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## Junior Cantrell Dies Friday; Hensley Charged With Murder

### Rites Held Sunday; Hensley Now In Jail Here

Elmer Cantrell Jr., 22, of Marshall RFD 4 died at 6:30 a. m. Friday, November 20, 1959, in a Greenville, Tenn., hospital of a pistol bullet wound he suffered Nov. 7 at Big Creek.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported Don Hensley 30, of Flag Pond, Tenn., arrested early Tuesday of last week, has been charged with murder and waived extradition Friday morning for his return to Madison County. He is in the Madison County jail.

He said Hensley was first held in the Greenville jail and had originally refused to waive extradition.

After Cantrell was wounded, the sheriff said, a warrant was issued charging Hensley with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious and permanent injuries.

Services for Mr. Cantrell were held Sunday at 2: p. m. at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Tweed of Marshall RFD 4.

The Rev. Ervin Cutshall officiated, and burial was in the Tweed family cemetery. Friends of the family served as pallbearers.

Survivors in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Tweed include two daughters, Sherry and Doris June; the parents, of Marshall RFD 4; four brothers, Clyde, Dennis, Raymond and Billy of Marshall RFD 4; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mandy Jane Cantrell of Marshall RFD 3.

Bowman-Rector Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM HELD

The regular quarterly meeting of the Western District In-Service Public Health Nurse Training Program was held at the Madison County Health Department on Thursday, November 19 at 9:30 a. m. Public health nurses from four Western North Carolina counties comprise the district of which Madison County is a part. The nurses, together with the District Nursing Consultant from the North Carolina State Board of Health, meet four times yearly for lectures and discussion of topics pertinent to Public Health Nursing in this area. The program for the meeting was the discussion of the recently revised Public Health Nursing manual of the State Board of Health. Nurses present discussed various sections of the manual.

Attending the meeting were Miss Mary Copeland, District Nursing Consultant; Mrs. Fannie Martin, Mrs. Ruby Bryson and Mrs. Nedra Kincannon of the Haywood County Health Department; Mrs. Mary Rowe and Mrs. Gladys Hindsdale of the Henderson County Health Department; and Mrs. Annie Fox, Miss Garnette Hutchins and Mrs. Elizabeth Baker of the Madison County Health Department.

## Marshall Lions Aren't Afraid Of Cranberries

The recent cranberry scare evidently didn't scare members of the Marshall Lions Club.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the fixins was served 23 members at the Rock Cafe here Monday night. Included in the serving were 23 separate containers of cranberry sauce.

When the meal was over it was revealed that 21 members had eaten their cranberry sauce, with only two being unscared. One of those who left his cranberry sauce said that he wasn't afraid, but just didn't like the cranberries. The sheriff said, he was perhaps a little afraid.

## CLOSING DATE FOR 1959 ACP DRAWS NEAR

With the 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program closing out in just a few more weeks, approximately 89,095 Tarheel farmers have signed up to participate in the program, according to figures released today by Zeno O. Ratcliff, chairman of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Ratcliff reports, however, that of this figure many farmers have qualified for Federal cost-sharing except for reporting performance of practices for which prior approval was given.

He pointed out that the Agricultural Conservation Program for this year is still open to all farmers and urged farmers who have carried out practices to report performance to the ASC county office manager in the county. Farmers who have not yet completed performance of previously approved practices were also urged to complete the practices and report performance. In Ratcliff's words, "conservation of the soil and water resources is so vital to the welfare of the State that we all must do everything we can to see that only good farming practices are carried out on the land."

Under this year's Agricultural Conservation Program, as well as the program planned for next year, conservation practices which help to build up and store potential productive capacity in the soil are being stressed. This, Ratcliff says, is mighty important at this time when thousands of acres of North Carolina farmland are being taken out of production of allotted crops.

"Saving for the future has always been a good policy," Ratcliff said, "but it's still better when applied to our life-sustaining topsoil!"

