

# Mystery Of Missing Man Solved As Body Is Found Last Saturday

### Paul Genter Is The Victim, Gen. Gosnell Admits Slaying

A month-old mystery of a missing Tennessee man whose mother lives in Hot Springs was solved Saturday night with the discovery of his body in a laurel thicket in Tennessee.

Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said Gen. Gosnell, 21, of Upper Paint Creek, Tenn., had led him and Greenville police to the body of Paul Genter, 23, of Greenville, son of Mrs. "Red" Gilbert of Hot Springs. The skull had been crushed.

Gosnell was charged with murder and robbery and jailed in Greenville, Ponder said.

Ponder gave this account: Mrs. Gilbert had called him about June 7, saying her son had been missing since late June 1, or early June 2. Ponder had since been looking for the missing man.

Saturday, Gosnell called Greenville authorities and told them he could take them to the body. Greenville police called Ponder, and Gosnell led them to the site on Upper Paint Creek on the Tennessee side of the line where the body had lain undisturbed since early June 2.

Ponder quoted Gosnell as saying he and Genter had gotten into an argument; that Genter had come at him with a screwdriver and he had taken a rock and hit Genter in the head with it, killing him.

He had then taken the victim's rifle and hidden it under a rock half a mile downstream from the body where it was found when he



J. Frank Fisher N. S. Whitaker

## Fisher Succeeds Whitaker In Asheville Land Bank Post

### Former Marshall Man Gets Well Deserved Promotion

N. S. Whitaker, manager of the Federal Land Bank Assn., of Asheville, retired Saturday after 35 years in farm credit. He will be succeeded by J. Frank Fisher, who has been promoted from assistant manager.

Whitaker was elected secretary-treasurer of the Mars Hill National Farm Loan Assn., in 1927, a position he held until becoming field representative in 1932.

of the local office—then the Asheville National Farm Loan Assn.—and was later promoted to the position of manager.

Under Whitaker's supervision, several associations were combined with the Asheville office and put under his management. The Asheville office now serves 12 WNC counties and has loans outstanding in excess of \$4 million.

Whitaker resides with his wife in Mars Hill, where he has been active in community and civic affairs. He has been a member of Mars Hill United Church for

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# Leicester Is Congratulated For Its Many Achievements

### Representative Of Fifteen WNC Counties In Attendance

A delegation of more than 300 persons from 15 Western North Carolina counties gathered in the Leicester Youth Center last Thursday afternoon to pay tribute to a Buncombe community recognized nationally for its self-improvement efforts.

The Leicester community, which last year carried off farm division

honors in the WNC Community Development program and went on to capture a \$10,000 prize as national winner in the Grange Community Service Contest, was awarded a plaque by Asheville's Mayor Earl W. Eller, president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

Following the formal program, a motorcade tour of the Leicester community returned the group to the Youth Center for a chicken barbecue supper. Fourteen

Leicester speakers itemized the progress report, which included completion of the \$17,000 Youth Center, Grange activities for enriching rural living; and establishment of Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Brownie units.

Also noted was the organization of neighbors, Inc., a group dedicated to bringing help to the sick and distressed; establishment of boys' baseball leagues and a rifle club; establishment of a

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## Mrs. Wooten Wins VFW Pony; Bridges Is Winner Of Ham

Mrs. Ada Wooten, of Mars Hill RFD 3, was the winner of the pony which was given away here on the 4th of July by the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Wade Bridges, of Marshall RFD 6, was the winner of the ham, also given away by the local VFW.

The winners were announced at 4 o'clock from the press box on the Island Wednesday.

Commander Ben Sprinkle stated that he wished to thank all those who cooperated in this event.

## METHODIST WALNUT HOME COME

### Reeves To Preach; Picnic Dinner To Follow Service

The congregation of the Walnut Methodist Church invites friends and former pastors to the annual homecoming service at the church Sunday morning, July 8, at 11:00 o'clock.

The Rev. Joseph M. Reeves, former pastor, will deliver the sermon and special music is under the direction of Mrs. Cloice Plemmons, church organist.

At the close of the service, an old-time picnic dinner will be spread on the church grounds and an hour of fellowship will be enjoyed.

The Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor, invites you to attend the service and the dinner.

## TWO MADISON MEN INJURED

Two Madison County men were injured about 2:30 p. m. Thursday when their car struck an embankment off U.S. 25-70 about one-half mile south of the Madison-Buncombe County line.

Andy Lewis Jr., 31, of Rt. 4, Marshall, a passenger in the car, was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville for treatment of a fractured left leg and lacerations of the scalp.

Dobbin Wilds, 18, also of Rt. 4, Marshall, was listed as driver of the car and was given temporary treatment for lacerations of the face.

Inspector M. A. Ebbel of the State Highway Patrol said the accident was caused by loose rollers which occurred as Wilds was turning left off the highway into Kaywood road.

The vehicle was reported a total loss; the driver was listed as injured.

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## County FFA Members Win Honors At State Convention

### Marshall And Mars Hill Students Shine In Raleigh Last Week

Several members of the Future Farmers of America from Madison County brought back top honors from the State FFA Convention which was held in Raleigh last week.

Jack Cole, Marshall advisor, and M. L. Andrews, Mars Hill advisor, can both be proud of the showing their students made against hundreds of other students from every section of North Carolina.

Elymus Payne, a member of the Marshall Chapter of FFA, received the District Star Farmer

Award, a coveted honor. Elymus was presented a 17-jewel watch for his excellent program of farm work. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Payne of Little Pine.

He and Vernon Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Coates, of Grapovine, also received the State Farmer Degree.

The tool team from Marshall also attended the convention and placed sixth in the state Tool Contest, in which 55 teams competed.

The members of the team are Raymond Norton, Clarence Davis, Bernard Coates and James Hensley. Also attending the convention were Everett Mason, as a delegate, and Jack C. Cole, Marshall

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TRIBUTE WAS PAID Thursday to Leicester 1961 winner of the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program's farm division contest and also of the National Grange's Community Service Contest. The program at the Leicester Youth Center was attended by more than 300 persons from 15 WNC counties. Can you spot Harry Silver, A. V. Green and James Stewart in the picture? About 14 Marshall men attended the event.



Andy W. Nault (left) of Grapovine, N. C., will receive the State Farmer award at the FFA convention in Raleigh. He is a member of the State FFA chapter at Grapovine. Mr. Nault was also recognized as a top performer at the convention. Other members of the team are Raymond Norton, Clarence Davis, Bernard Coates and James Hensley. Also attending the convention were Everett Mason, as a delegate, and Jack C. Cole, Marshall