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Girl Scout Week Is Being Observed Here

Open Letter To Friends Asks For More Volunteers

Tuesday of this week marked the 51st Birthday of Girl Scouting in this country. Girl Scouts in Madison County join with the more than 3,000,000 Girl Scouts in the United States during the week of March 10-16, in the celebration of Girl Scout Week.

To "Serve the Future" — to move into the next half-century of Girl Scouting, this is the theme for the 51st Birthday and certainly no theme would more appropriately focus on the role of the Girl Scout leader. It is the leader who brings to girls the meaning and richness of Scouting. Girl Scouts' service to the future begins with the leader's service to girls.

In Madison there are three Girl Scout troops serving 50 girls. The leaders of these trips are Mrs. C. E. Mashburn and Mrs. Troy Reid, Marshall Brownies; Mrs. Curt Sears, Marshall Intermediate Scouts; and Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Walnut Brownies.

These leaders are busy women who spend time every week guiding the girls in this community.

These women bring to the Girl Scout Program all the values they have learned in school or home or business; and the leaders help the girls discover those values for themselves. They enjoy cookouts and camping — flag ceremonies and discussions. They like to see the girls govern themselves. Girl Scout leaders are there not to tell them what to do, but to advise.

MADISON MEN ATTEND FUND RAISING DINNER

Four Madison County Republican leaders attended a Fund-raising dinner in Charlotte last Friday night at 7:30. Over 1000 people from all over the state were in attendance. Among the guests were: Congressman Charles H. Jones and James Brodyhill, and State Republican chairman, Robert Gavin. Main speaker for the event was Robert Taft, Jr., congressman-at-large, from Ohio.

Those from Madison attending were: Jack Guthrie, Roy McDewitt, Loy P. Roberts, and attorney Clyde M. Roberts. According to Mr. Roberts the dinner was a great success.

Introduces Bill To Fix Deputy Salary

Representative Liston B. Ramsey introduced a bill March 8, known as HB 198 — "To fix the salary of the first deputy sheriff of Madison County." (Amends SL 1959, Ch. 384 (fixing Madison officials' salaries) to provide salary of \$250 (now \$205) per month for Madison first deputy sheriff. Effective April 1, 1963.) To Salaries and Fees.

WOMEN WANTED AT MILLS PLANT IN MARSHALL

Elsewhere in this issue is published an official notice calling for female trainees for power sewing machines at Mills Manufacturing Company in Marshall. Ages desired are from 19-35 with at least a 10th grade education.

Women desiring this work are asked to apply at the French Broad Electric Membership Co-op Building in Marshall on Tuesday, March 19 for applications and interview with plant officials.

It was explained that this is an equal opportunity plant and that there are also openings for experienced sewing machine operators.

MRS. S. L. NIX ELECTED PRES. MARSHALL PTA

Mrs. S. L. Nix was elected president of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association for next year at the March meeting Monday night at the school. Other officers to serve with her include Mrs. Linton Ramsey, first vice president; Mrs. Orbray Ramsey, second vice president; Mrs. Cleophas Ward, (Continued To Page Four)

Luther Hodges To Visit Hot Springs On April 5

Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges is expected to visit Hot Springs on April 5 at which time he will personally observe plans for the redevelopment of this town.

He plans to leave Asheville at about 9 a. m., and arrive in Hot Springs around 10:20 o'clock. He will remain in Hot Springs for approximately an hour before returning to Asheville for a luncheon meeting. While at Hot Springs he will confer with members of the Hot Springs Planning Board and other civic leaders of the county.

Also expected to visit Hot Springs with the former governor of North Carolina are Charlie Edwards, N. C. coordinator for ARA; George Stevens, Governor Sanford's Representative, and other officials.

Marshall, Hot Springs Threatened By Rising River Tuesday Night

CANCER FACTS BROUGHT INTO PUBLIC VIEW

High Point — As recently as the turn of the century cancer was rarely reported outside medical journals, and public information about the disease hardly existed. This fact has been brought to the public's attention by Holt McPherson, 2nd Vice President of the N. C. Division of the American Cancer Society.

Both an outstanding editor and educational leader, Mr. McPherson is editor of the HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE and Chairman of the N. C. Citizens for Better Schools. He is Past-President of the N. C. Press Association and President of the Journalism Foundation which he founded and has headed from its inception.

"Now," says Mr. McPherson, "cancer has been brought into public awareness."

Four entertainment celebrities recently died within three weeks — all victims of cancer, Mr. McPherson pointed out.

