

Flood Study Of Marshall To Be Presented Monday

Study To Be Used By Local Officials In Planning For Future

A TVA Flood Study of the French Broad River in the vicinity of Marshall, North Carolina has been completed and will be presented at Marshall on July 11, 1960. Colonel Harry E. Brown, Director of the North Carolina Department of Water Resources, will present the study. He will be assisted in the presentation by the Local Flood Relations Branch of TVA, and Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission. The town of Marshall, through the State officials, requested the study early in 1958. Clarence S. Nix, Mayor of the Town of Marshall, stated the study was necessary in preparing a comprehensive flood plan for the town.

Field investigations, final computations, and preparation of the report were recently completed. Copies of the report are being made available to officials of the community, newspapers, libraries, industries, and others having need for the data.

The objectives of the study is to provide data that will be useful to community leaders in working out the best use of land subject to flooding, and in planning any new developments in the flood plain of the river so as to minimize flood damage.

The Marshall study is one of a number that TVA is making to aid communities in the Tennessee Valley. Since its organization, TVA has assembled information on rainfall, runoff, and other technical data related to the occurrence and magnitude of floods throughout the Valley region. These data provide the basis for flood control studies.

Many of the residents of the Marshall area will vividly recall the flood of August 30, 1949, and some will even remember the great flood of July 16, 1916. The entire business section of Marshall was flooded at both times. Flood depths were as much as eight feet at some points.

Mayor Nix announced that the meeting will be held at the REA Building in Marshall at 3:00 p. m. The meeting is open to the public.



Bernard S. Brigman

BRIGMAN NAMED PRINCIPAL AT WHITEVILLE

Wan Marshall High School Principal For 3 Years; Unanimous Choice

Bernard S. Brigman, former principal at Marshall High School, was unanimously elected principal of Whiteville High School at the board of education meeting held in Whiteville on Monday of last week.

Thirty-eight persons showed interest in the vacancy for the principalship and the board actually interviewed six persons. Mr. Brigman was selected by a 20-0 vote.

By the appointment of a board of directors by H. C. Scott.

The new principal went to Whiteville high school the day before school opened as a history teacher and driving training instructor at the beginning of the 1959-60 school year.

Prior to going to Whiteville, Brigman had been principal of the Marshall high school for nine years, and principal of Spring Creek high school five years.

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FUEL TRUCK EXPLODES, BURNS HERE MONDAY

Marshall firemen were called into action at 7:00 a. m. on July 4th, when a 1710-gallon capacity truck caught on fire near the Charlie Tipton home on old Route 20 in Marshall.

Troy Lee Meadows, driver of the truck, was enroute to the Robinson Oil Company when suddenly the engine seemed to explode. He turned the truck into the bank and jumped. In minutes the cab was aflame. Mr. Meadows stated that the huge tank was empty.

Firemen responded and cooled the fame-filled tank with water from a spray nozzle from the booster tank. The engine and cab of the 1959 Dodge were completely destroyed but the tank was not damaged.

The truck belonged to the Earl Robinson Oil Company.

FARMERS ARE BOTHERED BY PESTS THIS YEAR

A number of Madison County farmers producing burley tobacco and some of the farmers producing tomatoes have been bothered by a pest this year which they are unfamiliar with. This pest is a worm known as the stalk borer which has a hard, black head with the front part of the body generally black and two or more dark streaks extend down the length of the body. This worm attacks tobacco by boring either into the stalk or midrib or tobacco leaves. It bores in the stalk or midrib resulting the tobacco plant to wilt.

The pest is the most serious of stalk borer in the tobacco plant. The worm is in the margin next to another field, fence row or ditch bank. This insect can be controlled by spraying the border area with a heavy concentration of DDT. It should contain at least three tablespoonsful of 50% DDT wettable powder per gallon of water and as the stalk borer crawls up through the plant of the tobacco or tomato it will become contaminated with DDT and die. After the worm has already reached the plant and got in the stalk there is no effective chemical treatment.