## Junior Red Cross To Begin Activities In Madison County

The Junior Red Cross will begin activities in the Madison County schools for the first time this year. They have gotten the program underway by beginning the enrollment activities. Students in the schools throughout the area will be given the opportunity to join this nation-wide organization. Contributions made by the students go into a central service fund which is used for local, national, and international projects. The program is designed to give young people the chance to express themselves through activities that will promote their own educational growth and provide valuable (Continued To Last Page)

## Masonic History Traced At French Broad Meeting Here

The history of Masonry, with particular emphasis on North Carolina's role in that story, was traced here Saturday night by Charles S. Roth of Asheville at the French Broad Masonic Lodge's Old Timers' Night.

Worshipful Master Jeter Metcalf of the lodge presided at the meeting, at which all members with 25 years or more of continuous service received certificates of honor. S. W. McClure, with 50 years of service, received a certificate for his half-century service.

Roth, representing Mt. Hazen Lodge No. 175 of Asheville, pointed out that Masonry was founded in 1717 under the name of the

## YOUTH IS SHOT FATALLY IN GUN ACCIDENT IN IND.

A 16-year-old junior at Clinton Central High School, Clinton, Indiana, died Sunday, November 15, 1959 with a .22 caliber rifle slug in the heart while shooting tin cans with a classmate.

State police said, Thomas Allen Smelser of Hillisburg, Ind., died accidentally when struck by a bullet from the gun of William R. Virtue, 18, Hillisburg, at 3:30 p. m., three miles northwest of Kempton in Clinton County.

Smelser was a lifelong resident of Hillisburg. His father, Ophir Smelser, is employed at the Allison Division of General Motors Corporation at Indianapolis and his mother is a second grade teacher at Seireville Grade School.

Other survivors include five brothers, Don, Dale, William and James, all at home and Gale in the United States Navy; and the grandparents, Perry Huffer of Hillisburg and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smelser of Forest and formerly of Hot Springs, N. C.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., (CST) Tuesday, Nov 17 in the Goodwin Funeral Home at Frankfort, Ind., with burial in St. Paul Cemetery near Forest.

## Man Convicted Of Killing Doe Deer In Madison

Raymond Ramsey and Clyde Hunsinger Madison County Wildlife Protectors, apprehended Albert Thomas of Asheville, with a slain doe deer in his possession last week. He was tried before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker in Asheville Thursday and found guilty of killing and possessing a doe deer. A 90-day sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$150.

Mr. Thomas is not the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas of Walnut.

## Farm Statistics Up To Date In 1959 Census Of Agriculture

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, now under way in Madison County, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1954, when the farm census revealed the following facts:

The value of products sold in 1954 by farm operators was \$4,249,089.

The value of all crops sold was \$3,254,306 and included \$3,183,226 for field crops \$29,489 for vegetables, \$35,624 for fruits and nuts, and \$5,967 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$919,020, and included \$228,204 for dairy products, \$255,501 for poultry products, and \$435,315 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$75,763.

## Thanksgiving Service Tonight At Presbyterian Church

A community Thanksgiving service will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Marshall Presbyterian Church. The Reverend L. Richard Mellin, pastor, will conduct the service and preach the sermon. A special Thanksgiving offering will be taken to be used, as in past years, by the Marshall Parent-Teachers Association for needy children at Christmas.

Members of all churches and people throughout the community are most cordially invited by the churches of Marshall to attend the service and make this a time of "thanksgiving" by the community.

## COUNTY AGENT STRESSES CARE OF TOBACCO

On Monday, November 23, the burley tobacco marketing season opened for the 1959-60 season. Madison County farmers probably grew the best crop of tobacco on the field which they had ever grown. Rainy weather with exceptionally high humidity at harvest time resulted in many farmers having to stick their tobacco in the field and in exceptionally bad curing conditions in the barns after the tobacco was harvested. This unfortunate situation has resulted in a very high percentage of low grade tobacco being placed on the market.

