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Criminal Court Will Start Here On Monday

Rogers Murder Case Slated; Judge Campbell To Preside

The July term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge Hugh B. Campbell, of Charlotte, presiding. Robert Swain is the solicitor.

53 cases are listed on the docket for the one-week term. Most of the cases to be heard involve traffic violations such as driving drunk and speeding.

The major case listed to be tried is that of State vs. James (Dynamite) Rogers who is charged with murder and robbery in connection with the slaying of Charles A. Werhan, Asheville salesman found dead beside Walnut Creek in Madison County 24 years ago.

Rogers was arrested in Asheville on June 3 by Buncombe County deputies and has been in the Madison County jail since that time.

The first break in the mysterious slaying came in March of 1961 when Fred Ezekiel Penland, 50, a self-described drifter wandered into a delicatessen in Philadelphia, Pa., and told the operator he wanted to confess to killing a man in Madison County in 1938.

Penland called the Philadelphia Inquirer and told his story. Police there picked him up shortly afterward and he was returned here to stand trial.

On May 30, 1961, Penland entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter in the case in Madison Superior Court and was sentenced to from 12 to 15 years in prison.

During the trial Donald Stines of Walnut testified that on the night of the killing he saw Werhan and two other men in the Werhan auto.

Sheriff Ponder said he is convinced Rogers was the third man in the car. He swore out a warrant for Rogers on April 13 of this year.

Jurors Chosen
Below is a list of jurors drawn (Continued To Last Page)

2 MARSHALL MEN ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY IN WRECK

Russell Wilson and Oliver Shelton, both of Marshall, escaped serious injury Thursday, July 12, when the two-ton truck they were in was hit head-on near Middlesboro, Ky., on US 25-E.

The two Marshall men were taken to the emergency room of a Middlesboro hospital where they were released following examination.

According to Constable Marshall Brooks, a northbound car was on the wrong side of the road when it struck the southbound truck which was loaded with coal at about 4:30 p. m.

Howard Leonard of Arjay Ky., driver of the car, was hospitalized in Middlesboro, Ky. He was listed in satisfactory condition by officials at Memorial Hospital. He suffered from a broken collarbone, two broken ribs, and several cuts.

The wreck tied traffic up for over an hour before the vehicles could be untangled and towed away.

The Wilson truck was demolished in the wreck.

DR. GARRETSON LOCATES AT HOT SPRINGS

According to the Hot Springs news correspondent, Dr. Gerald B. Garretson, of Miami, Florida, has started practice in Hot Springs.

Dr. Garretson arrived in Hot Springs Monday with a group of citizens welcoming him.

"We are most favorably impressed with the doctor who comes highly recommended. All are happy to have him hang out his shingle in Hot Springs," the correspondent said.

BEEF CATTLE FIELD DAY ON TUES., JULY 24

A Western North Carolina Beef Cattlemen's Field Day has been planned for Tuesday, July 24, at the Sales Pavilion on the Biltmore Estate. Some of the top beef cattlemen in the State are scheduled to talk on such subjects as: External Parasite Control, Comparison of Pastures for Cattle, Performance Testing, and Marketing Cattle. This should be one of the most interesting and informative meetings that the cattle producers in Western North Carolina will have the opportunity to attend.

All the farmers from Madison County who plan to attend the field day should arrive at the main gate to the estate at Biltmore between 8:00 and 8:45 a. m.

PAUL GOSNELL BELIEVES IN USING LIME

Paul Gosnell, who operates a 66-acre farm located in the Petersburg and Grapevine area of the county, says in his experiences with the use of limestone he finds the lime to be as beneficial in improving his farm than the use of fertilizers.

Paul says that he has used both fertilizer and lime to improve some pasture and meadow acreage and that the results obtained through improvement of the sand and growth have been very good.

He also stated that he had experimented some by applying only lime to a portion of his pasture and fertilizer to another portion and that the results where he applied lime alone were better than where he applied only fertilizer.

Paul also says that if he had a choice of using either fertilizer or lime on his grasses and legumes that he would prefer the lime rather than the fertilizer because it increases the growth and stand of the legume and the legume in turn added nitrogen to the soil which improved the stand and growth of the grass.

In conclusion, Paul stated that he could not have made the improvements on the farm which he operates without the assistance which he obtains through the county Agricultural Conservation Cost-Sharing Program and that he preferred to take most of the ACP assistance available to his farm in lime alone.

More Than \$10,000 Pledged Here Wednesday Night As Corporation Steps Are Started; Shares Available

J. Winston Rice Taught In This County For 60 Years

Retired In 1958, Educator Is Still Active; Cites Past

By JIM STORY

J. Winston Rice, of the Walnut Creek section of Madison County, probably holds a record in North Carolina for consecutive years of teaching. Mr. Rice, who is 81 years of age but doesn't look a day older than 70, retired in 1958 after completing 60 consecutive years of teaching in Madison County.