COUNTY 4-11 TEAM WINS JUDGING MEET JULY 1

The Madison County 4-11 team, Judge Tom was the winner of the district judging on July 1. The team was in competition with other 4-11 teams from the Western North Carolina counties.

Team members from the county were Jimmy Buckner, Cliff Burnett, and Clifford Burnett. Jimmy Buckner made the high individual score in the contest.

The team was awarded \$25.00 to help pay their expenses to the State Judging Contest to be held in Raleigh on July 6. The team, consisting of the four highest scoring boys, will be selected during the State Contest to represent North Carolina in the National Judging Contest.

\$100,000 LAW SUIT IS FILED HERE FRIDAY

A \$100,000 law suit was filed last Friday in superior court here against Robert Johnson in connection with the alleged wrongful death of Cliff Burnett, pastor last March 17.

The suit is brought by Mrs. Zura Burnett, widow of the deceased, and mother of the late Cliff Burnett.

\$50,000 is for punitive damages and \$50,000 for actual damages. It was returned.

Mr. Johnson is under bond awaiting trial, charged with the murder of Burnett. The trial is scheduled for the July term of court here.

Hot Springs ENJOYS 4TH CELEBRATION

Hot Springs, N. C., celebrated its 4th annual All-Stars event on Monday, July 4th.

After the skit, trap and pistol shoot, the Babe Ruth All-Star game was played on the school diamond. A selected team of players from Mars Hill and Marshall played a team composed of players from Walnut, Hot Springs, and Laurel. The Marshall-Mars Hill team scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat their opponents, 7-5 in an exciting game. Arthur Davis (Mars Hill) was the winning pitcher while Freddie Sharpe (Hot Springs) was charged with the loss. Freddie Candler (Marshall) was the leading hitter with two singles and a double in five trips.

For the losers, Bobby Franklin (Laurel) led at the plate with 2 singles in three trips.

At 2:00 o'clock the All-Stars of the Madison County League played the Laurel team, winners of (Continued To Last Page)

Three County Men Arrested In \$12,000 Gastonia Theft



CHARGED Saturday in the \$12,100 supermarket robbery in Gastonia Friday night were (L-R) Douglas Williams, 23; Bearlin Aikens, 32; and Mason King, 20, all of Madison County.

Captured Shortly After The Incident; Loot Is Recovered

Three Madison County men held up a supermarket at gunpoint in Gastonia Friday night and escaped with \$12,100. They were captured shortly afterward in front of police headquarters.

Jailed without immediate bond were Bearlin Aikens, 32, Douglas Williams, 23, and Mason King, 20, all of the Laurel section.

Officers said they are charged with armed robbery.

According to officers, the three men entered the huge Marsh Supermarket located at the eastern edge of Gastonia about 9:30 p. m. They ordered dozens of customers and employees into the rear of the store and began looting some 10 checkout cash registers at the front of the store.

While the robbery was in progress, officers reported, the produce manager in the store managed to open the rear door and let out three employees, who drove in to the city and reported the robbery was in progress.

Officers, equipped with machineguns, rushed to the supermarket. One police car radioed it had seen a late model Oldsmobile pulling away from the store.

Officers followed the car up the four-lane highway until the car got to a point almost opposite the Gastonia city police station, where the driver was ordered to stop.

The officers said they found a man driving and a woman, Mrs. Betty Lou Williams, sitting in the front seat with him. Niens also apparently was in the car.

Further investigation, however, revealed no more contained in the trunk of the auto—all surrounding without a struggle, although they were armed with German luger automatics.

Money taken from the store was recovered from the auto, officers said.

Mrs. Williams, who is pregnant, was released.

Bobby Robinson Elected State FFA President

Mars Hill Student Chosen Over 20 Applicants; Brilliant Record

Bobby Robinson, son of Mrs. Woodrow Morgan of Marshall RFD 2, and the late Max Robinson, was elected president of the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America at the closing session of the 32nd annual State FFA Convention in Raleigh last Friday. The brilliant Mars Hill student was chosen over a field of 20 top applicants.

