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## French Broad Watershed Planning Program Is Begun

Rep. Taylor Says SCS Now Authorized To Give Assistance

WASHINGTON — A watershed plan for the 231,147-acre upper French Broad River basin will be started immediately, 12th district Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Tuesday.

Taylor said the U. S. Soil Conservation Service is launching a planning program expected to result in construction of headwater dams offering flood protection to the other hardwood Henderson-Transylvania area.

Development of the plans, expected to require six to nine months, will be coordinated with the local organizations in the French Broad Watershed

Transylvania Soil and Water Conservation District, Edward H. Mackey, chairman; Transylvania Watershed Improvement District, R. M. Boyd of Broadway, chairman; and Henderson Soil and Water Conservation District, Claude A. Morrison of Rt. 2, Hendersonville, chairman.

Taylor said the SCS now is authorized to give technical and financial assistance, through those organizations, to development of a watershed program.

Once plans are completed, Taylor said, the SCS will submit to the Budget Bureau for a request for funds needed for the program. Estimates of the cost for French Broad headwater dams will not be available until studies are completed.

The French Broad basin has been the focus of the nation's first central program for watershed control.

"This is the first positive step to be taken toward actual development of control plans and construction of flood dams," declared Taylor who has been pushing the program.

Last June, Transylvania residents voted five to one for a water control program.

Henderson voters went against a similar proposal a few days before the Transylvania vote. At issue in both counties was the assessing of property taxes for maintenance of the headwater dams.

During the first half of 1961, the combined net profit of iron and steel companies was 51 per cent lower than in the first half of 1960, according to reports from companies making about 93 per cent of the total steel.

## FRANK RAMSEY RESIGNS POST AS AUDITOR

Frank Ramsey, of Marshall RFD 6, Madison County Auditor for the past 14 months, has resigned his post due to ill health, it was announced here this week.

In a special meeting of the commissioners Wednesday, they accepted his resignation which became effective immediately.

In addition to being auditor, Mr. Ramsey also served as tax supervisor, delinquent tax collector, county purchasing agent and secretary to the board of commissioners.

Bill Roberts, chairman of the board of commissioners, stated this (Thursday) morning that Mrs. Mary Rannion, who has been serving as assistant to Mr. Ramsey, would assume Mr. Ramsey's duties, as Acting Auditor.

## ACP YET OPEN TO INTERESTED FARMERS

The County Agricultural Conservation Program through which the Government shares the cost with farmers in performing needed farm practices to conserve soil and water resources is yet open to interested farmers who failed to file their request during the initial open period of December 18-25, says Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison County ASCO committee. Approved practices include: the establishment of a vegetative cover for pasture or hay; the application of limestone to farmland; the planting of trees; the improvement of existing vegetative cover; tile drainage; contour stripcropping; forest improvement and farm ponds.

The ASC chairman said that the ACP is one farm program in which all farmers are eligible to participate, if they have a farm problem which can be solved with one or more of the approved county practices and urged those with a need to contact the ASCS office at Marshall for the details and the filing of their request. He also stated that those who made their requests during the initial (Continued To Last Page)

## DAIRY MEETING TO BE HELD HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

All Biltmore Producers Are Urged To Attend At Courthouse

An important meeting of all Biltmore cooperating producers will be held at the courthouse here Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The following letter has been mailed to all Biltmore producers which is self-explanatory:

Dear Dairyman: The two Biltmore producers representing you on the Biltmore cooperating producers organization have attended a directors' meeting in Asheville and are in a position to sit down with you and discuss in detail the marketing situation as it pertains to your milk.

I feel that it is of utmost importance that I urge each of you to participate in this very important meeting affecting the marketing of your milk, the dairy economy of our county and, of course, more important to you, your own pocketbook. There is little doubt in my mind but that the State Milk Commission will make rulings affecting all Biltmore producers in the very near future. It is imperative that your directors be given benefit of your thinking after you have been advised as to the present situation as it affects you.

I realize that Saturday night is not the best time to call a meeting of the dairymen, however, pre-arranged schedules are impossible for one and all members of your district to be present at a meeting held on a night before it will be too late for the directors to act on it.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, February 3. Yours very truly, HARRY G. SILVER, County Agricultural Agent.

## REFERENDUM ON BURLEY IS SET FOR FEB. 20

The regulations governing the acreage allotment, marketing quota and price support program on tobacco provides that all producers shall be given an opportunity of deciding in a referendum whether they are for or against such a program. As a general rule these referendums on tobacco are held every three years. County ASCS office manager Ralph W. (Continued To Last Page)

## MRS. GREGORY IS HONORED AT SCOUT DINNER

Receives Coveted "Thanks Badge" For Devoted Service

Mrs. O. A. Gregory, of Marshall, was awarded the coveted "Thanks Badge" at the first annual dinner meeting of the Pigeon Girl Scout Council, held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Girl Scouting last Thursday night in Battery Park Hotel.

Other special honors were presented to Mrs. W. H. Thomas of Asheville and Mrs. Tania Robinson of Waynesville.

