



## Marshall, Mars Hill Teams Advance To Finals

### 3 In County Acquitted Of 'Spotlighting' Charge

The chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections and two of three sheriff's deputies charged with "spotlighting" deer were acquitted Saturday afternoon before a magistrate's court in Madison County Courthouse here.

Acquitted were Roy Freeman of Marshall, chairman of the Board of Elections, and Charles Woody and Charles Blankenship, both of Mars Hill. Berlin Boone of Mars Hill, the fourth member charged with the game violation, is ill in a hospital. His case was held in abeyance.

Wildlife Protectors Raymond Ramsey and Clyde Huntsinger, both of Madison County, made the arrests January 5 in the vicinity of the French Broad River road near Hot Springs. Warrants were sworn out by the protectors January 9.

Justice of the Peace Clyde A. Rice of No. 4 Township, who presided, rendered a verdict of not guilty on the grounds that the defendants were pursuing their duties as law enforcement officers in a vicinity which had been the scene of several robberies, and on a road frequently used by makers of illicit whiskey.

Rice considered the evidence of the Marlin .30-30 rifle, the unfired cartridge and the electric torch, confiscated by the game protectors, as likely equipment which peace officers might carry in line of duty.

### NEW WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

#### Group To Organize At A Meeting March 1; All Women Invited

At the invitation of women Democrats of Mars Hill, a group of Madison County women met in Mars Hill February 14 and voted to form a new organization of women Democrats in Madison County.

Mrs. Richard Hoffman was appointed temporary chairman by Miss Irene Willis, who opened the meeting. Mrs. Hoffman appointed a By-Laws Committee to draft the proposed By-Laws.

Women Democrats of Madison County who are interested in joining this new organization are invited to attend a meeting Friday night, March 1, at eight o'clock in the Mars Hill Community Building. The By-Laws will be voted upon and officers elected at this meeting.

Mrs. Pearl O'Donnell of Asheville, Regional Coordinator for the North Carolina Democratic Women's Clubs, is expected to be present at the meeting.

### ROBERTS DIES AFTER MISHAP ON RAILROAD

J. C. Roberts, 24, of Asheville, a railroad brakeman, was killed early Monday, February 25, 1963, when a Southern Railway freight car ran over him at Inman, S. C.

His left hand was severed and the lower part of his body was crushed. The train was switching cars at the yards in Inman when the accident occurred. An inquest is planned.

Roberts succumbed about 6 a. m. Monday in a Spartanburg, S. C. hospital shortly after he was brought in by ambulance.

Services were at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Barnard (Madison County) Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. E. H. Goode officiated. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery near Hot Springs.

Pallbearers were Cliff Dotson, William H. Kemp, Mallie, Bert and Lloyd Roberts, and Billy Payne.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jannett Lawson Roberts; a son, Donnie James; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts of RFD 1, Walnut; two sisters, Mrs. Sherdon Shelton of RFD 1, Walnut and Mrs. Robert Coop of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The body was taken to the home of the parents at 3 p. m. Tuesday and remained until taken to the church for services.

Bowman Funeral Home of Marshall was in charge.

### CRIMINAL COURT STARTED HERE MONDAY A. M.

The February term of Madison County Superior Court to hear criminal cases started quietly and on schedule here Monday with no questions raised as to the constitutionality of the jury.

A recent ruling of Judge Harry Riddle, that a jury drawn under an act of 1955 was unconstitutional, is now pending before the State Supreme Court on appeal.

Due to icy roads and snow, Wednesday's session was postponed. Court resumed here today (Thursday) with Judge James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, presiding.

### BLOODMOBILE TO BE AT MARS HILL MONDAY

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Mars Hill Monday at the Baptist Church, from 12 o'clock noon until 5:30 p. m. Blood donors are badly needed.

### Mrs. Shupe Calls To Clarify Demo. Club Differences

Mrs. George B. Shupe, president of the Madison County Women's Democratic organization, called this newspaper Wednesday evening to "clarify the differences between her group and that of the newly formed club at Mars Hill."

