



Hot Springs Robbery Suspect Nabbed In Va.

R. A. Copeland Arrested In Virginia; Miller Still At Large

Tazewell, Va. — Ronald A. Copeland, one of two Tennessee men wanted in connection with a \$8,000 bank robbery in Hot Springs, was returned here Tuesday to undergo questioning by federal authorities.

Copeland, of Knoxville, Tenn., was apprehended shortly before midnight in Buchanan County, Va. Buchanan County authorities said he had \$14 in his possession when picked up.

The other fugitive, John Edward Miller of Rutledge, remained at large. He was believed to be hiding in the Bristol area although Tennessee authorities said a car was stolen early Tuesday in the area where Miller was last seen. The search began here Saturday night when state police conducting a traffic check stopped the pair. Copeland immediately abandoned his car while Miller, driving a second car, sped toward Tennessee where he later fled on foot near Bristol.

Both men left their wives and Miller also deserted his 2-year-old daughter.

Copeland's wife, Barbara, 22, was released from the Tazewell County jail Tuesday several hours before her husband was brought back from Buchanan County.

She had been charged with carrying a concealed weapon and was released on bond. Tazewell authorities said she was not required to attend her trial for which no date was set.

Miller's wife, Jo Ann, 23, was taken to the Sullivan County jail at Blountville, Tenn., but later was returned to Washington County, Va.

Washington County authorities said she was charged with felonious assault and with stealing an officer's pistol. She was with her husband Saturday night when he disarmed a state trooper in Washington County.

Additional charges also were filed against Copeland in Tazewell County. In addition to the bank (Continued To Page Four)

TWO INJURED IN COLLISION NEAR MARS HILL

Two persons were seriously injured in a two-car collision near Mars Hill early Saturday night.

Miss Shirley Jean Metcalf of Rt. 2, Weaverville, listed as driver of one car; and a passenger in her car, Owen DeBruhl, 15, of Mars Hill, were admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

The DeBruhl youth suffered an extremely severe laceration of the forehead when his head went through the windshield, according to Trooper A. L. Feldman, who investigated.

Feldman said the car driven by Miss Metcalf was turning left into Big Branch Road from U. S. 19-23 when another car, driven by Charles Donald Bennett, 24, of Brevard, struck the Metcalf vehicle from behind, driving it into an embankment some 60 feet away.

Five children riding in the back seat of the Metcalf car were not hurt, Feldman said.

Bennett was charged with improper passing.

KITCHEN BOLT INJURES WOMAN

Mrs. Gene Griffin, 38, of Rt. 1, Marshall, was injured Wednesday night in her home in a freak electrical storm accident.

Mrs. Griffin was standing in the kitchen of her home when lightning struck the water lines beneath the flooring.

She suffered shock and fractures of both ankles when the kitchen floor exploded upward, and was admitted about 9:15 p. m., to Memorial Mission Hospital for treatment.

COLLISION NEAR WALNUT SUNDAY KILLS 1, HURTS 6

Three Marshall Youths Are Involved In Head-On Crash

A grinding head-on crash by two cars six and a half miles north of Marshall Sunday on U.S. 25-70 fatally injured the driver of one of the vehicles, seriously injured one passenger and resulted in lesser injuries to five other persons, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Miss Julia Lynne Moir, 20, of Asheville, died early Monday in Memorial Mission Hospital, from head and chest injuries and a broken leg. Also admitted was Roy Smith, 28, of Sandersville, Ga., a passenger in the Moir vehicle. He suffered head injuries and facial lacerations.

Two other passengers in the Moir car, James Herschel Wood, 24, of Rt. 1, Good Hope, Ga., and Charles Vester Taylor, 32, of Tupelo, Miss., were given treatment and released. Wood suffered a left hand fracture and bruises and Taylor contusions.

The driver of the second car, Alvin Rice, 19, of Marshall Rt. 1, and two passengers, Miss Mary Jo Rathbone and Miss Virginia Rathbone of Marshall, were given treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Miss Mary Jo Rathbone suffered a broken right arm; the other Rathbone girl received multiple body abrasions and Rice suffered multiple body contusions.

State Trooper J. M. Shuler said the three men, all employed in Hendersonville, told him they were hitchhiking to Knoxville and were picked up by Miss Moir.

Dr. W. A. Sams, county coroner, said no criminal negligence was involved, according to statements made by Patrolman Shuler and several eye witnesses, and that an inquest will not be necessary.

JERRY ADAMS IS DETHRONED IN SHOOT WED.

Lee Wallin, As Usual, Wins First Place In His Age Group

Vee Jones, of Allons' Creek out-shot all comers and set a record for accuracy Wednesday at the 25th annual Cataloche Ranch Beef Shoot on the mile-high table land of Fie Top Mountain.

He dethroned 16-year-old Jerry Adams of Walnut, the youngest sharpshooter ever to win the muzzle-loader' championship of the hills, who took the title last year and broke all previous records for marksmanship.

The best Jerry could do Wednesday was to take top honors in the under-20 age group, posting a three-inch cluster that measured out five times bigger than Jones' cluster.

But the Madison County youngster had no excuses, although friends said he had been sick for almost a year and that he entered the match against his doctor's advice.

The word of Jones' great shooting got around fast, and the other rifle-crackers began shaking their heads.

Robert Lee Wallin walked off down the way, sat down in the shade of an apple tree.

