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Medical Society Advises Curtailment Of Crowds

MHC Takes Drastic Steps As Spread Of Flu Causes Action

"Stay out of crowds," is the advice given by members of the Madison County Medical Society in a phone call to this newspaper this morning.

Dr. W. Otis Duck, president of the Society, said this morning that all precautions should be taken to help curb the spread of flu in Madison County. He explained that flu — whether Asian or not — had reached the epidemic stage and all activities which cause crowds to gather should be postponed as far as possible.

"Every time a person coughs several million viruses are spread," he said.

The Society has warned of the dangers of crowds and has advised that the county basketball tourney be postponed for several days. However, the tournament got underway here Wednesday night and is scheduled to continue unless conditions worsen.

COLLEGE ACTS

Dr. Duck stated that chapel programs at Mars Hill College had been postponed and that student were not allowed to leave campus unless absolutely necessary.

"The college is doing everything possible to aid in stopping the spread of flu and it is hoped that everyone in the county will cooperate to keep down this epidemic," Dr. Duck said.

It is understood that movies in Mars Hill have also been stopped for the present.

FEED GRAIN SIGN UP CONTINUES

County corn producers who are interested in diverting a portion of their 1963 farm base to conservation uses for pay should contact the local ASCS Office for the details for how it will effect their farm and the filing of an agreement.

According to County ASCS office Manager, Ralph W. Ramsey, more County producers are showing more interest in the new feed grain program for 1963 than they did under the two former years program.

Advance payments amounting to approximately half of the total diversion payment can be made at the time the farmer signs his intention to participate in the program. The formula for computing 1963 payments is somewhat different than for the 1962 or 1961 program. Under this year's program, the total payment including the 18c per bushel price support payment on the corn planted on the permitted acreage will in most cases equal payments which would have been made under the two former years programs. Farmers who divert their entire base will earn a diversion payment equal to their yield times 50% of

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MARS HILL BOY, HURT IN WRECK, IS NOW AT HOME

Arthur Bob Wood, 16, of Mars Hill, who was injured in an automobile wreck last week, has been released from the St. Joseph's Hospital and is now recuperating at his home.

Wood, a high school student, suffered severe head injuries when his car went out of control on NC 86 a half mile south of Mars Hill, left the road, crossed it twice, then plunged down a 65-foot embankment.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood, of Mars Hill, and grandson of Prof. and Mrs. Vernon E. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen.

TWO HURT IN AUTO MISHAPS LAST SUNDAY

Two accidents in Madison County last Sunday resulted in injuries to two persons.

Ralph Jake Bailey, 42, of Mars Hill, was injured about 8:45 p. m., Sunday in an accident on U.S. 19-23 about a mile south of Mars Hill, State Highway Patrolman J. M. Shuler reported.

Bailey received dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital for scalp lacerations, multiple body lacerations and abrasions. Bailey lost control of the car which struck an embankment, continued some 52 feet down the highway, crossed over the highway and hit another embankment, Shuler said.

Clifford Buckner, 40, of Marshall Rt. 3, received lacerations of the right cheek and chest injuries in an auto accident the same day around 2 p. m., at Laurel River, the SHP reported. He was given dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital.

LOCAL BILL IS INTRODUCED BY REP. RAMSEY

The following House Bill was introduced by Representative L. B. Ramsey on February 13:

"To appoint members of the Madison County Board of Education and fix their terms of office." (Repeals SL 1961, Ch. 167. Appoints B. K. Meadows, Zeno H. Ponder, J. G. Gardner, Swann Huff and Eugene Reece as members of Madison County Board of Education. Terms to begin third Monday in March, 1963, for four years and until successors are elected and qualified.) To Education.

SUSPECTS ARE ARRESTED IN JOHNSON CITY

Might Be The Persons Who Burglarized Hot Springs, Marshall, Walnut

Three Tennessee men and one Tennessee woman are being held in the Johnson City jail, and two other Tennessee men are in critical condition in a Johnson City hospital following an attempted robbery of a super market at Midway, a suburb of Johnson City last Friday night.

The five men and one woman are charged with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with numerous robberies in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, officers reported.

The two men were hospitalized Friday night after they had been shot by the owner of the super market which the gang was trying to rob. One of the men is paralyzed, it is reported.

They are identified as Wilma Malmer, Vernon David Webb, Lowry Webb, James Franklin Molek, James Belling and Roger Stapleton, all of Kingsport.

LOCAL INTEREST
Sheriff Ponder stated here this week that certain clues found point to the possibility that these same people might have been the ones who burglarized Marshall, Walnut and Hot Springs recently. Sheriff Ponder is further investigating the clues and circumstances which might lead to charges against the six being brought by Sheriff Ponder. It was intimated that the car they were in closely resembles a car which was seen in Walnut and Marshall during the recent robberies.

DEER HEARING IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Illness Of One Defendant Causes Action Here Monday

The once-continued case of four Madison County men, charged with spotlighting for deer, was again continued — indefinitely — here Monday due to the illness of Berlon Boone, one of the defendants. Mr. Boone is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital where his condition is reported as serious.

