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Commissioners Postpone Township Line Decision

Strong Opposition Is Voiced At Hearing Here Monday

Differences of opinion over a proposed change in the boundary line between No. 4 Township and No. 5 Township were aired at a tense meeting with the Madison County board of commissioners here Monday morning. Following the meeting, board chairman Bill Roberts stated that no official decision will be made at the present.

A petition requesting the relocation of the boundary line between the two townships was presented to the commissioners to be ruled on at the board's February 5 meeting. Among the petitioners signing for the change were J. G. Gardner, Clarence Boone, O. E. Anderson Jr., Paul Carter, Donald Whitt, Paul Gillis, Clyde Jarvis, Pearl Gillis and others.

One of the reasons for the relocation of the lines would be for the convenience of voters who live near the Beech Glen school who must travel approximately five miles where they must vote at California Creek. The change would give them an opportunity to vote much nearer home, it was stated.

Fire House Door Is Paid For By Many Donations

Fire Chief W. B. Ramsey stated this week that sufficient funds had been contributed to pay for the new fiberglass door for the local fire house.

"I wish to thank everyone who has donated for this worthy cause," Chief Ramsey said.

Donations made during the past week were by Don Wilds, Venie C. Davis, Ron Sprinkle, Ned Ramsey, E. C. Crowe, Roy Rice, Mrs. Iverson Bradley, Anderson Metcalf, Ed Niles, William V. Farmer, Fowler Wallin, Hubert Reeder, Mae Fleming and Mrs. J. J. Ramsey.

French Broad Development Project Is Being Mapped

Two-Year Study Of Area's Resources Sponsored By TVA

By JOHN PARRIS
Citizen Staff Writer

Cullowhee — Plans for setting up a program to develop the full resources of the French Broad River region of Western North Carolina were announced Tuesday.

John R. Hampton, director of the WNC Regional Planning Commission, disclosed that a two-year study of the region's resources is being launched under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The announcement was made at the quarterly meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Hampton said that TVA had agreed to back the study which is designed to come up with recommendations for developing the French Broad region in the fields of agriculture, industry, forestry, tourism and recreation.

It was understood, although Hampton made no mention of it in his report to the meeting, that the study survey would cost around \$250,000 in staff time for participating agencies, including but not limited to TVA, WNC Regional Planning Commission.

DEMOCRATIC EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETS HERE MON.

A meeting of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee has been called for Monday, Feb. 12, at Marshall at 7:30 p. m., it is announced this week by County Chairman L. B. Ramsey.

The meeting has been called for the purpose of recommending appointees as Democratic Members for the Madison County Board of Elections. The county executive committee will select the names of three Democrats to submit to State Chairman Bert Bennett, who in turn will make recommendations to the State Board of Elections for appointment for two-year terms.

ANNUAL CHORAL CLINIC SLATED FOR MARS HILL

The 13th annual choral clinic for high school students throughout the western half of the state, sponsored by the music department of Mars Hill College, will be held at the college Friday and Saturday.

A total of 304 students and their glee club directors from 29 schools have made reservations to attend.

The workshop consists of instruction sessions and rehearsals under the direction of an outstanding musician. The director this year will be Dr. Walter Ehret, choral director at Scarsdale (N.Y.) High School.

A graduate of the Julliard School of Music and Columbia University, Dr. Ehret has taught for 18 years in the New York and New Jersey area and has served as lecturer, conductor and clinician.

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BOBBY JOHNSON IN AMATEUR BOWLING MEET

Bobby Johnson, one of Marshall's top bowlers, is among the 180 amateurs entered in the program division of the \$27,800 bowling tournament Feb. 28-March 3 at Expressway Lanes in Winston-Salem.

Johnson and the other 179 amateurs will be divided along with 90 of the nation's top professional bowlers into three-man teams of one pro and two amateurs. The amateurs will be shooting for a \$5,000 purse in the pro-am, in which the professionals will not share in the prize money.

Ten invited amateurs will join a field of 120 pros for the \$22,800 tournament proper, in which first prize will be \$5,000. Semifinals and final of that event, on March 3, will be nationally televised by the American Broadcasting Company.

Among the pros entered in the event are such top national stars as Don Carter, Ray Bluth, Buddy Bonner, Lou Camp, Billy Wels, and others.

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POSTMASTER'S JOB IS OPEN IN MARSHALL

An examination for postmaster at Marshall will be open for acceptance of applications until Feb. 27, the U. S. Civil Service Commission announced Friday. The position pays \$6,255 per year. This examination has been announced under revised qualification standards recently agreed upon between the commission and the Post Office Department. Acting postmaster in Marshall is Marvin Ball.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy must have at least three years of experience showing that they can conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Complete information about a written examination and other requirements, along with instructions for filing applications, may be obtained at the Marshall post office.

