

## Madison, Buncombe Groups Urge Immediate Highway Improvement

**Highway 25-70 Main Topic; Letter Sent To Bennett, Commissioner**

In an effort to get the section of Highway 25-70 from Asheville via Weaverville which will link up to the Marshall By-Pass set up for earlier construction and also in an all-out effort to improve the link from the north end of the Marshall By-Pass to the Tennessee Line, a meeting of the minds of several influential citizens was held in Asheville Tuesday and Wednesday.

Included in the urgent appeal were James Stikeleather, Lamar Gudger, Weldon Weir, Robert S. Swain, Coke Gandler, Bruce Elmore, L. E. Parker from Buncombe County and Liston B. Ramsey, Zeno H. Ponder and E. Y. Ponder from Madison County.

A letter was sent to Yates Bennett, a member of the N. C. Highway Commission, who is chairman of this district and a carbon copy to Governor Terry Sanford. The letter follows:

October 11, 1961  
Honorable Yates Bennett  
Member of the N. C. Highway Commission  
Burnsville, North Carolina  
Dear Sir:

We understand that the North Carolina Highway Commission at their next meeting will establish priorities in the various highway districts for the construction of primary roads. We are extremely interested in the construction of Highway 25-70.

### WILL B. RAMSEY ELECTED CITY FIRE CHIEF

**Succeeds A. L. Duckett Who Resigned Last Friday Night**

Will B. Ramsey, who has served on the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department since 1942, was unanimously elected as Marshall Fire Chief by the members of the department last Friday night following the resignation of Chief A. L. Duckett.

Chief Duckett explained that he was resigning because he and his family expect to move from Marshall in the near future. Duckett, who became Fire Chief in December, 1955, has rejuvenated the fire department which now has a Rural Fire Truck in addition to the truck used primarily in the corporate limits.

In offering his resignation, Mr. Duckett expressed his appreciation to the firemen and others who have cooperated in the improvement of fire-fighting equipment.

In turn, the firemen expressed regret that he is going to move from Marshall and commended him highly on the splendid job he has done as chief.

Ramsey, the newly-elected chief, stated that the same officers would remain with Don West replacing him (Ramsey) as Captain. James Penland is the other Captain. Other officers are Jim Story and T. F. Sams, Assistant Chiefs; and Joe Fisher and Charles Crowe, Lieutenants.

Chief Ramsey stated that the same schedule for drills, every Friday night, would continue for the present.

### Good Government League of Women To Meet Tuesday

The Marshall Unit of the Good Government League of Women will meet Tuesday night, Oct. 17 at 7:30 in the main auditorium of the Madison County Courthouse. They will begin the study of the "New Year's Resolutions" and other important business will be transacted.

Please come and bring your...

### COBB GRANTED MORE TIME FOR APPEAL

State Republican Chairman William E. Cobb has been granted more time in which to appeal a jury's verdict that he libeled three Madison County election officials. The State Supreme Court Tuesday said the appeal will be heard during the 1962 spring term of court which opens February 24. The exact date has not been set for Cobb to file his appeal. The case had been docketed for hearing at the current fall term.

The high court also denied a motion to dismiss Cobb's appeal on grounds that he did not meet the legal deadline.

A Madison County jury decided that Cobb libeled Zeno Ponder, Frank Rummion and Oren Rice when he accused them of election irregularities in a statewide bond election in October, 1958. The jury awarded Ponder \$40,000 damage and token damages of \$4 to Rummion and Rice.

### CHRISTMAS PROMOTION IN PROGRESS

**Merchants Giving Tickets; Many Prizes To Be Given Away**

The annual Christmas Promotion, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association, is in full swing here with practically all local merchants participating. Tickets are being given with each \$1.00 purchase or paid on account and six drawings are scheduled to be held between Oct. 28 and December 22.

Officials of the Association will announce first drawing prizes probably next week.

