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GOP Chairman Plans To Fight Libel Suit

Suit Was Based On Cobb's Charges Of Irregularities In Bond Election

Morganton — State Republican Chairman William E. Cobb will fight a \$300,000 libel suit against him "right on down the line." Cobb said Saturday that any comments he made about alleged irregularities in Madison County's Marshall precinct were "justified and could be substantiated." He said the suit filed against him earlier this week by Precinct Registrar Zeno Ponder "is probably a good thing. It will bring all these facts to the attention of the public." At the time Ponder filed the suit in Madison County Superior Court at Marshall, two other precinct election officials indicated they planned similar action. The suits were based on Cobb's charges of irregularities in the precinct during a statewide bond election in October, 1959. After the election, Cobb questioned the validity of the vote and told the State Board of Elections the situation in Madison County "stinks so high heaven."

1960 CENSUS TO COST N. C. ONE CONGRESSMAN

Twenty-five states will gain or lose seats in the House of Representatives as a result of the 1960 census, the government announced today. North Carolina will lose one of its 12 seats in the shakeup. At the same time, the Commerce Department announced that the total population of the 50 states was 179,323,175 on last April 1 — the date of the once-a-decade census. This was an increase of 18.5 per cent from the 1950 total of 151,325,780. Officials said that the total population figure would exceed 180 million once they add in servicemen, dependents, government personnel and businessmen living overseas. The changes in congressional representation were calculated on the basis of population shifts between 1950 and 1960. A formal report calling for realignment of the House, as provided by law, was transmitted to President Eisenhower at Augusta, Ga., by the Secretary of Commerce Frederick H. Mueller. Under the reapportionment which will not take effect until the 1962 election, 16 states will lose seats in the House. Nine states will gain seats.

NO SOIL BANK RESERVE SIGNUP FOR THIS FALL

There will be no signup this fall for additional land or contracts under the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve. Farmers should understand, however, that the existing contracts for 1960 and previous years will remain in effect and payments will continue to be made under them for the period of the contracts and in accordance with contract terms. The annual Department of Agriculture appropriation bills provide money with which to meet obligations already on the books. There are 7,831 Conservation Reserve contracts in effect in North Carolina, involving a total of 271,000 acres. Contract periods range from 3 to 10 years, and annual rental payments for 1960 amount to approximately \$4.1 million. Nationally, there are more than 300,000 Conservation Reserve contracts in effect in 1960, covering a total acreage of approximately 28.6 million acres in 48 states. The average rental payment is \$11.85 per acre, and the rental payments for 1960 will amount to about \$338 million.

74 DEER BAGGED AS WNC SEASON OPENS MONDAY

The largest reported kill was made by Richard Mathes of Canton Monday as deer hunters in Western North Carolina enjoyed a field day as antlered bucks became legal game for two weeks. Mathes bagged a 22-pound buck on the West Fork of Pigeon River in the Sherwood area with a .270 Winchester from 100 yards away. The kill was fair except on Pisgah where hunters had only a half-day to get their game. Mostly fair weather prevailed across WNC except on Santeetlah in Graham County where the hunt was hampered by bad fog. No kills were made at Barkers Creek. Two wild boar were taken on the Big Santeetlah side. Reports received indicated these kills: Harmon Den, 222 hunters, 16 deer. Rich Laurel, 207 hunters, 5 deer on Rich Mountain section. Fires Creek, 202 hunters, 13 deer, no hogs. Wayah, 76 hunters, six deer. Standing Indian, 205 hunters, five deer. Sherwood, West Fork, 274 hunters, 14 deer. Pisgah, Bent Creek, 71 hunters, three deer. Pisgah, North Mills River, 198 hunters, seven deer, one bear.

Turkey Shoot, Drawing To Bring Hundreds Here Sat.



Pictured above is the 1961 American Rambler which will be the Grand Prize to be given away here Dec. 23 in the promotion sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association.

Pony To Be Given Away At Drawing; Shoot On Island

Thousands of people from every section of Madison County are expected to be in Marshall Saturday for the big "double-header" attractions. Beginning at ten o'clock on the Island will be a turkey shoot, sponsored by the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and under the direction of Lee Sluder. Mr. Sluder said that ammunition will be available but shooters are asked to bring their own guns. This is the first such event held on the Island in years and a large crowd is expected to gather and

PARADE AT 10 A. M.

Beginning festivities here Saturday will be a parade starting at 10 o'clock. Participating in the parade will be the Marshall and Mars Hill High School Bands, the pony to be given away, and the Rambler which will be given away on December 23.