BILL DESIGNED TO STABILIZE POULTRY MART

Washington — A bill designed to help stabilize the fluctuating poultry market in Western North Carolina has been introduced by 12th District Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

If adopted by Congress, the bill would make poultry eligible for marketing order controls administered by the Department of Agriculture.

"Depressed market conditions caused by over-production forced our poultry industry to suffer \$3 million loss last year," declared Rep. Taylor.

Poultry is WNC's leading agricultural commodity, although the industry has recently suffered from over-expansion.

"It has been apparent from conversations I have had with poultrymen from Asheville to Murphy that government regulations are needed to provide adequate stabilization," said Taylor.

His bill, if passed, would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to draft a poultry marketing plan.

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URGES GROWERS TO REPORT ON CROP HISTORY

Owners of corn or grain sorghum who did not take part in the 1961 Feed Grain Program, but who would like to participate this year are asked to check with the ASCS county office to be sure the necessary information for their farms is on record. The sign-up under the 1962 Feed Grain Program now is under way, and will extend through March 30.

Emory Robinson, chairman of ASCS committee, said that information on a farm's crop acreages for 1959 and 1960 is being used in establishing the farm's corn-grain sorghum base. This information is already on record in the county office for most farms, and notices listing the particular farm's base acreage, yields, and rates of payment under the 1962 program will soon be mailed to owners or operators of these farms.

As under the 1961 program, the minimum acreage for diversion from corn and grain sorghum is 20 per cent of the farm's base acreage. The maximum diversion of acreage to soil-conserving uses varies according to the size of the farm base. The acreage diverted from these feed grain crops to an approved conservation use under the program must be in addition to the farm's average acreage devoted to conservation for 1959 and 1960 and also to the acreage diverted under the 1962 wheat stabilization program.

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FOUR-YEAR GRID PROGRAM AT MHC BEING PLANNED

Henderson To Be Retained As Coach; Playing Field To Be Improved

A report that Mars Hill College would drop football from its sports program was squashed this week when the administration voted to continue its grid program on a four-year scale.

The Baptist institution will be transformed from a junior college to a four-year school before the next school year.

Walter Smith, press information director, said a football schedule has not been made up for 1962 but it will probably be made up of games with junior and small senior colleges. The school will not be affiliated with any conference.

GOP CONVENTION HERE SATURDAY

The Republican County Convention will be held at the courthouse here on Saturday afternoon beginning at one o'clock.

Officers will be elected and delegates named to attend District and State Conventions, it was stated.

All Republicans are urged to attend the convention.

Firemen Will Meet Here Friday Night

Marshall firemen will meet Friday night at seven o'clock at the fire house to discuss a proposed new fire department which is being considered by a. D. Dugan, 18 members attended the first session last Friday.

"All firemen are urged to attend," Chief W. B. Ramsey said.

Dentist Patient Comes To Marshall On Helicopter Mon.

Many people were surprised last Monday afternoon when a helicopter landed on the Elam farm next to the river at the north end of town.

Further investigation revealed that one of the occupants of the "chopper" had an appointment with Dr. H. E. Bolinger, local dentist. After spending about two hours here, the patient, from Johnson City, Tenn., and his friend, boarded the helicopter and returned to Tennessee.

"He owns the plane and has done this before," Dr. Bolinger said.

Local Merchants Vote To Stay Open On Friday Nights

HOT SPRINGS PTA SEEKS RELIEF FROM BURDENS

Board Of Education Advises Group; Agrees With Complaint

Representatives from the Hot Springs Parent-Teachers Association met with the board of education here Monday morning and appealed to the county board for more assistance in helping defray some of the financial burden of the school that has of a necessity fallen on the PTA.

Mr. Anderson stated that the board of education basically agreed that entirely too much financial burden rests with the school, especially the smaller school in the rural areas.

Mr. Anderson also stated that he and his board encouraged the group to appeal to the State Board of Education and the Legislature for additional financial help in maintaining, building, supporting and equipping.

"Our schools throughout the state, including the rural counties where the tax structure is inadequate, are faced with this problem and cannot afford quality education as desired by us all," Mr. Anderson said.

"The day is gone, if it ever existed, when a school could hold a dead end class and give him the moral right to destroy it through stupid, short sighted farming practices," Chester C. Davis.

In-Service Class To Visit Bureau, Airport Saturday

The In-Service Class which regularly meets in the Marshall school, will further its study on "Earth's Science" Saturday by taking a trip to the Weather Bureau in Asheville and to the new Asheville Airport.

