



## Gosnell Murder Case Is Now In Progress Here

Story Of Shooting Spree Last November Is Unfolded

Witnesses for the state Wednesday afternoon began describing the shooting spree last Nov. 12 which resulted in the death of 53-year-old Creanes Gosnell and considerable property damage to the filling station between Marshall and Walnut at which the action took place.

On trial are L. L. Hodges, 50, of Newport, Tenn., charged with second degree murder, and Gosnell's estranged wife and daughter, both charged with aiding and abetting in the shooting.

First witness on the stand after the final juror was selected about 3 p. m., was Suard Gosnell, brother of the slain man.

Gosnell said he and the victim were sitting in their car when the daughter, Dorothy Mae, came from her mother's house a short distance away and started a fight with her father.

Gosnell, a deputy sheriff, said he threatened to arrest the girl and was holding her in the back seat of the auto when his brother's wife and Hodges opened fire on the car. He said he fired one shot during the fracas.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, second and last witness of the day, said he arrived at the station a short time after the shooting.

Among the first things he did was collect Suard Gosnell's pistol, an army-type rifle identified as the one used by Hodges and a pistol reportedly used by Mrs. Gosnell.

The sheriff said Mrs. Gosnell apparently had tried to empty her pistol as she and Hodges walked toward the car. He testified to finding five empty casings and one "dud" in the revolver.

He also identified several rifle casings as those he picked up along the route followed by Hodges and Mrs. Gosnell as they approach the car.

A coroner's jury on the day (Continued To Page Eight)

Miss North Carolina



MARIA BEALE FLETCHER, of Asheville, was chosen Miss North Carolina Saturday night at the pageant held in Greensboro.

She was tops in the bathing suit competition and scored well in the talent contest. Miss Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beale Fletcher, is well-known in Marshall, having performed on the stage at the school several times.

## County Budget Is Printed On Page 2

The county fund, tax rate and expected revenue for the 1961 budget is published in this issue on Page Two.

## Mars Hill Boys' Teams Continue Winning Ways

### Bill Bennett's Teams Within One Win Of Perfect Season

A serious injury to a Babe Ruth payer marred an otherwise successful week which saw both Mars Hill teams chalk up a total of six victories in Madison County Babe Ruth and Little League activity.

Richard Allen, 15-year-old outfielder, had both sides of his lower jaw broken when hit by a pitched ball in the first game of a doubleheader against the Hot Springs team on Wednesday. Allen was operated on in an Asheville hospital two days later and has been making satisfactory progress. Prior to the accident, (Continued To Last Page)

## MARSHALL H. D. CLUB TO VISIT GHOST TOWN FRI.

Members of the Marshall Home Demonstration Club are planning a trip to Ghost Town, in Maggie Valley, on Friday afternoon of this week.

All members are asked to meet at the Cody Used Car Lot on Main Street at 1:30 o'clock.

It was announced that no picnic meal will be held but that those going are expected to eat supper in a restaurant near Ghost Town.

## New Post Office Quarters At Hot Springs Being Sought

### New Facilities Will Offer Better Service, Bill Whittan Says

In accordance with President Kennedy's order for an immediate increase in the rate of the Post Office Department's building program, Postmaster General Day announced today that extensive work has been started to secure new office quarters at Hot Springs, North Carolina, as a result of a recent study by the U. S. Post Office Department. The study was made with the cooperation of the local community.

renewal options. Specifications call for a facility containing approximately 1,200 square feet of floor space, 96 square feet of platform space, and 3,500 square feet of driveway, parking and maneuvering area.

According to the Postmaster, Mr. William T. Whittan, interested citizens may obtain additional and more detailed information from Mr. Cecil Bell, Assistant Postmaster, at the Hot Springs Post Office, 428 S. Main Street, Hot Springs, N. C. (Continued To Last Page)

## WHEAT SUPPORT UNCHANGED AT \$1.79 A BUSHEL

The National average support price for 1961-crop wheat will be \$1.79 per bushel, unchanged from the minimum "advance" support price announced earlier this year, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, office manager of the Madison County ASCS office. The minimum 1961 terminal and county price-support rates also are unchanged. The rate in North Carolina remains at \$1.97 per bushel.

Legislation requires that the final wheat support rate be determined on the basis of the wheat parity price as of the beginning of the marketing year and of wheat supply relationships of the same date. Currently, wheat supply relationships indicate a support level at 76 percent of parity. Since 75 percent of the July 1961 wheat parity price of \$2.37 per bushel is less than the previously announced minimum average support price of \$1.79, the final price will be the same as the minimum. The final rate can be higher but not lower than the minimum price.