### COON HUNTERS CLUB TO HOLD FIELD TRIALS

According to a member of the club, the French Broad Coon Hunters Club will have Field Trials Saturday, October 14, at the Ernest Teague farm on Hayes Run. "Bring your dogs and test them for the opening of the coon hunting season," a member stated. Everybody is invited.

### REYNOLDS BLANKS MARS HILL HIGH 19-0

The Reynolds Rockets soared to a 19-0 victory Friday night over a Mars Hill eleven that managed to pick up only three first downs during the contest.

Playing on the Reynolds field fullback Joe Snyder put on a one-man show as he scored 13 of the Rockets' 19 points. He broke the ice in the first quarter with an 86-yard run and followed it up in the second period with a 15-yard dash which he followed with an extra point run.

Sam Taylor scored the final Rocket touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 23-yard gallop.	MS	MH
First downs	13	3
Total yards	242	100
Points	19	0
Turnover by	1	0
Fumbles lost	3-25	1-0
Yards penalized	2	18
Time of play	59:00	59:00
Attendance	875	115

### FUND-RAISING PLANS MADE BY MARS HILL

Plans for a financial campaign to underwrite the cost of converting Mars Hill from a junior to a senior college were announced during Founders Day exercises at the Baptist institution at 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. Dr. Perry Crouch, pastor of First Baptist Church of Asheville, is chairman of a trustees committee which has been studying the financial needs of the college and planning a fund-raising drive.

He discussed the committee's work and introduced key persons who have agreed to assist with the campaign.

The 1,056-student school, which has been a junior college since 1921, will add the junior year next fall, the senior year in 1963 and will award its first baccalaureate degrees in the spring of 1964.

### County Schools To Close Friday For NCEA Meeting

Superintendent Fred W. Anderson announced this week that all county schools will be closed on Friday due to the 39th annual convention of the Western District of the North Carolina Education Association which meets in Asheville Friday.

Envy is punishment meted out to people for being inferior to their neighbors.

### STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD

Fire, one of man's greatest allies when properly controlled and properly utilized, is at the same time one of the great dangers to man when uncontrolled. Each year in our State and Nation men, women and children lose their lives because of carelessness in handling of matches and inflammable materials. Each year millions upon millions of dollars worth of damage is done to homes, to businesses and to forests due to poor fire prevention practices.

In a program to curtail fire losses, the President of the United States has asked state and local governments, and civic, business and labor organizations to join in observing Fire Prevention Week. The object of this week is to teach lessons of fire prevention that will be practiced the year around.

Therefore, I am happy to designate the week of October 8-14 as

### Fire Prevention Week in North Carolina GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD

### N. C. DRAFT CALL HIGHEST SINCE WAR IN KOREA

Washington — A draft call for 20,000 men in November was issued Wednesday. All will go in to the Army.

Raleigh — North Carolina's draft quota for November will be 770 men — highest since the Korean War.

This was announced Wednesday by Col. Thomas H. Upton, state director of selective service. Col. Upton said the state office is now preparing quotas for local draft boards throughout the state.

### Marshall Men Arrested For B&E, Larceny

Jerry Webb, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Webb, of Marshall and McArthur Shelton, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arles Shelton, also of Marshall, are in the county jail following their arrest Tuesday night, Sheriff Ponder stated this week.

The two men are charged with breaking and entering, larceny, and assault on a female. The incident took place in the Hayes Run section Tuesday night. Missing from the home were a banjo, guitar and a .22-caliber gun.

### Dennis Cantrell Suffers Gunshot Wound This Morning

Dennis Cantrell, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cantrell of the Spilcorn section, was accidentally injured in the right leg while hunting this (Thursday) morning. He is now a patient at Memorial Hospital.

## County Board Halts Surplus Buying; Vehicles Involved

### Surplus Property Officers To Study Madison Status

### 11 STUDENTS ESCAPE INJURY IN WRECK WED.

Eleven Marshall High School students escaped injury Wednesday morning, when a school bus and a car collided in a narrow curve on an unpaved rural road in the Sandy Mush section of Madison County.

