



Large Crowd Hears R. A. Stone At Mars Hill Tuesday Night

State Official Favors Gov. Sanford's Educational Program

More than 175 school officials of the 16th District, School Board Association, heard Raymond A. Stone, executive secretary of N. C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools, speak highly in favor of Governor Sanford's educational program at a dinner meeting held in the Mars Hill High School cafeteria Tuesday night. Mr. Stone also emphasized the beneficial uses of sales tax revenue for education improvements. He and Lewis Swindell, associate executive secretary of the North Carolina School Board Association, revealed that for every dollar for Madison County sent to Raleigh in sales tax that the county, in return, received \$3.27 for educational purposes. They explained that counties which are void of large industrial returns from sales taxes benefit more than the lucratively-filled counties with large sales tax revenues.

D. M. Robinson, of Mars Hill, president of the 16th District Association for the past two years, presided. The District includes the following counties: Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Yancey, Avery and Mitchell.

The attendance at Mars Hill was composed primarily of District school superintendents, supervisors, boards of education and members of local school committees, with other guests present.

Following the program, new officers were elected for the next two years.

The Mars Hill High School economics members served the meal which was prepared by the lunchroom personnel.

A choral group from the Mars Hill school, under the direction of Mr. Henry Clay Edwards, entertained the large gathering with several vocal selections.

WATER SAFETY COURSE BEGINS AT YWCA WED.

A Water Safety Instructor Training Course will be offered at the Central YWCA, Asheville, beginning Wednesday, March 29. The class will meet from 7:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m., for ten successive Wednesdays.

Persons enrolling must be 18 years of age or older and hold a current Senior Lifesaving certificate or its equivalent. Presently certified and former Water Safety instructors are invited to participate. Current instructors need take only the final 15 hours of training to receive renewal credit although they are welcome to participate in the full 30-hour course.

Membership in the YWCA is not required for this course. Each participant will pay a 30 cents pool fee at each class. Towels will be provided.

Part I of the course will require 12 to 15 hours of instruction and will be devoted entirely to personal swimming and lifesaving skills improvement. This phase will be taught by Miss Rowena Atkins, volunteer Red Cross instructor.

Part II of the course will require 15 minutes of instruction in teaching methods and procedures, orientation to Red Cross, practice teaching, etc. This phase will be taught by Marshall Up-ton.

Qualified persons wishing to enroll should call the YWCA or the Red Cross for enrollment or additional information.

Honored At U.N.C.



ELDRIDGE LEAKE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leake of Marshall, has received notice from the Dean of the General College of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, that, based on scholastic attainment, his name has been placed on The Dean's List for the fall semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List a student must make a grade of B or better on each course he is taking.

He was also notified that he had become eligible for a Freshman-Sophomore Honor Fraternity. To be eligible for membership in this fraternity, at least one-half of a student's grades must be A and he must have no grade lower than B.

Marshall Ladies Injured In Car Wreck Here Sunday

Mrs. Dessie Boone, 65, of Marshall, received severe abrasions to face and head and Mrs. S. B. Roberts, also of Marshall, received a broken wrist, broken rib and lacerations Sunday morning about 9:30 o'clock in a car mishap on Roberts Hill.

The two ladies had started to church, Mrs. Boone to Davis Chapel and Mrs. Roberts to Marshall. A short distance from Mrs. Roberts' home, the accelerator stuck, according to Mrs. Roberts, who was driving her car.

Mrs. Boone was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital where she is recuperating. Her condition is reported greatly improved. Mrs. Roberts is recuperating at her home here.

FARM HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM FHA PICKING UP

The farm housing loan program of the Farmers Home Administration is picking up new momentum, not only throughout the Nation, but here in Madison County.

That's the word from W. K. Anderson, county supervisor in charge of the agency's lending program here. He said this renewed farm housing loan activity follows the early February announcement that an additional \$50 million is now available to the Farmers Home Administration for its 4 per cent loans to farm owners to build or repair houses and essential farm buildings. Such a loan may extend over a 33-year period.

The new loan money broke up a log-jam of applications that were being held because funds had been exhausted. Nationwide, loans are now being processed at the rate of about \$5 million a month but indications point to a probable doubling of that pace.

In this area Mr. Anderson said he looks for the main demand to continue to be for loans for new

JONES GETS 8-10 YRS. IN SHOOTING ON PATTON AVE.

Victim Was Formerly From Madison County; Was Ex-Lover

Six shots from a .22 calibre pistol cost Zeb W. Jones of Boulevard Road in Buncombe County eight to ten years in State's prison.

Three of those shots, it was testified Tuesday in Buncombe Superior Court, hit his ex-lover, Mrs. Edith Goforth Roberts, 37, of Old Starnes Cove Road in Buncombe County and formerly of Marshall.