To get wheat price support in 1961 in commercial wheat-producing areas, a producer must be in compliance with his 1961 wheat acreage allotment and be eligible (Continued To Last Page)

## SALVATION ARMY SINGING IS SET FOR AUGUST 6

Max Patch — The 26th annual Singing Convention of The Salvation Army Mountain Mission will be held at Mountain Mission Headquarter at Maple Springs, on the Max Patch Road, Sunday, August 6, beginning at 10 a. m.

This event has for many years attracted thousands of people to the mountain top to hear the old-time gospel quartets, trios, duets, solos, and other singing groups, who came to sing and to listen.

The convention is inter-denominational and singing groups from all churches have been invited to attend and to participate.

The convention was instituted by Major Cecil Brown, who also founded the Salvation Army's Mountain Mission work. There will be coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches and ice cream for sale to those who do not bring lunches.

## STORY ELECTED STATE VP FOR NON-DAILIES

### NCPA Meeting Was Highly Successful In Charlotte Last Week

James Story, editor and publisher of the Marshall News-Record, was named vice president of the Non-Dailies Group of the North Carolina Press Association at a meeting held at Hotel Charlotte Friday morning.

Paul Dickson, of Raeford, was named president of the group and Miss Grace Laffoon, of Elkin, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

John E. Jones, former Asheville newspaperman, now editor of a Myrtle Beach, S. C., paper, was principal speaker at the meeting of non-dailies. He discussed the printing of newspapers by off-set process.

At the combined session, speakers were Harry Golden, international columnist; Dr. John Caldwell, of N. C. State College; and Dean Norvel Neill, of the University of North Carolina.

Features of the three-day event included a performance of "The West Side Story" at Ovens Auditorium and a trip to Bowater Corporation near Rock Hill, S. C. At the final meeting Saturday morning, H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, (Continued To Last Page)

## Ervin To Seek Reelection As U. S. Senator

North Carolina's senior U. S. senator, Sam J. Ervin, Democrat, of Morganton, announced Tuesday his intention to seek reelection next year.

He made a promise made to the late Gov. William B. Umstead in 1954 as his main reason for running again.

Umstead, Ervin's long-time friend and college mate, appointed him to the Senate in 1954 to succeed the late Sen. Clyde R. Hoey.

"At that time," Ervin said in a 900-word statement announcing his intention, "Gov. Umstead required of me this promise and this promise only: that I should be willing to serve North Carolina in the Senate as long as my faculties remain substantially unimpaired. He gave me the reason for requiring this promise of me: experience is the most efficient teacher of all, and in consequence the ability of a senator to serve grows as his service in the Senate lengthens."

Ervin entered the Senate after public service which included three terms as Burke County representative in the General Assembly, a term as 1950 District representative in Congress, and a brief appointment as state representative of the North Carolina State Council on Governmental Administration. He has also served as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives and as a member of the U. S. Senate. He is married and has three children. (Continued To Last Page)

## Vosburgh Case Not Prossed As Dem Leader Intercedes

### SEPTIC TANK PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED

#### Ordinance Is To Become Effective On Friday, August 11

John Hutchins, Madison County Sanitarian, announced this week that an Ordinance has been adopted by the Madison County Board of Health requiring a permit for construction of septic tanks within this county. The Ordinance becomes effective on August 11, 1961.

The Ordinance reads, in part, that every person, firm or corporation building a septic tank, or any property owner on whose property a septic tank is proposed to be built, shall first procure from the Health Officer a permit, prior to commencing such construction.

Plans and specifications for such proposed septic tanks shall be submitted to the Health Officer for approval before such permit shall be granted.

Inspection of all septic tanks are required before covering after completion.

It was explained that the minimum capacity of a septic tank is 800 gallons.

Violation of this Ordinance shall be classed as a misdemeanor and guilty persons shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than 30 days.

A complete notice of the Ordinance is published on Page Seven of this issue.

## PRESBYTERIANS WILL OBSERVE PARISH DAY

### Meeting To Be Held August 6 At Walnut; Heier Is Principal Speaker

The Madison County Larger Parish will observe Parish Day at the Walnut Presbyterian Church, Sunday, August 6.

There will be a morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Charles Heier of New York (who is a candidate for the Director of the Madison County Larger Parish, now vacant).

At the close of the morning worship service, a picnic lunch will be served on the grounds of the church.

All members and friends of the Parish are invited to bring a basket lunch and attend this meeting.