"Old wives' tales, superstitious" (Continued To Page Four)

DEMO OFFICIALS INVITED TO CONFERENCE

Raleigh—Madison County Democratic Party Chairman Liston B. Ramsey and vice chairman Mrs. Latrelle Robinson have been invited to represent their organization at a Democratic Party Conference in Raleigh on March 29 and 30, it was announced this week by State Party Chairman Bert Bennett.

All county chairmen and vice chairmen have been asked to take part in three sessions of briefings, Bennett said, designed to furnish them more information concerning state government, the issues of the 1963 General Assembly and state party matters.

The conference will begin on Friday, March 29, in the Hall of the House at the Capitol where each delegate will register and (Continued From Page Four)

GOP ABSENTEE BILL IS KILLED IN HOUSE WED.

A Republican-sponsored bill to abolish absentee voting was killed by the N. C. House election laws committee Wednesday and a Democratic-sponsored bill to tighten up absentee voting was turned over to a six man subcommittee.

Action on the two bills by the House committee came only minutes after it had met with the Senate elections laws committee to hear the state chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties urge that steps be taken to end abuses of the absentee voting laws.

Democratic Party Chairman Bert Bennett told the committees he did not favor abolition of the absentee voting, but unless the legislature took steps to clean up abuses, "I think the people will demand that he absentee ballot be abolished in 1965."

GOP Party Chairman Robert Gavin said, "the evils of the absentee ballot system completely outweigh the good which may be ascribed to it." He said abolition was the only effective means of ending abuses.

Bennett commended State Elections Board Chairman William Joslin and the state board on the recommendations which went into the democratic sponsored bill (Continued To Last Page)

Ivy River Causes Damage; Many Roads Badly Washed

Residents and businessmen who live or have businesses near the French Broad River breathed a sigh of relief Wednesday morning when skies cleared and the French Broad River receded following a night of anxiety and suspense.

Torrential rains Monday night sent the French Broad some 18 feet above normal stage with swirling and muddy water nearly reaching flood stage here. Although the Island was covered, causing cancellation of school for several days, the river missed Main Street in Marshall by a few feet. The river rose Tuesday afternoon with water pouring into the lower classrooms of the school.

Businessmen worked feverishly Tuesday night moving merchandise to higher shelves. Many basements were flooded but damage was kept at a minimum due to quick work of employees and volunteers.

Ivy River perhaps caused the most damage and the Ivy road was completely washed away in certain points. So rapid did Ivy River rise that several heads of livestock and some hogs were washed downstream.

Toll telephone service was disrupted from Tuesday until about noon on Wednesday. Electricity remained on, however, during the entire day and night.

Pumps were used Wednesday afternoon to draft water out of several of the classrooms in the (Continued To Page Four)

Madison County Unique—It Is Now Free Of Debt

Raleigh — A Western North Carolina county that comes in for its share of the political limelight resulting from partisan clashes, has a distinction shared by only four other counties in the state.

According to the Local Government Commission, it is one of five counties which has no general county bonded indebtedness. Except for some school bonds, Madison County doesn't owe a penny.

And school bonds are not considered indebtedness.

RAMSEY NAMES EQUALIZATION COUNTY BOARD

Bill Instructs New Board To Cause Revaluation Of County Property

Madison Rep. Liston B. Ramsey introduced legislation creating a new tax equalization board last Wednesday.

Named on the board were Talmadge Franklin, Brown Ammons and Ralph T. Barnes, for four-year terms.

The bill also instructs the new board to cause a revaluation of all property in the county to be carried out, to become effective with respect to taxes levied for the year 1965.

Ramsey said the last revaluation was held in 1958.

JOHN HUTCHINS IS NAMED TO NATIONAL ASSO.

The National Association of Sanitarians, with headquarters at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, announced recently that John N. Hutchins, Madison County Health Department, Marshall, N. C., has been accepted as a member in this professional society.

The National Association of Sanitarians is an official organization of professional persons engaged in the promotion, realization, and maintenance of a fitting healthful environment for the people of the world. It is dedicated to the high principle that the citizens of this country, regardless of station, deserve as a natural right the best possible conditions in which to live and pursue their happiness. The membership is concerned with (Continued To Last Page)

Legend Of County Minerals, Rocks And Precious Stones

Byard Ray Has A Large Collection On Display In Courthouse

By JIM STORY
The old saying, "There's gold in them thar hills" can actually be applied to Madison County.

Byard Ray, present tax collector of Madison County, has proof that there is gold in Madison County. Although gold is only one of many valuable traces of minerals, rocks and semi-precious stones found in Madison, Mr. Ray is quite proud of the gold traces he has collected, with an actual gold count of .00503 per ton.

"We also have the legend of the lost Duck Shelton silver mine at Laurel and Hot Springs," he says.