"I still miss the classroom," Mr. Rice said as he was interviewed. His eyes sparkled as he recalled experiences he has had since his first teaching position at the Piney Grove Elementary school in 1898.

Mr. Rice was only 17 years of age but his memory is remarkable as he can name many of his students during his first years of teaching.

"When I first started teaching many of the kids thought they could run over me and do as they pleased but they learned to behave rapidly after I used the switch a few times," he laughingly recalled.

Mr. Rice explained that school terms in those earlier years were for only about 100 days and that the teachers were poorly paid for their services.

He also recalled having to walk all kinds of weather to his school. (Continued To Last Page)



J. Winston Rice

WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO MEET AT MARS HILL TUESDAY

Jim Story To Discuss The Industrial Commission; Public Invited

The public is invited to attend the general meeting of the Madison County Women's Good Government League Tuesday night, July 24, at eight o'clock, in the Mars Hill Community Center.

Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Jim Story, editor of The News-Record and vice chairman of the Development Commission of Madison County. Mr. Story will discuss plans and progress of the newly established Commission and answer questions from the floor following his address.

The League is a non-partisan organization for women of Madison County and seeks to better inform its members and the public on matters pertaining to government and related subjects of interest on the local, state and national levels.

All men and women of the county are invited to attend this meeting.

REAR Picnic Held Wednesday At Roan Mountain;

The annual picnic for employees, board of directors, attorneys and their families of the French Broad Electric Membership Co-op, was enjoyed Wednesday. The event this year was held on Roan Mountain in Mitchell County.

160 members and their families attended.

Attend OES District School Of Instruction

Mrs. Marvin Faulkner, Mrs. Chaucey Metcalf, Mrs. Jeter Metcalf, Mrs. Bill Roberts, Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mrs. Phillip Merrill, Mrs. L. B. Ramsey, Mrs. Cloice Plemmons, Mrs. R. J. Plemmons, Mrs. James Story, and Miss Aldeen Waldrup attended the 20th District School of Instruction, Order of the Eastern Star, held in Brevard last Saturday.

Miss Waldrup served as the Star Point Esther during the meeting.

Approximately three hundred Eastern Star members representing eighteen chapters in the 20th District attended the meeting.

LOCAL BAPTISTS TO SPEND WEEK AT SOUTHPORT

The following members of the Marshall Baptist Church will spend next week at the N. C. Baptist Assembly, Southport, where they will participate in Training Union Week:

Martha Ramsey, Janice Sawyer, Ann Elson, Doris Ward, Margaret Roberts, Jane Blainey, Gail Babney, Sandra Handerson, Phyllis Niles, Karen Robinson, Frances Ponder, Ann Ramsey, Tobby Coody, Kenneth Coody Jr., Johnny Fisher, Tommy Mix, Dennis Bowser, Herbert Ponder, Bonnie Shelton, Jack Ramsey, Kath Robinson, Stanley Ward, Robert Smith, Virgil Smith Jr., Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, Mrs. M. and Mrs. W. P. Smith, Mrs. Edith Smith, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Mrs. Sara Ponder.

Thomas H. Sawyer, president of (Continued to Last Page)

Industrial Efforts Continue Here; C&D Officials Attend Meeting

Necessary steps were taken at a meeting Wednesday night at the courthouse to form a Corporation immediately, composed of the original donors of the Marshall industrial site on the Marshall bypass with shares being made available to anyone who wishes to invest in this development as well as other industrial developments in Madison County.

D. M. Robinson, chairman of the Marshall Planning Board and also member of the board of trustees of the recently-purchased property, presided, and explained the necessity of forming a Corporation to become eligible for Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA) loans.

Assisting Mr. Robinson in explaining the importance of a Corporation as well as other pertinent information concerning prospective industry were Wyatt W. Barnes and John Oliver, of the State Division of Commerce and Industry, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

Also present from the C&D was Albert Calloway.

After a thorough explanation of the duties of such a Corporation, it was explained that " . . . In what was an out-and-out donation is now an investment." Mr. Robinson was referring to those who contributed toward the purchase of the industrial site and who will, as stockholders in the corporation, own actual shares.

The response was astounding when the floor was opened for subscriptions or shares in the future corporation. In less than ten minutes, \$10,000 in pledges had been promised voluntarily.

It was moved and overwhelmingly approved that the present trustees of the property will serve as organizational heads of the corporation. These men will immediately take steps to secure a charter and in the near future call a meeting of stockholders when a board of directors will be elected and machinery put into action to secure necessary funds for the proposed industry.

