

Criminal Court To Start Here On Monday

Judge Farthing To Preside; Jurors Are Named

More than 200 cases are on the court calendar scheduled to be heard during the two-week term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases which starts here Monday morning. Judge James C. Farthing will preside and Robert S. Swain is the solicitor.

Although most of the cases involve traffic violations such as speeding and drunken driving, there are other cases with more significance. Among the more serious cases scheduled include State vs. Willie Hampton, charged with murder; State vs. Troy Cain, Junior Roberts, charged with murder and arson, and several cases of breaking and entering, plus others.

Judge Farthing has given notice to all persons having cases in the superior court, old or new, that they will be heard at the May (Continued To Last Page)

GAS TAX REFUND CLAIM FORMS AVAILABLE

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, Federal gasoline tax refund claim forms are available in the county agricultural agents office in the courthouse in Marshall.

Farmers are entitled to a Federal Tax Refund of \$0.4 per gallon on all gasoline used in tractors, stationary engines, and other non-highway use engines. Before this refund can be made a claim for refund must be filed on Form 2240 and sent to the U. S. District Director of Internal Revenue. This form covers gasoline used between July 1, 1962 and June 30, 1963. The form must be filed before September 30, 1963.

A state refund is due farmers and is now filed for once each fiscal year. The necessary forms for this claim are not available at this time.

Madison Man, 5 Others In Family Are Convicted

George Harmon Is Given 18 Years For Mail Fraud Conspiracy

A Federal Court jury in Asheville Tuesday convicted a Madison County man, his daughter, three sons and a son-in-law of a \$3,500 mail fraud conspiracy.

U. S. District Judge Wilson Warlick sentenced the father, George Harmon, 46, of Rt. 6, Marshall, to 18 years in prison.

Harmon had pleaded innocent on all counts of the indictment alleging conspiracy and some 45 other acts of mail fraud. The three sons, Donald, Landon and a 15-year-old juvenile, and the daughter, Mrs. Oris Mae Harmon Norton, pleaded innocent to the conspiracy count although pleading guilty to the other charges.

The son-in-law, Vernon Norton, a Madison County native who was living in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time of his arrest, last January, pleaded guilty to all counts and testified for the government in the case.

Early Tuesday morning, the older Harmon took the stand to deny any conspiracy, contending that the mail-order goods had either been given him or sold him by his children for resale at a Riverside Drive trading post he operated.

But a Post Office identification expert Monday had identified Harmon's writing as the same signature found on several of the orders.

Each of Harmon's children also took the stand to deny they were (Continued To Last Page)

MORE FORAGE PRODUCED BY TOPDRESSING

This past winter many farmers in Madison County did not have a sufficient amount of roughage to take care of the livestock on their farms. As a result they had to purchase hay or stubs to get them through.

Farmers in the county can produce more forage from their hay land by topdressing it after the first cutting. This is especially true on hay land which has not been topdressed in the early spring. Many farmers have found that an application of 500 to 600 pounds of 0-9-27 or 0-14-14 on alfalfa immediately after the first cutting has been removed, will mean a greater amount and more nutritious hay can be cut in later months. If it is a grass hay such as orchard grass without any legume present, an application of 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate per acre is a good practice. By adequately fertilizing our meadow land and alfalfa, farmers will be able to produce on their own farms an adequate supply of hay.

Madison County Dairy Princess To Be Crowned

June Dairy Month is coming, states P. E. Bass, assistant county agent, and one of the big events in Madison County will be the crowning of a new dairy princess. She will represent the dairy industry in Madison County for the next year. This is no small responsibility as this amounts to over a half million dollars worth of business last year and if she should go on to win the state contest it would bring a great deal of prestige to our area and our county besides being a once-in-a-life time experience for the girl.

HOME COMING AT WALNUT PRES. CHURCH JUNE 9

The teachers and student body of Bell Institute or anyone who has attended a Presbyterian school in Madison County, are invited to attend the Homecoming of the Walnut Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 9. Morning services will be held at 11 o'clock. After the service there will be a picnic dinner served on the church grounds. Every family bring a basket of food.