"We wondered how he knew so much about minerals, rocks, etc. When asked this question, Mr. Ray said that for the past twenty years he has been keenly interested in what "these hills had in them." For the past 20 years he has collected samples and has explored countless miles of rugged terrain in every section of the county.

We were cognizant that Mr. Ray was a well-known musician who has his own string band. He also serves a master of ceremonies at many hillbilly shows and is performing at the weekly programs held in Hot Springs. He is a former teacher in the Veterans' Training Program and was (Continued To Last Page)

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED MON. BY MARSHALL OES

Mrs. Jeter M. Metcalf of Route 2, Marshall, was elected worthy Matron of the Marshall Eastern at a meeting of the Chapter held Star Chapter for the ensuing year Monday night in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Metcalf's husband, Jeter M. Metcalf, was elected worthy patron. Other officers elected are: associate matron, Mrs. R. J. Plemons; associate patron, Ralph T. Barnes; secretary, Mrs. Bill Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. James Storey; conductress, Mrs. Guy White; and associate conductress, Mrs. Edwin Fox.

Mrs. Metcalf then appointed the following officers: chaplain, Mrs. (Continued To Page Four)

USE PLASTIC WITH EARLY TOBACCO PLANTS

Last spring Mr. Doyle Cody of Mars Hill prepared a 9 foot by 100 foot tobacco plant bed in the usual manner on his farm, states Harry G. Silver, county agent. After the bed was prepared and seeded, he built a frame around the bed and covered it with clear plastic. Doyle received the following benefits from his plastic covered bed:

1. Better germination of seed.
2. Plants came up 10 days earlier.
3. Plants grew off faster.
4. Earlier transplanting to field.
5. Tobacco harvested earlier than old system.

The late freezes and wet ground has delayed tobacco plant bed seeding in Madison County. Some of the higher elevation communities normally have a shorter growing season because of late plants (Continued To Page Four)

Train Plunges Into F. B. River Near Here Tuesday Night

ENS. CORBETT RETURNS FROM CARIBBEAN TOUR

Marshall Man Is Assigned Many Duties Aboard USS Leahy

Ensign John A. Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Corbett of Marshall, who is stationed aboard the USS Leahy, has recently been assigned duties as assistant athletic officer and alternate registered publication officer. In addition to these duties, Ensign Corbett is (OC) Division Officer, Crypto Security Officer, and Assistant Communications Officer. Corbett is also a member of the Crypto Band, Enlisted Training Board, Censoring Board, RPS Corrections Board and the Recreation Council.

The USS Leahy has recently returned from a tour which included Puerto Rico, Cuba (Guantanamo Bay), and Jamaica where the crew completed its Shakedown Training.

The USS Leahy is now based in Boston Naval Ship Yard where it will remain until about April 24 where they will be taking additional schooling and training.

Ensign Corbett recently spent several days here with his parents.

Joint Neighborhood Girl Scout Meeting Held In Marshall

Waverly and Madison Girl Scout Neighborhood meetings were held jointly at the American Legion Hall in Marshall, Monday, March 4 from 10 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. Miss Ruth Townsend, Girl Scout Professional Worker, presided. (Continued To Last Page)

ENNS CORBETT RETURNS FROM CARIBBEAN TOUR

Three crewman were injured about midnight Tuesday when a Southern Railway diesel engine and one freight car plunged into the French Broad River near Marshall as tracks gave way in an apparent washout. The wreck occurred at Rollins Switch five miles south of Marshall. Repair crews were still working Wednesday morning to get the track back into operation. The injured crewmen, all treated at Memorial Mission Hospital here, were Ralph Merrell, 48, of Knoxville, left knee and back injuries; E. W. Selby, 49, of Knoxville, abrasions of the left leg and back injuries.

PLANES TO BE USED TO COMBAT FOREST FIRES

Peter J. Hanlon, Forest Supervisor of the North Carolina National Forests, has announced that a new method of fighting forest fires is being used on the Forests in this area.

The U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Indian Service have contracted with a Western firm for two World War II Vintage B-26 Bombers to be based at Knoxville, Tennessee for fire control use on the Forests and began March 1.

Each plane has a carrying capacity of 1,200 gallons of fire-retardant chemical. Flight speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour make any point on the Forests of Western North Carolina within one-half hour flight time from the Knoxville Bomber Base.

The fire-retardant used in the commercial fertilizer, ammonium phosphate, mixed with water. The use of this fertilizer as a fire-retardant is reported to have been in use since about 1940. It is then or within the next few days. (Continued To Last Page)



Byard Ray And His Rock Collection