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Accidental Shot Kills Larry Dean Shelton Last Saturday

Accident Occurs While Rabbit Hunting Near Mars Hill

Larry Dean Shelton, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton of Rt. 1, Mars Hill was killed instantly by a blast from a 20-gauge shotgun carried by a neighbor and friend, Cline Gosnell, about noon last Saturday.

The sheriff, E. Y. Ponder, quoting the Gosnell boy, said the Gosnell boy was walking up the old Mars Hill-Asheville Highway and called to the Shelton boy, who came down a field into the road and talked for a short time.

The Gosnell boy then started up a bank into another field to continue the hunt, leaving the Shelton boy in the road. The Shelton boy called, and when Gosnell turned to answer, the gun accidentally discharged, the shot hitting the victim in the right shoulder and killing him instantly.

No inquest was held. Surviving the boy are the parents.

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LOCAL STORES TO CLOSE TWO DAYS FOR XMAS

Marshall merchants voted to be closed Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26 for the Christmas holidays. This schedule has been announced by John Corbett, president of the Marshall Merchants Association and the action was taken at a recent meeting of the merchants.

WNC Telephone Rate Case Is Slated In McDowell

Superior Court in McDowell County will hear Western Carolina Telephone Company's appeal of the State Utilities Commission's refusal to grant the company a rate increase.

Western Carolina filed its appeal on November 30, an action that was expected following a thumbs-down ruling from the S. U. C. on a company request for a new hearing to present additional evidence supporting its contention that it needed a rate hike. Earlier, the S. U. C. had denied the increase, which is in effect in the W.C.T.C. area under bond.

When the appeal case is scheduled to be heard in McDowell County is not known. However, until the case is heard, the increased rates will remain in effect. Should the court back the S. U. C. decision denying the increase, the company will repay its customers.

County ASC Office Closed Dec. 24-25 For Christmas

The Madison County ASCS office will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas holidays.

MHS STUDENTS INJURED IN CAR WRECK SAT.

Wreck Occurs Near Brevard En Route To Cage Game

Joe Lynn Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Metcalf, of Marshall, RFD 2; Bobby Jack Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Allen of Marshall RFD 2; Sammy Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payne of Marshall RFD 5; and Eugene Flynn of Marshall RFD 3 were injured last Saturday night while en-route to a basketball game between Marshall and Rosman, at Rosman.

According to authorities the car which Metcalf was driving struck a 1957 Chevrolet head on about three miles from Brevard, on the Brevard-Rosman road. The lone occupant, a man in the Chevrolet was reported uninjured.

Metcalf, Allen and Payne were admitted to the Transylvania County Hospital in Brevard, while Flynn was released from the hospital after dispensary treatment. Allen and Payne remain patients in the hospital, where their conditions are reported improved. Metcalf is at his home where he is recuperating.

The car, a Corvair, which Metcalf was driving was completely demolished.

AGELESS

The young in heart are people who keep looking ahead and planning for the future.

HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOLS START FRIDAY AND SAT.

Superintendent Fred W. Anderson has announced that due to previous days lost due to weather conditions all Madison County schools, with the exception of Marshall and Walnut, will close for the Christmas holidays after classes Friday, December 21.

Marshall and Walnut will close after classes Saturday, Dec. 22. The extra Marshall-Walnut day was necessitated by the loss of an extra day when the district PTA meeting was held here, Anderson said.

Lions To Give Away Champion Steer Here Monday

The 1,050 pound Prime Reserve Champion Steer, as well as other valuable prizes will be given away by the Marshall Lions Club next Monday.

The drawing will be held at the courthouse following the annual Merchants Association Drawing on Monday, December 24, Ed Miles, president of the club, stated.

Donations of \$1.00 will entitle a person to a ticket and it was announced that the holder of the ticket does not have to be present at the drawing.

This annual event is held for the benefit of the blind in Madison County when large baskets of food are delivered by the Lions to the members of blind families in the county.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE ONCE ILLEGAL

Celebration of Christmas — the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world — was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers at Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan.

New Years Edition To Be Published Next Thursday

The annual New Years Edition of The News-Record will be published next Thursday. The paper will have many New Years Greetings from business firms and individuals. If you have not been contacted and wish to have a Greeting advertisement in this issue, please contact this newspaper before Tuesday Noon.

News correspondents are asked to send in their "copy" as early as possible so that the paper can be mailed at the usual time.

Final Drawing To Be Held At Courthouse Monday

HUEY RESIGNS AS MAYOR OF MARSHALL

December 6, 1962 To the Board of Town Commissioners

Marshall, North Carolina This is to tender my resignation as Mayor of the Town of Marshall, North Carolina, to become effective immediately.