SELF-RELIANCE

Be the kind of man who practices his own religion—don't expect your wife to carry the load.

MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL Calendar of Events

- May 16—Junior-Senior Banquet
- May 17—NCEA Banquet
- May 18—Alumni Banquet
- May 24—Senior Play
- May 26—Baccalaureate Service
- May 27—Athletic Banquet
- May 28—Graduation Exercises
- May 30—Eighth Grade Promotion
- June 1—School Ends

HOUSING LOAN APPROVED FOR HOT SPRINGS

Washington—Rep. Roy A. Taylor announced today approval of a Federal loan which will provide for the construction of 20 low-rent homes in Hot Springs.

Eight of the homes will be designed and built specifically for elderly persons, said Taylor. Average construction cost for each home is estimated at \$7,556. Construction is to be undertaken by the Hot Springs Housing Authority, which will award all contracts.

Total cost of the entire project, including all planning, land, and administrative expenses will be \$233,766.

Brake Fire Early Sunday Extinguished On Main Street Here

The driver of a large trailer-truck with brakes flaming drove calmly for 10 miles before stopping the vehicle in front of the Marshall fire department early Sunday morning where the flames were extinguished.

Local firemen were awakened about 3:15 o'clock and quickly responded to the fire alarm but when they arrived at the fire house they discovered that the driver had entered the fire house and had put out the brake fire with an extinguisher.

The driver stated that the brakes caught on fire about 16 miles south of Marshall and he decided to drive on to Marshall.

Considerable damage was done to the truck wheel but the contents in the trailer were not damaged.

WALNUT ALUMNI TO MEET SAT. AT RICH MOUNTAIN

The Walnut High School Alumni Association will hold its 15th annual meeting with a Weiner and marshmallow roast, Saturday at 5 p. m., at the Rich Mountain Checking Station picnic area on U.S. 25-70, between Laurel River and Hot Springs. All former students are urged to attend.

Rep. Ramsey Is Co-Sponsor Of Popular Bill

The House Highway Safety Committee gave overwhelming approval of a bill co-sponsored by Representative Ned Delemar, of Pamlico, and Linton B. Ramsey, of Madison, which read that people of 60 shouldn't have to prove they can parallel park in order to get or keep their drivers' license. "Many people over 60 work themselves up into a nervous state (Continued To Last Page)

FEED GRAIN LEGISLATION IS ENACTED

The Congress has just passed legislation authorizing a voluntary Feed Grain Program for 1964 and 1965.

In commenting on the new Feed Grain legislation, Emory Robinson, Chairman of the County ASC Committee, said that this action is of importance to farmers who grow both wheat and feed grain. "If wheat producers approve marketing quotas in the Tuesday's Referendum, and a farmer takes part in both the wheat and feed grain programs, he can choose to: (1) Plant feed grain on part or all of his wheat allotment; or (2) Plant wheat on part or all of his feed acreage. The new provision gives the farmer complete freedom to substitute one grain crop for another thereby enabling him to grow the crop best suited for his farm."

MHS ALUMNI BANQUET SAT. IS SUCCESSFUL

Bradburn Is Guest Speaker; 1964 Officers Are Elected

The 8th annual meeting of the Marshall High School Alumni Association, held Saturday night in the school cafeteria, was attended by approximately 85 people.

Virgil Smith Jr., president, presided and pronounced the invocation. Following the dinner, which was prepared and served under the supervision of Mrs. Earl Robinson, home economics teacher, President Smith introduced Wayne Bradburn, superintendent of schools in Transylvania County and former teacher and coach at Marshall, who was guest speaker.

Bradburn recalled many experiences while teaching and coaching here and told of many amusing incidents. After beginning his talk in a light vein, he then branched off into a more serious nature as he told of the responsibilities of the parents, teachers and students in this ever-changing world. He spoke of social and economic changes now being made and stated that more preparation for the changes toward integration should be made so as to avoid the (Continued To Last Page)

MRS. RAMSEY TO SPEAK AT GGL HERE TUESDAY

The Madison County Women's Good Government League will meet at the Court House in Marshall Tuesday night, May 28 at 8 o'clock.

Speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Joe Ramsey, Director of the Madison County Welfare Department. Following Mrs. Ramsey's speech, a question-and-answer period will be held.

All members of the Good Government League are urged to be present. The meeting is open to the public, and persons who wish to become better informed on the Welfare Department are invited to attend.

SCHOOL-BOARD BILL IS PUT OUT OF ITS MISERY

Raleigh — "The noes have it and down she goes," Senate President Clarence Stone told the N. C. Senate Tuesday.

The comment was an epitaph to a measure that started out as an attempt to reduce the partisan politics connected with the selection of city and county boards of education.

In the end the bill was a skeleton of its former self, and on the motion of Sen. R. E. Brantley of Polk the Senate disposed of the remains.

Sen. Jimmy Johnson of Iredell headed a committee that studied the various ways in which school boards are chosen and concluded that it would be wise to take selection of the boards out of the hands of the assembly.

The resulting bill, which had the backing of Gov. Terry Sanford, proposed that school boards be elected or appointed locally on (Continued To Last Page)

4-H Club Dress Revue June 1

Each year one junior and senior 4-H Club girl has the opportunity of entering the county 4-H dress revue. This year, again we are having a county dress revue. It will be held in the French Broad Electric Building Saturday, June 1 at 10 a. m. At this time also, the junior 4-H Club girls entering the contest will bring their outfits to be judged. The public is invited to this event.

Absentee Ballot Bill Is Enacted Into Law

Formal Ratification Of Bill Expected Within Next Few Days

RALEIGH—A stronger absentee ballot law went on the books Thursday when the Senate passed without a murmur a bill implementing most of the key recommendations made by the State Board of Elections.

GOOD TOBACCO PLANTS ARE NO ACCIDENT

Mr. Walter Gosnell of Franklin Mountain Road has proof in 2,700 square feet of burley tobacco beds that good tobacco plants are no accident.

Walter prepared his tobacco beds early, gassed them well and seeded 1/4 ounce of tobacco seed on 2,700 square feet of bed space. He watered his beds often at germinating time, a critical period for tobacco plants. Insects can destroy a tobacco bed in a hurry and Walter eliminated this problem by spraying his beds with DDT.

Disease prevention is easier than cure. Walter sprayed his tobacco plants for wildfire and blue mold prevention. As a result of these well timed treatments Walter has plenty of good plants to set his 4 acres of burley tobacco and some extra ones for his neighbors.

RESULTS OF COUNTY WHEAT REFERENDUM

The official count of the ballots cast in Tuesday's Wheat Referendum reveals that Madison Producers voted strongly in favor of the Wheat Program for 1964.

According to Ralph W. Ramsey, County ASCS Office Manager, there were 61 of the 67 wheat farms within the County that time- (Continued To Page Four)

DAIRY PRINCESS ENTRY BLANKS AVAILABLE

Mrs. Bob Davis, June Dairy Month chairman for Madison County, and Fred Boss, county chairman, say plans are well underway for the 1963 Madison dairy princess contest. The Madison County Dairy Princess will compete with (Continued To Page Eight)

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED AT VFW POST HERE

Newly elected officers of Post No. 5845, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), were installed here Monday night at the American Legion Post.

Officers are as follows: John Ward, Commander; Nathan West, Vice Commander; Clyde M. Roberts, Judge Advocate; Caney Ramsey Jr., Chaplain; Bill Roberts, Surgeon; Ed Gentry, Quartermaster; Frank Ramsey, Adjutant; Don West, Service Officer; Ben Sprinkle, Public Relations; Ed Niles, Chairman Buddy Poppy; Willie Rice, Probate Officer; Linton B. Ramsey, Legislative Officer.

so to become effective.