KENNEDY WINS THIS STATE BY 57,670 VOTES

Raleigh — Complete, official returns from North Carolina's general election show that Sen. John F. Kennedy carried the state by 57,670 votes in winning the presidency. Kennedy polled 713,318 votes to 655,648 for Republican Richard M. Nixon. Raymond Maxwell, secretary of the State Board of Elections, also announced that Terry Sanford received 735,248 votes in winning the governorship by 121,273 votes over Republican Robert L. Gavin of Sanford. Gavin's total was 613,975. Results in Congressional races (Continued To Page Eight)

COUNTY ACP IS DEVELOPED FOR 1961

A meeting of the County Agricultural Development Group was held on Wednesday last week for the purpose of formulating the County Agricultural Conservation Program for 1961. The Development Group consists of representatives from each of the County, State, and Federal agricultural agencies and farm organizations within the county. During this meeting the group selected soil and water conservation practices which they felt would best meet the county needs in solving the county problem in 1961. Practices selected were: (1) Establishment of permanent protective vegetative cover; (2) Establishment of additional vegetative cover in crop rotation; (3) Liming materials on farmland; (4) Contour stripcropping; (5) Planting trees; (6) Improvement of permanent pasture and hay; (7) Construction of farm ponds; (8) Forest improvement; (9) Sod waterways; (10) Tile drainage; (11) Establishing winter cover crops. During recent years, Madison County's ACP has carried these same practices with the exception of sod waterways and (Continued To Last Page)

Census Bureau To Conduct Sample Survey In County

The 1960 Sample of Agriculture will be conducted in this county during the next several weeks, it was announced today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. The 1960 Sample Survey of Agriculture will collect information on ownership and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, and livestock production and inventories. Information will be collected also on farm equipment, farm income, construction of new buildings, farm contracts, and farm operator debts. This survey will supplement information collected in the 1959 Census of Agriculture. Farms in the county which will be covered in the 1960 Sample Survey of Agriculture were selected at random under the Census Bureau's scientific sampling program to provide a representative cross-section of all farms in the country. Information collected locally will be combined with that collected in other areas of the country to provide national estimates. Local interviews for the 1960 Sample Survey of Agriculture will be conducted by Butler P. Dixon.

HOT SPRINGS OFFICIAL HURT IN PLANE CRASH

Charles G. Shaffer, 40, Hot Springs alderman and owner of the Times Theatre and mercantile store, suffered minor injuries Saturday afternoon in an airplane crash in Hot Springs. Shaffer told The Citizen-Times that he was flying the plane, an Aircoque rented from Morris-town, Tenn. Flying Service, over the town when the engine quit. He attempted to land the plane on a strip alongside the skeet range near the railroad. "I was landing pretty fast," Shaffer said. "It was pretty sandy, and I pushed forward on the wheel and the plane nosed over." Shaffer was taken to Hot Springs Clinic where he was treated for minor facial cuts and bruises. Shaffer, a private pilot, has been flying for some 12 years.

watch the sharpshooters hit the targets for turkeys. At four o'clock, the second drawing, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association will be held the courthouse with a pony, donated by Mr. J. E. Lackey, to be the grand prize award. In addition to the pony the following prizes will be given away: Two blankets, valued at \$5.00 each (Belk-Broome Co.); One Coldwave Permanent (Salsam Beauty Shop); \$10 worth of groceries (Dixie Grocery); one pair Florsheim Shoes, value at \$19.95 (Penland & Dorn); and 20 Silver Dollars. The final drawing of the day will be for the Pony, it was stated. All tickets used in the last drawing, plus the tickets received since, will be valid for the drawing.

URGES CONTROL OF PARASITES ON CATTLE

Every year, farmers in Madison County lose money, due to external parasites on their cattle. These parasites will cause the farmer to feed more than is necessary to keep the animals through the winter. The livestock will not do so well. They are covered with lice, regardless of the feed program used. Farmers with tractor power pumps may, successfully, control lice by spraying. In the absence of a power pump, a (Continued To Last Page)

Creanes Gosnell Killed By Rifle Shot Near Here Sat.

Estranged Wife, Daughter And Tenn. Man Being Held For Murder

An argument which ended in a bloody shooting resulting in the death of Creanes Gosnell, 53, of Marshall RD 4, occurred Saturday night about 7:40 o'clock at a filling station near the home of Mrs. Gosnell. According to officers, Gosnell and his brother, Sward, were parked at the filling station between Marshall and Walnut which is located about 400 yards from Mrs. Gosnell's home. Gosnell's daughter, Dorothy Mae, 20, who lives with her mother, came out of her home and walked to the filling station. Soon after arriving, she and her father began arguing and the argument, it is thought, Dorothy Mae became so angry that she scratched her face. Shots were fired at the station telephoned for Sheriff Ponder to come out there and an argument going on but before Sheriff Ponder arrived at the scene, Mrs. Gosnell and J. L. Hodges, 59, of Marshall, Tenn., RD 4, who was at her home, came out of her home and after getting near the station the argument was going on and started firing guns to the station. She was carrying an army revolver and Mrs. Hodges had a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. Hodges allegedly shot one of the high school boys who was at the filling station. The filling station was owned by Mr. (Continued on Last Page)