This is the first time that a member of the Blue Ridge District has received such a high honor.

Robinson, 17, succeeds Norris Tolson of Route 3, Tarboro.

Robinson, who has been a member of the Mars Hill Vocational Agriculture department for the



Bobby Robinson

Franklin Is Named Principal At Whittier

Harvey Franklin of Marshall has been named new Whittier School principal by the Swain County board of education, it has been announced by superintendent of schools, T. L. Woodard. Franklin has taught in Bryson City Elementary Schools for a number of years.

Mr. Franklin is the son of Edd Franklin of Marshall RFD 4. He is a graduate of Laurel High School and Western Carolina College.



"Fiddling Bill" Hensley, Famed Musician, Dies At 86

Was A Native of Madison County; Moves To Be Here Today

William A. Hensley, 86, a famous fiddling musician who had spent his life in the mountains of the Blue Ridge, died in an Asheville hospital Monday, July 4, 1960. He was 86 years old.

He was born in the town of Marshall, N. C., and moved to Asheville in 1910. He was a member of the Asheville Fiddlers' Club and was a member of the Asheville Fiddlers' Club.

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MARS HILL FFA TOPS IN STATE CONVENTION

The Mars Hill High School FFA, under the direction of Mr. J. E. McIntire, won top honors at the State Convention held in Raleigh last week.

John Bruce Buckner had the highest score in North Carolina in judging beef cattle and hogs. Gus Ballard was runner-up with the second highest score in the (Continued To Last Page)

BLOODMOBILE TO BE HERE TOMORROW

Visit Is Being Sponsored By Marshall Lions Club

It was announced this week that the Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Marshall on Friday, July 8 from 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The unit will be located in the Davis-Sutton Post, American Legion Building, on State Street.

The visit is being sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club. It is a free service.

It is hoped that many will take advantage of this service. The unit will be here from July 8 to July 10.

Ponder To Fly To Democratic Nat'l Convention

Zeno B. Ponder, a N. C. delegate to the Democratic National Convention, will board a plane Saturday for Los Angeles, California, to attend the convention next week.

He will join other North Carolina delegates who are making the trip via air.

French Broad Lodge To Confer Degrees

The French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 1142 will confer the 25th degree on two candidates on Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the lodge room at 1142 N. W. 11th St. in Marshall.

Price Support Rate For 1960 Crop Rye, \$1.07

The minimum county price support rate for rye in all counties in North Carolina is \$1.07 per bushel, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, Office Manager of the Madison County ASC Office. This rate was determined on the basis of the 1960 national average rye price support of \$0.90 per bushel. The 1960-crop rye, to be eligible for price support, must grade No. 2 or better, or No. 3 on factor of test weight only but otherwise No. 2 or better.

VFW TO MEET HERE TONIGHT

Ed Nile, commander of the VFW Chapter here, announced that an important meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Marshall club at 7:30 o'clock.

A service officer will be present to answer any questions with respect to the new law which states that anyone who has been convicted of a crime is ineligible for membership in the VFW.

Calvin H. Reeves Homeplace Destroyed By Fire Thursday

Occupants Awakened By Blaze Shortly Before Midnight

One of Madison County's oldest landmarks was destroyed last Thursday night when the beautiful and picturesque eight-room homeplace of Calvin H. Reeves went up in flames. The two-story dwelling, located in the Little Sandy Creek section, near the Buncombe County line, was occupied by Eads H. Reeves, his wife, and two daughters, aged 10 and 12, and Mr. Reeves.

Cause of the blaze is undetermined.

The fire, which started in an upstairs room, drove the occupants of the home toward the front entrance. They were awakened by the fire at about midnight.

The family, including Mrs. Reeves, a daughter, Mrs. Norman Randall of Glenside road, in Buncombe County, for the past two years, but had been staying with the McElwain family for some three weeks because his daughter had been injured in a fall.

Mrs. Randall estimated the loss at between \$5,000 and \$10,000. She said part of the loss was covered by insurance.

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