



Granny Anderson, 95, Dies After Long Illness

Cooked First Meal The Late R. L. Moore Ate On MHC Campus

Mrs. Carrie (Granny) Anderson, Madison County's senior baseball fan, a renowned figure at Mars Hill College and the oldest member of Mars Hill Baptist Church, died Tuesday night, March 26, 1963, in an Asheville nursing home following a long illness. She was 95.

Services were held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Dr. Charles Davis officiated and burial was in Mars Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Robert, Richard, Ralph and Fred Anderson, and W. L. and N. J. Hunnion.

Credited with cooking the first meal that the late Dr. R. L. Moore, then president of Mars Hill College, ate on the campus in 1897, Granny Anderson is never to be forgotten in the memories of scores of Mars Hill students.

Many proud graduates of the Baptist institution owe a great deal of the happiness they enjoyed on commencement night to

Dies Tuesday



Mrs. Carrie Anderson

her nimble fingers. "Why I 'spect I've sewed and made dresses for at least 25 girls for their graduation and I've never had but one to complain," she (Continued To Last Page)

COUNTY DEMOS. WILL ATTEND DINNER SAT.

Democrats from Madison will be among those party members from every county in the state at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Saturday, March 30th to greet Vice-President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson.

Registration will open on Friday afternoon at the Hotel Sir Walter, following a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion honoring chairmen and vice-chairmen who will attend a Party Conference Friday and Saturday.

The vice-president and Mrs. Johnson and their party will be greeted at the Raleigh-Durham Airport at 11:00 Saturday morning. The Pershing Rifles and a 100-man Drum and Bugle Corps of the Army ROTC at N. C. State College, as well as Governor Sanford and other dignitaries will greet the Vice-President.

ITEMS ON YOUR CLEAN-UP LIST

Any fireman call tell you it's actually a fact that a clean house seldom burns.

It's just as true that a clean stove or furnace seldom burns up the house.

Dirty, defective heating and cooking equipment causes the deadliest dwelling fires, according to National Fire Protection studies. They take about 2,000 lives yearly in this country, and destroy or damage about 1,500 homes each week.

Now, during Spring Clean-Up, is an excellent time to have heating equipment serviced and repaired, before you let it go and get caught by the first cold snap of next fall. It could be that you check the chimney too; it's particularly important if you burn wood or coal.

If you have an exhaust fan and duct over your kitchen stove, how long since it has had the greasy residue removed?

Keeping heating and cooking equipment in top operating condition means fuel savings as well as fire safety. So be sure the furnace and stove in your home are no your clean-up, check-up list.

Information Is Now Available On Good Alfalfa Varieties

A recent N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station publication pro-

Early Hearing Is Set For Madison County Jury Issue

Stines Petition To Advance From Next Fall To Spring Granted Friday

Donald Stines, Madison County's one-man jury commissioner, Friday won an early hearing before the State Supreme Court on an order that ousted him from office and struck down as unconstitutional the law under which

he served

A petition by Stines for the Supreme Court to advance from next fall to this spring the date for hearing an appeal was granted Friday in a decision by associate Justice Susie Sharp.

Stines is seeking to overturn an order by Superior Court Judge H. L. Riddle Jr. filed Feb. 8 that

found Stines had vacated the jury commission by becoming a Walnut School committeeman

Riddle found this to be double office holding. He also declared Stines had violated provisions of a 1955 local act governing the Madison County jury commissioner and that, beyond this, the act

itself was unconstitutional.

Stines, in petitioning for the court to grant a speedy hearing, charged that the attorney whose challenges in a civil case were upheld in the Riddle ruling, had been trying to "usurp" Stines' "powers and prerogatives."

This, the petition claimed, was the intent and purpose of Joseph B. Huff, Madison County Bar Association president, who in addition to challenging Stines and the 1955 act, had also sought to have the law repealed by the 1963 General Assembly.

The petition further names Clyde M. Roberts, Madison Republican Executive Committee chairman, as Huff's "close collaborator" in the alleged effort to take over Stines' prerogatives.