Mr. Barnes, delighted and somewhat overjoyed by the excellent response of the relatives small audience (Continued To Last Page)

JOINT V.C.S. TO CLOSE HERE SUNDAY MORNING

Presbyterians, Methodists Have A Successful School Here

The Vacation Church School, a joint project of both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Marshall, will end Sunday morning after a successful week.

Average daily attendance has been about 60 and leaders expressed satisfaction in the joint school.

The Rev. Dan Force and W. C. Clark have directed the school with an efficient staff composed of Mrs. Frank Moore, Mrs. J. H. Sprinkle Jr., Mrs. Brinkley, Mrs. Sexton, Miss Dobbie, Mrs. E. Teague, Mrs. Hugh Fisher, Mrs. J. Chandler, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. C. E. Mackintosh, Mrs. Dennis Shilkin, Miss Glad Tidwell, Mrs. J. A. Gregory and Mr. James.

Mrs. Craig Smith Jr. was in charge of music and Mrs. Mary Hise and Mrs. P. M. Smith were in charge of the refreshment table.

The school was held in the Marshall Baptist Church.

Lions Club To Sponsor Rides On Island Here Next Week

Georgia Amusement Co. To Again Visit Marshall; Nine Rides

The Georgia Amusement Company, which was highly popular last year, will again visit here owner of the company, again promises exciting rides and other amusements. The visit this year is next week. Honest Homer Scott, sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club, who sponsored the show last year.

It was announced that there will be no admission to the grounds. Hundreds of people enjoyed the thrilling rides last summer and the same popular rides are again expected to thrill hundreds next week. Gates will be open Monday night at 7:00 o'clock and will open nightly at 7:00 through Saturday night of next week.

In addition to the rides there will also be various concessions. Delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, will be sold on the grounds.

The public is cautioned to be extremely careful about parking and driving. Many people will no doubt park in town and walk across the bridge, thus avoiding the possibility of being blocked when they wish to leave.

"We want everyone to have a good time and hope that the week is as successful as last year's," one Lion member said.

Breaks Ankle

Miss Odessa Henderson, of Walnut, sustained a broken ankle Wednesday morning when she slipped on a wet street at her home.

COURSES IN LIFE- SAVING TO START AT POOL MONDAY

It was announced this week that courses in life-saving would begin at the Marshall swimming pool Monday morning at nine o'clock.

The sessions will be for three hours daily, Monday through Saturdays, including Wednesdays.

Harlon Engle, of the Grapevine community, is the instructor.

Those interested in taking this course may contact Mrs. Marie Roberts at the Marshall Park.

Cecelia Roberts Participating In Project At WCC

Miss Cecelia Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts, is participating in a Superior and Gifted Student Project at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee, as a member of the Class of 1968 and 1969. This class was invited to attend again this year the second session of summer school to study the topic, "The Far East," under the instructor, Dr. Douglas Erbe, who is a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina.

The project is under the direction of Dr. C. D. Kilian and is one of enrichment and not of advancement beyond high grade in school.

Attending Girl Scout Camp Now

Martha Louise Ramsey and Janice Lee Hale are at the Pisgah Girl Scout Camp near Brevard this week. Both girls are members of Marshall Troop 95. They are expected to return to their homes Sunday.

Improved Telephone Service Is Promised By Westco

Toll Line Being Repaired; Completion To Be Soon; Ask Patience

In response to numerous complaints by patrons and a crisp editorial requesting immediate improvement in the telephone service in this area, officials of the Westco Telephone Company of Weaverville contacted this newspaper last Friday and promised immediate improvement in area service.

Charles E. Burgess, commercial manager of the company, stated that the company is at this time making an all-out effort to make immediate improvement of the telephone service in the Marshall and Mars Hill exchange areas.

"The increasing number of trouble reports brought to our attention a need for an investigation of the service and we did not find it to meet the standard of service we want to provide for our customers," Mr. Burgess stated.

He explained that extra personnel have been assigned to the task of improving the service in the Marshall-Mars Hill area.

He further added, "The company has been in the process of rebuilding the toll line facilities between Marshall, Mars Hill and Asheville and completion of this construction is anticipated within 10-14 days."

Mr. Burgess further explained the difficulty in completing this new toll line due to stoppage or delay of service and also the problems of traffic delay while installing toll lines.

He said that it is possible that

until this construction is completed, "the customers will experience some inconvenience in toll service but will also experience a marked improvement in service when completed."

"We ask your patience and cooperation and assure you that phone service will be greatly improved in the immediate future."

Mr. Burgess also said that "The company plans to let contracts in early 1962 that will practically rebuild the Marshall-Mars Hill Exchange and give area coverage to Madison County, which is a part of the recently announced loan for construction from the Rural Electrification Administration."

SAWYER VISITS MARSHALL

Thomas H. Sawyer, president of (Continued to Last Page)