County agent, Harry Silver, visited the burley market in Asheville soon after it opened. On checking the first 43 baskets of tobacco sold in the warehouse, 23 of the 43 baskets had a non-descript grade placed on them by the government grader. Four other baskets of tobacco out of the 43 were graded "wet" by the grader. A good portion of the non-descript tobacco could not have been prevented by the farmer since it received excessive damage in the field and since some of the barn injured tobacco was practically beyond the farmer's ability to prevent. However, a good number of farmers had mixed (Continued To Last Page)

## MANGER SCENE ERECTED HERE; DRAWS PRAISE

The beautiful manger scene, purchased by the Marshall Merchants Association, was erected on the court house lawn Tuesday night despite the inclement weather. In addition to the manger scene, the Christmas tree was also lighted.

Helping erect the scene were Mrs. Roy Wild, Mrs. Kelly Davis, Howard Barnwell, E. C. Teague, Kelly Davis, Tommy Caldwell, W. F. Holland, Robert Chandler, Harold Littrell and Caney Ramsey Jr.; and Lincoln Davis and Roy Waldroup of the French Broad Electric Membership Corp., who made the lighting possible.

Many people have already praised the scene which adds greatly to the appearance on Main Street for the Christmas holidays.

## HOT SPRINGS LIONS START UP SOLICITATIONS

Christmas Lighting Contest Also Sponsored By Lions Club

The Hot Springs Lions Club met last Thursday with Edon Hall Bass, president, presiding. At the meeting, the members agreed to meet last Monday at the City Hall and with the President's Club as co-sponsors the Christmas Lighting Contest. (Continued To Last Page)

## THANKSGIVING, HOMECOMING AT MHC TODAY

Mars Hill College's 1,100 students and several hundred alumni and guests will observe Thanksgiving and Homecoming at Mars Hill today (Thursday) with a varied program of music, pageantry, worship, feasting and entertainment which began at dawn and will last until nearly midnight.

Central feature of the day will be the traditional Thanksgiving Day worship service in the sanctuary of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, beginning at 10:15 a. m. Residents of the community and surrounding area are invited to attend as well as the students and their guests.

The service will include the 33rd consecutive presentation of a Thanksgiving pageant, "Lest We Forget," written and directed by Dr. Ella Pierce, head of the college English department. The pageant will star members of the Baptist Student Union council and children of the community dressed as Pilgrims and Indians, depicting scenes from early American Thanksgiving observances.

Music for the program will be provided by the college touring choir, directed by T. J. Cole, and the campus choir and the college band, under the direction of Joe Naff.

Another vital facet of the program will be the taking of an offering. (Continued To Last Page)

## Savings Bonds Sales Climb With New Interest Rate

The people of North Carolina responded to the higher interest rate of 3-1/2% now being paid on Savings Bonds by increasing their purchases. During October, state-wide sales of Savings Bonds, Series E and Series H combined, were up 6.3 per cent over sales of last October.

The Series H bonds showed the strongest increase, with sales being 23.6 per cent greater than they were in the same month of a year ago. Series E bonds were 4.6 per cent.

Cumulative sales for the year amounted to \$38,750,065.00. This is 76 per cent of North Carolina's 1959 goal of \$51,000,000.

Madison County sales for October were \$15,197.70 bringing the total sales for the year to \$188,700.00.

Six counties have already achieved their sales quota for 1959. They are Dare, Henderson, Hoke, Macon, Pamlico and Swain.

(This report prepared by U. S. Savings Bonds Division, Greensboro, and released by C. L. Rudisill, Jr., County Volunteer Chairman, Madison County.)

## Christmas Shopping Parade To Be Held Here Next Tues.

### THANKSGIVING TO BE OBSERVED

Practically all places of business, in addition to banks, post office, courthouse and all agencies will be closed tomorrow (Thursday) in observance of Thanksgiving.

### FLEET NIX SR. DIES SUNDAY AT HOME HERE

#### Father Of Marshall Mayor Was A Native Of County

Fleet (Pop) Nix Sr., 72 father of Mayor Clarence Nix of Marshall, died at 2 p. m., Sunday, November 22, 1959 in his home here after a long illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday in Marshall Free Will Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Ernest Strickland, the Rev. D. D. Gross and the Rev. Warren Reese officiated. Burial was in Pritchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Parris, Plato Worley, Eunice Brown, James Marlor, Jake Blazer, E. Y. Ponder, Kelly Davis, Romeo Ferguson and Fred McDevitt. Flower bearers were women of the church.

