



Hot Springs Recreational Report To Be Aired Dec. 5

Meeting To Be At Court Restaurant; Hammer To Be Present

It was announced this week that the quarterly board meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission will be held jointly with the Hot Springs Planning Board on Wednesday, December 5 at the Court Restaurant in Hot Springs. The meeting will begin at 12:30 with many regional officials scheduled to attend.

Phil Hammer will present the Hot Springs Recreational study and other important phases of the proposed redevelopment plans for the Hot Springs area will be discussed. In addition to members of the WNC Regional Planning Commission speaking, representatives of the Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA) will also attend.

Reservations can now be made with Neil Ross, at Hot Springs, or the Planning Commission in Hot Springs.

All interested persons are invited to attend that they may know the latest developments in the future growth of Hot Springs.

CHESTNUT TREES NOW AVAILABLE

As soon as it was apparent, in 1918, that the American Chestnut tree was doomed to extinction from the Oriental Chestnut blight, the U. S. Department of Agriculture began a search for a blight-resistant variety. Many plants were tested. Most of the Asiatic chestnut species, although not immune to the blight, are highly resistant to it. The Chinese chestnut was found to be more resistant than the Japanese chestnut, Seguin chestnut or Henry chinquapin. Its nuts are sweeter and finer textured than the others but larger than the American chestnut. One selection of Chinese chestnut stood out as most closely resembling the American tree. It was called PI 58602. There are only a few of these trees available each year. We have been fortunate in securing a limited number of these trees for planting in Madison County. If you are interested contact the county agents office in the court house in Marshall.

MERCHANTS MEET TONIGHT

Members of the Marshall Merchants Association will meet tonight at 7:00 o'clock at the Rock Cafe, at which time Christmas Decorations and a visit from Santa will be discussed.

"M" Night To Be Held At Mars Hill Monday

Dr. Grover F. Tyner Jr., of Georgia, To Address Group

The annual French Broad Association "M" Night will be held in the Mars Hill Baptist Church next Monday beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The theme for the occasion will be "Be Ye Witnesses."

Dr. Grover F. Tyner Jr., of Augusta, Ga., will be the principal speaker. He will deliver his address, "Be Ye Witnesses" at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. Tyner, presently serving as interim pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Clermont, Ga., is a well-known religious leader and has held numerous pastorates in Georgia and Kentucky. He was the moderator for nine months of the TV program over WTCO-TV, "Light For Life."

Following the devotional portion of the program, the devotional portion of the program will be held. One of the speakers from the choir, Mrs. J. W. Tyner, will be the featured soloist throughout the evening.

BOWLING IS SPEAKER AT LIONS CLUB

An Interesting Program On Corneas Transplanting Held Monday

Harold Bowling, a member of the West Asheville Lions Club, a lay minister, and a successful construction executive in Asheville, was the principal speaker at the Marshall Lions Club meeting at the Rock Cafe Monday night.

Mr. Bowling, who has had two successful cornea operations, explained how the operation is performed, using slides to illustrate his remarks. He also told the members and guests of his early childhood and the difficulties of his visual handicaps. He reviewed his school days, and how he entered the Merchant Marines with impaired vision. He concluded his informative and interesting talk by explaining how he went into the construction business.

Lion Bowling praised the great work of the doctors and the modern methods of transplanting cornea. He urged members of the club to will their eyes so that those who cannot see might, through the generosity of others, live a normal life.

Lion President Ed Niles presided with 18 members and the following guests present: Lions Jack Ebbesen, C. C. McGurry, Harold Bowling, of the West Asheville Club; Lion Salari, of the Woodfin Club; and Joe Fisher, Ed Morton and J. C. Wallin of Marshall.