This decision comes only because I cannot hold two elective offices, these being Mayor and Madison County Auditor.

This RESIGNATION is with a sad and unpleasant feeling with

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TOPDRESSING BY AIRPLANE IS A SUCCESS IN '62

Silver, County Agents Says Method To Be Used Again In 1963

Harry G. Silver, county agent, stated here this week that Madison farmers in Spring Creek, Meadow Fork, Bluff, Sandy Mush, Marshall, Little Pine, East Fork, California Creek, Mars Hill, and Petersburg communities topdressed 400 acres of pasture in 1962 by airplane. The 1962 aerial topdressing was the first in the history of the county. There were many questions about this method of applying fertilizer to steep mountain pastures. Could the pilot get my fertilizer on my land? How would this system work? Wouldn't the pilot get killed? Wasn't this system too expensive?

The 1962 experience proved that aerial topdressing is practical and not too expensive when high altitude is used.

Dr. Ellen Winston Appointed To Top Federal Position

Dr. Ellen Winston, North Carolina's commissioner of welfare for the past 18 years, was named Wednesday to head the new Welfare Administration in the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

HEW Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze also announced that the first major realignment in the department since it was established in 1963 will be effective January 28.

Dr. Winston will have the title of welfare commissioner. Her salary will be \$20,000 annually.

North Carolina's assistant welfare commissioner, R. Eugene Brown, 65-year-old Statesville native, will be named active commissioner, State Welfare Board Chairman Howard Manning said Wednesday night.

FIRES DESTROY, DAMAGE HOMES IN MARSHALL

Two fires reported less than an hour apart leveled a frame home just outside Marshall and damaged another inside the town late Thursday afternoon.

A fire which started before 6 p. m., destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnes along with all its contents, according to Fire Chief Charles Crowe. The Barneses and their two children were away from home at the time, and the fire was reported by a neighbor.

Firemen, who had been called about 5:30 p. m., to put out a blaze at the home of Miss Stella Carver on Main Street and were just cleaning up the debris, went to the Barnes home at Rollins, a Marshall suburb, but were too late to extinguish the blaze, which had by then engulfed the single-story frame building. The house was owned by Love Ponder of Buncombe County.

The fire at the Carver house, a two-story structure, was believed to have been caused by an electrical short circuit in wires at the roof of the duplex house.

Although snow and ice on the roof hampered firemen, they were able to extinguish the fire within 30 minutes, Crowe reported.

Silver Dollars To Roll In Marshall At 3 P. M.

The third and final drawing of the Marshall Merchants Association promotion will be held next Monday afternoon at three o'clock when over \$600 in silver coins will be given away. Additional prizes will also be given away, it was announced by the Prize Committee.

The second drawing last Saturday was even more well attended than the first although it actually took fifteen minutes longer last Saturday than the previous Saturday.

Ron Sprinkle, chairman of the Prize Committee, announced this week that separate drawings for 50, 100 and 150 silver dollars will be held and the final silver dollar drawing will be for 300 silver dollars.

Winners last Saturday were: 5-lb. fruit cake (Waldensian Bakery), Doyle Rogers, Marshall; 100 gallons of gasoline (Phillips 66), B. J. Ledford, Route 5, Marshall. \$25.00 Savings Account (Citibank) (Continued To Last Page)

Draft Office To Close Next Week

The Madison County draft board office will be closed all next week, it has been announced.

It was also announced that the Department of Public Welfare will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ralph Ramseys Win Top Honors In Contest Here

SANTA WILL VISIT SCHOOL HERE FRIDAY

Headquarters Will Be On Main Street; Children Invited

The arrival of Santa Claus to Marshall was changed from Thursday to Friday.

Santa will arrive in Marshall early Friday afternoon and will go directly to the Marshall school, arriving there about 1:00 o'clock.

After his visit to the school he will set up his headquarters in the building formerly occupied by Model Grocery on Main Street.

He invites all youngsters to visit him at the headquarters between 2:00 and 4:00 p. m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, and on Monday, Dec. 24.

"I would like to see and talk with as many girls and boys as possible," Santa said.

Annual Contest Sponsored By The Marshall Garden Club

Winners in this year's Christmas Decoration Contest were announced this morning following judging Wednesday night. The annual contest is sponsored by the Marshall Garden Club.

Officials of the club announced that the judges were most complimentary in commenting about the various decorations.

Winners announced are as follows:

Best Overall: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey.

Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. John O. Corbett and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ledford.

Best Doors and Windows: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rudisill.

Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennis.

Best Outdoor Tree: Mrs. Valerie Shelton.

Honorable Mention: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eads and Miss Grace Connor.

