

THE NEWS-RECORD



Need For County Hospital Discussed At C Of C Meeting

Dr. John Ditunno Is Guest Speaker Tuesday; To Make Study

"We have no alternative except to build a county hospital if we expect to progress, attract industry and improve our care for the sick," Dr. John F. Ditunno, popular Hot Springs physician told members of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and other guests at a dinner meeting Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church. "If we are satisfied to sit on our haunches then we cannot expect doctors to reside for any length of time in our county," he added.

Dr. Ditunno spoke to the heart of every person present when he urged a further study of the possibility of a county hospital for Madison. It was pointed out that the "horse and buggy" days of doctors traveling day and night from home to home caring for the sick had just about passed. "Common sense proves that doctors are almost compelled to have adequate equipment and accommodations to be of the best service to the patient," he said. Dr. Ditunno praised the doctors for their lives of service but pointed out the urgent need for more hospital facilities.

"It is hard to attract industry without a modern medical center nearby," he continued. In cases of emergencies, such as broken bones, cuts, injuries, sudden attacks, etc., minutes saved could mean the difference between life and death," he added.

He also brought out the fact that money spent in other counties and states at hospitals could be spent in Madison County if there was a hospital. He said that a county hospital would greatly help the present medical centers in this county and suggested immediate study of the possibilities of having a hospital for this county which would work hand-in-hand with the other medical centers and Buncombe County surgeons and personnel.

Dr. Ditunno was introduced by Dr. Ed Niles.

A committee was appointed by Jim Story, president of the Chamber of Commerce, composed of State Senator Clyde M. Roberts, Representative L. B. Ramsey, Bill Roberts, chairman of the county commissioners, Dr. W. A. Sams, (Continued on Last Page)

FARMERS URGED TO FIGHT ANY TOBACCO TAX

Raleigh — The President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau warned yesterday that a possible attempt to levy a tobacco tax in North Carolina is one of the problems farmers must face this year.

B. C. Mangum of Rougemont told the Wake County Farm Bureau to oppose any attempts to levy a tobacco tax. He said legislative committees are being formed by farm groups to help persuade members of the General Assembly to oppose such a tax.

Some legislators say new sources of revenue will be needed to finance a \$106 million public school improvement program backed by Gov. Terry Sanford.

Mangum told the group, "everyday somebody comes to me and says that 'so-and-so' is for the tobacco tax. Odds don't worry me. We can beat this thing if we take an interest in it."

WHITENER FOR 3 ADDITIONAL HOUSE SEATS

Washington, D. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener (D-NC) has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to provide for 3 additional permanent House seats. Under the Whitener measure the present statutory number of 435 House seats would be increased to 438. The bill is identical to one introduced by Whitener in the 86th Congress but which did not reach the floor of the House for a vote.

The 11th District Congressman declared in a speech before the House that the purpose of his bill was to provide for the additional representation in the House made necessary by the admission of the States of Alaska and Hawaii. Under present law the 3 Representatives that these States will have in the 88th Congress must be absorbed within the present (Continued To Last Page)

To Be Inaugurated Friday



Liquor Raiders Find Man Sitting On The Evidence

As absorbing conversations go, the one in the Big Laurel Section of Madison County Wednesday must have been a dilly.

There sat Ervin (Spats) Gosnell, 56, and Mrs. Nora Hensley Cantrell, 32, both of the Little Laurel Section and both chatting away as federal and state officers strooled up.

There's no federal or state law against a quiet chat in the woods, but the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division and state Alcoholic Beverage Control investigators had good reason to be there.

After charging the two with operation of an illegal still, the officers cited them for appearance at 10 a. m. Friday before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker. Seems Gosnell and Mrs. Cantrell never noticed the officers, who said Gosnell was seated on six gallons of white lightin'. Both the officers said, were surrounded by the still operations.

The investigators destroyed two 55-gallons of whisky, five gallons of "backings" (low proof whisky) and 250 gallons of mash.

Also charged and cited for a Friday appearance was the alleged owner of the farm where the still was located, Jeff Rice.

The officers never learned the topic of conversation, which ceased abruptly.

"Give me liberty or give me death" are not the only words of Patrick Henry that go ringing down the years. He also said, "He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

L. L. STOREY DIES THURSDAY AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Was News-Record Editor; Arrangements Are Incomplete

Lankford L. Storey, 52, of Asheville, died at four o'clock this (Thursday) morning in an Asheville hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Storey was the son of Mr. H. L. Storey and the late Mrs. Storey, of Marshall and Asheville, and the brother of James Storey, of Marshall.