Miss Clea Edwards Passes Wednesday; Funeral Friday

Miss Clea Edwards, 92, died at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, November 28, 1962 at her home in Mars Hill following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m., Friday in the Mars Hill Baptist Church, conducted by The Rev. Charles Davis, pastor; Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, and William L. Lynch. Burial will be in Mars Hill Cemetery, and nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Miss Edwards is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Clota Lippard and Mrs. M. H. Terrell, both of the home, and Mrs. T. D. Hollowell of Gastonia; also several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Miss Edwards was a charter member of the Mars Hill Baptist Church and one of the oldest alumnae of Mars Hill College.

FOREST LAND IN COUNTY SHOWS 1.4 INCREASE

According to an inventory completed last July by TVA in cooperation with Champion Papers, Inc., Madison County has 224,500 acres of commercial forest land—3,100 acres more than in 1953. This means forest area in the county increased 1.4 percent in nine years. While some 4,700 acres were cleared for pasture and other use, 7,800 acres of open land reverted to forest by natural means and by tree planting. Present estimate of open land in need of reforestation is 12,000 acres.

R. A. Vogenberger, TVA forestry representative at Asheville, says the inventory shows 906 million board feet of sawtimber in the county. This is an average of 2,600 board feet per acre, about 1,600 board feet more than the average for all Tennessee Valley forests. White oaks account for 21 percent of the sawtimber, red oak 15 percent, yellow-poplar 13 percent, hickory 7 percent, yellow pines 10 percent, and white pine 9 percent. A variety of species account for the remaining 25 percent. Of the total volume, hardwoods amount to 621 million board feet, softwoods 185 million. If all merchantable sound trees down to 5 inches diameter are included.

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PRODUCTION RECORDS KEPT ON BEEF HERD

According to Frederick E. Boss, assistant county agent, Mr. D. J. Graham of the Piney Grove community has started keeping production records on his commercial beef cow herd. The first step was to identify each cow with a giant ear tag number. These tags can be read without catching the animal. Then a record page was set up for each animal, in a loose-leaf book. In addition to a description of each cow, this information sheet has breeding data and information about each calf. With this type of record, a breeder can sit in his living room and, if he has kept his records up to date, he can do a good job of culling his herd.

Most of Mr. Graham's cows are young, so he is starting them off on the right foot with production records starting with their first calf. To insure that his cows get every advantage he has purchased an outstanding young purebred shorthorn bull to be used on these young cows.

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS ARE GOOD AT MHS

Practice Continues; Season Opens On Friday, December 7

Prospects are good at Marshall High School for an interesting basketball season, according to Coach Ed Morton and J. C. Wallin.

"With eight girls returning from last year's squad, the outlook is bright," Coach Wallin said when commenting about the girls' team.

The Marshall sextet, county champions last year, will sorely miss such players as Betty McDevitt, Jani Woodard, Sheila Rice, Judith Payne and Inez Crowe, but Wallin says that the girls who are now out for the team are showing great spirit and desire.

"The adjustment to the rover player rule will require much practice but we hope to be ready for our opening game on Friday, Dec. 7 with Spring Creek at Spring Creek," Coach Wallin said.

Lettersmen returning from last year are Judy Tipton, Pat Goforth, Judy Worley, Judy Frisby, Wanda Baldwin, Nancy Emmerich.

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State Elections Board Is Told Madison Had November 6 Vote Irregularities'

Criminal Court Term Is Cancelled

Herbert Hawkins, clerk superior court, announced this week that the December term of superior court here for the trial of criminal cases has been cancelled. The reason for cancellation is due to the three Madison cases being transferred to Haywood County.

The next criminal term here will begin on February 26, 1963, Mr. Hawkins announced.

JAKIE MERRELL DIES TUESDAY; RITES TODAY

Well-Known And Popular Citizen Passes In An Asheville Hospital

Zeb Ransom (Jakie) Merrell, 91, of Marshall, died early Tuesday morning, November 27, 1962 in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness.

Services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. V. C. Fisher and the Rev. Jesse Slagle will officiate. Burial will be in the Laurel Branch Cemetery with friends as pallbearers.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lovada Lisenes Merrell of Asheville; five sons, Kam of Marshall, and Otho, Rass, Ross and John Merrell of Asheville; four daughters, Mrs. R. H. Edwards of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, Mrs. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Jerry Lee Ammons of Rt. 6, Marshall, and Miss Perry Mae Merrell of Asheville; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Bowman Funeral Home is in charge.

