



## Walnut High School Opens; State Board Acts Sept. 3

### Events Leading Up To School Opening Tuesday

#### Local Board Clarifies Stand On Curriculum, V. O., Sports, Etc.

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The proposed Walnut-Marshall high schools' consolidation is awaiting expected Sept. 3 action by the State Board of Education.

But a Madison County school board member indicated last week local board authority under the Pearsall Plan might be used to consolidate the high schools, without state board action.

The proposal is being bitterly opposed by a group of Walnut area residents who have engaged John Giezantner, an Asheville attorney, to handle their side of the argument.

#### Registration

On Saturday, County Schools Superintendent Fred B. Anderson explained to a reporter that Walnut High School students would be permitted to register at either Walnut or Marshall. The students wanting to go to Marshall High School would be given transportation by the county, he said.

Under the consolidation proposal Walnut Elementary School would retain its current status and some 150 Marshall Elementary School students would be transferred there.

Anderson said that the county board was expecting the State Board of Education to decide at its meeting in Raleigh Sept. 3 on whether the schools should or shouldn't consolidate. Officially, the action will be on recommendations contained in a report of the situation made by a state study commission.

Under the regulation, consolidation can be brought about by consent of a county school board and the state board.

#### Broad Authority

But the Pearsall Plan, established to meet attempted integration situations, gives local school boards authority to assign pupils living in one district to schools in another.

This simply means that a local

### MONDAY, SEPT. 7 - LABOR DAY - TO BE OBSERVED

W. F. Holland, president of the Marshall Merchants Association, announced this week that practically all places of business would be closed in Marshall on Monday, September 7 - Labor Day.

Also closing on this date will be the offices in the courthouse, the banks, post office, and Federal and State Offices.

### PHONE FIRM ASKS OK TO SELL STOCK

Raleigh - Western Carolina Telephone Company Tuesday asked the State Utilities Commission for authority to sell 71,513 shares of its authorized common capital stock to its shareholders at \$6.75 per share.

The company, which has its main offices in Weaverville and serves several Western counties, said it would use the \$500,000 realized from the stock sale to pay off short-term notes with which it financed an expansion program.

### Harold Rector Is Slightly Improved

The condition of Harold Rector, severely burned recently in an accident at the General Motors plant in Flint, Mich., is reported to be slightly improved although Mr. Rector is still in critical condition.

His mother, Mrs. Lottie Rector and his brother, Mr. Ellsworth Rector, returned Monday from Davison, Mich., where they spent sometime with Mr. Rector and his family.

### ROBT. BUNNELLE REAPPOINTED TO HIGHWAY UNIT

Raleigh - Gov. Hodges, who has given vocal support to the statewide highway commission he helped create, Thursday reappointed four of its members including Chairman J. Melville Broughton Jr.

The action, announced at his weekly news conference, came as no surprise.

Hodges has said repeatedly he feels the statewide concept is far better than the regional concept in highway development. Prior to 1957, the commission was composed of 14 members, each from a specified geographic area.

In naming Broughton to a new two-year term which expires June 30, 1961, the governor gave concrete backing to the man in his current feud with the Davidson County commissioners over the secondary roads priority system.

Hodges brought the seven-man commission up to full strength by naming Ralph T. Morris, 38-year-old New Bern businessman, to fill the vacancy left by the recent death of E. L. White of Wilmington. That term expires June 30.

Reappointed to new four-year terms expiring June 30, 1963, were James W. Mason of Laurinburg, Robert Bunnelle of Asheville and Lea White of Concord.

The other two members, whose terms still are in effect, are Ralph Howland of Elkin, and Fletcher Gregory of Weldon.

### LIST OF JURORS 2-WEEKS TERM

Following is a list of jurors drawn for the two-weeks term of superior court starting Monday, for the trial of civil cases. Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, will preside.

(FIRST WEEK)  
L. L. Roberts, Guy Angle, T. Edgar Justice, Boice McCarter, Cleo English, LeRoy Treadway, Carl K. Gardner, Paul Harkleroad, Critt Shelton, W. H. Wilds, Edd Davis, Ross Norton Jr., Elmer Chandler, George Whitaker, Robert C. Bullman, Ray Briggs, Mrs. Mamie Lewis, Mrs. Edna Hensley, H. H. Carter, Bascombe Payne, Agnes Franklin, Henry Harkleroad, Charles Finley, Edward English, Mrs. Wiley Norton, Dallas Buckner, Evely Robinson, Miss Sadie Wallin, James M. Holcombe, W. W. Green, Fred Harriette Hollifield, and Bruce Teague.

