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### Marshall's Largest Crowd Sees Deanna Shields Win Car

Shopping Promotion Termed "A Huge Success;" Others Win

The largest crowd ever to assemble in Marshall packed every inch of standing room in front of the courthouse here last Friday afternoon for the final drawing in the Shopping Promotion sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association. Not only the courthouse yard was packed but the sidewalks and edges of the streets were jammed with hopeful persons. In every window in the office buildings and business firms, heads were stuck out. The courtroom, itself, was filled to capacity with many sitting on the floor.

At four o'clock, members of the association and others started mixing up the thousands of stubs in the giant cage and Harold Worley, age 10, of Marshall RFD 1, asked to draw out the first lucky stub for a baby bride doll. Robert Martin, of Marshall, was the winner. (Continued To Last Page)

### WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR YULE CONTEST

The annual Christmas Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Marshall Garden Club, was again successful here with judges having a difficult time deciding on the winners. This year's judging was done on Thursday night and the following winners were announced:

Best Overall Decorations: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Duckett. Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Huey and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter.

Best Decorated Door: Dr. and Mrs. Ed Niles.

Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rudisill and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks.

Best Outdoor Tree: Mrs. Valerie Shelton.

Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eads.

### 35 CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR BLIND GIVEN

Rankin Wallin Of RFD 3, Hits "Jackpot" With Two Big Wins

The Marshall Lions Club prepared and delivered 35 large baskets of food and fruit to blind citizens of Madison County by Christmas Day. This annual project, considered by many as the most humane in the county, is made possible annually by donations from the public and all-out efforts by members of the Lions Club.

In turn for the donations, donors are given tickets which are good for numerous prizes given away the day before Christmas.

A large crowd was on hand at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at three o'clock when the prizes were awarded.

Rankin Wallin, of Marshall (Continued on Last Page)

### RED CROSS ANNUAL MEET IS SET JAN. 16

The Buncombe-Madison Red Cross Chapter will hold its annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m., Jan. 16 in the Gold Room of the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Reports of the year's activities will be given and members of the board of directors will be elected. Dr. Edwin S. Preston of Raleigh, public relations officer for the North Carolina State Board of Health and volunteer worker of the Wake County Red Cross Chapter, will be the guest speaker.

The public may attend by making reservations with Mrs. Anita York, chapter secretary, not later than Jan. 11.

Francis M. Gilman, chapter chairman, will preside. R. C. Buchholz is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Approximately 200 members and guests are expected to attend.

### ASC To Assist Farmers With Farm Programs

#### LEAF DISCOUNT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE HERE

Prices for flue-cured tobacco from discount varieties will be one-half the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties in 1961.

This is a continuation of the variety discount program that was operated this year by ASC, according to H. D. Godfrey, State Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. According to Godfrey, discount varieties have been classified by State and Federal scientists located in this area as "low to lacking in flavor and aroma, generally of light body, and/or currently with poor acceptance in the trace."

In order to avoid the possibility of a farmer unknowingly planting a discounted variety, farmers should procure their seed only from reliable sources. Only in this manner will the farmer be able to certify that he is not planting one of the discounted varieties.

According to Godfrey, the quota of 1,212 million pounds, converted to acres, results in 715,817 acres available for allotment in 1961. Acreage available for allotment in 1960 totaled 715,110 acres. The increase in North Carolina amounts to one-tenth of one per cent. This one-tenth of one per cent is required to be used for (Continued To Last Page)

#### Agricultural Workers Will Furnish Soil Test Boxes

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, the limiting factor in any fertilizer program is the element of fertilizer material such as nitrogen, phosphorus or potash which is not available in adequate amounts for good crop production. This means that even though there might be a good supply of phosphorus or potash if the nitrogen is short, total production of a crop will be limited to the amount of available nitrogen. It also means if there is adequate nitrogen and potash but the phosphorus is not available, the total production and life of the stand may be reduced by the lack of phosphate.

