



HONOR GRADUATES at Laurel High School in Madison County this year will be (L-R) Bernice Robinson, Virginia Rice, Edna Griffin, Grover Cutshall, valedictorian and Edward Ray, salutatorian.

Manager of the Asheville office of the Social Security Administration. \$70,854 is paid monthly in social security benefits in Madison County. This is an increase of about 18 percent over last year's figures. While the benefits are intended primarily for the beneficiaries' economic security, they help business in the community.



VOTE FOR ALBERT CANIPE FOR STATE SENATOR (30th Senatorial District) IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, MAY 26

If elected State Senator of 30th District (Madison, Yancey, Avery, Mitchell), I will vote the wishes of the Democratic Executive Committee in each of these counties on all local bills in the 1963 session of the State Legislature.

I will use all my power for more and better roads for our district. I am in favor of the present state program for our schools.

I feel sure that industry will come to our area of the state if we can get roads for them to haul their products over.

I am 46 years old... life-long Democrat... overseas veteran... member 1959 State Senate... past president Spruce Pine Lions Club... member City Council of Spruce Pine... at present, vice-mayor... deacon, Presbyterian Church... past Commander VFW.



LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL seniors who recently returned from a trip to Washington are (L-R) front row, Locella Rice, Jane Chandler, Flossie Ray, Jean Thomas, Judy Gosnell, Bernice Robinson, chaperone Mrs. Oleta Shelton, Virginia Rice, Jennie Shelton, Emma Bullman, Ollie Cook, Edna Griffin, Wanda Hurst; second row: Slowly Franklin, Arnold Thomas, Russell Gentry, Paul Wallin, Douglas Brogden, Grover Cutshall, bus driver C. A. Mitchell, Principal Ray Tweed, Dennis Shelton, Dennis Cantrell, Frederick Cutshall, Edward Ray, Quentin Ramsey, Glenn Thomas.

generally. Most of the money is spent immediately for food, clothing, and other necessities.

At the present time, social security benefits are being paid at a rate of over one billion dollars a month. "There are several reasons for the increase," Robertson said. There are more aged people; benefits are now payable at age 62; and less social security credit is needed to meet the eligibility requirements for benefits.

The average old-age benefit nationally for December 1961 was \$74.04 for a retired worker. In the State of North Carolina, the average benefits was \$62.20.

The table below shows the number and amount of each type of monthly benefits being paid in Madison County, as of December 31, 1961, the date of the latest available tabulation, with listing of Beneficiary Group, Number of Beneficiaries and Total of Payments, respectively:

Table with 2 columns: Beneficiary Group, Total of Payments. Rows include Retired Worker, Wife or Husband, Widow or Widower, Mothers and Children, Disabled Workers and Dependents.

News for Veterans

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—I'm a U. S. citizen who served with the RAF after volunteering in Canada. Can I qualify for pension from the VA?

A—Not unless you have wartime service in a branch of the U. S. Armed Forces. You may use your RAD service to add to your service time if you have less than 90 days in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Q—Are there any VA benefits for the U.S. servicemen who are now serving in Laos and Vietnam if they have no other service time?

A—There have been no benefits authorized for service later than the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

Q—What does the Veterans Administration have to pay to the various Hollywood stars who appear on the VA radio show, "Here's To Veterans"?

A—All of these performers as well as the musicians and technical assistants donate their time to this service to veterans.

Mrs. Linda Radford Passes On May 16; Funeral Friday

Mrs. Linda Drake Radford, 73, of Rt. 3, Mars Hill, died Wednesday night, May 16, 1962 in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Radford was a lifelong resident of Madison County, daughter of Nathan and Druce Drake. She is survived by the husband, John Radford; one sister, Miss Leah Drake of Mars Hill; and two brothers, Herman of Mars Hill and Jake Drake of Weaverville.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Friday in California Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Lloyd Ponder and the Rev. Elb Jenkins officiated. Burial was in Gabriel's Creek Cemetery with Jennings, Joel and Bill Murray, John Halley, Kenneth Drake, J. W. Arrowood and Ralph Buckner as pallbearers.

Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

MEASUREMENTS UNDER ASCS

Approximately four thousand acres of Madison County's cropland planted to tobacco, wheat and corn and the diverted acreage under the Feed Grain and Wheat Stabilization Program for 1962 will be measured within the next two months, according to Ralph Ramsey, office manager for the county ASCS committee.

A major part of the work related to the ASCS Productive Adjustment Program is the measuring of these acres after planting and prior to harvest. This time

element covers such a short period for making all measurements that it is difficult to complete the work on such a large acreage on schedule time Ramsey stated. These allotment programs are in effect as a direct result of approval by farmer referendums which are held to determine if such allotments would be in effect. The actual measuring of these crops is accomplished by trained TSCS reporters visiting each farm and measuring the acreage planted or diverted as the mase may be.

Ramsey reminds farmers that the ASCS reporter who visits the farm to measure the acreage is out there to perform a service for them. He says that assisting in this measuring and designation

FROZEN ASSET

Houston — Thieves stole \$1,800 in cold cash from Monte Ray Pettit. The victim told police he had hidden the money in a deep-freezer set at five degrees below zero in his frozen food plant in Houston.

of fields planted to allotment crops is definitely the responsibility of the farmer or his agent. He brings out, too, that it is greatly to the farmers' advantage to be there and assist in the measuring. By being present the producer will realize how the acreages are determined and he will be able to assure himself that the reporter has received the correct information.

PTA Officers To Be Installed May 21 At School

Installation of the P.T.A. officers for 1962-63 were held Monday evening, May 21, in the school auditorium at Marshall.

A dress review will be given by the Home Ec. girls.

Mrs. Earl Robinson, program chairman, will conduct the installation of the new officers. The officers to be installed are: President, Mrs. George Shupe; first vice president, Mrs. O. A. Gregory; second vice president, Mrs. Ohray Ramsey; secretary, Mrs. Frank Fisher; treasurer, Mrs. Bill Hunter.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN MADISON COUNTY? IF SO: COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM TODAY

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina in cooperation with the Madison County Planning Board needs to determine the number of people who are interested in employment in Madison County. Any employer considering this area as a location for a new manufacturing plant or business must first know how many people are available for jobs. If you would take a job, please complete this survey form, even if you have completed a survey form recently. Replies will be kept strictly confidential.

Survey form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, ADDRESS, COUNTY, DISTANCE FROM MARSHALL, SEX AND COLOR, MY AGE IN YEARS IS IN BETWEEN, DISTANCE FROM MARS HILL, SCHOOLING, MARITAL STATUS, DISTANCE FROM HOT SPRINGS, WORK STATUS.

IF YOU ARE NOW WORKING, OR HAVE EVER WORKED, PLEASE CHECK THE INDUSTRIES BELOW AND GIVE THE NAMES OF THE JOBS AND HOW LONG YOU HAVE HELD THE JOBS.

Table with 3 columns: INDUSTRY, NAME OF JOB, HOW LONG HELD. Lists various industries like Farm work, Food processing, Textiles, etc.

Would you be available for a full or part-time job as cook, waitress, maintenance or domestic service? Yes No

IMPORTANT MAIL THIS FORM BEFORE SATURDAY, JUNE 2 TO: EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA P.O. BOX 1841, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA OR DELIVER TO HIGH SCHOOLS, BANKS OR COUNTY OFFICES