeting next Thursday night, August 27, at the courthouse beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock," Dr. H. E. Bolinger, president, announced.

Every person interested in this method of helping numerous causes is urged to be present. If you do not understand United Fund and its merits, you should be at the meeting to hear the program discussed.

"UF has been highly successful in the years it has operated and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be shown to warrant its continuance," Dr. Bolinger said.

Laurel - Walnut In Make-Up Game At Laurel Saturday

The Walnut baseball team will travel to Laurel Saturday to play a "make-up" game which was postponed recently.

The game will be the final contest in the Madison County League this season.

Harold Rector Is Still Critical After Acid Burns

Harold Rector, formerly of Marshall, remains in a Flint, Michigan, hospital in critical condition following an accident last week at the General Motors plant where he was employed.

Mr. Rector was severely burned with sulphuric acid.

His condition is slightly improved, it was reported this morning.

Back At Work

P. Ray Frisby, Marshall postmaster, was able to resume his duties Monday after being confined to his home several days.

Couple Hurt In Collision Of Car, Truck On Tuesday

A Montgomery, Ala., couple was injured Tuesday afternoon when their auto collided with a tractor-trailer on U. S. 25-70, near Hot Springs, State Highway Patrolman A. L. Feldman reported.

He said the victims were Vernon C. Westfall and his wife, Mrs. Louisa Westfall, both about 70. Memorial Mission Hospital at Asheville described their condition as satisfactory.

He said the auto driven by Westfall was on the wrong side of the highway when it collided head-on with the truck driven by Jerome Johnson, Jr., of High Point, Route 2.

He said the car struck the rear of the truck, then turned on its roof under the trailer. The driver of the truck was injured.

The trailer, which was unoccupied, was damaged.

Edgecombe County Farm Tour To Lunch Here

The Edgecombe County Farm Tour will stop for lunch here on Tuesday, August 25. The Marshall Home Demonstration Club members plan to serve them at 12 o'clock in the Marshall school lunchroom. The tour group is scheduled to leave Marshall at 12:45. They are enroute to the University of Tennessee campus.

Mars Hill Club Will Scan Past

The Mars Hill Woman's Club will meet tonight (Thurs) at 8 o'clock in the cafeteria of the high school for a program enttiled "Curtain Call."

Mrs. E. C. Coates, Mrs. O. E. Sams and Mrs. J. V. Howell have parts on the program which will span the years of the club's history. Henry Clay Edwards, Miss Bex Ramsey and Mrs. Leila Hodge will offer musical accompaniment.

Hostesses will include Mrs. W. Otis Duck, Mrs. Fred Sams, Miss Barbara Stewart, Miss Ann Mauney and Miss Ramsey.

County Home Demonstration Council To Meet

The County Home Demonstration Council will meet Thursday night, August 27, in the French Broad Electric Building in Marshall. Mrs. E. O. Burnette, president, will call the group to order at 7:30. The main business is to be planning for Achievement Day and completing the county program plans for 1960. Mrs. Bill Hunter is chairman for the Achievement Day Committee. A money-making project for September is to be discussed. County project leaders and committee chairmen for 1959-61 will be discussed.

A LEGION Train Trip Sunday from Greeneville, Tenn., to Hot Springs and return drew 750 members of the Andrew Johnson Legion Post 1990 of Greeneville and their families for the outing. In left photo, post commander Jim Hardin (right) read Scriptures and prayer at a brief memorial service on the lawn of the Hot Springs Hotel. Mayor Joe R. Henderson, of Hot Springs (left) also took part. A few of the disembarking train passengers are shown in right photo after the 17-car special train arrived at Hot Springs. The group held a picnic lunch on the hotel grounds and the Silver Mines picnic area. A 45-unit drum and bugle corps assembled in the afternoon and marched to the high school grounds where it gave a concert.

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