



## Madison County League Of Women Voters Formed

First Meeting To Be Held At Mars Hill On June 26

Ninety-five women from seven precincts voted in Mars Hill Tuesday night to form a Madison County League of Women Voters. Mrs. C. G. Pickard of Asheville, a former president of the Asheville League and presently chairman of the State League's nominating committee, discussed the purpose of the nation-wide organization, outlined the operation of a typical League, and answered a host of questions regarding the formation of a local unit.

She emphasized that the League is a non-partisan action group devoted to informing its members and the public about voting laws and the structure of county, state and national governments and encouraging active participation of citizens in government.

Mrs. Charles Davis of Mars Hill, who presided, appointed the following committee to nominate officers for the new organization: Mrs. Bruce Murray, Mrs. David B. Roberts, Mrs. William Zink of Mars Hill; Mrs. John Corbett, Mrs. Edwin Mashburn and Mrs. Jimmy Sprinkle of Marshall.

The first meeting is scheduled for the Mars Hill Community Center at 8:00 p. m., Monday, June 26.

The precincts represented a number of persons from each were: No. 1, Marshall, 15; No. 3, Bull Creek, 14; No. 4, Middle Fork, 5; No. 5, California Creek, 4; No. 11, Upper Laurel, 1; No. 14, Upper Bull Creek, 2; No. 15, Mars Hill, 54.

The organizational meeting was planned by a steering committee composed of Miss Mildred Bingham, Mrs. Geotry Crisp, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Joe Huff, Mrs. David B. Roberts and Mrs. Walter Smith.

## Mars Hill Man Reports Robbery

Two unidentified men assaulted and robbed a Mars Hill man of \$19 during an altercation about 1:30 a. m., Wednesday near a drive-in restaurant on Biltmore Avenue in Asheville, city police reported.

James Roberts, 30, told city detectives he began talking with the two men in a drive-in and was beaten up by the two men when they left the establishment.

Roberts reported that he was knocked down on the sidewalk and relieved of \$19 from a pants pocket. The two made their getaway in a pickup truck, he said.

## All-Night Singing Here May 27; To Benefit GS Camp

An All-Night Gospel Singing, featuring well-known quartets, duets, and individuals, will be presented in the Marshall school auditorium on Saturday night, May 27 at 7:30 o'clock.

Ed Ball, well-known musician and promoter, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Admission is free but voluntary donations will be taken up during the entertainment. Proceeds will be used to further develop the Pisgah Girl Scout Camp near Brevard.

## HOT SPRINGS WINS COUNTY BASEBALL TITLE

The Hot Springs nine went ahead in the early innings at Hot Springs Monday to down, Spring Creek, 10-6, and sew up the Madison County baseball crown with a 12-1 record.

Spring Creek 000 600 0-6 6 2  
Hot Springs 300 001 2-10 8 3  
Green, Manney, (3) and West; Holt, Moore (4) and Gentry.

Miss Laurel



Miss Faith Edwards

## FAITH EDWARDS IS REVEALED AS "MISS LAUREL"

Mars Hill Yearbook Dedicated to Miss Collie Garner

Faith Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wayne Kirkendall of RFD 2, Leicester, was revealed as "Miss Laurel," winner of the Mars Hill College yearbook's beauty section contest. She was chosen from a group of several lovely coeds, nominated by the various dormitories on the campus, by Kays Gary, a Mars Hill alumnus.

"In this race I have chosen," Gary wrote, "I see intelligence" (Continued on Last Page)

## TOBACCO RATES PENALTY ARE ANNOUNCED

The U. S. D. A. recently announced that the rate of penalty or tax on excess Burley tobacco for the 1961 crop would be 48c per pound. In releasing this announcement, Ralph W. Ramsey, ASC Office Manager for Madison County, explained that the formula for determining the rate of penalty on tobacco is directly related to the average price for the previous year's market. The regulations (Law) governing the penalty rate states that the amount of penalty on the current year's crop shall be 75 per cent of the preceding year's average market price. The U. S. D. A. announced that the 1960 market average on Burley was 64.2 cents per pound which computed a 1961 penalty rate of 48 cents per pound and that the 1960 market average on flue-cured was 60.4 cents per pound which will give a penalty rate of 45 cents per pound on 1961 excess flue-cured. Ramsey explained that the amount of (Continued To Page Eight)

## PERFORMANCE REPORTS ARE NOW DUE

Farmers in Madison County are reminded that all spring approvals on ACP carried an expiration date of May 31, 1961, and that unless the report is made by that date, or a request is filed in writing for an extension of time in which to complete the practice, the approval will be cancelled.

Ralph W. Ramsey, Office Manager of the Madison County ASC stated that approximately 650 farmers in the county had not filed their reports and that letters were mailed to these farmers recently advising them of the report date or to request an extension of time, if needed.