The group will be taken on guided tours where they will be instructed in the methods of determining weather conditions and forecasts.

Marshall and Walnut schools lead in enrollees in the class which also has teachers from Hot Springs, Mars Hill and Laurel. Enrolled in the class, also, are two principals, the superintendent and the supervisor.

Education Dept. Head



John Hough Jr.

MH COLLEGE TO ADD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The formation of a department of education and the hiring of John M. Hough Jr., 26, of Hampton, Va., to be its chairman have been announced by Mars Hill College.

The Baptist school is converting to a senior college status with the addition of the junior year this fall and the initiation of an education curriculum is part of the conversion process.

Hough, whose father is superintendent of Leaksville Township Schools, attended Mars Hill during the 1950-54 school year. An outstanding student, he was president of the freshman class.

In 1956 Hough earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest. He also holds the Master of Education degree from the University of North Carolina and has completed the course work there for a Doctor of Education degree.

Currently principal of Jane H. Bryan Elementary School in Hampton, Hough formerly taught and coached at Gray High School in Winston-Salem, taught at Bethany High School in Reidsville.

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Wednesday Afternoon Closing To Start Next Week

In an effort to stimulate business and be of added convenience to shoppers, many of the Marshall merchants voted Tuesday night at a special meeting of the Marshall Merchants Association to start staying open every Friday night until 8:30 o'clock. The newly adopted plan will become effective on Friday night of next week—February 16.

Leonard Baker, president of the Association, presided at the meeting which followed a mass meeting where parking problems were aired. Definite plans as to future parking will be released in a few days, according to Wade Huey, Mayor.

Many of the 18 men present at the Merchants' meeting voiced their opinions as to Wednesday afternoon closing and Friday night's "opening" plan. Most of the merchants present endorsed the Friday night plan expressing the thought that this night opening would benefit rural and urban shoppers alike.

"Many people who work do not have an opportunity to shop 'after working hours'," one merchant remarked. "This will give many regular employees an opportunity to shop after supper on Fridays rather than be forced to 'find time' on Saturdays," someone said. This was the general feeling expressed. Since all merchants were not present, a survey is being made as to which stores would definitely remain open Friday nights.

At least seven stores will start next week, it was stated.

The plan should be popular with rural citizens who prefer to do their "week-end shopping" on Friday night instead of Saturdays. Merchants are hopeful that the public response will justify their plans to remain open until 8:30 o'clock.

Wednesday Closing

It was also agreed by most of the merchants present to start closing at noon on Wednesdays, effective next Wednesday, February 14 and continuing through November 14.

It was pointed out, however, (Continued To Page Four)

Tobacco Price Support Vote To Be Held Tuesday, Feb. 20

AMENDMENTS ON GAS TAX REFUND TO AID FARMERS

Farmers Urged To Apply For Forms On Which To File

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, Madison County farmers who are eligible for a 6c per gallon refund on all gasoline used in non-highway use vehicles such as farm tractors, stationary motors, motors on hay balers, forage harvesters, etc. will be affected by two amendments made in the 1961 General Assembly to the "Non-Highway Use Refund Section of the Motor Fuels Tax Act." These changes simplify the gasoline tax refund filing in future years. During the past the application for refund on motor fuels tax for the State had to be filed on the calendar year. The amendments will make it possible in the future to file for the State refund at the same time that the Federal refund is filed for, on a fiscal year. The amendments to the Act are as follows: 1. The Data For (Continued To Page Four)

Community Polling Places, For Referendum Are Listed

Burley tobacco growers will vote Tuesday, Feb. 20, on marketing quotas for the next three crops, Ralph W. Ramsey, manager of the Madison County ASCS office, reminded farmers today.

Growers eligible to vote in the referendum are all those who produced burley tobacco in 1961 and shared in the crop or its proceeds. Also, such person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1961 burley tobacco allotment was established is eligible to vote, even though no tobacco was actually produced on the farm, if any of the allotment was preserved for history purposes.

For the 1962 crop of burley tobacco, the Department of Agriculture has announced a total of 11,488 acres available for allotment in this state. This compares with 10,853 acres available for allotment last year.

"The decision to be made in the quota referendum can be simply stated," Ramsey declared. "If quotas for burley tobacco are approved by at least two-thirds of the (Continued To Last Page)



White pines make an excellent background for the Baptist Parsonage at Marshall. The pines now cover what was once a washed and gullied area. White pines in addition to their looks have a real income potential. These white pine seedlings may be ordered through the county agents' office at \$6.50 per thousand, delivered to the home.