Donald H. Denton, president of United Community Service of Mecklenburg County, addressed the 125 Girl Scout leaders and friends on community leadership. Mrs. Gregory, given the president, gave "Thanks for the President" (Continued To Last Page)

## FIREHOUSE DOOR ARE HERE

Anyone wishing to donate may do so by seeing a fireman or mailing your contributions to W. B. Ramsey, Marshall N. C.

A list of additional donors during the past few days follows:

Mrs. Vernon Rannion, Harry Silver, Mrs. Emory Wallin, Mrs. Aaron Reese, Mrs. Thula Norton, W. T. Moore, Boyd Baucum, Mrs. Jennie Lee Buckner, Mrs. Frances F. Ramsey, Hilliard Teague, Dr. H. E. Bolinger, Miss Stella Carver, Mashburn & Huff, Frank Moore, Mrs. Retha Ward, Mrs. Gale Silver, Miss Faye Adams, Miss Mae Fleming, Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle, Miss Judy Buckner, Mrs. Mary Etta Clark, Ed Sams, John Chandler, J. J. Ramsey.

## BRUCE ELMORE FOR CONGRESS?

Asheville Attorney Bruce Elmore apparently is the choice of certain Democratic leaders in the newly-created Eleventh Congressional District to oppose Rep. Roy A. Taylor in the May primary. Whether he actually enters the race will depend upon events in the next few weeks. However, he (Continued To Last Page)

## Burley Tobacco Acreage Hike Of 6 Per Cent Is OK'd

### TELEPHONE CO. SEEKS CHARGES. RATES INCREASE AT MARS HILL

Western Carolina Telephone Company today filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to increase rates and charges in all of its North Carolina exchanges. The application requests authority to establish rate groups for its local exchange service, to adjust the rates for local exchange telephone service in accordance with the proposed grouping, to make adjustments to rates and charges for miscellaneous equipment, service connection charges, and to provide extended area service between Olinville and Sylva, Bryson City and Cherokee, and between Murphy and Hayesville.

Western Carolina Telephone Company serves a large geographical area in Western North Carolina with exchanges located at Be- (Continued To Last Page)

### NEGRO STUDENT ENROLLS AGAIN AT MARS HILL

Miss Ornela Graves, a Negro described by Mars Hill College President Dr. Hoyt Blackwell as "a very attractive girl with the I.Q. for college work," has re-enrolled at the college and is living in a dormitory.

Miss Graves registered at Mars Hill in September to become the first Negro to enroll as a full-fledged undergraduate student at a Baptist college in North Carolina. Illness forced her to drop out after a month.

Miss Graves lived with her grandmother and commuted during the first month of studies, but moved into a dormitory to make it easier to attend classes this semester, Dr. Blackwell said.

"We haven't had one word of criticism from our local community or our student body," Blackwell said. "We've had a very nice experience."

He said the school has received some "outside" criticism, chiefly from other states.

Miss Graves was an honor student at Stephens-Lee High School in Asheville, where she was graduated last year.

Some other Baptist colleges in the state are taking Negro students on a part-time basis. The Baptist State Convention, meeting last November, urged the colleges to "take as quickly as possible" (Continued To Last Page)

### Congressmen From 6 States Ask For Increase To Meet Increasing Demand

The 1962 burley tobacco acreage allotment has been increased six per cent, Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., told the Associated Press Monday in Washington.

The increase culminates a long fight by farm and tobacco organizations to get the acreage allotment raised.

Congressmen from Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee and Ohio recently asked the Agriculture Department to boost burley acreages in order to meet increasing demand.

The requests for increases ranged between 5 and 7 per cent and most, including the Western North Carolina delegation, had requested the 6 per cent granted Monday.

Last year's allotment of 329,095 acres was based on a national marketing quota of 536 million pounds. The 1962 allotments are based on a quota of 571.8 million pounds.

The 1961 allotments had been increased 6 per cent from the year before and spokesmen for the burley states said a further increase was necessary to keep (Continued To Last Page)

### ROY ENGLISH IS SWAIN'S MAN OF THE YEAR

Roy English, of Bryson City, was named Swain County Man of the Year for 1961. He was presented the award at a dinner in Swain's Restaurant.

In the opinion of the Swain County Board of Commissioners, English was credited for his work in the building program of Bryson City Methodist Church, his service for 10 years as director of public welfare, his originating the idea of setting up a home for the aged in Swain County, his arrangement, working through the Lions Club, for three eye clinics for the indigent which have served 150 persons and for his work to bring about a better understanding of the civil defense program in the county.

Mr. English is the youngest son of Mrs. Grace English of Marshall and the late Guy English.

### \$300 Lost And Found On Church Street

Some people are just naturally lucky! What would be your chances of finding a handbag containing more than \$300 after losing it on an Asheville street for more than four hours?

Well, that's exactly what happened on a recent Tuesday night to three Marshall people.

It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Page Briggman and Mrs. Briggman's mother, Mrs. Kate Reed, rushed off to Asheville where Mrs. Reed attended an Eastern Star Meeting. They had intended deposit- (Continued To Last Page)

### STRAWBERRY PLANTS ORDERS TO BE PLACED

Strawberry plants can be ordered through the county agricultural agent's office.

