

# THE NEWS-RECORD



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## Man Is Found Dead Under Wrecked Car

Garland T. Plemmons Rites Held Tuesday P. M. At Meadow Fork

The body of Garland T. Plemmons, 46, Rt. 2, Hot Springs farmer, was found pinned beneath his car on a rural road near his home about 11 p. m., Saturday, March 17, 1962.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated, said that the condition of the body and the ground led him to believe that Plemmons may have died of a heart attack while driving.

The speculation was based on the fact that the body was not crushed, although the car had gone off the left side of the road on a slight curve and overturned on the victim, the sheriff said. The ground was soft at that point, Ponder said.

Ponder said a neighbor found the body approximately half an hour after the accident occurred on N. C. 209 in the Meadow Fork section.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bonnie Black Plemmons; two sons, Dennis and Richard of Hot Springs; the mother, Mrs. W. J. Plemmons of Rt. 2, Hot Springs; and a brother, Homer of Rt. 2 Hot Springs.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Meadow Fork Baptist Church.

The Rev. Newlin Reese and the Rev. J. P. Davis officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Bowman-Rector Funeral Home was in charge.

## GRAIN DIVERTED ACREAGE MUST BE 'CONSERVED'

Farmers who participate in the 1962 Feed Grain Program must carry out an approved conservation use on an acreage equal to the acreage diverted from corn or grain sorghum, Emory Robinson, chairman of Madison County ASCS committee, reminded growers today. Such acreage must be in addition to the acreage on the farm which is normally devoted to conservation uses.

For diverting the acreage to a conservation use under the feed grain program, the producer earns a payment and he becomes eligible for price support on the normal production of his 1962 corn and grain sorghum acreage. He also will be eligible for support on his 1962 crop of oats and rye. Conservation uses which may be established on the diverted acreage include permanent-type rotation cover of grasses and legumes. (Continued to Last Page)

## 54 PINTS BLOOD ARE DONATED HERE ON MONDAY

Madison County citizens responded to the call for blood here last Monday when 54 pints were donated in addition to several rejections. The Red Cross Bloodmobile moved into Marshall about 1:00 o'clock and at 1:30 o'clock the lobby of the REA Building here was filled with donors and volunteer helpers. A steady stream of donors kept the personnel busy until the unit closed at 6:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Dean Shields, local blood chairman, stated that "it was the best turnout since the blood program started here," and expressed appreciation to the many who helped promote its visit and paid special thanks to each donor.

Among those receiving praise from the local chairman were Mayor Wade Huey, the county ministers who announced the bloodmobile visit, the home demonstration agents, the Marshall Lions Club, who sponsored the visit and provided transportation for donors, the many volunteers who helped at the REA, the personnel of the F. B. Electric Membership Corporation, The News-Record and Radio Station WMMH.

"It was through the efforts of all these above, plus many more—and especially the donors—that the bloodmobile visit was such a fine success, Mrs. Shields said.

## Robert Johnson To Receive 300-500 Club Award Sat.

Robert Johnson, a salesman on the staff of Service Motor Co., Marshall, will be presented Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club award at a banquet honoring Ford dealership car and truck salesmen of 1961 in the Charlotte Ford sales district.

The awards dinner will be held Saturday, March 24, at the Park Center in Charlotte.

A. Y. Edwards, Charlotte district sales manager, said 300-500 Club membership awards are presented for excellent retail sales performance. The Ford 300-500 Club was founded in 1950 to recognize the performance of outstanding Ford salesmen throughout the country.

Mr. Edwards added that the average 300-500 Club member sold nearly \$400,000 worth of automotive merchandise in qualifying for the national honors.

The Charlotte Ford sales district includes approximately 190 dealerships throughout the Carolinas.

## INDUSTRIAL SITE OPTION IS EXERCISED

Although contributions to purchase the 12-acre plot near the Marshall by-pass for industrial development did not reach its goal, trustees and other interested citizens "underwrote" the balance so that the option could be exercised.

This action was taken Saturday after it was found that the goal of \$12,525.00 lacked about \$1,000. It is felt that the balance of this "indebtedness" will be contributed in the next few days.