MEETING GOVERNOR'S TERMS in agreeing to accept his decision in the Mars Hill school controversy as final were members of the Madison County Board of Education and members of a citizens committee protesting the failure of the Mars Hill School Committee to rehire Principal Ralph E. Neill Jr. At left, Board Chairman B. K. Meadows signed the agreement as board members J. G. Gardner Jr., and Zeno Ponder and Hugh Cannon of the governor's office looked on. At right, Dr. Otis Duck signed the agreement with Rex Allen looking on. —Staff Photo

## Citizens Anxiously Await Gov. Sanford's Decision

### MADISON BOARD ASKS PROBE BY WIRE SERVICES

Board Denies Coercion, Or Intimidation Of Teachers

The Madison County Board of Education Sunday invited the two wire services, the Associated Press and United Press International, to conduct an investigation in Madison County "so that the truth may be known" about alleged reports of coercion and intimidation of teachers.

Members of the board are Chairman B. K. Meadows, Zeno Ponder and J. G. Gardner. The statement grew out of the well-publicized dispute over the ouster by the Mars Hill School Committee of principal Ralph E. Neill Jr.

Meadows released the statement as follows: "The Associated and United Press have carried many allegations to the effect that this present Madison County Board of Education has permitted and tolerated coercion and intimidation of our school teachers."

"We are now asking that both (Continued on Last Page)

### JEAN STINES IS NAMED TO STATE DENTAL COUNCIL

Miss Jean Stines, of Asheville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Stines of Marshall, was named to the executive council of the N. C. Dental Hygienists Association at the convention held in Pinehurst last week.

A native of Marshall, she attended the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Tennessee. She is a graduate of Glen Alpine High School.

Dr. Pearce Roberts of Asheville was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Association.

### Piano, Organ Recital Tonight

Mrs. Maud Long will present a group of her pupils in a piano and organ recital tonight (Thursday) at the Marshall Methodist Church at 8:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Both Sides Sign Agreement; School Enrollment Is Nearly Normal

Attendance at Mars Hill school was almost back to normal this week following the signing last Sunday night by community leaders of Mars Hill and school officials of an agreement accepting Governor Terry Sanford as arbitrator in the school dispute.

Hugh Cannon, assistant to Governor Sanford, arrived with the unsigned agreement Sunday night at the Asheville Airport about 8:15 and was taken to the home of Zeno Ponder, a school board member, by Lieut. E. C. Guy of the State Highway Patrol. Arriving at the Ponder home about 9:20, he conferred with members of the board of education, the Mars Hill school committee and Superintendent Fred W. Anderson. At 10:15, the school officials had signed the agreement.

Mr. Cannon was then driven to the home of Dr. W. Otis Duck at Mars Hill where he conferred with community leaders who are seeking to get Ralph E. Neill Jr., reinstated as principal of the Mars Hill school. At 11:15 o'clock, 19 signatures had been written on the agreement by those attending the meeting with Mr. Cannon at Dr. Duck's.

Signing at a meeting at the home of Zeno Ponder, member of the Board of Education, were Ponder, Board Chairman B. K. Meadows and member of J. G. Gardner. Also signing at this meeting were Paul Gillis, Brown Ammons, Oscar Anderson Jr., and D. M. Robinson of the Mars Hill School Committee (the other member, Eugene Reece, is in Florida) and Superintendent Fred Anderson.

Signing at the meeting at the home of Dr. Otis Duck in Mars Hill were Neill and the following leaders in the pro-Neill group: Duck, Rex Allen, Bruce Murray, Dr. Bruce Sams and Henry Clay Edwards. Other members of the Better Schools Committee also signed the accord.

The agreement reads as follows: "Whereas the Governor of (Continued To Last Page)

### BULLETIN

The Madison County Board of Education has instructed the Superintendent not to have any further collection of school teachers until the Governor has ruled on the Mars Hill situation.

### COLLEAGUES BACK FACULTY AT MARS HILL

Mars Hill teachers embroiled in the controversy caused by the firing last month of Principal Ralph E. Neill Jr., got official support from their professional organization Saturday when the Western District Executive Council, NCEA Division of Classroom Teachers, met in Asheville and issued the following statement:

"As members of the local, district, state, and national bodies of professional educators, we believe that we are committed to defend the goals of our parent organization: (1) To work to improve the quality of instruction in our schools and (2) To work to improve the conditions under which such instruction is carried on."

"We believe that we are further committed to defend the four-fold premise that every member of the profession has the right (1) to work to obtain better services for the schools and the children who attend them, (2) to encourage freedom of inquiry, (3) to join and take active part in the (Continued To Last Page)

### MHS ALUMNI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING HERE

Talent Program Enjoyed; Prizes Awarded; Officers Named

The sixth annual meeting of the Marshall High School Alumni Association was held last Saturday evening in the school cafeteria here.