The other defendants in the case are Roy Freeman, Charles Blankenship and Charles Woody. The case was scheduled before Magistrate Garrett Metcalf until the postponement was announced Monday morning.

ASCS Offers Pre-measurement Service In County

Farmers in Madison County may have their allotted acreage of tobacco and permitted acreage of feed grains laid off and staked out this year, if they so desire. Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison County ASCS committee, termed this service which is offered to producers as 'Pre-measurement.'

Every year there are several farmers who, through inaccurate measurement on their own part or because of incorrect information on the acreage in permanent fields, plant either more or less than they are actually permitted. In the case of overplanting, this causes the farmer unnecessary expense in the way of unused fertilizer, unused plants or seeds, or treating land that can't be used. In the case of underplanting, this could cause the farmer to lose some of his potential cash income and "planting history" for his farm.

In Madison, application for this special service may be made at the

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New Highway Map For State Now Available

The State Highway Commission today announced that the official North Carolina Highway Map for 1963 has been received from the printers and is available for free distribution.

The map is published both in color and in black and white form. It was designed under the supervision of Lloyd H. Cook, the Commission's State Locating Engineer, and the map this year was completed in record time, since the maps for previous years have not been completed before late in May.

The face of the map clearly shows four-lane highways, the Primary System and important Secondary Roads throughout the State. County lines are more detailed than in the past. Military establishments, historic sites and

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County Jury Commission Question Headed For Higher State Courts

It appears that the question of whether Madison County's one-man jury commission is constitutional is headed for the State Supreme Court.

Reliable sources here said that a number of exceptions have been filed to the ruling Feb. 4 of Judge Harry L. Riddle that the act of 1965 creating the one-man commission was unconstitutional, and that Donald Stines, jury commissioner, had vacated the office.

In addition, notice has been given of a number of appeals to the State Supreme Court on the ruling; and Stines and three others have petitioned to intervene. Stines was one of three men filing exceptions.

Judge J. Frank Haskins, resident judge of the 34th Judicial

Final Games Tuesday Night

Spring Creek Girls, Hot Springs Boys Advance In Cage Tourney

NONE INJURED IN SCHOOL BUS WRECK THURS.

On a rural unpaved road seven-tenths miles north of Marshall, two drivers and a student passenger escaped injury about 8:30 Thursday morning of last week, in a school bus-auto accident, according to State Highway Patrolman J. E. Richards.

Leroy Ford, 17, of Rt. 3, Marshall, driver of the school bus, said that icy road conditions caused his vehicle to slide into an automobile driven by Harley Hensley, 38, of Rt. 6, Marshall, on Cutshaw Road.

The car was a total loss, Richards said, and damage to the bus was estimated at \$400. No charges were filed.

BURLEY TOBACCO SCHOOL HERE FOR FARMERS

According to Printess W. England, county agricultural extension agent, farmers in Madison County grow a good crop of burley tobacco. They have been quick to adjust their production in order to produce the quality of tobacco that the companies want. The 1962 marketing season showed a definite trend toward higher quality tobacco. This is a switch from the trend of recent years for higher yields per acre. Each farmer is now faced with the question of how far he should go "quality wise."

The county agents office holds a tobacco school each year. The purpose of this school is to bring the farmers up to date on any new

Stern Thomas, Native Of Walnut, Dies In Georgia

Word was received here this morning that Stern Thomas, about 50, of Asheville, apparently suffered a heart attack while driving a banana truck from Asheville to Florida Wednesday night. According to information, Thomas was found dead after his truck had left the highway near Pesop, Georgia, and struck a tourist cabin. It was reported that he was dead before the accident occurred. Thomas, who was employed by Luke Rector Banana Exchange of Asheville, was a former taxi driver in Marshall and native of Walnut.

ASIAN FLU CASES IN STATE NOW OVER 80,000

Raleigh — An estimated 81,733 cases of Asian flu have been reported in North Carolina since the disease broke out shortly after Christmas, a state health official said Tuesday.

Nine deaths have resulted directly or indirectly from the disease.

Dr. Jacob Kooman, assistant state health director, said, "It has been spreading steadily westward across the state. From what we can make out, all of the eastern counties have Asian flu and probably all of the western as well." We have received reports from 85 counties and the city of Rocky Mount.

"It has just about reached its peak in the state," Kooman said. "In some counties in the east, like Robeson, Bladen and Nash, the disease is tapering off."

Commission Urges Full Information On Wheat Referendum

The National Agricultural Advisory Commission in their Washington meeting on January 29-31, urged that each farmer be given access to "Accurate, factual, unbiased and objective information" on the National wheat referendum which is to be held this May or June.

Such information is especially vital in view of the confusion that exists about the referendum, in which farmers will vote on a permanent 2-price certificate wheat

REP. RAMSEY ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES

Representative Liston B. Ramsey, of Madison, has been named to the following committees by Clifton Blue, Speaker of the House at the North Carolina General Assembly:

Appropriation, Conservation & Development, Education, Local Government, Courts and Judicial Districts, Roads, Welfare, and Wildlife.