Surviving are five sons, Clarence, Charlie, S. L., Fleet Jr., and Joe Nix, all of Marshall; five daughters, Mrs. Reeves Fisher, Mrs. Fowler Shelton and Mrs. Jimmy Webb, all of Marshall, Mrs. M. G. Ramsey Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Clement Crowe of Asheville; two brothers, Jack of Hot Springs and Charlie Nix of Marshall; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Nix was a retired farmer and a native of Madison County. Bowman-Rector Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### BLOODSHED BOX SCORE

#### ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 a. m., November 23, 1959:

Killed to date ..... 1027  
Killed to date last year .... 950

## Lions, Wingate Share Junior College Title

The football championship of the Western Carolinas Junior College Conference is shared by Mars Hill's Lions and the Wingate Bulldogs.

A 13-0 victory over Gardner-Webb Saturday night at Shelby gave Coach Bill Connell's Wingate team a tie with Don Henderson's Mars Hillians for the title. It is the fourth time Mars Hill has won or shared in the championship since the conference was formed in 1952. Wingate won the crown last year, the first season it was a member of the conference.

The battle for the championship was a case of one team, Mars Hill, starting powerfully and slowing down in the latter half of the season and the other team, Wingate, starting slowly and making its best showing in the second half of the game. Against each other the co-champions split, Mars Hill winning the first encounter, 13-6, and the Bulldogs copping the return engagement 9-3.

With only four of the eight junior colleges in the conference competing in intercollegiate football, those four must play each other twice each season to fill out an adequate schedule.

Final standings in the league for 1959 are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
MARS HILL	4	2	0
WINGATE	4	2	0
GARDNER-WEBB	3	3	1
LEES-McRAE	1	4	1

Conference results for the 1959 season were as follows: Wingate 16, Lees-McRae 6; Gardner-Webb 7, Lees-McRae 6; Mars Hill 6, Wingate 5; Mars Hill 20, Lees-McRae 17; Mars Hill 6, Gardner-Webb 6; Lees-McRae 13, Wingate 7; Mars Hill 30, Lees-McRae 0; Gardner-Webb 12, Lees-McRae 13; Wingate 5, Mars Hill 3; Wingate 20; Gardner-Webb 9; Gardner-Webb 13, Mars Hill 5; Wingate 13, Gardner-Webb 2.

### Marshall, Mars Hill Bands To March, Big Crowd Is Expected

A Christmas Shopping Parade will be held in Marshall on next Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. W. F. Holland, president of the Marshall Merchants Association, announced that plans are being made to have both the Marshall and Mars Hill High School Bands participate in the parade. In addition to these two fine bands, the high school may sponsor a float, it was said.

The Shetland pony, to be given away at a later date, will also be shown in the parade.

The parade will officially open the Christmas Shopping Season in Marshall with practically all stores displaying hundreds of useful and practical gift suggestions.

"We are expecting one of the finest Christmas Shopping seasons in the history of Marshall and we urge everyone to shop at home where they can find almost anything they desire," Mr. Holland stated.

Most business firms are participating in the Christmas Promotion will give tickets to everyone making a dollar purchase or more (not to exceed 100 tickets for any single sale). Drawings will be held at the courthouse on dates to be announced later, it was explained.

Elsewhere in this issue can be found an advertisement with merchants who are participating.

## WOOL PRODUCERS URGED TO FILE SALES DOCUMENT

Sheep producers within the county who have sold un-shorn lambs or shorn wool since the opening of the 1959 incentive payment program year which began on April 1, 1959, should bring or submit their sales documents to the local ASC office if they wish to participate in the 1959 wool incentive payment program, says Ralph M. Ramsey, office manager for the Madison County ASC Committee.

Ramsey explained that the shorn wool payment rate is the percentage required to raise the average national price producers receive for their wool during the marketing year up to the incentive level of 62 cents per pound. This method of payment is designed to encourage farmers and ranchers to produce enough wool to meet the demand and at the same time do a better job in marketing their wool.

The incentive payments on last year's shorn wool to producers who properly filed their sales documents and signed their applications for payment amounted to (Continued To Last Page)

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