It says a clerical assistant in the county tax collector and county auditor offices worked with Huff in the effort. In an earlier petition to Superior Court Judge J. Frank Huskins, Stines was (Continued To Page Four)

LIFE-SAVING PLANNING

Everybody takes a new lease on life when Spring rolls around. And that lease on life, for you and your family, will be more certain if you've planned and practiced a family fire drill.

Here are pointers for planning from the National Fire Protection Association:

1. Carefully figure two routes to the outside from every room, especially bedrooms. Allow for fire blocking stairway or hall. Pick an outside assembly point where the family will meet.
2. Remember that closed bedroom doors will hold back flame and smoke, allow extra time.
3. Be sure everyone understands the most important rule: Get out of the house immediately at the first suspicion of fire.

Attending National Meet Of Academy Of General Practice

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sams left today (Thursday) for Chicago, Illinois, where Dr. Sams will attend the 15th annual meeting of the National Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Sams is a delegate from the North Carolina Chapter of the Academy of General Practice, and he has had the honor of sitting in the House of Delegates at all fifteen sessions.

At the Miami Beach meeting in 1961, Dr. Sams was unanimously endorsed as the "Daddy of the House of Delegates."

At the 1962 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Sams was named as the "Bridegroom of the House of Delegates," having been on his honeymoon at that time.

Dr. and Mrs. Sams are expected to return to Marshall on Friday, April 5.

BAPTISTS SLATE TWO PROGRAMS FOR MARS HILL

A state Baptist Convention-sponsored program has been scheduled at Mars Hill College.

One in a series of three statewide Choir Festivals for Junior Choirs will be held Saturday, April 6, at the college. Registration will begin at 9 a. m. with a concert set at 3:15 p. m.

The choir festival, sponsored by the State Department of Church Music with J. O. Stroud, secretary, is open to the public.

Census Shows Wood Stoves Becoming As Rare As Mules

Wood cook stoves are becoming almost as rare in rural North Carolina as mules. So are wood heaters, outside water pumps and the Saturday night wash basin.

Running water is about as common in rural areas as automobiles, and even such things as air conditioners and clothes dryers are no longer oddities.

Program planning specialists with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service at State College have collected 1960 U. S. Census information on the percentage of rural households with and without certain facilities.

They find that electricity is so common that there is little point in collecting further statistics on it. The last statistics showed about 98 per cent of rural households had this convenience.

Radio, available in about 84 per cent of the households, and television, available in 82 per cent, (Continued To Last Page)

Lloyd Wayne Slagle Injured In Auto Accident Sat.

Lloyd Wayne Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Slagle of Marshall, was painfully injured Saturday night near White Rock, north of Marshall, when his car, while passing another car, hit the soft shoulder of the road, throwing the car into a rock cliff. He suffered a broken nose, lacerations, severe bruises and possible chest injuries, and is a patient in (Continued To Last Page)

Low Quality Tobacco To Be Discounted

ACP IS NOW A PARTNERSHIP

The Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) is a partnership between farmers and the general public. Through it, the public shares with farmers on about a 50-50 basis the cost of conserving our soil, water and woodland resources which are so vital to the people of our nation and the free world.

In commenting on the ACP, Emory Robinson, Chairman of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, points out that it is the only farm program that is universal in that it is applicable to every county of the USA. He further explained that it is not only applicable to each and every county but that its benefits are available to every farm which has soil or water conservation problems that can be met by its use.

Through ACP, the Government, on behalf of all the people, joins hands with farmers and ranchers to insure that the needed conservation measures will be carried out adequately and in time to meet its objective.

The Chairman further explained that under the program farm practices are selected to promote soil and water conservation measures to meet local conditions. If a practice benefits people nationally, as well as locally, and would not (Continued To Last Page)

Freeman Emphasizes That Responsibility Rests With Farmer

The U. S. Department of Agriculture recently announced, following discussions and consultation with Congressional leaders from tobacco-producing States, that low quality tobacco will be sharply discounted.

Grade standards and price supports now in the process of revision will reflect quality according to present market standards and consumer preferences. Tobacco in the lower grades will be supported at a low price level.

USDA noted it is essential that the fine quality reputation American tobacco has earned be maintained. Otherwise tobacco producers will not be able to meet competition which is increasing every year, particularly from Rhodesia and Canada.