Although no immediate industry is in view, it is felt by obtaining this property will greatly enhance the prospects for industrial growth in the Marshall area.

Members of the board of trustees stated that approximately 120 persons contributed toward the purchase of the property.

## SAVINGS BONDS SALES UP AGAIN

Although the national trend for Bond sales in February was down, N. C. sales continue on the increase—as they have done since August of last year.

During the month of February, sales of Series E Bonds totaled \$4,149,414.75, an increase of 6% over the same month last year. Series H Bonds totaled \$512,000.00—up 37%.

The combined sales of Series E and Series H Bonds for the month totaled \$4,661,414.75. This is an increase of 8.7% over February, 1961.

Cumulative E & H Bonds sales for the first two months of this year were \$9,749,958.14—up 7.5% over the comparable period of last year. This represents 18.9% of N. C.'s 1962 dollar goal of 51 million 600 thousand dollars.

W. H. Andrews Jr., State Volunteer Chairman, said, "We are very proud of this excellent record being maintained by North Carolinians and wish to thank all those who have contributed to our increased sales over the past seven months. We are hopeful that we will be able to sustain this growth during the remainder of 1962."

Madison County sales for February were \$19,909.00. For the year, county sales totaled \$37,326.00, which is 21.9% of the county's quota for 1962, according to C. L. Rudisill Jr., County Volunteer Chairman.

## AGENTS DRY UP WET OPERATION

By PETE GILPIN  
Citizen-Times Staff Writer  
It had all the makings of a Mark Twain tale, except the river was the French Broad instead of the Mississippi.

Sub a trio of federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax investigators (with an ABC man from Henderson County thrown in) for Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer.

For Indian Joe and the other heavies, substitute a pair of alleged Madison County moonshine makers.

Back home from their amphibious operation Saturday, the lawmen told this story:

Last Thursday evening, the four lawmen located an island with three stills on it, a 600-gallon "Silver Cloud" rig and two 60-gallon steam boiler types. They reached the island, about half a mile south of the Tennessee line, by canoe, then settled down to wait.

Eight hours later, about 3 a. m., the officers saw two men poling their way toward the island. From their hiding place, the lawmen watched while jars were unloaded and the men prepared to fire the boilers up.

Just as they were about to move in, one of the operators climbed on the boat and shoved off from the island, the officers said.

But when the other had things ready to run, the officers moved in, (Continued To Last Page)

## ACP INTEREST IN MADISON STILL ON INCREASE

Most farmers within the county have learned that establishment of sound soil and water conservation practices on their farms pay big dividends in many ways. Then, too, the conservation of our natural soil and water resources assures the future American public of the needed resources to produce an adequate supply of food and fiber.

In speaking of this important subject, Ralph Ramsey, ASCS office manager points out that the county ASC program is geared to solve the soil and water conservation problems. This program shares the cost with the farmer on about a 50-50 basis, which should enable him to perform conservation measures that he would not otherwise be able to reach.

In speaking of the 1962 Agricultural Conservation Program with the county, Ramsey said more farmers are showing more interest than ever before. As of this date approximately 1500 farmers have been given approvals for cost-sharing to help carry out one or more practices on their farm. This is an increase of more than 150 farmers over this same period last year.

In conclusion, the manager stated that the county ACP is yet open to all non-participating farmers who have a need for any of the following practices that they propose to carry out this spring and urged all interested farmers to contact the ASCS office in Marshall for details of the program. Practices are: establishment of permanent pasture or hay; establishment of additional vegetative cover; lining farm land, contour strip-cropping; planting forest trees; improving permanent pasture or hay; stream ponds; forest improvement; soil waterways; field strip-cropping; tile drainage and winter cover crops.

## Supplies For Mrs. Brewer In Ghana

Mrs. L. L. Vann, of Mars Hill, writes: "We have found missionaries who will take the needed supplies to Miss Eva Brewer in Ghana, W. Africa. Miss Brewer writes that they need sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths and bandages torn from sheets. These linens do not have to be new.