PONDER PLEADS NO CONTEST ON BRIBE CHARGE

Judgment Continued For 2 Years In District Court

Federal Judge Wilson Warlick cleared the docket for 12 individual cases including the attempted bribery of a government officer Monday as the November term of U. S. District Court opened in Asheville. Judge Warlick also impaneled a federal grand jury which, by day's end, "had handed down 54 true bills and returned no true bill against three other persons. A plea of notis contendere was made in behalf of Love Everett Ponder of the Leicester section, indicted in May, 1959 on a charge of attempting to bribe an officer of the West Buncombe Community Agriculture Stabilization Committee in a 1957 ASC election. Prayer for judgment was continued two years in the case by Judge Warlick. The bill of indictment charged that Ponder offered some \$500 in cash and services to Bruce Tread, chairman of the West Buncombe Committee, to use his influence in the election and in the casting of his vote. The bribe attempt, the bill stated, took place at a time Tread was an officer and acting in behalf of the U. S. Department of (Continued on Last Page)

THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE TO BE HELD HERE

A union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Marshall Baptist Church next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, it has been announced. The Rev. Glen A. Ramsey Jr., pastor of the church, will deliver the message and the Baptist Church choir will have special music. Members of all denominations are cordially invited to the service which will last for only 30 minutes, it was stated.

Farm Bureau Is Seeking Members; To Remain Active

Bill Roberts, president of the Madison County Farm Bureau, stated this week that new members are being sought for the organization. "Membership is open to all farmers regardless of Party affiliation," Mr. Roberts said. See advertisement on Page Six.

Jobs Are Now Open For Faithful Democrats

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE HERE SATURDAY

Madison County 4-H Clubs will sponsor a Chicken Bar-B-Que in Marshall this Saturday, Nov. 19, between 11 a. m., and 1 p. m. The chicken will be cooked on a charcoal grill for two hours before being served. Potato crispies, rolls, coffee will be served along with one-half of a Bar-B-Que chicken for \$1.00. Proceeds will go to the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. This fund is set up to build new camp facilities and provide scholarships for worthy 4-H boys and girls. Other event in Marshall will include: The first showing of the 1,000-pound steer to be given away by the Marshall Lions Club on December 24; the second drawing for the Merchants Association prizes; and a Turkey Shoot, sponsored by the Marshall Chamber of Commerce.

James M. Baley Jr., Former Resident Of Marshall, To Lose Out

The changeover in the national administration next January will mean some choice jobs for the Democratic faithful. While most Federal jobs are frozen by civil service, there are still plenty to fill — some in the five-figure bracket. If the usual procedure is followed, the senators will pick the district attorneys and marshals while the postmasterships will be filled on recommendation of the congressmen. Many postmasters appointed by the present Republican administration are serving under temporary appointments as the U. S. Senate has confirmed only a few in the past two years. As a result, these temporary appointments will lose out in the change of administrations. Congressman Roy A. Taylor Monday asked the Post Office Department for a list of temporary postmasterships in the 18th Congressional District. Among the Federal officeholders in Asheville who will lose out when the Democratic administration takes over are: James M. Baley, U. S. attorney for the western district of North Carolina, \$17,200 a year; assistant District Attorney Hugh W. Smith, \$15,500 a year; and (Continued on Last Page)

Integration Issue Hits N. C. Baptists Unexpectedly

Dr. Robert E. Seymour Presents Resolution Yesterday

The explosive integration issue hit the Baptist State Convention Wednesday on the basis of acceptance of a major effort to enlarge and improve the state's seven Baptist colleges. In the busiest day of the 130th annual session in Asheville's City Auditorium, the 2,500-odd members re-elected C. B. Deane of Rockingham for a second one-year term as president. The action was by acclamation. A resolution calling for integration of the denomination's col-

leges "with all deliberate speed" hit the convention without notice. It was referred to the committee on resolutions, which already was debating the touchy issue of whether to congratulate President-elect John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic. The messengers (delegates) had just approved a proposal calling for a major long-range effort to raise \$45 million for Baptist colleges when the Rev. Robert E. Seymour of Chapel Hill dropped his integration resolution. (Dr. Seymour formerly was pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church and is a trustee of Mars Hill Junior College, an institution which would be affected by the resolu-

tion he introduced. (A native of Greenwood, S. C., and a graduate of Yale Divinity School, he also studied at the University of Edinburgh where he earned his Ph.D. degree. He came to Mars Hill in 1955, leaving for the Chapel Hill post last year. He has been in steady demand as a speaker throughout the state, both to church and secular groups and has played an active role in state-wide safety campaigns. He was elected to a four-year term on the Mars Hill board of trustees in 1952.) The document stated that Southern Baptist members already have been urged to sign qualified Non-

Turkey Shoot At Hot Springs Saturday Afternoon

A turkey shoot on the Hot Springs Shoot Range will be held Saturday from 12 noon until 5:00 o'clock. Shotgun, rifle and pistol shooting will be enjoyed. Proceeds from the event will go for the Asheville Post. (Continued on Last Page)