In the ASC program of assisting farmers in seeding of alfalfa or pasture mixture they assist farmers in purchasing of lime, seed or fertilizer. They ask the farmer if he has taken a soil sample recently on the land to be seeded. If the farmer has not and has not limed the soil within a period of two years he must take two tons of lime per acre and 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12. The ASC would much prefer that the farmer had a soil test to base his fertilizer and lime orders on. In checking over the results of soil samples sent to the Soil Testing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture by Madison County farmers during 1960, I was unable to find one sample which recommended the use of two tons of lime and 1,000 (Continued To Page Eight)

### TOMATOES NOW PROVING TO BE VALUABLE CROP

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, burley tobacco has for many years been the leading source of agricultural income in Madison County. As long as the allotment system and support price exist for burley tobacco this situation will probably not change. Most farmers in the county consider the value per acre which they can obtain from burley tobacco to be greater than the amount they may be able to receive from any crop which they could produce. In most instances this assumption is true.

During 1960 a number of farmers in the Spring Creek-Bluff community joined the Haywood County Cooperative Fruit and Vegetable Association, Inc., and produced trellis tomatoes to market through that organization. A number of meetings were held in the Spring Creek Agricultural Department by Mr. Garland Woody vocational agricultural teacher in the Spring Creek community, the county agent and assistant agents for the purpose of presenting information to interested farmers in that section on the production and marketing of trellis tomatoes. Farm visits were made to the producers of (Continued To Page Five)

### WBT, CHARLOTTE, TO BROADCAST SPORTS EVENTS

The 12th annual Dixie Classic basketball tournament along with the Orange and Cotton Bowl football games, will be broadcast on WBT this week.

The Dixie Classic, which will pit members of the "Big Four" against outsiders Maryland, Marquette, Wyoming and Villanova, will get underway Thursday afternoon at 2 with the first four games.

Opening round action pits Maryland against North Carolina at 2, Villanova against N. C. State at 4, Marquette against Wake Forest at 7:30 and Wyoming against Duke at 9:30.

On Saturday — the final day of competition — afternoon games in the lowers' bracket will not be carried. Consolation and championship (Continued To Last Page)

### STORES TO BE CLOSED HERE MONDAY

Practically all business houses, agencies and stores will be closed next Monday in observance of New Year's Day which falls on Sunday.

Many people are expected to take it easy at home watching the various bowl games over television.

### DIRTY THIEF!

Des Moines, Iowa — A dirty burglar who entered the house of George Romanelli made a clean getaway.

The burglar took a bath in Romanelli's home and also took 4 pairs of trousers and eight pairs of men's shorts. He left behind his dirty clothes — and a dirty ring in the tub.

### To Leave For New York



Obrey Ramsey

### SLUDER IS NAMED HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

Lee Crandall Sluder, P. O. Box 188, Marshall, has been certified an official Hunter Safety Instructor, becoming an essential part of a nation-wide program of firearm safety education and of the Hunter Safety Program of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. He is available to give information, assistance, or guidance to others of the community interested in this program.

### SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TUES.

Madison County school will reopen next Tuesday following the Christmas holidays.

### 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 unit will be located in the American Legion Building.

### Ramsey Signs Contract To Make L. P. Records

Will Leave For New York City In January; Is Very Versatile

Obrey Ramsey, well-known Madison County musician, has signed a five-year contract to make L. P. folk songs and hymns and also L. P. records of Jimmy Rogers.

He will leave for New York City the last of January to make three albums at this time, for which he will receive a royalty.

Mr. Ramsey was born in Madison and is the son of Mrs. Cora Waller Ramsey and the late Mr. Jack Ramsey.

When Obrey was only three years of age his talent for singing began to show. He sang "Old Black Joe" before he could speak the words plainly and called it "Old Pat Too". Because of this, his grandfather called him "Joe" until he died.

When Obrey was 10 years old he worked a week for a guitar

which he quickly learned to play and by the time he was 18 years old he went to Knoxville where he played over radio station WROL. Since then he has played over many radio stations, including WGRV, Greenville; the Newport station; the Asheville stations and WMMR, Marshall.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Tressie Barnett. They have two daughters, Sandra and Pearle, both seniors this year at Marshall High School.