"In fact they should have been washed a time or two and slightly used so they can be labeled such. In that way, the "duty" is lowered. The bandages should be in 1 or 2 inch widths and rolled. These articles should be left at the Mars Hill church office not later than April 4."

## Revival Will Start At Enon Sunday; Hill To Preach

A week's series of revival services will begin at the Enon Baptist Church Sunday with the Rev. Jess Hill, pastor of the Laurel Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C., being the guest evangelist.

Services will be held nightly during next week at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. G. M. Bridwell, pastor of Enon Church, also stated that Mr. Hill will have the devotions over WMMH next week at 8:45 o'clock.

## Attend Firemen's Meeting Wednesday

Approximately 150 firemen, including several state officials, attended the quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Firemen's Association held at Beavertown Wednesday night.

Members of the Marshall VFD attending were Chief W. B. Ramsey, T. F. Sams, Kelley Davis, Ron Wilson, Jim Story, and Jack Ramsey.

The dinner meeting was held in the Beavertown Community Building which also houses the fire department.

## State Supreme Court Hears Appeal For William Cobb

### STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION SCHOOL WED.

Madison County farmers have ordered 43,200 strawberry plants through the county agricultural agent's office to be set in April, 1962. A strawberry production school will be held on the island in Marshall at the vocational agricultural classroom starting at 1:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 28. Persons who have ordered the strawberry plants will have an opportunity to learn the latest on strawberry production.

At the present time there is not enough strawberries produced in the county to meet the local demand. Farmers planting these strawberries will probably have a good 1963 harvest if our plants are well taken care of.

Normally strawberries can be expected to produce around 1200 gallons per acre. The producers of these strawberries should be able to sell them for about \$1.00 a gallon if a good job is done with the berries. The 1962 planting should produce an additional agricultural income in Madison County of approximately \$9,600.

### ANNOUNCE FOR NOMINATIONS IN DEM. PRIMARY

Opening announcements for nominations in the Democratic Primary on May 28 are published on Page Four of this issue.

Announcing are Landon Roberts for Solicitor; P. R. Eham for Representative; Ted R. Russell for Clerk of Superior Court; and Erwin Adams for Commissioner.

### Notice To Those Seeking Nomination

In order to be sure that political announcements are published, it is urgent that this newspaper office receive the announcements before Thursday of the week they are published. Copy arriving after Wednesday night may be too late. Your cooperation is appreciated. —The Editor

### Attend Case Workers Meeting On Friday

Mrs. Grace English, Mrs. Nina Lou Ponder, Mrs. Marion Wallin, Mr. Anthony Ponder and Mr. Fowler Wallin, case workers in the Madison County Department of Public Welfare, attended the Western District N. C. Case Workers Association meeting in Cullowhee last Friday. The meeting was held in Hunter Library of Western Carolina College. Jackson County was host county.

### WBTB To Carry Wake Forest-Ohio State Game Friday

Both WBTB and WBT Radio will carry Friday night's semifinal playoff game between Wake Forest and Ohio State — starting at 7:30 on TV and at 7:15 with a 15-minute warmup on radio. Should Wake Forest win Friday night and advance to the finals against either Cincinnati or UCLA, WBTB will telecast Saturday night's final starting at 2. WBTB will air Saturday's championship game — regardless of whether or not Wake Forest participates.

### RECTOR'S ESTATE IS ESTIMATED AT \$289,456

C. Eugene Rector, retired president of the French Broad Bank of Marshall who died Dec. 18, left an estate estimated at \$289,456.28, according to an inventory filed in Superior Court.

Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and Mrs. Mildred Orr Rector, widow, are executors.

The estate consists of \$529.98 in cash, \$142,046.38 in stocks, \$10,703.27 in bonds, \$10,200 in savings and loans associations, \$20,076.70 in insurance, \$900 in miscellaneous property, and \$105,000 in real estate.

In his will, Rector left Hayes Run property on Mars Hill Highway, to his mother, Mrs. Cora Rector Allison, for life, and \$2,500 each from the sale of this property after her death to Lucille R. Hutchins, niece, and John M. Rector, nephew.