State Highway Patrolman C. W. Pearson reported the accident occurred at 7:30 a. m. when the school bus, operated by Rom Hensley, 55, of Marshall, met a 1946 Ford convertible in heavy fog. The convertible was operated by Bobby Lee Randall of Marshall RFD 1.

Both drivers also escaped injury. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 and to the bus \$50. No charges were made.

### PUBLIC MAY HELP CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Marie Roberts, manager of the Marshall Recreation Park, announced this week that anyone who wishes to help fill baskets for needy children of Madison County is invited to contact her. Mrs. Roberts explained that many of the young people who frequent the Recreation Park will fix baskets for the children and need help from others.

"Have a part in making some child happy on Christmas morning by filling the baskets with toys, fruits and candies. Giving toys (new or used), clothing, food and donations will go a long way in making many children happy," Mrs. Roberts stated.

Send your contributions to the park or call 3174 during the day and 3846 from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. Arrangements will be made to pick up the articles.

### POLK CENTRAL DEFEATS HOT SPRINGS 26-0

Undeclared Polk Central out-ran and outplayed visiting Hot Springs while coasting to a 26-0 victory Friday night at Harmon Field at Tryon. The winners added a touchdown in each quarter.

Quarterback Johnny Bridges counted for three of the Polk scores by hitting Marvin Pack for the initial score and finding Johnny Biedler in the clear before running around left end for the final score from the three-yard line. Ronnie White accounted for the other score with a 3-yard run. Bridges added two extra points.

Aiding the Polk cause with outstanding line play were Dean Gregg and Bob Champion. Polk Central has now won its first five games.

First downs	HS	PC
Running yards	9	11
Passing yards	35	150
Punting yards	45	110
Fumbles	2-25	1-25
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yards penalized	15	0
Hot Springs	0-0-0-0	26-0-0-0
Polk Central	7-5-2-26	

### Fire Drill Held

Officials of the Marshall Fire Department held a fire drill...

### Decision Made After Visit Of Mars Hill Group

The Madison County Board of Education has called a halt to its participation in the surplus property procurement program.

The action was taken Saturday night after what the board, in a lengthy statement, called harassment by news media, especially television.

Singled out as basis for "adverse publicity" was the Citizens Committee for Better Schools, a Mars Hill organization formed during last year's bitter school dispute.

At issue is the disposition of a number of vehicles and machinery purchased as surplus equipment. Included, according to School Superintendent Fred W. Anderson, are 13 vehicles including trucks and weapons carriers, a cement mixer and a generator set.

Anderson said a Mars Hill group had written Col. R. W. House, federal property officer, and that House had sent an aide to inquire about the vehicles.

Anderson said he showed House's representative the titles, that a group from Mars Hill came later and asked to see the titles and where the vehicles were. Anderson said he is in the process of determining the location of each of the vehicles obtained by himself and his predecessor.

After a blast at "narrow-minded" and "biased" criticism which the board called politically inspired, the statement issued Saturday read as follows (motion by board member Zeno Ponder, seconded by B. K. Meadows):

### U. N. Study Tour To Again Be Made By H. D. Club Women

Again this year the H.D. Club women will have the opportunity to go to New York on the U.N. Study Tour. The dates for this tour will be Nov. 5-11. The women will leave Asheville Sunday afternoon and travel by train to Washington, and by bus to New York. They will spend two full days in the U.N. and come back to Washington for a night and day of touring there. Then they will return to Asheville Saturday, Nov. 11.

The package rate for this tour is only \$61.00 per person, and includes all expenses of travel, rooms, tips and sightseeing tours. No meals are included.

Many of our Western North Carolina women have been on this trip and say you can get by on \$100.00 for the total trip. If you desire more information, please contact Ethel T. Wallie, or come by the Home Agents office.

### COUNTY TEAMS SEE FOOTBALL ACTION FRIDAY

Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs football teams are all in action this week with a hope of winning victories.

The Hot Springs Blue Devils will travel to Marshall for a game Friday afternoon at 2:30 which will be the first of the season.