Mr. Storey was a graduate of Marshall High School, and former editor of The News-Record and at one time had the distinction of being North Carolina's youngest newspaper editor. He was a member of the Moose Club of Asheville, and was a former member of the Woodmen of the World, JOUAM, and a member of the Marshall Baptist Church. For the past 14 years he had been employed at the Asheville (Continued To Last Page)

At Inauguration

Among those attending the inauguration in Washington, Friday are, Ned Ramsey, Millard Tipton and Buddy Boswell of Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitten of Hot Springs.

ASC OFFICIAL RECOMMENDS SOIL TESTING

The Agricultural Conservation Program for 1961 provides several instances where the Government shares with the farmer the cost of conservation practices requiring application of lime or fertilizer. Novile Hawkins, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committee, says that although a soil test is not mandatory under any of these practices, it is strongly recommended in every case.

Hawkins further brought out the fact that several counties in the State have had or are having drives to encourage 100 per cent soil testing prior to any planting. "This," Hawkins said, "just further emphasizes the need for a scientific knowledge of soil needs and the following of soil test recommendations." The conservation practices under the ACP which should be preceded by a soil test include establishment of permanent pasture, additional vegetative cover in a crop rotation, application of liming materials on farmland, improvement of permanent pasture and others. Every one of these ACP practices recommends that the farmer take a soil test to determine needed soil treatment.

The need for lime on Madison soils is great and even with cost (Continued To Last Page)

District NCEA Meeting To Be Held Here Next Tuesday

COUNTY ACP VENDORS MEET SET JAN. 19-20

Business firms or persons desiring to become qualified and approved as eligible County ACP vendors for 1961 will have an opportunity to do so on Thursday or Friday of this week. According to ASC Office Manager, Ralph W. Ramsey, there are two basic requirements for becoming an approved County vendor so as to be eligible to furnish ACP conservation materials such as seeds, lime and fertilizer to farmers under the Government purchase order plan. Namely the requirements are (1) that he attend a vendors meeting each year at which the program procedures, forms and vendors agreements are explained in detail; and (2) that he execute and secure approval on a vendors agreement with the county ASC office.

The county ASC office manager stated that all known prospective vendors had been given written notices regarding the two meetings scheduled for January 19 and 20. It was further pointed out that each of the meetings would be held in the ASC office at Marshall, that they would start promptly at 9:30 a. m., and last till noon. Attendance of only one of the meetings is required. Two meetings are being held so as to accommodate more of the prospective vendors for 1961.

In conclusion, Ramsey stated that the meeting scheduled for Thursday and Friday are the only ones to be held in Madison this spring and urged representatives of business firms or persons interested to attend one of the meetings if they desire to become an approved vendor for Madison County.

Big Laurel Road Is Improved

Improvements were completed on more than 4 miles of roads in the Thirteenth Highway Division last month.

Grading, draining and stabilization was completed on 0.45 mile of Big Laurel Road in Madison County.

The Thirteenth Division comprises Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, and Buncombe Counties.

Between 300-400 School Personnel To Be In Marshall

The North Carolina Education of this district will meet at the Marshall High School next Tuesday afternoon, it was announced today.

Between 300-400 superintendents, principals and teachers from Madison, Buncombe, Mitchell and Yancey Counties and also the Asheville City Schools are expected to attend. The opening session will begin in the school auditorium at four o'clock with Mr. R. L. Edwards, principal, welcoming the group. At six o'clock, dinner will be served in the school cafeteria and the final session will begin at seven o'clock in the auditorium.

This meeting is one of a series being held throughout the state by various districts of the NCEA where they study the needs and accomplishments of the schools.

"We are delighted to welcome the district school personnel to Marshall and are looking forward to an interesting meeting," Mr. Edwards stated.

SH PATROLMAN HALL RESIGNS

The resignation of Patrolman E. E. Hall of Sylva from the State Highway Patrol effective Sunday was announced Tuesday by Captain H. C. Johnson, commanding officer, Troop F. Hall was sworn into the patrol June 16, 1960, completed his basic training in September, and has recently been stationed at Marshall.