Prior to the business meeting and program, a picnic supper prepared by the cafeteria personnel, was served in the cafeteria with approximately 60 alumni, their families, and teachers present.

Following the invocation by Wade Hooty, Dr. J. L. McElroy, president, called the annual event to order.

Numerous prizes were awarded including the alumnus who came from the longest distance. This was won by H. C. Cody, of Weaverville.

Mrs. Hettie R. Blankenship, former teacher, won the award for (Continued To Last Page)

## Criminal Court To Start Here Monday Morning

To Deliver MHC Address



Dr. Paul Reid

### M. H. COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT STARTS FRIDAY

A variety of activities concluding the 105th year of Mars Hill College will begin at 4 p. m., Friday (May 26) with the opening of a student art exhibit and end at commencement exercises Monday morning (May 29).

Dr. Douglas Branch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the Mars Hill Baptist Church at 11 a. m., Sunday.

Dr. Paul A. Reid, president of Western Carolina College at Cullowhee, will deliver the commencement address Monday morning for approximately 239 graduating students.

A third commencement weekend speaker is Harold Austell, vice president of the F. E. Compton encyclopedia publishing company will address former students, members of the Class of 1961 and other visitors at the annual alumni banquet Saturday evening.

During the banquet, "Alumnus of the Year" honors will be bestowed on an outstanding graduate, Dr. W. A. Sams of Marshall, who is celebrating his 50th year in the practice of medicine.

Other activities of the final weekend of the 1960-61 school year include the annual business meeting of the college's alumni association and reunions of the class. (Continued To Last Page)

### MHS Baccalaureate Service Here Sunday

The Baccalaureate service for the Marshall school will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock in the school gymnasium. The Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, will deliver the message.

### Madison County Library Board To Meet Here

It was announced this week that the Madison County Library Board will have a very important meeting, Friday, May 26, at 3:30 p. m., in the Library.

All members are urgently requested to attend.

### GRANGE TO MEET AT MARS HILL MONDAY NIGHT

Clyde English, Mars Hill Grange Master, announced this week that a meeting of the organization would be held in the high school agricultural building on Monday night at 8:00 o'clock.

"Charter members will be taken in at the meeting," Mr. English stated.

### Two Murder Cases Are Scheduled; Jurors Are Named

Two murder cases are scheduled to be tried here during the two-weeks' criminal term of superior court which starts Monday. Judge W. K. McLean, of Asheville, will preside with the prosecution being headed by Solicitor Robert Swain.

Charles P. Rothschild, George A. Garner and Fruent C. Kimes, alias Jimmy C. Kimes, are charged with the burglary and murder in connection with the death of Carson Lawson near Hot Springs in 1955.

Garner, who has been in Madison County jail for several months, was brought here from a prison in Chester, Illinois where he was serving from 8-12 years for manslaughter in the death of Jake Rubin in Illinois. The Rubin death occurred while Garner was free on bond in the North Carolina case and fighting extradition.

The case was started during the March term of court here but was continued when Judge McLean upheld the defense plea for more time to prepare the case.

Since then, Rothschild's extradition from a South Carolina prison was granted and he, too, has been in the Madison County jail awaiting trial for this term. Rothschild also has a life sentence pending in Georgia, having confessed to a murder there just in time to save a South Carolina man, convicted of it, from the death chamber.

Kimes, who is fighting extradition (Continued To Last Page)

### ENGLAND CITES HAY SHORTAGE

Alfalfa weevil are attacking alfalfa in Madison County. The damage being done by alfalfa weevil in many fields is so severe that if the alfalfa is not created soon, the stand will be destroyed this year, states Harry G. Silver, County Agent.

Farmers have three alternatives with their alfalfa — 1. Immediate treatment with malathion; 2. Follow treatment with granular heptachlor; 3. No treatment. If the alfalfa is not treated now or this fall the chances are very great that by June of next year, if stand will be destroyed. If alfalfa is treated now with 1 quart of 57% emulsifiable concentrate malathion in 20 gallons of water per acre, a good portion of (Continued To Page Eight)

### WEED CONTROL IS NEEDED IN CROPS

A number of Madison County farmers are using a new treatment to control weeds in corn, says Harry G. Silver, County Agricultural Agent. Farmers using Atrazine and Simazin soon after planting except to get adequate weed control to prevent the necessity of cultivation. Farmers in the Middle Fork community of (Continued To Last Page)

### WALNUT ALUMNI BANQUET TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The 14th annual Walnut High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday night, May 27, at 7:30 o'clock at the school.

An interesting program is planned.

Plates will be \$1.50 each with the dues amounting to \$5.00. Those planning an attending are asked to notify Mrs. Robert Jones, Walnut, N. C.