"I have just talked with Mrs. Pearl O'Donnell of Asheville, Regional Coordinator for the N. C. Democratic Women's Clubs, who said that the Mars Hill group will be merely a study group rather than a new organization. They will be studying the principles of the Democratic Party as their main objective," stated Shupe.

Mrs. Shupe also announced a Board of Directors' meeting of the Madison County Women's Democratic organization, within the next two weeks, specific date to be announced later. The purpose of this meeting is to make further plans for that organization.

### Attend Daytona 500 Race Sunday

Among those from Madison County attending the Daytona 500 Race last Sunday were Jack Guthrie, Richard Freeman and Charlie Nix.

### ADULT PUPPET SHOW SAT. AT M. H. COLLEGE

An unusual program of entertainment is coming to Mars Hill College at 8 p. m., Saturday night, March 2, and will be open to the public without charge.

It is "Lords' Puppets International," a marionette show featuring Daniel Lords and nearly 200 "little people."

"At first glance," says Dean W. L. Lynch, who arranges the college's lyceum series, "this might appear to be a program more for children than for college students and adults; however, this is not true. Mr. Lords bills his show as 'puppets for adults' and in recent years his performances on our campus have been enthusiastically welcome by the older people in the audience. They have been fascinated by the skill with which he manipulates the puppets and marvel at the attention to detail given to the construction and costuming of the figures."

Children will be welcomed at the program, of course, but they must be accompanied by an adult and they should not sit at the front. Lords insists on these two things.

The stage on which Lords presents his show is 12 feet wide with an opening of six feet. Above it, in full view of the audience, sits Lords, who sometimes manipulates as many as 187 strings at one time.

### SHULER SHOWS FILM, GIVES TALK TO LIONS

State Patrolman J. M. Shuler was guest speaker at the Marshall Lions Club meeting Monday night at the Rock Cafe.

Shuler first showed a film, entitled "Highway Safety," which dramatically revealed the wholesale slaughter now taking place on highways. Careless operators, intoxicated drivers, speedsters, and other violators were shown in one of the most vivid films ever shown to the club. Many scenes showed children and innocent adults killed by such drivers.

Following the film, Patrolman Shuler gave a talk to the group concerning highway safety and stressed that the public should do everything possible to lessen the present rate of highway accidents.

"In the past 60 years, more people have met their deaths on highways than have been killed in all the wars and police actions," (Continued To Page Eight)

### Marshall Girls, Laurel Boys Capture JV Titles

#### COUNTY MEN ATTEND MEET IN NEW YORK

More than 30 civic leaders from the mountain counties, including D. M. Robinson, Charles E. Mashburn and Zeno Ponder from Madison County, headed for New York City Monday to take part in the celebration of North Carolina Day Tuesday.

Most of the WNC delegation went by special Pullman, although some made the trip by plane. In Manhattan, they joined Gov. Terry Sanford and some 300 other Tar Heel leaders and told the industrial story of North Carolina.

Gov. Sanford addressed some 600 industrial leaders at a special luncheon of the New York Sales Executives Club Tuesday at the Roosevelt Hotel.

The Tar Heel delegation was seated with the executives and presented the North Carolina industrial picture before the governor made the main address.

The WNC delegation made follow-up calls Wednesday morning with various officials who desire more information about the area. The WNC delegation was organized by James H. Glenn, executive (Continued to Last Page)

#### Final Games To Be Played Friday Night; Big Crowds Attend

Ice and snow caused postponement of the final games of the Madison County high school basketball tournament being played in the Marshall gymnasium but games thus far have been exciting and closely contested. Capacity crowds have been on hand each night and an overflow crowd is expected for the finals Friday night. The girls' championship game will start at 7:30 o'clock with the boys' final game slated to get underway about 9:00 o'clock.

Both the Mars Hill girls and boys have earned their way to the finals as have both Marshall teams.

Mars Hill girls, drew a bye in the opening round, met and defeated the Laurel sextet Thursday night, 36-30, in a fast and exciting game with Mary Peek scoring 16 points to lead the winners while Patsy Thomas scored 15 points for the losers.