## Masonic Picnic Planned Sunday At Carolina Hemlocks

Members of the French Broad Masonic Lodge, 292, AF&AM, and their families will enjoy a picnic at Carolina Hemlocks in Yancey County on Sunday afternoon, July 30, it was announced this week.

Each family is asked to bring a basket of food and be at the Hemlocks at three o'clock.

## Walnut Teachers To Be Announced In Next Issue

Fred W. Anderson, superintendent, announced today that a list of Walnut teachers would be published in next week's issue of this paper.

He stated that it was expected that the list of teachers would be published in the next issue of this paper.

## RONNIE REID WINS SOAP BOX DERBY IN CHARLOTTE

Ronnie Reid and his orange-and-cream racer, which runs downhill like a scalded dog, took top honors Saturday afternoon, July 15, in Charlotte's Soap Box Derby.

Ronnie, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reid of Charlotte, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Reid of Marshall, Route 1, crossed the finish line in front of old Central High School at better than 20 miles an hour — a good five feet ahead of second place winner Eddie Lands, Eddie, 11, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lands, also of Charlotte.

First prize was a \$100 savings bond and a trip to Akron, Ohio, for the national finals, scheduled August 20. Second prize was \$50.

About 3,000 spectators lined Elizabeth Avenue to see the winner roll over the white painted line that marked the finish and into the arms of a hundred or more well wishers, including his mother.

Ronnie was hustled into a waiting truck and given a triumphal ride up the 1,000-foot racing hill (Continued To Last Page)

## Babe Ruth, Little League Managers Will Meet Friday

Frank Moore, Little League and Babe Ruth Commissioner, announces that an important managers' meeting will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at The News-Record office.

Plans will be made for the play-offs in both leagues and all managers are urged to attend the meeting.

## Kimes Enters Plea, Gets 20-30 Year In Robbery

### LIONS SPONSORED CARNIVAL HERE THROUGH SAT.

The Georgia Amusement Company, with its exciting rides, will be on the Island here through Saturday. The carnival is being sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club with proceeds to be used to benefit the blind.

The carnival, which started on Monday of this week, has attracted hundreds of people and capacity crowds are expected this week-end.

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## Bennett Comes To Aid Of Graduating UNC Law Student

Charges of impersonating an officer and violation election laws against James R. Vosburgh in Durham were not prossed Tuesday in Madison County Superior Court as state Democratic chairman Bert Bennett personally intervened in the case.

Bennett came to the aid of the graduating UNC law student, a Republican, on the grounds that he believed another sensational political trial in Madison County could have no winner since both parties would be injured.

"Politics is the relationship of the government and its people, and the more court actions involving political actions, and the more the word 'politics' is misused, the more difficult it becomes for Democrats or Republicans to get qualified people to take an active role in government," Bennett said.

Madison County was the scene earlier this month of a libel suit against State Republican Chairman William Cobb in which three Marshall election officials were awarded a total of \$40,008.

The criminal action against Vosburgh was the result of his arrest last November as he observed Upper Spring Creek polling place during the general election.

A civil suit against Sheriff E. Y. Ponder and others involved in his arrest was filed shortly thereafter in U. S. District Court by Vosburgh, who claimed that the sheriff engineered the entire proceedings.

He refused to comment Tuesday, saying that he is more interested now in passing the state bar examination he is scheduled to take next week.

The criminal charges against Vosburgh were not prossed by recently-appointed Superior Court Judge Harry L. Riddle Jr. on Monday. (Continued To Page Six)

## Bank Robbery Charges In State Of Mississippi Are Dropped

Fruent (Jimmy) Kimes Monday was sentenced to 20-30 years by Superior Court Judge H. L. Riddle after Kimes entered a plea of guilty to second degree burglary in connection with the 1955 robbery of merchant Carson Lawson, who died of a heart attack while bound in a chair as three men ransacked his house and nearby store, taking an estimated \$40,000.

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## County Surpasses Goal In Drive For U. S. S. Battleship

### Marshall School To Have Plaque On Battleship; Edwards Grateful

R. L. Edward, County Administrator of the drive to get the Battleship North Carolina back in this state, stated this week that Madison County had surpassed its goal of \$100,000.

Edward said that the county had received \$100,000 in contributions from the public and that the goal had been surpassed by \$10,000.

"It is indeed gratifying to know that our people have enthusiastically met the goal by at least \$100,000," Mr. Edwards said today.

The United States Navy will be pleased to have the Battleship North Carolina back in this state, and will be pleased to have the plaque from Madison County on the ship.

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