

## Patrolmen To Try To Decrease Holiday Trend

### Will "Saturate" Highways In Effort To Save Lives, Curb Accidents

State Highway Patrolmen have been alerted to "saturate" high-accident frequency highways during the month of December in an effort to curb the alarming number of fatalities which occur in December.

Madison County's three efficient patrolmen — Charlie Pearson, A. L. Feldman and Edward Hall — are cooperating to the fullest in efforts to pick up drivers who violate the laws. They stated this week that they would "saturate" areas of the highways which have been plagued with accidents and deaths. Motorists are urged to drive exceedingly careful during the holidays when the major number of wrecks occur.

The reason for this special emphasis month can be found in past records:

During December, 1960, North Carolina had 124 traffic accident deaths. This was the greatest number since 1955. On last Christmas Day, 13 persons were killed and on a five-day period (Dec. 24-28) 39 persons were killed.

## MAN LOSES BACK YARD

Los Angeles, Calif. — A man without a back yard is Horace W. of Los Angeles. He was entering the lawn behind his home when a wide hole opened to a depth of 25 feet. Pena scrambled out of the way. Later he learned that the hole was an old well.

## EXTRA DRAWING HERE SATURDAY; TV IS MAIN PRIZE

### Large Crowd Expected To Be Here For 10:00 O'clock Drawing

Officials of the Marshall Merchants Association announced this week that an "extra" drawing would be held at the courthouse on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. This added drawing is made by the members of the association to show appreciation to the public for their Christmas shopping in Marshall.

The main prize to be given away Saturday will be a beautiful 21" table model television set.

In addition to the television set, other prizes will include:

Blackboard and Stand (Roberta Pharmacy); Toilet Set (Moore's Pharmacy); Towels, Wash Cloths, etc. (O. C. Rector); \$5.00 in trade (Coal, Feed & Lumber Co.); and fifty silver dollars.

## MUCH HELP—LITTLE COST

ASC's county offices in North Carolina made farm stored loans on 389,720 bushels of corn in 1959. According to Novile Hawkins, Madison County ASC chairman, farmers carrying loans on 387,463 bushels of this corn re-

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Pictured above are President-elect Kennedy announced the selection of John F. Kennedy and North Carolina Governor Luther H. Hodges, as his secretary of commerce.

—Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

## YULE LIGHTS, MANGER SCENE ADD TO SPIRIT

The beautiful Manger scene has again been installed on the courthouse lawn and the Christmas candles on the telephone poles have been put up, adding greatly to the Christmas spirit.

The Manger scene, purchased by the Marshall Merchants Association, is the same as it was last year. The French Broad Electric Membership Corporation installed the candles.

## HOT SPRINGS LIONS CLUB MEETS LAST THURSDAY

The Hot Springs Lions Club held their regular meeting last Thursday night with twelve members and four guests present. Guests were Bailey Payne and Burlin Ricker, both of Hot Springs; and J. B. Tweed and O. A. Gregory of the Marshall Club.

Reports were given on the various activities by the respective committees. The club voted to contribute \$200 to the Hot Springs Health Council for the project of restoring the community ambulance to service. This money was raised by holding square dances during October and November. The club also voted to donate \$18 or one dollar per member, to the North Carolina Eye Bank for Restoring Sight. This money was taken from the Lions Club Sight Conservation Fund.

One item of particular interest to the people of Hot Springs was the club's vote to continue the sponsorship of a Christmas Decoration Contest in the town of Hot Springs. The club decided to give two prizes of ten dollars and a second prize of five dollars. The judging will be by an impartial committee and will take place on November 22. It is hoped that this will stimulate the practice of outside decorations in town. The contest last year was considered very successful.

Also announced at the meeting were the final plans for Ladies Night to be held on December 16.

## BLOODMOBILE TO BE IN MARSHALL ON JANUARY 4

It was announced this week that the American Red Cross bloodmobile would visit Marshall on Wednesday, January 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. The visit will be housed in the American Legion Building.

Today (Thursday) the bloodmobile will be at the Recreation Center in Hot Springs.

## HOT SPRINGS PLANT PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Party To Be Held On December 18; 350 Expected

Christmas operating schedules for the Hot Springs plant of Burlington Industries are being set today by Gaston managers, who also are planning for the annual Christmas party.

The party will be held at the plant on December 18. It is expected that about 350 persons will attend.

## TRUCK PLUNGE INJURES TWO IN COUNTY

Two persons were injured about 3 p. m., Saturday on U. S. 25-70 two miles south of Hot Springs when the brakes failed on their truck.

The truck overturned and the driver and passenger were injured. The driver was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

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## COUNTY BURLEY FARMER PROFITS FROM PEPPERS

Gordon Shelton, a young burley tobacco farmer in the remote Carmel community of Madison County, has found a good supplement to his tobacco income: bell pepper for canning purposes.