(Girls Game) Mars Hill (36) M. Edwards 6, S. Slagle, J. Ramsey 7, M. Peek 16, B. Peek, J. Bass, J. Allen 4, J. Ledford 1, S. Farkas, R. Douck two.

Laurel (30) F. Ray 12, P. Thomas 15, J. Landers 3, W. Thomas, P. Plemmons, J. Adams, F. Edwards, B. Chandler, Aikens, L. (Continued To Last Page)

### Phone Firm's Rate Hike Bid Rejected By Court

#### Judge Walker Affirms The Latest Order Of State Utilities Commission

A Superior Court judge Tuesday rejected a protest by Western Carolina Telephone Co., against a State Utilities Commission order denying the firm permission to raise its rates.

Judge Hal Hammer Walker of Asheville affirmed the latest order of the SUC in the phone rate case. The SUC had previously turned the company down twice in its efforts to obtain authority for a rate increase.

Attorneys for the telephone company gave notice of appeal of Judge Walker's decision to the State Supreme Court. Court officials indicated it would be September or later before the appeal is heard by the high court.

Arguments for both sides took up three and a half hours as the proceeding got underway Monday. Judge Walker told the attorneys, Kester Walton and Herbert (Continued to Last Page)

### WILL ASSIST IN INCOME TAX FILING

Burnsville — Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, Revenue Collector for N. C. Department of Revenue for the district of Madison and Yancey counties, has announced her itinerary for income period through April 15, 1963, to assist in filing income and intangible returns.

Mrs. Huskins will be in the State Revenue Office in Burnsville on Feb. 25; March 4, 6, 11, 15, 18, 20, 25, and 27; April 1, 3, 8, 10, 12 and 15.

Mars Hill, The Club Restaurant: March 7, 21, 28, and April 4.

Marshall, Courthouse: March 12, 26; April 2 and 9.

### NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS REPAY OVER \$14,000,000

In 1962 North Carolina farm families repaid more than \$14 million in principal and interest on loans from the U. S. Farmers Home Administration, Melvin H. Hearn, state director of the agency announced in Raleigh, N. C. today.

The amount repaid by North Carolina farmers in 1962 was 16.4 per cent more than the amount for the previous year.

Mr. Hearn said, the record of North Carolina farm families using Farmers Home Administration credit plus technical advice on farming problems, small farmers can operate successfully under modern agricultural conditions.

The family farmer is not obsolete, as some commentators charge. Given access to the best farming information available and capital to do a modern job of farming, he is and will remain the mainstay (Continued To Last Page)

### PRICE-SUPPORT ELIGIBILITY IS EXPLAINED

A. P. Hassell Jr., Executive Director for the ASC state committee, has asked us to remind farmers that they have until March 22 to sign up for participation in the 1963 feed grain program.

Only growers who are in the program will be eligible for price support on their '63 crops of corn, grain sorghum, or barley.

Through participation, Hassell explained, producers will voluntarily reduce their acreage of one or more of the three feed grain crops by at least 20 per cent of the farm's base acreage . . . and will put the diverted acreage into an approved conservation use.

Participating farmers qualify for the regular price-support loans and purchase agreements, and — in addition — they will earn a diversion payment and an extra price-support payment.

These price-support payments will be made on the normal pro- (Continued to Last Page)

### Mars Hill Man Burns To Death As Cigarette Ignites Clothing

A Madison County man was burned to death within half a mile of his home Saturday night, apparently when a cigarette ignited his clothing.

The body of June McDowell, 48, of Mars Hill, was discovered in a burned sage field about 10 a. m. Sunday when two men, James Briscoe and Albert Ray, both of Mars Hill, went searching for him after he failed to return home Saturday night.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said he believed McDowell, who was walking along a worn trail near a Negro school, had stopped under a pine tree to rest and either lit a cigarette and the match ignited his clothing, or that he had fallen asleep with a lit cigarette which set his clothing afire.

Evidence at the scene indicated that McDowell had run up and

down the sage field flinging burning clothing from his body. The body, when found, was clad only in a heavy leather belt and shoes, the sheriff said.

