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Robert Johnson Is Charged With Murder In Slaying Of Clyne Rector Here Thurs.

Shooting Occurs On Roberts Hill Road Thursday Night

A warrant charging Robert Johnson, 48, of Walnut, with murder in Thursday night's shooting of his daughter's date has been served, according to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

Johnson, who is a patient in the Aston Park Hospital, was in such a highly nervous and emotional condition that officers were requested not to serve the warrant until Monday of this week. Johnson, who had been treated for a heart ailment at the hospital for several weeks prior to the shooting, is reported in "fair" condition.

Johnson drove to the hospital alone after Clyne Everett Rector, 26, of Marshall RFD 6, was shot fatally on the Roberts Hill Road about 9:45 o'clock last Thursday night. The shooting occurred between the top of Roberts Hill and the Madison County Health Center.

Rector was dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, a .38 caliber pistol bullet wound in his head and one in each leg, the latter two caused by one bullet. The bullet struck Rector in the right forehead and death was caused by massive cranial trauma and hemorrhage from the wounds, it was stated.

Sheriff Ponder said that Rector and Johnson's daughter, Betty, 18, a Walnut High School senior and basketball star, returning from a basketball game here, were on the Roberts Hill Road when Johnson drove into the road in his pickup truck, got out and ordered his daughter to leave Rector's car, according to Miss Johnson, Sheriff Ponder said.

Sheriff Ponder said Johnson apparently fired when Rector also started to get out. He said Johnson then took his daughter to Marshall, let her out near the Service Motor Sales, where he was employed, and then drove on to the Asheville hospital via Lett. (Continued To Last Page)

Fatally Shot



Clyne Everett Rector

SILVER URGES FARMERS PLAN MORE ROUGHAGE

More livestock farmers in Madison County are short of feed at this time than has been in the past several years. This feed shortage was brought about by the exceptionally hard feeding winter and because these farmers did not have sufficient feed for such a year. In most instances it is very difficult to determine how much the feed shortage with livestock cost a farmer. A study of the Weigh-A-Day-A-Month reports of dairymen would indicate that this shortage of quality feed to the dairymen is very expensive. By studying these records carefully we find that the snow and cold weather reduced the average production per cow only 3.7% where plenty of good quality roughage was available for the cows. When the amount of roughage was reduced or the quality of down approximately 19.7%. The the production per cow has gone the roughage was not adequate, (Continued To Page Eight)

GAGE WELCOMED TO HOT SPRINGS AT DINNER MON.

Pacific Mills Officials Praise Cooperation; Films Shown

Gaston Gage Jr., newly-named plant manager of Pacific Mills of Hot Springs, was honored Monday night at a dinner meeting of Pacific Mills officials and Hot Springs leaders at the beautiful Court Restaurant in Hot Springs. Mr. Gage succeeds Neill Ross, who is transferring to the Lakedale Plant of Burlington Industries, Men's Wear Division in Fayetteville.

Mr. Ross, who presided at the meeting, expressed his appreciation for the courtesies and cooperation extended him and said that he regretted having to leave the fine people of Hot Springs.

The main talk to the group was made by B. C. McWhite, manager of the Raeford group of Pacific Mills. Mr. McWhite told of the close harmony between employees, (Continued To Last Page)

WOULD STOCK "BIG STRIPERS" IN WNC WATERS

One local fisherman this week suggested that Lake James, near Marion, and Fontana Lake, in North Carolina, be stocked with rock bass, sometimes referred to as "big stripers." He said that they could spawn in various tributaries near the lakes.

"Fishermen who like to trout fish are in good shape but we who like to fish for bass are not," he said.

If you agree with this local fisherman, write this newspaper and we'll pass the word along.

MAX PATCH SNOW TOTAL BOOSTED TO 194 INCHES

By JOHN PARRIS
Citizen Staff Writer

UPPER FINES CREEK — Another deluge of snow hit the storm-bound Max Patch area Monday, boosting the season's total to 194 inches.

It was the year's heaviest snowfall — a record 26 inches at the Maple Springs Salvation Army Mission and up to three feet on mile-high Max Patch Mountain.

The new blizzard swirled out of Tennessee shortly after midnight and it was mid-afternoon before it gave out of breath.

Snow-dazed residents of the Max Patch area of Haywood and Madison counties were buried deeper in an accumulation of snow that has kept them isolated since Christmas.

The new snow storm blocked all roads into the section and buried the back country trails in new drifts up to 30 feet.

When the snow stopped at 2:30 p. m., the accumulated depth at Maple Springs Gap was 51 inches (Continued To Page Eight)

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO STUDY EVANGELISM

At 2:45 p. m., Sunday, March 27, the men of the Presbyterian Church will meet with the Holston Presbytery School of Evangelism.