Two of them hit her in the head, the third lodged in her left lung.

It happened at high noon on a Saturday, on a crowded downtown street.

It was February 11. Mrs. Roberts said she came to town, bringing her two daughters with her. They got off the bus, walked up Patton Avenue.

The three were standing in front of The Man Store at the intersection of Patton and Lexington, when — suddenly — Jones ran across the street, she said.

He said something about dedi-

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PREMEASURING FOR TOBACCO IS UNDERWAY

Operators of tobacco farms within the County have shown more interest than usual in the premeasurement service offered them this year by the County ASC.

Ralph Ramsey, ASC Office Manager, reports that 847 tobacco quota measured off and staked out by an ASC representative. This record number of applicants compares to 592 for the year of 1959 and 1960. The Manager explained that March 16th was the closing date for filing application for 1961 premeasurement services. He also stated that eight ASC representatives had completed their training necessary to perform this service and were now in the field working.

Farm operators who requested this service are urged to assist the reporter with this work on their first contact in order to avoid a delay in the completion of this work prior to tobacco planting time. In order to retain the benefits of premeasurements, all flags (stakes) must be left undisturbed and the planting must be made on the exact premeasured area. All premeasured farms will be checked after planting has been completed to determine that each field has planted as premeasured.

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Cattle Referendum This Saturday

Silver Urges Beef Cattlemen To Vote; Necessary For Continued Program

It gives a beef cattle farmer a lot of confidence to consign his steer cattle or feeder calves in an organized sale to know that even though there may be 2,000 animals in the sale, there will be buyers present to purchase his animals at a fair price. The success of our feeder calf and steer sales has not happened without a lot of effort in securing outside buyers. The North Carolina Cattleman's Association, representatives from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Extension

\$900,000 Libel Suit Against Bill Cobb To Be Tried Here Next Week

BEGINNER'S DAY PROGRAMS ARE ANNOUNCED HERE

Dr. Margery J. Lord, Madison County Health Director, and Mr. Fred Anderson, Superintendent of Madison County schools, have announced the following schedule for Beginner's Day programs in the Madison County schools:

- Tuesday, March 28, 9:00 a. m. — Ebbs Chapel School
- Thursday, March 30, 9:00 a. m. — Beech Glen School
- Tuesday, April 4, 9:00 a. m. — Hot Springs School
- Thursday, April 6, 9:00 a. m. — Walnut School
- Wednesday, April 12, 9:30 a. m. — Laurel School
- Tuesday, April 18, 9:00 a. m. — Marshall School
- Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a. m. — Mars Hill School
- Tuesday, May 2, 10:00 a. m. — Spring Creek School

Beginner's Day is the day when (Continued To Last Page)

CONSERVATION DEPT. AIDS IN FISH PONDS

Fertilizing a fish pond to make the fish grow may sound odd, but the Soil Conservation Service reports that it works.

According to R. M. Dailey, State Conservationist, more than 40,000 ponds have been built in state as part of basic conservation plans developed by landowners in cooperation with Soil Conservation Districts. These ponds (Continued To Last Page)

Hot Springs Junior Class To Present Play Tuesday

The Junior Class of Hot Springs High School is presenting its annual play, under the direction of class sponsor, Mrs. Hester Sams, Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The play, a hilarious hillbilly comedy, in three acts, is entitled "A Feudin' Over Yonder." A small will be charged, and everyone is assured they will get a lot of laughs.

The cast includes: Ann Strom, Charles Thomas, Johnny Roberts, Betty Sams, Glenda Pickens, Judy McCall, Deanie Parker, Junior Lovin, Clyde Trollinger, Dewey Etherton, Barbara Roberts, Joe Ramsey, Shirley Baker, Judy Sams and Alice Buckner.

FARMERS SHOW MUCH GREATER INTEREST IN ACP

More farmers within Madison County are learning each year that it pays big dividends to utilize the Government cost-sharing available to their farms to help solve their existing soil and water conservation problems. Novile Hawkins, Chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee, points out that as of March 20th 1360 farms are participating in the 1961 Agricultural Conservation Program as compared to 1076 for this same period in 1960. This represents a 26% increase.

In commenting on the ACP is to help farmers conserve our soil and water resources in order that our farms may continue to be able to produce enough food and fiber to meet the needs of our increasing population. Farm practices on which cost-sharing is available are: 1. Establishment or improvement of vegetative cover (grasses and legumes); 2. Planting of trees; 3. The drainage; 4. Forestry improvement; 5. Stripcropping; 6. Lining materials on farmland.

In conclusion, Hawkins stated that the spring portion of the Program will come to a close on April 15 for most of the practices and urged farmers with a need for more of the approved practices to visit the ASC Office for the details of the Program and the filing of a request. He also said that farmers participating in the County ACP should complete and report performance on their practices at the earliest possible date.