Rep. Ramsey is vice chairman of the Roads, Welfare and Wildlife Committees.

He spent the week-end in Marshall and returned to Raleigh Sunday.

Marshall Girls, Laurel Boys Win JV Games Here

EQUIPMENT IS RETURNED TO MARS HILL SAT.

268 Items Valued At \$2,000 Now In Use At Mars Hill High School

Some \$2,000 worth of tools and equipment, allegedly the property of Mars Hill High School and the subject of litigation for over a year, was returned Saturday to Mars Hill School.

Dr. W. A. Sams, who had custody of the 268 items, including binoculars, cameras, hand tools, typewriters and other goods, released them to the school Saturday.

Dr. Sams said J. E. McIntire, former Mars Hill High School teacher, who was charged in 1961 with larceny of the items, had failed to file a claim to the property within the time prescribed by law. McIntire was accused of taking the objects from Mars Hill High School, where he was once a vocational agriculture teacher. However, he was acquitted of the charge in the January criminal term of Haywood Superior Court. The trial was held in Haywood rather than Madison County when the defense, in February, 1962, contended that McIntire could not receive a fair trial in Madison County.

McIntire had contended at the trial that the items belonged to him. Dr. Sams had served claim and delivery orders Jan. 29 on Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who had seized the items at McIntire's home in Rich Square after McIntire was indicted.

MARS HILL WINS TOP HONORS IN R & P CONTEST

The FFA team of Mars Hill won top honors in the Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure Contest held February 14 at Owen High School in Buncombe County. M. L. Anders is advisor.

The Marshall High School team, Jack Cole, advisor, won second place in the contest. Erwin High School won third and East Yancey won fourth place.

The contest was under supervision of the Blue Ridge Federation of Future Farmers of America.

COON HUNTERS TO MEET HERE FRI., MARCH 1

The Madison County Coon Hunters Association will have an important meeting at the Courthouse in Marshall, on Friday night, March 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

At the last meeting money was collected for restocking the county with coons this spring, but as one member stated, "we need more money and more members if the project is to be successful."

"We have received the information and the price of the coons, but we must now collect the balance of the money and arrange transportation," a member stated. All members, prospective members and hunters are urged to attend this important meeting.

Snow, Ice Cause Delay; No Games Monday Night

The Spring Creek girls and the Hot Springs boys posted wins here Wednesday night as the Madison County basketball tourney, delayed one night due to snow and ice, got underway.

In the junior varsity bracket, the Marshall girls and Laurel boys won opening victories to advance.

FINALS TUESDAY NIGHT
It was announced here this morning that the finals of the tournament are scheduled for Tuesday night with Consolation games to precede the varsity games. Junior Varsity finals will be played Saturday night, it was announced.

There will be no games played on Monday night, Superintendent Fred Anderson announced this morning.

OPENING GAMES
Linda Allen scored the only point in an overtime period Wednesday night as the Spring Creek girls defeated Hot Springs, 27-26, in the opening round of the Madison County Tournament. In boys' action Hot Springs reversed the decision on Spring Creek, winning 53-36.

The Marshall jayvee girls upset Laurel, 17-15, and Laurel's jayvee boys down Marshall, 32-15. Shirley Moore led Spring Creek with 12 points in varsity action and Judy Sams led Hot Springs with 10. The game was tied, 26-all, at the end of the regulation time and Miss Allen's overtime point decided it.

Freddie Sharpe scored 19 points and Bill Smith 10 to lead the Hot Springs boys to victory. Curtis Gentry was high man for Spring Creek with 15.

As an added attraction the Walnut eighth grade girls defeated the Hot Springs ninth grade girls, 14-12, at 5 o'clock, preceding the tournament action.

Thursday night's schedule is as follows:

6:00—Spring Creek vs. Mars Hill (jayvee girls).
7:00—Hot Springs vs. Mars Hill (jayvee boys).
8:00—Mars Hill vs. Laurel (varsity girls).
9:00—Mars Hill vs. Laurel (varsity boys).

VARSIITY GIRLS (Overtime)
Spring Creek (27) J. Smith, S. Moore 12, B. Gates 5, Allen 3, F. Moore 7, Meadows, Duckett, M. Meadows.
Hot Springs (26) Davis 8, Huff 6, Moore 2, Sams 10, Price 1, Norton, Harris, Holt.
Halftime: 13-10, Spring Creek. Regulation game: 26-26, tie.

VARSIITY BOYS
Hot Springs (55) Gregory 6, Ricker, Tolley 2, Gahagan, Shelton 4, Roberts 8, Smith 10, Harmon, Sharpe 19, Combs.
Spring Creek (36) Holt 6, J. Reese, Payne 1, Reece, Gentry 15, Strickland 8, Gunter, Caldwell 6. Halftime: 22-18, Hot Springs.

Cash Stolen From Filling Station Here

The Phillips 66 service station, operated by Russell Wilson and located on Main Street at the intersection of Upper Bridge St., was broken into Monday night, according to Mr. Wilson.

The robbers gained entrance to the building by breaking a window. According to Mr. Wilson, approximately \$100 was stolen. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder is investigating the robbery.