



WINNERS OF THE FFA land judging contest Thursday were members of the Marshall High team (L-R): seated, Levi Phillips, Vernon Coates and Lee Wallin; and (standing) Jack Cole, advisor, and Craig Burnette.

1961 TOBACCO PLANTBEDS LOOK GOOD

According to Barry G. Silver, county agent, burley tobacco plant production for the 1961 cash crop in Madison County is receiving attention by tobacco farmers. Plant beds are generally early this year. A number of farmers have plants in the four to six leaf stage. Plants are up and growing most plantbeds. Trouble has shown up in a few plantbeds. DDT as recommended have reported excellent insect control. A contact killer, such as DDT, given two results, it does not have to be used to kill flea beetles. This chemical (Continued To Last Page)

EMERGENCY FEED GRAIN PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY

Producers of feed grains within the County were again reminded this week by County ASC Office Manager, Ralph Ramsey, that they may get out of the new Feed Grain Program for 1961, if they so desire. Ramsey pointed out that the ASC Office is still compiling grain acreage and other data use reports which are necessary to establish the grain base for farmers who think they may be interested in participating in the program. He further pointed out that the ASC Office is still compiling a basic requirement list that it did not obligate the farmer to participate should he choose to do so. Participating farmers will receive payments in cash or grain for 1961 planting of feed grain crops. (Continued To Last Page)



Shown above is the demolished 1955 Ford automobile which was wrecked shortly after midnight Saturday on the Marshall-Asheville Highway. The accident injured three Madison County youths, one fatally.

Marshall High Students Win Land Judging Meet

To Go To Princeton, N. C. In Quest Of State Title; Jack Cole, Instructor

Four Marshall High School students took top honors in the Blue Ridge FFA Federation's land judging meet, held Thursday at Dave Sison's farm in Leicester. The Marshall FFA team now will go to Princeton, N. C. April 11 as one of 25 teams competing for the state title.

Three people North Carolina will take the title. The winners are Levi Phillips, Vernon Coates, Lee Wallin, and Jack Cole, agricultural instructor at Marshall High School, was their coach.

Marshall's Burnette was high individual scorer, with 223 out of a possible 240 points. Second high individual was Robert Sparks of East Yancey, and third was North Buncombe's Ronald Ball.

In team scoring, North Buncombe placed second and East Yancey third.

The Blue Ridge FFA Federation is composed of Madison, Buncombe and Yancey counties.

The nine teams in the contest included Erwin, Reynolds, Valley Springs and North Buncombe from Buncombe; East Yancey and Cane River from Yancey, and Marshall, Mars Hill and Laurel from Madison.

Fred Reeves and O. C. Williams, Buncombe soil conservationists, and Jack King, soil scientist from Waynesville, were in charge of the field work.

Thursday's meet was sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co. and the N. C. Bankers Association.

Harley McDevitt Wounded When Rifle Discharges

Harley McDevitt, 45, of Marshall RFD 4, was injured Monday night when a .22 rifle his wife was moving was accidentally discharged and the bullet struck him in the stomach.

He was taken to an Asheville hospital where he is improving. Sheriff Ponder said he had talked both McDevitt and his wife and they both agreed it was an accident.

Firemen's Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday

The newly organized women's auxiliary of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first official meeting Tuesday evening, April 11, at 7:30 o'clock in the Fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church.

Essay Contest Winner



Miss Katherine Cody

KATHERINE CODY WINS HONORS IN ESSAY CONTEST

Marshall Senior Is Active In Many School Activities

Katherine Cody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cody of Marshall and a senior at Marshall High School, has been named as first place winner in the WNC division of an essay writing contest. The winner was announced at a meeting of the ten-county district held Wednesday of last week in Waynesville.

Topic for the essay was "Why Social Work Interests Me As A Career." The contest is sponsored each year by the N. C. Association of Case Workers and Super- (Continued To Last Page)

ANNUAL ASC CONFERENCE HELD THIS WEEK

The State annual conference of ASC committeemen and ASC workers opened in the City Auditorium at Asheville on Tuesday, April 4, and will come to a close on Thursday, April 6, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, ASC office manager for Madison County.

Three of the featured speakers will be David S. Weaver, Director of Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. H. B. Jones, Dean of the School of Agriculture, and H. D. Godfrey, Administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service in Washington, D. C. Other speakers will be Charles M. Cox of Washington, D. C. and John H. Vance, who is the superintendent (Continued To Page Eight)

Seeks Bids For Improving Street And By-Pass Here

The State Highway Commission in Raleigh yesterday asked for bids on construction of a bridge and approaches in Cherokee County and resurfacing work in Madison and Yancey counties.

Included among the 24 projects were resurfacing of the Marshall By-Pass on U. S. 25-70 and streets in Marshall and Burnsville, comprising 7.4 miles of the work. Grading and drainage on 1-40 extending from the Tennessee state line to Gold Springs in Haywood County.