School Bus, Car Collide In Madison

No injuries resulted from an accident involving a school bus and a car in Madison County Wednesday.

Pfc. A. L. Feldman of the State Highway Patrol reported the accident occurred about 5 p. m., when the bus skidded on ice and struck a parked car on rural road 1503 a half mile north of the Yancey County line.

Floods can scoop the life-giving topsoil from one man's land and deposit it three hundred miles down the river.

County ACP "Signup" Is Now Underway

Madison County Allocated \$103,287.00 For ACP Purposes

The County Agricultural Conservation Program for 1961 got underway on Monday of this week. Farmers within the County may file their requests for Government Cost-sharing on farm practices which will help them meet their soil and water conservation problems during the period of January 16 through January 31 according to announcement by Ralph W. Ramsey, County ASC Office Manager. Ramsey explained that the basic objective of the ACP is to help farmers achieve the necessary conservation of our soil and water resources by sharing the cost in performing needed practices which they would or could not perform on their own initiative. The ACP might better be defined as a Government-farmer partnership through which the farmer and Government each share about 50% of the cost of performing conservation practices to protect our soil and water resources, thereby assuring the adequate soil and water resources to supply their need of food and fiber.

An "initial" ACP sign up (Continued To Last Page)

W N C PHONE SUBSIDIARY IS APPROVED

The State Utilities Commission Friday authorized Western Carolina Telephone Co., to organize a fully owned subsidiary to provide service to rural areas in the Western part of the state.

The action was taken to enable Westco, the subsidiary, to acquire an \$8 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration.

Under the plan, Westco will assume service responsibility for western exchanges at Bakersville, Fontana, Hayesville, Hot Springs, Marshall, Mars Hill, Murphy, Robinsville and Clayton, Ga.

At a hearing Dec. 8, Western Carolina officials said the action would not at the present time necessitate rate increases except in cases where new exchanges are put into operation.

The firm, however, requested that its rights not be waived to request rate changes in the future.

No one protested the Western proposal at the Utilities Commission hearing.



THE LOAD SHIFTED — Ray Gillenwater of Evansville, Ind., who was driving this tractor-trailer truck when it got off U. S. 25-70 in Madison County just north of the Buncombe County line about 2:30 a. m., Friday, said his load of finished plywood shifted as he entered Turkey Neck Curve and caused him to lose control of the rig, State Trooper Edward Hall reported. Gillenwater escaped injury, but damage to guard rails mowed down was estimated at approximately \$1,000.00. Damage to the 1956 International truck and its cargo was approximately \$3,000.00, Hall said. The truck, hanging precariously on the edge of a steep embankment, had to be unloaded before it could be moved.

—Out Courtesy of Asheville Citizen-Times

Dr. E. S. Preston Speaks At Red Cross Dinner

PAUL SOSSAMON LIKELY TO BE U.S. MARSHAL

Paul D. Sossamon, a U. S. deputy marshal since 1933, appeared Monday to be the next U. S. Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina.

Both Sen. Sam J. Ervin and Sen. B. Everett Jordan said Monday they recommended Sossamon's appointment to President elect John F. Kennedy. Sossamon will succeed Roy A. Harmon of Banner Elk, marshal for the past eight years.

The Sossamons, who live at 8 Unaka Ave., have a son, John C. Unaka, of Asheville, and a daughter, Mrs. William Munday of Gainesville, Ga.

In addition to Sossamon, several other names had figured in earlier speculation including Chief Deputy Marshal J. Paul Teal Jr., deputy marshal C. M. Beam of Charlotte, Burke County (Continued To Last Page)

150 At Buncombe-Madison Dinner; Volunteers Needed

The work of women volunteers in Red Cross programs was praised by Dr. Edwin S. Preston of Raleigh, director of public relations for the State Board of Health, at the annual Buncombe-Madison Red Cross Chapter meeting Monday, night in Battery Park Hotel.

About 150 persons attended the meeting, at which a number of awards were presented to volunteers and new officers elected.

Women, Preston said, furnish much of the incentive that goes into making of a complete Red Cross program. "A nation without women would be stagnation," he quipped.

"Nevertheless," he said, "you can't depend on just good work." "A job well done in Red Cross is not enough. As fine as this last year has been, it is useless if not kept up and improved upon," Preston said.

Frances M. Gilman, outgoing chapter chairman, presided at the meeting which saw several (Continued To Last Page)