MAKE MONEY IN SPARE TIME, LOW GRADE TREES

There's money in cull oak, hickory, sourwood, blackgum, maple and other inferior hardwoods, stated Harry G. Silver, county agent, this week. Wood not suitable for lumber can be turned into charcoal. Timberland that for years has had only the select trees cut and the cull trees left has become unproductive. Now there's a chance to get paid for getting the wolf trees off the land and leave the more productive trees a chance to grow.

Mr. Roy Roberts of Barnard can use 150 cords of charcoal wood each 30 days. Roy welcomes an opportunity to explain this market to Madison farmers. See him for a market.

Now is a good time to get some work done improving your timberland and get paid for your labor. Give the poplar, white pine, better grade of oak and high priced timber a chance to make you money. While you are improving your timberland make your fertilizer money.

Many a woman short-change herself when she marries a man and agrees to improve on the work of nature.

THREE MEN ARE INJURED LAST WEEK IN WRECK

A truck carrying three employees of an Asheville construction firm skidded off a section of Worley Cove Road and overturned about eight miles from here about 5 p. m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, injuring all three.

Glen Fox, 35, of Rt. 2, Mars Hill, was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville suffering a broken ankle and two broken ribs; Jack Blalock, 30, of Rt. 1, Canton, sustained head lacerations, strain and contusions; and William Quinn, 34, of Rt. 2, Candler, received lacerations and a badly bruised shoulder. Blalock and Quinn were treated at the hospital and released.

State Trooper J. E. Richards said the accident occurred when the truck attempted to pass through a section of the road on which construction was under way by Z. A. Sneed's Sons, Inc., of Asheville, for whom the men worked.

The truck slipped off the rain-softened shoulder of the road and overturned in a field, Richards said.

Fox, who was riding with Blalock on the bed of the truck, was pinned under the truck, Richards said. The truck was being operated by William Eric Carson, 25, of Charlotte, who escaped injury.

No charges were filed.

T. B. CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS

The Annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Campaign got underway earlier this month and will continue through December.

Madison County is one of the 17 counties which make up the Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. The campaign is conducted to obtain funds to carry out a year-round program of tuberculosis control in the counties of Avery, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

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ACP Performance Reports Due By November 30

One of the farmer's responsibilities in regard to the county's Agricultural Conservation Cost-sharing Program is that of making a written performance report with the local ASCS office after completing his farm practices on which Government cost-sharing was approved. According to county ASCS office manager, Ralph W. Ramsey, each ACP approval carries a report date by which the farmer is to make his report. Farmers who are not in a position to timely complete their practices may request an extension in time on the report date. At the present, Ramsey stated, that some 275 farmers within the county have not made their performance reports on their fall approvals for winter cover-crops or liming practices which are scheduled to be reported not later than November 30.

In conclusion, he urged all farmers who had completed their approved practices to make their reports within the time limit of November 30 to avoid cancellation. Those who have not and cannot complete their practices by November 30 should request an extension in time so as to avoid cancellation of their practices.

BULLETIN!

Investigation Rejected

The State Board of Elections Wednesday rejected pleas for a full scale investigation into the election of November 6 in Madison County.

"We do not think the evidence introduced warrants the sort of sweeping investigation" the Republicans had requested in Madison County, said Chairman William Joslin as he announced the board's decision.

He said the decision was unanimous, indicating the board's two Republican members agreed with its three Democratic members.

The board acted in the Madison County case after Democrats sharply denied charges of widespread irregularities and frauds in the general election voting in Madison. The charges were made Tuesday by Clyde M. Roberts, Madison GOP chairman.