Shelton found it necessary to have more income in order to better support his family. In order to do this, Shelton has grown bell pepper for two years to sell to Moody Dunbar Company in Tennessee.

The result has been additional income at a time when other farm income is low. For the last two years, Shelton has successfully produced pepper with yields of 7.5 tons in 1959 and in 1960, 7.2 tons per acre.

How hard are peppers to produce? Shelton says that this crop does not require a great deal of labor. Pepper does not have to be gathered on a certain day, but can be harvested when there is sufficient amount to make a truck load.

Shelton and his wife each take approximately five to six days to harvest their acre of peppers. This work was done over a period of one to two months and never with more than one or two days labor at any one time. Most of Shelton's pepper is harvested in

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and then sent over the long haul since he is in school.

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## Johnson Case Expected To Reach Jury Today

## UNITED FUND AREA CHAIRMEN ARE NAMED HERE

Dean Shields, president of the Madison County United Fund Organization, announced this week that area chairmen have been named and urged the public to cooperate with the chairmen so that the goal of \$10,500 could be raised for the worthy agencies participating in the United Fund.

Chairmen for the areas are: Marshall, Walnut and area: Frank T. Moore and Fred O. Tilson, assisted by Boy and Girl Scouts.

Mars Hill and area: Adam Dykus and Red Cross representative, Hot Springs and area: Bill Whitten with the Salvation Army personnel assisting.

Materials have been secured and an all-out effort is now being made for pledges and donations.

## Impersonation Case Is Continued Here

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Rector, 26, was killed by a bullet through the head. Johnson admitted shooting him through the legs before Rector got from a car in which he was parked on Roberts Hill Road with Johnson's daughter, Betty.

Johnson told the jury that he approached the car and ordered his daughter out. He said he fired his pistol into the car and did not know that Rector was shot through both legs.

After Rector got out of his car, Johnson said the young man lunged at him and he shot to save his life. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder testified that Rector fell with his feet about a foot from the door of his car.

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## Hyde Named Full-Time Secretary By Democrats

### Former Mars Hill High School Football Coach Receives Honor

Raleigh — Spurred by a long-time desire and increasingly tougher Republican election efforts, the state Democratic party has established the post of full-time executive secretary.

The first man to fill the job is Dr. Wallace N. Hyde of Raleigh, who has served as director of driver education and head of the Accident Records Division of the Motor Vehicles Department.

Mr. Hyde is a former resident of Madison County and was a member of the Mars Hill High School faculty for several years where he also served as football and basketball coach.

In January, Hyde became administrative assistant to the president of the North Carolina State Motor Club and also worked as a special campaign aid to Terry Sanford.

Hyde was named Friday at a news conference presided over by State Party Chairman Bert Bennett.

Bennett said, "democracy is a year-around job and we expect to work at it every day in the year. Wallace Hyde brings to this post an excellent background as a lifelong working Democrat."

Bennett, in response to questions, said the recent hard-fought general election campaign was a factor in deciding to set up the year-around post.

Hyde said he viewed the job primarily as a link between the state party's Executive Committee and county organizations, the state administration and the people's Democratic congressional delegation.

Bennett also said, after conferring with other party leaders, that Robert Kennedy would receive the state organization's endorsement for the post of Democratic national chairman.

## 1960 CENSUS FOR COUNTY IS ANNOUNCED

The United States Department of Commerce and the Bureau of the Census, reveals the official 1960 census for Madison County and the three towns within the county.

Madison County's total population is given as 17,217.

Population of the three towns: Mars Hill, 1,574 (includes Mars Hill College students); Marshall, 926;

Hot Springs, 723.

## MADISON YOUTH HURT IN CAR WRECK

A Marshall RFD 4 youth was injured Friday night in a one-car crash on U.S. 25 about three and a half miles north of Hot Springs.

The youth was identified as James Wade Thomas, 18.

Patrolman Edward E. Hall, who investigated, said Thomas' car failed to negotiate a curve, struck a ditch on the right side of the road, crossed across the highway and hit a bank.

Thomas suffered head lacerations and abrasions of the back and hip. He was treated at Memorial Hospital in Asheville.

Hall charged Thomas with driving intoxicated and reckless driving.

The science of auto safety is extremely profitable to those who understand it, but it brings the greatest trouble and misery upon those farmers who undertake it without knowledge.

## Alexander Man Is Slain By His Daughter, 16

### Board Chairman



William "Bill" Roberts

## COMMISSIONERS NAME ROBERTS AS CHAIRMAN

### New Board Holds Its First Meeting Here Monday And Organizes

The new board of county commissioners, composed of William "Bill" Roberts, Gay Merrill and Emery Wallin, met in business session after being sworn into office late Monday.

Mr. Roberts was named chairman.

## Defendant Takes Stand On Wednesday And Tells Of Shooting

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