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Commercial strawberries offer (Continued To Last Page)

## February Term Of Civil Court Scheduled To Start Here Mon.

Judge James C. Farthing To Preside; Several Cases On Docket

The February term of superior court for the trial of civil cases, will begin here Monday morning with Judge James C. Farthing, presiding.

The following motions and cases are scheduled:

- Motions**
- Nate Hensley vs Gains E. Anderson, et al;
- Glen Dick Whitte vs Gains E. Anderson, et al;
- Walter Brasel vs Lucille C. McDevitt;
- Woodson W. Ray vs Hattie B. Lamb, admr.;
- Charles Davis vs Donald Shelton et al;
- Faye P. Kent vs John F. Kent;
- Bulah Rice et ux vs Edney Rice, et al;
- Lawrence Reavis et al vs Ralph Reavis et al.

- Cases**
- J. B. Ramsey vs Otto Helton;
- Luke Griffin et al vs Edney Rice et al;
- Wayne Norton vs Roy Stamey;
- Myrtle Coward et al vs Hayden Meadows et al;
- Crawford Mace vs Clinton Pen-

## COUNTY BURLEY REFERENDUM GROUP MEETS

A meeting of business men, bankers, farm organizational leaders and county agricultural workers was held in the county ASCS office on Monday p. m., for the purpose of formulating plans to be followed in the forthcoming Burley Referendum. The group named a committee to spearhead a drive to inform our burley producers, business people and other citizens of the importance of the Burley Referendum which will be conducted on Feb. 20. Persons named on this committee were Harry Silver, chairman; P. R. Egan, John M. Anderson, Leonard Briggs, Jack Payne, W. B. Shelton, and Reeves Church, members.

In releasing this announcement, Ralph W. Ramsey, ASCS office manager, said that Mr. Silver and his committee will be calling on every people at the community level to assist in getting out the largest county vote possible on February 20.

## Slight Error In Basketball Tourney Dates

It was published in last week's edition that the Madison County basketball tournament would be held here February 19-24.

The correct dates are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 20-24.

## Madison's Income Doubles In Decade

### Still Lags Behind The North Carolina Averages

Per capita income in Madison County has more than doubled in the past 10 years — but it still lags behind the North Carolina average and is less than two-thirds of the national average.

In 1950 the per capita income for the county was only \$434. In 1960 the figure had risen to \$1,013, compared to a national average of \$1,868.

A survey of a county planning body says that in past years "the county has participated fully in the long run economic depression and underdevelopment in Western North Carolina." Principal reasons listed were

lack of good roads, rugged terrain and the high number of marginal farms.

Underemployment in the county is chronic and about 10 per cent of the total work force was unemployed during the past year. Out migration has been severe in recent years, with the population dropping from 22,522 in 1940 to 17,217 in 1960 — a net loss of 5,305 persons. Estimated gross out migration from the county during the same period was estimated at 11,300.

Although Hammarbund and Burlington Mills have located in the county and service employment has increased by 40 per cent since 1960, gross employment has dropped. Smaller businesses like Ramco at Mars Hill and the three charcoal kilns in the county have

helped relieve the situation. Many workers commute daily to Buncombe County for work.

Current unemployment is estimated at 500 persons and jobs must be found for them if economic decline is to be halted.

There are a total of about 700 persons working in jobs covered by unemployment insurance. Their average weekly pay is more than \$50 and total payrolls in the county last year came close to \$2 million.

The potential for tourism, recreational activity, health resorts and retirement colonies is great in Madison County. The Hammarbund Report has projected that tourism will increase 30 fold by 1968 and Madison leaders are hoping to share in the bonanza. (Continued To Last Page)

## Hot Springs Development Corporation Gets Charter

### LOCAL FIREMEN TO START COURSE HERE FRIDAY P.M.

### Allen Duckett Will Be The Instructor In 14-Weeks' Course Here

W. B. Ramsey, Marshall Fire Chief, announced this week that a course in firefighting would begin here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the fire house with former Fire Chief Allen Duckett being the instructor.

Duckett has recently qualified as an instructor in the rigid course and local firemen are looking forward to the course. Chief Ramsey said that the course would consist of 3-hour sessions every Friday for 14 weeks.

He urged all local firemen to be on hand for the start of the 14-hour course Friday night here.

"It is a splendid opportunity for the firemen and I hope that as many firemen as possible will take the entire course," Chief Ramsey concluded. (Continued To Last Page)

### Objects Of Corporation Are Cited; Plans Are Continuing

A Charter has been granted setting forth the incorporation of the Hot Springs Development Corporation, it was announced this week. With the latest action plans will continue for the development of Hot Springs.

Many meetings have been necessary to get the plans formulated and the many technical processes for such planning to become effective. Working hand-in-hand with the Madison County Planning Board, the Hot Springs Planning Board is now in a position to make further steps toward re-development, now that the charter has been granted.

Main objects of the corporation are listed in part as follows:

To develop the natural and human resources of the Hot Springs area; to formulate a comprehensive plan for carrying out an economic program for the Hot Springs area through attraction of new industry and business, encouragement of existing industry, and to encourage to arise in progress. (Continued To Last Page)