The rest of his property he left to be divided into two equal trusts, one for his widow, to be disposed of as she wishes at her death, and one for his son, Eugene Orr Rector of New Jersey, to be disposed of as he wishes at age 35.

Rector was a native of Madison County, with the Bank of French Broad from 1924 until his retirement a few years before his death. In 1938 he was elected president, and became one of the youngest bank presidents in North Carolina. In Asheville he lived at 45 Patton Mountain Rd.

### MVF Auxiliary Rummage Sale Here April 7

The Marshall Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary will sponsor a rummage sale in the former Model Grocery Building on Main Street here on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

Anyone wishing to donate clothing or other items for the sale are asked to bring them to The News-Record office. If you wish the items picked up, dial 3261 (The News-Record) or contact any member of the Auxiliary.

"We will appreciate any clothing donated for this worthy project," Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, president of the Auxiliary, stated.

## Dan S. Judd To Address Women's League Here Tues.

### Here In April



R. NELS H. LAMBSON, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Spruce Pine, will conduct a series of revival services at the Marshall Baptist Church, April 1-15. Announcing the Rev. Elton A. Ramsey Jr., pastor of the Marshall church.

### Impossibility To Get Fair Trial In Madison Is Argued

Raleigh — A fair trial for State Republican Chairman William E. Cobb before a Madison County jury was an impossibility, the State Supreme Court was told Tuesday.

W. C. Meekins of Asheville, attorney for Cobb, said this as the court heard the GOP leader's appeal from a \$40,000 libel judgment slapped on Cobb by a Madison County jury last summer.

Meekins quoted Judge J. Frank Huskins, who presided over the long-drawn trial as saying privately that, "Apparently you can't get a fair trial in Madison County before a Madison jury in a case of this sort."

Meekins argued that Judge Huskins should have granted a defense motion to get a jury from another county to hear the case.

But another Asheville attorney, William J. Cooke, told the high court that there was "abundant evidence to support" the jury's finding that Cobb had libeled three Madison election officials, Zeno Ponder, registrar, and Oren Rice and Frank Rinnion, election judges at the Marshall precinct.

Judge Huskins "conducted a fair, calm trial," Cooke told the court.

The three Madison men contended they were libeled in letters Cobb wrote to former Gov. Luther H. Hodges and the State Board of Elections, which Cobb released to the press. The letters asserted there were irregularities in the conduct of the Oct. 27, 1960 bond election in Madison County.

After a trial which lasted several weeks, the jury awarded Ponder \$40,000 and made token awards of \$4 each to Rice and Rinnion. Meekins noted in his arguments that the award given Ponder was 10,000 times as large as the awards to Rice and Rinnion.

Meekins said that during the trial there was a number of conferences in the judge's office about jurors and the judge expressed regret he ever got involved in the case.

One juror was discharged and replaced by an alternate after she reportedly commented that Cobb "was worth a million" and as far as she was concerned they "could throw the book at him," Meekins related.

Meekins said that one juror spent two days fishing with Rinnion's son-in-law and visited at Rinnion's son's home during the trial. (Continued To Last Page)

## Heart Fund Drive Is Now In Progress Throughout County

### Supt. Anderson, Mrs. Wallin To Head 1962 Effort In Madison County

Fred Anderson, county school superintendent, and Ethel T. Wallin, home economics agent, will head the 1962 Madison County Heart Fund effort, now underway, according to Hargrove "Skipper" Bowler, state Heart Fund chairman.

\$10 Cash Offered  
Mr. Anderson stated that he is offering \$10.00 cash to the room raising the most money for the Heart Fund by Monday, April 2. He stated that the offer was good for any room of any school in the county.

Bowler, director of the N. C. Commission and Development Department pointed out that "financial losses are North Carolina's most valuable resource" and urged that Madison County join with other counties in the state. (Continued To Last Page)



MRS. ETHEL WALLIN, Madison County Home Economics, will assist Fred W. Anderson in raising money for the Heart Fund Drive which continues until April.