BAUCOM SAYS NOW IS TIME FOR DECISIONS

By J. BOYD BAUCOM
Soil Conservation Service

The farmers of Madison County are now beginning to plan and turn the land for summer crops. At the same time they are consciously or unconsciously deciding whether they will keep or lose valuable tons of topsoil. These questions are asked and answered by the decisions which will be made. Will I expose this entire field to the ravages of spring and summer rains? Wouldn't it be more profitable in the long run to only expose certain sections at any one time and leave other parts in protective cover? Is it not true that the farther water travels down the slope, with no brakes applied, that the faster it

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In Revival



Rev. Glen A. Ramsey Jr.

REVIVAL TO START HERE MONDAY NIGHT

It was announced here this week that a two-weeks' series of revival services would start at the Marshall Baptist Church Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Glen A. Ramsey Jr., pastor, will deliver the messages nightly.

Special music each evening will be furnished by the Baptist Church choir with John Corbett directing. Mrs. Corbett will be at the organ.

The revival will continue through Sunday evening, April 8. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BAPTISTS WILL SEEK TO RAISE \$45 MILLION

While Congress and the president wrestle with the problem of federal aid to education and the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor Sanford search for taxes to finance a massive educational program, North Carolina's 900,000 Baptists are facing their own education problem.

The denomination will be asked, at a special convention May 4, to launch a five-year campaign (Continued To Page Eight)

SIX YOUNG MEN BOUND OVER ON RAPE CHARGES

Probable cause was found by Judge Burgin Pennell on charges of rape against six young men in General (Buncombe) County Court Monday. They were bound over to Superior Court without bond.

They are: L. D. Buckner, Larry Randall, Charles Randall, Bruce Ramsey, Billy Silvers and Cline Robinson. The first four are from Madison County. They have been held in the Buncombe County jail since arrest after a 25-year-old widow charged them with rape March 4.

The incident allegedly occurred at the head of Baird's Cove, at midpoint, after Ramsey met the women at a night spot and persuaded her to leave with him on the pretext of driving her home.

Ramsey then is alleged to have picked up the other five youths and to have driven to the head of Baird's Cove.

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Election Officials Bring Charges Against GOP State Chairman

Libel suits totaling \$900,000 in three separate cases against William E. Cobb, State Republican Chairman, are scheduled to be heard here next week during the March term of superior court for the trial of civil cases. The three suits, each for \$300,000, are filed by Zeno H. Ponder, Democrat, registrar of Township One, Ward One (Marshall); Frank E. Runkin, Republican, and Oren Rice, Democrat, judges in the same precinct.

The two-weeks' civil term starts here Monday morning with Judge W. K. McLean presiding. In addition to the libel suits, there are more than 30 other cases scheduled to be heard.

The libel suits are based on charges made by Cobb after Madison County votes were counted in October, 1959, in a statewide bond election.

In the 1959 bond election, two propositions were defeated. One was a \$500,000 N. C. State Ports Bond Issue for port facilities; the other was a \$100,000 issue for state armory improvements.

Each received 30 "For" votes in the Marshall precinct and 905 votes "Against."

A proposition to issue bonds for \$18,891,000 for capital improvements at the State's educational institutions and agencies were defeated 896-43 in the precinct.

On a statewide basis, two bond issues were defeated by narrow margins. They were issues for restoration of historical sites and for armory construction, totaling \$350,000.

Cobb attributed the defeat of both issues to the voting in Madison County. Seven other proposals, calling for issues of \$34 million in bonds were approved by the state's voters.

Cobb publicly questioned the validity of the vote in the precinct, told the State Board of Elections that the situation in Madison County "stinks to high heaven," and requested that observers be placed at Marshall and other precincts around the county for (Continued To Last Page)

CHESTNUT STUDY BEING CONDUCTED IN COUNTY NOW

Madison County is destined to recoup its title of "Chestnut Capital of the Nation" because of extensive planting of a disease free strain as a result of extensive experiments with imported varieties, it was stated here today by W. L. Shaddix of Birmingham, Ala., a former teacher who represents the School Program Committee of the Southern States Forestry Commission.

Mr. Shaddix is visiting with some land owners who have been able to locate a few of the old native chestnuts, and for the purpose of crossing the pollen with the smaller strain that is being transplanted throughout WNC and East Tennessee. The present species are from the famed Hemming successful experiment out of Easton, Maryland, and which experiment was begun by the late Dr. Hemming in the early 1920's, the visiting forest educator stated while here and at Marshall in interest of the Commission supplement forest education work.

The Birmingham office, Box 1235 is offering free chestnut seedlings, also special literature in (Continued To Last Page)

Remember Parking Meters Here To Be Enforced Starting