Zeno Ponder, Madison Democratic leader who served as a registrar at the Marshall Precinct on election day, called one charge made in an affidavit produced by Roberts a "direct lie." The affidavit contended that an absentee ballot was cast for a dead man, Calvin Ellis. But Ponder said the absentee vote was cast by a Calvin Ellis, a soldier stationed in Germany and very much alive.

Roberts also had charged that counts kept by Republican watchers of the number of persons voting fell far short in several precincts of the number of votes reported.

Joslin said in considering this charge that the state board took the position that the counts kept by these "unofficial watchers" were less reliable than the poll books which listed the names of persons who voted and which tallied fairly closely with the reported vote totals.

The state board did call on the Madison County Board of Elections to provide ballot boxes with smaller slots for ballots. Roberts had contended the slots were big enough to permit a good-sized book to go through. Joslin noted that even the Democrats admitted the slots were wider than they should have been. He added, however, there was "no evidence of stuffing" the ballot boxes.

Don't gamble—many a financial goose has been cooked in a jackpot.

Red Cross Fund Drive Continues In County

Square Dance Is Successful; Special Gifts Are Requested

The fund drive for the American Red Cross will proceed this week with letters being sent to citizens throughout the county asking for special gifts and contributions.

The total goal for the county is \$2,973.00.

It was agreed that the goal would be divided at each of the three towns and surrounding areas with each area having individual goals of approximately \$1,000.00.

Many efforts are being made to raise these funds so that the services of the Red Cross can be maintained in the county.

The Marshall area sponsored a fine and most successful square dance at the recreational center here last Friday night. The Firemen's Auxiliary was the sponsoring group and all who participated are to be congratulated on a project well done.

"We are most grateful for the event and the manner in which it was supervised. One of the Area Chapter officials said:

However, it will be necessary to have a...

Roberts Details Charges; Investigation Is Requested

Charges of widespread "frauds and irregularities" during the November 6 general election in Madison County were made by Republicans to the State Board of Elections Tuesday.

Clyde M. Roberts, Madison County Republican chairman, asked the state board for "a full scale investigation" of his charges.

The Madison charges came as the board met to officially canvass results of the general election voting and to hear election complaints. The vote certifications brought no changes in results of statewide and congressional district races from those previously reported.

Roberts' charges of irregularities in Madison included:

1. That the elections vote totals in several precincts were more than the persons who actually voted, either in person or by absentee ballot.

2. That polling places in at least two precincts were moved at the last minute without notice causing many persons to lose their right to vote.

3. That persons were voted by absentee ballot who were either dead, residents of other states or, in one case, too young to vote.

4. That the Republican party was denied representation at the polls because the Madison County Board of Elections refused to name Republican election judges from a list of nominees submitted by Roberts in 19 of 23 precincts.

5. That ballot boxes used in Madison are illegal in that the slot for insertion of ballots measure about 1 5/16 inches by 10 inches—or "large enough to permit a good-sized book to enter."

A. E. Leake, attorney representing the Madison County Board of Elections, undertook to deny Roberts' charges in detail.

OFFERS AFFIDAVITS

Roberts read a number of affidavits to back up his charge that the election vote totals as reported by the county board of elections exceeded the number of persons who voted, either in person or by absentee.

One of these was from Garland Brown who said he kept a count at Township One, Ward One precinct in Marshall. He said 873 persons voted in person and there

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total goal and also that all may have the opportunity to contribute in some manner, contributions are being requested by letter all over the county.

The contributions in each area will be counted on the goal for that section, it was explained.

The News-Record will publish a list of donors of special gifts. These will be the names of persons making contributions of \$5.00 or more for this worthwhile effort.

Any person contributing who does not want his name to appear in the list may so designate.

The names of the individuals in each section to whom contributions may be sent appear at the bottom of the letters. Contributions can also be mailed to the Chapter Headquarters of American Red Cross, 15 South Main Street, Asheville.

Membership cards will be sent to the contributors as soon as possible.

It is the hope of the county chapter that all who are interested in the welfare of our county will contribute to this worthwhile effort.