Efforts to build curbs against absentee ballot abuses in some mountain counties complained of by the state board began the first night the General Assembly met—Feb. 6.

Bills were introduced then by Sen. J. G. Stikeleather Jr. of Buncombe and Rep. Lacy H. Thornburg of Jackson.

The first House and Senate measures were identical and con-

MH COLLEGE HAS FIRST STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

The first student body officers in the history of Mars Hill College were inaugurated there Tuesday.

They are Ken Pearce of Clay, president; Paul Clark from Temple Hills, Md., vice president; Don Rothwell of Berkeley Heights, N. J., secretary; and Gary Brookshire, of Winston-Salem, treasurer.

They were chosen recently in a campus-wide election which attracted 900 of the college's 1200 students.

The officers were created recently when the student body approved a constitution and bylaws setting up the college's first Student Government.

The Baptist school is in transition from junior to senior college status and will enroll its first senior class next September. The new Student Government program is part of a plan to encourage the students to assume a greater responsibility in the management of their own affairs.

Under the plan there will be five basic units, a Senate, Student Court, Commission, house council and a summer council.

County Fathers Now Being Reclassified By Draft Board

SANFORD SAYS PATROL DOESN'T HAVE QUOTAS

Governor Terry Sanford made the following statement over the week-end:

"There is a policy matter relating to the Motor Vehicles Department, which I think the public should know.

"We have reiterated the long standing instructions that highway patrolmen are to make arrests only for definite, clear-cut violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws and not for borderline, technical or doubtful violations. There is no quota system and the policy of the Highway Patrol has never been set quotas or require any specific number of arrests. On the other hand, where flagrant violations of the laws occur, it is the duty of the patrolmen to arrest the offender and in doing so he is promoting highway safety since there is a very close correlation between traffic violations and accidents.

"We have reiterated this policy because it has been suggested that some few commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the field have placed too much value on the number of arrests made by individual patrolmen. We have better ways to test the efficiency of patrolmen and we will stick to them.

"The North Carolina Highway (Continued To Last Page)

tained all of the proposals made by the state board.

The bills, in fact, were written by the board's administrative personnel.

They eliminated any provision for persons other than the voter himself to apply for and receive absentee ballots, striking out a sore point in the old law permitting close kin to handle the matter for the voter.

The original bills also required that all applications for absentee ballots be made in writing by mail and that applications and ballots be delivered to the applicant only by mail.

Time limits for persons applying because they expected to be absent from the county were from 45 days to 15 days prior to the election; for persons applying because of sickness or disability, the closing date was five days before the election.

All applications made because of sickness or disability would have required a doctor's certificate.

These and numerous other stiff regulations proposed by the board, however, encountered opposition, primarily from western legislators.

The first round came in the (Continued To Last Page)

MARS HILL NIPS MARSHALL, 5-3; WINS TITLE

Ronnie Wallin got two hits in four trips to spark Mars Hill over Marshall 5 to 3, here Tuesday afternoon in a Pisgah Conference baseball game.

The victory gave Mars Hill the Pisgah Conference title.

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Marshall 200 010 0-3 4 5
Wood, Davis 7 and Green. Worley, Gladden 7 and Henderson.

Executive Order Now Places Fathers In Fully-Deferred 3-A Classification

The Madison County Draft Board has started to reclassify fathers.

Fathers have been held in a special classification 1-A (fathers), and were not subject to induction into the army virtue of a special ruling.

Under an executive order signed by President Kennedy on March 15, 1963 the father will be transferred to a fully-deferred classification of 3-A.

This means they will be in a lower classification category, making their induction even less likely except in some National emergency.

Under the special ruling fathers have not been included in the Army through the draft since August 1961—except where they violated draft regulations.

Up to this time, however, only hardship cases had been placed in classification 3-A by the Madison County Board. This new ruling will give fathers the same deferment as these hardship cases.

Under draft rules a father is defined as a registered voter, being a member of the county government, or a member of the county board of education. (Continued To Last Page)