This meeting is for men only. The Rev. Warren S. Reeve, First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville, and chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism will preside. The topics for their forum topics are: "Evangelism: What Is It?" the Rev. D. Payne, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tusculum Heights, Tenn.; "Witnessing Our Community," the Rev. Ivan B. Clayton, First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.; "Why Should We Share Our Faith and Why People Respond," the Rev. Robert S. Williamson, Rocky Work, Flag Pond, Tenn.

Each person is requested to bring his own sandwich and note book. Coffee will be served from 5:45 to 6:45 p. m., by Mr. Carl Bowman and Mr. S. C. Rudisill, followed by fellowship.

Mr. Claude Sawyer will be registrar. The training school will continue until 9 p. m.

CITES PUBLIC LAW STABILIZING SUPPORT LEVELS

Public Law 86-389 enacted by Congress on February 20, 1960 provides a new formula for determining the tobacco price support level for the 1960 and subsequent years. Under this new law the tobacco support level for the 1960 crop will be the same as that for the 1959 crop which was 57.2c per pound for Burley and 55.5c per pound for Flue-cured. For the 1961 and subsequent years the support price will be adjusted upward or downward from the 1959 level in direct proportion to the change in the party index using the previous 3-year moving average. The former law governing the support level on Burley and Flue-cured made it mandatory that each be supported at 90% of parity when marketing quotas were in effect. Following are the provisions in the new law which becomes effective on the 1960 crop: Public Law 86-389 amends Title 1 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, by adding at the end thereof a new section 106, as follows: "SEC. 106. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of section 101 of this Act: (a) For the 1960 crop of any kind of tobacco for which marketing quotas (Continued To Page Four)

Telechrome Acquires All Stock Of Hammarlund; Sales Nearly Triple

TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 2; ANGLERS HAPPY

Madison County anglers, as well as sportsmen in other counties, were please and happy to read the headlines in Tuesday's Asheville Citizen that the trout season had been re-scheduled to open April 2. The article follows: The State Wildlife Resources Commission Monday decided to open the mountain trout season April 2, even though it will be impossible to do much pre-season trout stocking in the western streams.

Executive director Clyde P. Patton said a telephone poll of commission members reversed a decision to delay the opening date until April 30. The commission agreed, he said, that the delay is not acceptable to the majority of trout anglers.

The postponement was voted March 15, at the height of record snow falls in the west.

"The commission realizes that due to weather and road conditions little or no pre-season stocking can be done," Patton said. However, he added, this would give an opportunity to check the ability of trout waters to supply native fish.

"Most of the trout taken during the early part of the 1960 season — before the streams may be stocked — will be native fish," he explained, "and it will be interesting to see how well the natural production of our trout waters will supply the demand of season trout fishermen."

Each distribution personnel has been instructed to begin stocking fish from hatcheries for use in the mountain streams as soon as the road conditions permit, Patton said. Help from sportsmen groups and individuals will be appreciated he added.

Schools Reopen; To Have Classes Sat.

Madison County schools reopened Tuesday after another "holiday" Monday due to hazardous road conditions. They will have classes this Saturday, it was announced.

Mars Hill College May Become 4-Year Senior College

IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR GOOD TOBACCO BEDS

The major concern of most tobacco farmers in Madison County today is getting their plant beds seeded. How, at this late date, can a farmer expect to have early tobacco plants, stated Harry G. Silver, county farm agent, here this week.

Practices which have been proven by successful tobacco farmers and by the research stations are still the most dependable for a farmer under the present conditions. These practices are as follows: Site Selection, place your bed where it will have protection from the north winds and will be exposed to the south, and where water can be had to water the plants; Conditions of Preparation and Treatment, allow the soil to become dry enough so that a good seedbed can be prepared and prepare a well pulverized bed; Fertilization, use from one and one-half to two pounds of plant food per square yard, work the soil to this amount into the (Continued To Page Eight)

Announces For Senate



Clyde M. Roberts

CLYDE ROBERTS ANNOUNCES FOR STATE SENATE

Clyde M. Roberts, Attorney of Marshall, Madison County, announced this week that he would seek the Republican nomination for State Senator for the 30th District. The district is composed of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, and Yancey counties. For many years these counties have followed the rotation plan as to the Republican Nominee.

Roberts represented Madison County in the 1949 General Assembly, serving on the Committees on Agriculture, Counties, Cities, and Towns, Finance, Judiciary No. 2, Mental Institutions, Veterans Legislation, Wildlife Resources, Enrolled Bills, and Trustees of The University.

A graduate of Mars Hill College and the University of North Carolina, Roberts taught in Walnut High School, Madison County, from 1931-36. From 1936 to 1938, he was employed as a Special Agent with the Southern Railway Police Department.