Novile H. Hawkins

Novile Hawkins Named To State ASC Post

Been Connected With ASC Farm Program Here Since 1950

Novile H. Hawkins of Mars Hill has been designated as a member of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee by Secretary of Agriculture O. L. Prosser. Hawkins has been connected with the ASC farm program in Madison County since 1950. He served as a member of the ASC Community Committee in the California Creek section, where he resides and operates a farm, during the period from 1950 to 1955. In 1955 he was elected as chairman of the County ASC Committee, a position which he held until his recent appointment as a member of the State Board. On Monday, he resigned as county committeeman in order to (Continued To Last Page)

Wreck Leads To Drowning Of Walter Lewis; 2 Injured

MARSHALL C OF C TO SPONSOR CAR INSPECTION LANE

The Marshall Chapter of Commodore's Club is sponsoring a car inspection lane at the Presbyterian Church, Monday. The date for the inspection lane will be announced later, it was explained. Assistance in operating the lane will be furnished by the Marshall Lions Club and the members of the Marshall Fire Department, it was said.

The Chamber also discussed a brochure for Madison County and plans are continuing on this project.

It was also decided to hold only one meeting a month instead of two, which has been the case for several years.

The meeting was attended by sixteen members and one visitor, Mr. Allen Duckett, who presented the Safety Inspection Lane project to the group.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be on Tuesday, May 2, at the Presbyterian Church.



Walter Lewis

RETURNED — Fred E. Penland, taken in custody in Philadelphia after confessing to the 1938 murder of Charles A. Werhan of Asheville, has been returned to Madison County, where the Werhan body was found, to await further investigation of his story and possible grand jury action.

In parts of Africa and Asia you couldn't pasture a grasshopper on a hundred square miles where once great populations flourished. Are we following this path of destruction? (Continued on Last Page)

Lewis Funeral To Be Fri. Accident Occurs Late Saturday Night

Three Madison County youths were injured, one fatally, shortly after midnight Saturday when the car in which they were riding went out of control on Highway 25-70 about four miles north of Marshall on the Marshall-Asheville Highway.

Walter Lewis, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Lewis, of Marshall RFD 4, was thrown from the car into the French Broad river. His body was found about 100 feet from the accident where he had drowned.

State Patrolman C. W. Fearon, who investigated the accident, said the driver of the car, Talmore Lewis, 21, also of RFD 4, and a cousin of the victim, lost control of the car on an approach to a slight curve. The car left skid marks for 140 feet on the highway before running off the road on the right shoulder.

The car continued another 170 feet on the right shoulder, traveled 120 feet diagonally across the highway to the left shoulder, it then plunged down a 43-foot embankment, rolled another 50 feet through a wooded area and stopped (Continued on Last Page)

County School Board Bill Passes After Delay

Meadows, Ponder, Gardner Confirmed; Roberts Against Passage

RALEIGH — Appointment of three Democrats to the Madison County Board of Education was stalled in the Senate Friday in a last-minute move by Republican Sen. Clyde M. Roberts of Marshall.

The action squared him off against Democratic Rep. Linton B. Ramsey, also of Marshall, who had named the three-man board in a local measure introduced March 8.

Ramsey is chairman of the Madison Democratic Executive Committee. Roberts is chairman of the Republican Executive Committee in the county. Both said Friday there is no personal dispute between them.

They are believed to be the only chairman of opposing parties coming from the same county in the present General Assembly.

Roberts said he did not think a three-member board large enough to give adequate representation. (Continued To Last Page)

BULLETIN!

Madison School Board Bill OK'd

Raleigh — Sen. Clyde Roberts (R) of Marshall held the door open on appointment of the Madison County Board of Education — but no one came in.

In the absence of any requests from Madison residents to be heard on proposals for enlarging the three-man school board, the Senate Tuesday voted final approval of Rep. Linton B. Ramsey's bill naming B. K. Meadows, Zeno H. Ponder and J. G. Gardner on the county board.

Roberts Tuesday thanked Sen. Scott and the Senate for the postponement he was granted last Friday to see if any proposals for enlarging the board were going to appear before the committee. Roberts said he was against the bill and asked to be recorded as voting against its passage.

BEARSE WINS STUDY GRANT AT NORTHWESTERN

Melbourne, Fla. — A Melbourne High School teacher has been awarded a significant one-year fellowship at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Wallace E. Bearse, chairman of the school's history department, has received a paid academic year of study from the John Hay foundation of New York City, as one of 76 selections in the nation.

The John Hay foundation, said Dr. B. Frank Brown, "is an island of concern for humanities in an era when all emphasis is on science and mathematics."

Selections were made from schools that are "viable and experimental, yet quality centered and academically sound." (Continued To Page Eight)

Firemen To Meet Here Friday Night

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