About 1948, Obrey met Bascom Lamar Lunsford and entered his Festival, playing a guitar. About 1960, Mr. Lunsford suggested that he learn to play the banjo. When Obrey told him he didn't have a banjo, Mr. Lunsford said, "I will give you one."

Mr. Ramsey started to slip-rocket into fame and while broadcasting in 1955, he met Mr. Kenneth Goldstein, recording expert. Mr. Goldstein heard him sing (Continued To Page Two)

### JURY ORDERS LEDFORD HELD

Tommy Jack Ledford, 21, of Mars Hill, charged by the State Highway Patrol as being the driver of an auto involved in a fatal accident Sept. 6 near Asheville, was ordered held Thursday for grand jury action.

The verdict was returned by a jury empaneled by Buncombe County Coroner Dr. John C. Young to investigate the death Monday, Dec. 19 of Jobie Reese, 22, also of Mars Hill.

Reese, an occupant of the car which Ledford allegedly drove Sept. 6, died in an Asheville hospital from injuries suffered when the auto slammed into another vehicle driven by Mrs. Robena Stewart of Woodfin. The accident occurred on U. S. 19 north of Asheville.

Ledford has been charged with manslaughter in a coroners warrant and bond set at \$1,000 pending action by the grand jury.

The collision which resulted in Reese's death occurred as Mrs. Stewart was making a left turn from U.S. 19. Her car was struck in the side by the auto occupied by Ledford and Reese, according to Highway Patrolman L. O. Wright, who investigated the accident.

Ledford was charged at the time with driving after his license had been revoked.

### LAUREL ALUMNI BANQUET IS POSTPONED

Members of the Laurel High School Alumni Committee announced today that the Alumni Banquet, scheduled for Saturday Dec. 31, has been postponed.

"If the banquet is held at a future date, we will announce it in the paper," one of the member said.

### Changes Made In Tax Listing During January

Citizens who list their taxes in Nos. 1 TS, Ward 3, TS 14, and TS 16 are cautioned to read the advertisement on Page Eight in this issue. A few changes in the locations and dates have been made since the advertisement first was published last week.

### The Drinking Driver --- Effects Of Alcohol

#### ASC OFFERS PRE-MEASUREMENT SERVICE IN '61

Any farmer in this state may have the acres laid off for him on which he will plant his allotment crop for this year. This service, is offered to producers of all allotment crops by ASC was termed "premeasurement" today by W. E. Matthews, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee.

Every year there are some farmers who, through inadequate measurement on their own part or because of incorrect information on the acreage in permanent fields, plant either more or less than they are actually permitted by their allotment. In the case of overplanting, this causes the farmer unnecessary expense in the way of unused fertilizer, unused plants or seed, or treating of land that can't be used. In the case of underplanting this could cause the farmer to lose some of his "planting history," and of course it would cause him to lose some of his income.

This premeasurement service may be requested through the local ASC county office beginning January 3, 1961. For all spring planted crops except barley, sorghum, and corn, premeasurement service (Continued To Last Page)

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#### FICTION AND FACT—

Fiction: The problem of whiskey and intoxicating beverages is one of the automobile age.

Fact: The problem of whiskey and intoxicating beverages has been with us a long time. The first real manufacture of whiskey started in Scotland and Ireland in 1500. Over One Million Gallons were produced at that time. Since intoxicating drink was already with us when the automobile came here to being, a real problem has presented itself with the many automobiles on our highways and the drinking driver. (Source of Information: Schenley Industries - National Safety Council.)

Fiction: The whiskey industry spends a great sum of money annually for educating the public as to the dangers of drinking and driving.

Fact: The whiskey industry does not spend any money for advertising and education as to respect or warn the public of the dangers of drinking and driving. (Source of Information: Food and Drug Administration, Food and Drug Digest, October 1959, Part 10, Liquor and Traffic Safety Campaign.)

Fiction: Drinking beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages is not dangerous. Fact: Drinking beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages is dangerous. (Continued To Last Page)