(SECOND WEEK)  
E. F. Wallin, R. J. Lewis, Woodrow Griffie, Mrs. Lula Stanton, Tom Caldwell, Mrs. B. E. Ammons, Mrs. Ruth Tweed, D. H. Rice, Garney Burlington, Carmel Hilton, H. A. Blankenship, Rance Hensley, Lyde Martin, J. A. Sprinkle, Jasper Jenkins, H. G. Plemmons, Claude Carver, J. L. Hagan, Claude Faulkner, Mancy Chipman, D. A. Edwards, Roy Tweed, Frederick Goforth, Joseph Sherlin, Wade Stanley, Newton C. McFall Jr., Roy Caldwell, R. D. Sexton, Jack Fairchild, Everette Fisher, Baxter Payne, Elmo B. Sumner, Luther Ramsey, A. P. Brown.

### 60-Gallon Still Captured On Big Pine Wednesday

A 60-gallon capacity steamer out was cut down and 50 gallons of beer destroyed Wednesday after being captured in the Big Pine section. No arrests were made. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder announced.

### Delegation Seeks Change In School Bus Operator

A delegation of about 20 Walnut school patrons met with Superintendent Fred W. Anderson Wednesday morning in the courthouse here and requested the dismissal of Floyd Wallin as the operator of the school bus which transports students from Walnut to Marshall.

It is reported that this action resulted because of an accident which occurred Tuesday when the Walnut-Marshall school bus, operated by Mr. Wallin, side-swiped an automobile. No one was injured and the damage slight, it was said.

Superintendent Anderson told this newspaper that it is his duty to furnish transportation for all students assigned to Marshall from Walnut and that the school bus service will continue as originally planned regardless of who is the driver.

### 4-H GIRLS AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

Three Madison County 4-H girls received 1958 medals of honor for achievement in Home Economics. They were Ann Huff of Mars Hill, June Franklin of Laurel and Thora Belle Worley of Marshall. This included only a achievement in certain projects which are related to the home, such as canning, clothing, food preparation, home improvement and home management. Awards for 4-H Girls' Home Economics Achievement are provided by Montgomery Ward.

Four gold filled medals of honor will be given to the four girls who achieve the most in their homemaking projects for 1959. The 1958 state winner in Girls' Home Economics was Lucille Hayes of Iredell County. During seven years of club work Lucille completed 50 projects. State winners receive an all expense trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Ill.

Each year six college scholarships of \$400 each are presented to a blue award group selected from the state trip winners.

### Commissioners To Meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, Not Sept. 7

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 7, the Madison County board of commissioners will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8, it was announced this week.

### Salvation Army Will Send Speaker To Any Group

The Salvation Army will be happy to furnish a speaker for your civic club, church or other organizations, according to an announcement received this week from The Army's Carolina Divisional Headquarters in Charlotte.

The speaker will discuss unknown facts about The Salvation Army, the Maternity Home and Hospital for Unwed Mothers (Durham), human interest stories about Army services and other outstanding aspects of The Salvation Army's program.

If you are interested in having a Salvation Army speaker address your organization, write the Public Information Office, 200 N. 2nd St., Charlotte 3, N. C.

### STEVE FREEMAN HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

Family In Dire Need Of Clothes, Furniture, Food, Etc.

The one-story, six-room home of Steve Freeman, Marshall RFD 1, near Redmon, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Cause of the blaze is unknown. No insurance was carried, it was stated.

In addition to Mr. Freeman and his five children, an invalid sister also live at the home. They all escaped unharmed but all household furniture was destroyed and all clothing burned. The children range in age from four months to 17 years, it was stated.

### FARM PONDS POPULAR FOR SPORT AND FOOD

Raymond Ramsey, of Marshall RFD 2, Wildlife Protector for Madison County, advises that this is the most popular time of year for farm pond fishing. Hot weather drives most of the fish to the deeper parts of the ponds, but top water fishing with popper bugs and flies can be done successfully in the early morning and late evening hours.

Ramsey said that Madison County has about 12 private ponds, with a state total of around 45,000, and farm ponds are now producing a major amount of fishing sport and food for the table. Although most ponds come under fishing license requirements, the following are exempt from the purchase of fishing licenses:

- a. The owner and his family;
- b. Natural bait fishermen in county of residence;
- c. Resident minors under age 16;
- d. Nonresident

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### MADISON 4-H'ER ATTENDS 4-H FORESTRY CAMP

Craig Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Burnette of Walnut, spent the week of August 17-22 attending the 4-H Forestry Camp at Millstone near Hoffman, N. C. A total of 91 4-H Club boys representing 91 of the North Carolina counties were in attendance at the camp. The county winner in the 4-H Forestry Project gets an expense paid trip to the camp each year.

Craig was selected as county winner for Madison County because of the projects he had completed in setting white pine seedlings and tree identification. The camp activities consisted of seven classes which lasted three hours each on establishing and managing a forest. The classes were instructed by Extension Foresters from different parts of the state. Recreation, which included softball, volleyball, swimming and dancing, kept the boys busy between their classes and during the evening. The camp is available each year to the county 4-H forestry project winner. So if you are a 4-H Club boy interested in forestry, this is something to work toward.

Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company sponsors the camp by paying all the expenses involved in getting it on.

### Three Walnut Students Assigned To Marshall

#### Peek At Mocksville



WILLIAM W. PEEK of Marshall has been appointed principal of the Farmington Elementary School near Mocksville in Davie County and has now assumed his new duties.

Up until March, 1959, Peek had served as superintendent of Madison County Schools some nine years.

He and Mrs. Peek left Marshall last week.

### Walnut Game At Spruce Pine Not To Be Played Friday

Acting Coach Tom Wallin of Walnut, announced this morning that the football game with Spruce Pine at Spruce Pine, scheduled for Friday night, would definitely not be played Friday.

Coach Wallin stated that he hoped that Spruce Pine could make it possible to play the game at a later date rather than cancel the game.

### Attorneys To Attend Bar Meet In Spruce Pine

The Marshall attorneys will attend the annual 24th Judicial District Bar Association meeting in Spruce Pine Saturday.

The Mitchell County Bar Association will serve as hosts. Those expected to attend are Clyde M. Roberts, Joseph B. Huff, Charles E. Mashburn and A. E. Leake.

### Savings Bond Sales Continue To Climb Here

E&H Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during July were \$9,600,163.94. Although this represents a decrease of 2.9% over July, 1958, Series E sales for July remained appreciably the same as July 1958 (\$67.97 difference).

Cumulative sales for January-July were \$27,489,445.98, which represents 52.9% of the state's 1959 sales quota of \$52 million dollars.

### Anderson Speaks To Over 150 Parents Tuesday At Walnut

The Madison County Board of Education Tuesday night assigned three Walnut area students to Marshall High School. It urged "all other Walnut High School students to choose between the two high schools prior to the next regular meeting of the school board."

This was announced by County Schools Superintendent Fred Anderson following a board meeting.

The students assigned to Marshall for the 1959-60 school year were Eldridge Leake Jr., Aileen Burnette and Sharon Burnette.

"The board of education," the announcement said, "was convinced from the evidence on hand that these students were prospective college students and can definitely be better prepared for college work at the Marshall High School."

This was the latest action in the summer-long argument which arose over the board's proposal to transfer all Walnut High School students to Marshall High School for consolidation of the two high schools. The State Board of Education is expected to act Sept. 3 on recommendations a state survey commission made following a study of the situation.

The board action also came after a morning meeting of approximately 200 people, including the Walnut school committee members, at the Walnut school ended in an atmosphere of friendliness. Anderson at the session had talked with the committee, then addressed the general meeting.

In reference to the board meeting

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### Wool Referendum Is Scheduled For Sept.

During the month of September wool producers throughout the nation will decide in a referendum whether they are in favor or against continuing the advertising and sales promotion deductions program which is carried out by the American Sheep Producers Council under an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture, according to announcement by Ralph Ramsey, ASC Office Manager for Madison County. It was pointed out that a similar referendum was conducted in 1955 to determine if the producers were in favor of financing the program by deductions of payments earned by producers participating in ASC's Wool Incentive (Price Support) Program. Producers will be voting for or against an advertising or promotion program to improve the market for wool products and not on the continuation of the wool incentive payment program.

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### School Bus Sideswiped While Swinging To Make Turn-Off

Madison County chalked up its first school bus accident of the year Tuesday - on the first day of school - when a bus swung wide to make a right turn off U. S. 28 at Mars Hill, and was sideswiped by a passing automobile.

None was hurt and the school bus, being operated by Ralph Franklin, 18, of Mars Hill RFD 1 was not damaged. The automobile, a 1958 Ford sedan being operated by Mack Downey, 46, of Pontiac, Mich., was damaged an estimated \$100 to \$125.

A school bus wreck near Walnut on the first day of classes last year in Madison County occurred in much the same manner. None was hurt in that accident either, which happened when the driver swung his vehicle slightly to the left of the center of US 25-70 in order to make a sharp right turn onto a side road.

State Highway Patrolman Al Feldman, reporting the accident which occurred Tuesday morning, said the 1961 Ford school bus was

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### FOOTBALL GAME ON ISLAND FRI; LIGHT SQUAD

The 1959 football season opens here Friday night when the Marshall Tornadoes host the Edneyville eleven at eight o'clock.

Coach Howard Barnwell and Assistant Coach Jimmy Johnson have been drilling the squad hard during the past few days trying to get them ready for the initial contest.

Coach Barnwell reports a very light and inexperienced team but hopes that more boys will join the squad now that school has started.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand for the Tornadoes' first home game. The cheerleaders and band are expected to be on hand to help the locals get off to a good start.