In 1938 he was elected Clerk Superior Court, Madison County, and was re-elected in 1942. During his last term he was granted (Continued To Last Page)

Electronics Companies Complete Merger Negotiations In Cash Deal

AMITYVILLE, L. I., MARCH 21 — Telechrome Manufacturing Corp., producer and distributor of advanced electronic equipment, has nearly tripled its sales volume through the acquisition of the 50-year-old Hammarlund Manufacturing Co., Inc., J. Raymond Popkin-Clurman, Telechrome president, announced today.

Telechrome paid about \$800,000 cash for all the stock in the privately-owned Hammarlund company, Mr. Popkin-Clurman said. Final negotiations for the acquisition were completed over the week-end.

The new company is now operating at an annual sales rate of nearly \$6 million. Prior to the completion of negotiations, Telechrome was operating at an annual sales rate of slightly more than \$2 million.

"The natural integration of the companies' products lines in the industrial communications and telemetering fields," Mr. Popkin-Clurman said, "provides the new corporation with far greater sales, profits, research and production potentials than the two companies had operating separately. Hammarlund's high quality radio receivers will extend our penetration into the communications field, with Telechrome's color and monochrome television equipment. Hammarlund's industrial telemetry will be added to Telechrome's military telemetry. And Hammarlund's industrial control equipment will make possible a wider application of Telechrome's automation system."

"With this combination of products, Telechrome will be able to sell to a much wider spectrum of industrial and military operations." Last month, Telechrome acquired 50 per cent of the stock in (Continued To Last Page)

To Run Again



Rep. Fred Holcombe

HOLCOMBE OF MADISON TO RUN AGAIN

Madison County State Representative Fred Holcombe of Mars Hill announced Wednesday he would be a candidate for re-election.

He will run for the Democratic nomination in the May 28 primary.

Rep. Holcombe served in the House in the 1955 and 1959 sessions of the General Assembly.

He also has served three terms on the Mars Hill board of aldermen and one term on the Madison County board of education, and is a former Mars Hill postmaster.

In business he is the owner of Holcombe Funeral Home, which he established 28 years ago.

In the 1958 General Assembly, he served as chairman of the enrolled bills committee and as member of 10 other committees.

SAVINGS BOND SALES UP AGAIN

The sale of U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina continues to increase.

During the month of February, sales of Series E Bonds totaled \$4,167,118, an increase of 9.5 per cent over the same month last year. Series H Bonds sales totaled \$558,500 — up 5.3 per cent.

The combined sale of Series E and H Bonds for the month totaled \$4,725,618. This is an increase of 9.0 per cent over February, 1959.

Cumulative E and H Bond sales for the first two months of this year are \$9,852,451 — up 6.8 per cent over the comparable months of last year.

Savings Bonds sales in Madison County during February were \$11,547.80, 20.6 per cent of the county's quota for this year.

In making this release, C. L. Rudisill Jr., County Volunteer Chairman, stated "as more people become acquainted with the new high interest rate being paid on Savings Bonds, sales in our community will continue to grow."

LOT OF WORK FOR A DIME

Indianapolis — Police did not believe James Coleman's story a week ago when a dime in a pay telephone. They found him in the back of a hamper, mallet, a screw driver, and can opener — and the very battered telephone.

Walnut High School Selected For "Project Talent" Tests

Four-Day Test To Be Given High School Students

Washington, D. C., March 24 — The Project Talent Office of the University of Pittsburgh, supervising a national survey of the abilities and aptitudes of American youth, today announced that Walnut High School in Madison County, N. C., has been selected as an official project Talent school.

All the students of this high school are scheduled to receive a four-day series of tests designed by some of the leading educational researchers of the country as part of the first national inventory of the aptitudes and abilities of American youth. Approximately 460,000 high school students, drawn from all of the 50 states, will participate in this representative census which tests young people not only for their ability in ordinary school work, but for their basic aptitudes. The students are also asked a wide range of general information questions based on current events and general knowledge which a person gets from out-of-school sources.

There will be follow-up studies, it was said by the school official making the announcement here, (Continued To Page Six)

MRS. FELDTMOSE TO HEAD COUNTY CENSUS WORK

Mr. Hunter M. Baumgardner, of Gastonia, district supervisor for the 1960 census, has appointed Mrs. Marvel Feldtmose at Hot Springs, as Crew Leader for Madison County. Mrs. Feldtmose is substituting for Mr. Olin Jarrett, of Marshall, who is unable to serve.

All of the enumerators selected will have a three-day training course and will be notified of the time and place of such training course, Mrs. Feldtmose stated this week.

Census takers who will visit every dwelling unit in the area during the 1960 Census of population and Housing which starts April 1 will participate in three training sessions next week. District Supervisor Hunter M. Baumgardner announced today.

The training sessions, to be conducted by the crew leaders, will be held March 28, 29, 30. Each census taker will receive a total of approximately nine hours of instruction. Emphasis will be placed (Continued To Page Eight)