The Department emphasized that quality tobacco will be supported at a strong price and poor tobacco at a low price. It urged farmers to use approved varieties and follow sound cultural practices, and noted that the farmer who tries to (Continued To Last Page)

Local Churches To Hold Pre-Easter Services

Joint Services To Feature Methodist-Presbyterian Ministers

Pre-Easter services will be held in the Marshall Methodist Church the week of April 9 through Friday, April 12. This will be a united effort on the part of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Marshall.

On Tuesday evening a mixed chorus from the North Buncombe High School will present a program of Easter music.

On Wednesday evening the Rev.

Charles E. Heier, pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon. On Thursday evening the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor of the Marshall Methodist Church, will preach on Friday evening.

Mrs. Carl Stuart will serve as organist.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30, and the public is cordially invited to attend.



THE MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL land judging team took top honors in the Blue Ridge Federation of Future Farmers of America judging contest held Thursday at County Home farm in Buncombe County. Members of the winning team are: (L-R) kneeling, Clarence Davis, individual second place winner; and Tony Graham, first place winner. Standing are Everett Mace, Jack C. Cole, advisor, and Raymond Norton. The Blue Ridge contest featured 11 competing teams from Buncombe, Madison and Yancey counties, and is an annual affair sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co., and the North Carolina Bankers Association. Vocational agriculture teachers are trained to teach students land judging by the Soil Conservation Service.

The Marshall team will represent the Blue Ridge Federation in the North Carolina F.F.A. land judging meet. This will be held at Greene Central High School, Snow Hill, on April 6. Their trip will be sponsored by the Citizens Bank and The Bank of French Broad in Marshall.

—Cut courtesy Citizen-Times

Roaming The Mountains

The Massacre Of Shelton Laurel

By JOHN PARRIS

SHELTON LAUREL — This is wild and beautiful country, but the land has known some dark and awful times.

Like the winter and spring of 1863.

This was a nest of rebellion then.

Here mountain men fought under the stars and stripes, under the black flag. Out from its hidden, cloud-hung coves went Yankee bushwhackers and Rebel renegades to prow the French Broad country.

Folks far and near knew it as a notorious hideout for the Outlaws, marauders who believed in no "side" but their own skin, who lived off the land, looted and killed and terrorized.

William H. Thomas, a Confederate colonel, and his army of Cherokee Indians maneuvered here.

George Kirk, the notorious Union guerrilla leader, raided it time and again from his headquarters across the mountain in East Tennessee.

But it was the Massacre on

Shelton Laurel that shocked the state and made the county's name a synonym for "bloody."

The storage of salt in the winter of 1863 brought about the massacre.

What salt there was at the stores in Marshall was doled out sparingly. And many folks were down to scraping smokehouse floors for salt.

Passports for wagons and driver to the saltworks were frequently denied Union supporters, and Confederate storekeepers, were not quick to sell from their small stores.

In a county divided in sentiment as no other county in North Carolina, something was bound to give. And it did.

Early in January, 1863, a group of angry back-country men swooped down on Marshall, the Madison County seat, and broke into the stores.

With them were their sons, many of them just boys.

The looters struck quickly and in unison, hitting each of the stores at the same time.

They had come to loot the stores of salt, but once inside and the

salt in their hands they grabbed whatever they needed or whatever caught their fancy.

And then they fled the town, making their way back to their homes in the fastness of the Laurel country.

News of the raid swept through the town. A messenger was sent on horseback to the headquarters of the Confederate Provisional Forces at Hot Springs, a dozen miles down the river.

From the messenger's report, the commanding officer figured there were 50 to 60 men and boys in the looting party. So he ordered a force from the 64th North Carolina Regiment, including a company of cavalry and 30 Cherokee Indians, to the Laurel country.

Leading the force was Major W. N. Garrett of Hot Springs. His order was pursue and arrest every man in the mountains of known bad character, whether they had anything to do with the raid on Marshall or not.

The headquarters commander wrote Gov. Zeb B. Vance in Raleigh that he intended to clean out the Laurel region and allow those not implicated in any crime to (Continued To Last Page)