The clothing set the field of sage afire, and burned about five acres, according to the sheriff.

The sheriff placed the time about 7 p. m. At that time, he said, Fred Rolland, who lived nearest the scene, had seen the field afire. Rolland went to investigate, but it was mostly burned out by the time he arrived. Rolland had gone within some 30 feet of McDowell's body without seeing or suspecting it, Ponder said.

Dr. W. A. Bame, Madison County coroner, ruled the death accidental and said no inquest would be held.

The sheriff said there was no

evidence of foul play.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Irene Ray McDowell; six daughters, Mrs. Mary Brooks of Weaverville, Mrs. Ida Ray of Mars Hill, the Misses Patty, Toni and Betty McDowell of the home; two sons, Ray and Donald of the Home; the mother Mrs. Doakay McDowell of Mars Hill; three sisters, Mrs. Manuel Briscoe of Mars Hill, Miss Mildred McDowell of New York City and Mrs. Mary Bailey of Charlotte; two brothers, Hugh L. of Charlotte and Jasper of Philadelphia, Pa.

Graveside services were at 2 p. m., Tuesday in Longridge Cemetery.

The Rev. J. H. Smith officiated. Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

### Annexation Of Industrial Site To Be Aired March 12

#### 1963 SAVINGS BONDS QUOTA SET FOR COUNTY

Madison County's 1963 quota for U. S. Savings Bonds sales is \$166,980.00, according to an announcement made by Craig L. Rudisill Jr., County Volunteer Chairman. Purchase of E&H Bonds by Madison County citizens in January amounted to \$10,507.00, which is 6.3 per cent of this quota.

The 1963 quota for North Carolina is \$50,600,000. January sales in the state amounted to \$4,874,874, which is 9.6 per cent of the state's quota for this year.

Series E Bond sales in North Carolina during January were the greatest for any month since January, 1957. The combined E&H Bond sales during January in the state were the third highest for any month since 1956. Due to a drop-off in E Bond sales, the total of E&H Bonds sold in January were 4.6 per cent behind sales made in January, 1962.

#### TWO FUGITIVES ARE CAPTURED IN COUNTY

Two Craggy Prison Camp escapees were recaptured about 6:30 a. m., Monday in the Walnut section of Madison County, Captain Perry Hilliard, camp superintendent, reported.

They were identified as J. Henry Massey, 25, of RFD 1, Walnut, and George D. Holland, 24, of RFD 1, Union Grove, who escaped Feb. 18. From a road work gang on U. S. 25-70 near the Madison County line.

They were found at the home of Massey's father by police officers and deputies of Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

#### Trustees Petition Town To Place Property In Corporate Limits

Official notice is published on Page Seven calling for a public hearing at the City Hall here on Tuesday night, March 12, at 7:30 o'clock at which time the question of the annexation of the property on the by-pass, generally known as the Industrial Sites, to the corporate limits of Marshall will be discussed.

The notice of public hearing states, in part:

"A petition for annexation having been filed with the Town Board by all of the record titleholders of a certain 24-acre, more or less, tract of land located contiguous to the City Limits of the Town of Marshall, and generally known as the Marshall Industrial Park and the sufficiency of said petition having been certified by the Town Clerk of the Town of Marshall, notice is hereby given (Continued To Last Page)

#### HOT SPRINGS BANK ROBBER INCOMPETENT?

#### Bebik Plea Will Be Heard In Asheville This Morning

Bank Robber Norman Bebik returns this (Thursday) morning to the U. S. District Court in Asheville where he was sentenced seven-and-a-half years ago for the \$19,434 kidnap of the Hot Springs Branch, Citizens Bank of Marshall.

At that time, Bebik and co-defendant Carl V. Wacker were given 25 years. A third defendant, Bernard Gossell of Madison County, testified for the government and was given 10 years.

Bebik now 38, is petitioning that his original sentence be vacated and that he be sentenced and (Continued To Last Page)

### Coon Hunters To Have Important Meet Fri., Night

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 prices 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.