"It'll take some doin' to beat that," he said. "Jerry just isn't up to it. He won't be here until late in the afternoon. He's been sick. He's still not well. The doctor didn't want him to come. But Jerry talked to his folks into bringing him for part of the match. He'll be here. But I'm afraid he's not up to matchin' Vee's shootin'."

Other winners during the day-long shoot, which drew 168 targets, included Robert Lee Wallin, the 75-year-old veteran of Marshall Rt. 4.

Marshall Garden Club Met Thursday With Mrs. Gregory

The Marshall Garden Club met on Thursday with Mrs. O. A. Gregory as hostess. Following refreshments, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, club president, opened the meeting by leading the club collect. Mrs. J. L. Baker gave a brief report of the tour to Biltmore House and Gardens which took place of the regular June meeting of the Garden Club. Mrs. Roberts presided over the business session which included a discussion of the club's project of maintaining plantings at the Court House. Mrs. Delmar Payne, chairman of the project committee, reported on recent work on the iris bed and plantings of late-blooming annuals.

Mrs. Roberts then gave the program on Wild Flowers. She discussed horticultural needs of wild flowers and stated "if wild flowers are to be transplanted, transplant them to an area as much like their natural habitat as possible. Wild flowers may be propagated by seed, cuttings, layering and plant division," Mrs. Roberts continued. She displayed several varieties of wild-flowers, including Chicory, Spiderwort, Bee Balm, Day Flower, Evening Primrose, Self-Heal, Blazing Star, Lady Slipper, Trailing Arbutus and Galax. Mrs. Roberts explained how to identify these and other wild-flowers, basing her explanation on a book by Robert S. Lemmon and Charles C. Johnson, WILDFLOWERS OF NORTH AMERICA.

Nine members attended the meeting.

Firemen, Wives Enjoy Meal Tues. At Madison Grill

Wives of Marshall firemen were guests of their husbands Tuesday night at a dinner at the Madison Grill. Approximately 36 firemen and wives, who are members of the Firemen's Auxiliary, attended.

Chief Charles "Ham" Crowe welcomed the guests and expressed appreciation for the fine work they are doing in assisting the firemen.

Plans were also made for an outside supper on the Island on Friday night, August 23, when firemen and their wives will attend.

Rep. Ramsey On Committee For Redistricting

At least a half-dozen legislators from Western North Carolina have been picked to serve on a secret committee named by Gov. Sanford to study the Senate redistricting issue facing a special session of the legislature next month, a reliable source said.

Reportedly selected from WNC (Continued To Page Five)

Red Cross Drive To Start In County Next Thursday



Clive M. Whitt

CLIVE M. WHITT NEW PRINCIPAL AT MARSHALL

Teachers To Start Work On August 19; School To Open August 21

Clive M. Whitt, of Mars Hill, assumed duties this week as principal of Marshall High School. He succeeds Robert L. Edwards, who became Madison County Schools Superintendent on July 1.

Whitt has taught in Madison County for the past 31 years with the exception of 3 years in McDowell County Schools. He was an elementary principal for 21 years in Madison County schools in the Mars Hill area. In McDowell County he was a classroom teacher. Last year, he taught the 8th grade at Walnut School.

He is a graduate of Mars Hill High School and Mars Hill College. He received his bachelor of science degree from East Tennessee State University cum laude in 1959, and his masters degree also from the same institution in 1962 with a major in education and a minor in academic fields. He is also qualified to teach in high school with a major in English and a minor in social studies.

Since receiving his masters degree, he has completed several hours in school administration and is presently enrolled at East Tennessee State University in area of work.

He is married to the former Miss Eula Buckner of Flag Pond, Tennessee. They have two daughters, Miss Carol Whitt, who also teaches at Marshall, and Diane, 3 years old.

Commenting on his new position, Whitt said he hoped to continue the improvements brought about during Edwards' four years at Marshall. He plans to concentrate on changes recommended by an evaluation committee from the State Department of Public Instruction when it evaluated Marshall School the past spring.

He announced that teachers will begin work on August 19, and pupils will report for classes on August 21.

FIVE INJURED IN COLLISION HERE TUESDAY

A two-car collision on Main Street here Tuesday about 7:15 o'clock injured five persons. The cars were driven by Martin Gosnell, 24, and Wilbur Wallin, it was reported.

Gosnell and Wallin were treated at a Marshall physician's office and three passengers in the cars were given dispensary treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Treated here were Edmond Rice, 15, of Marshall Rt. 4, lacerations of the forehead; Gary D. Norton, 10, of Marshall RFD 4, abrasions; and Richard Norton, 4, of the same address, lacerations of the head and scalp.

JAMES H. WELLS IS APPOINTED DISTR. RANGER

James H. Wells will replace District Ranger Arthur Hadacek, who has been promoted and transferred to the U. S. Forest Service regional office in Atlanta, Ga. N. C. National Forests Supervisor Peter J. Hanlon announced this week.

Wells received his B. S. degree from West Virginia University in 1955 and since has worked for the Forest Service in Idaho, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. Previous to his Forest Service employment, he had served two years in the Army.

Hanlon said Hadacek, who has been a ranger in the French Broad district for four years, will work in the Division of State and Private Forestry, and will be helping State Foresters in forest fire control.

Mars Hill Man Is Fatally Injured In Car Accident

TUNNEL ROAD FOUR-LANING IS COMPLETED

Four-laning of Tunnel Road between Kemilworth Road and New Haw Creek Road in Buncombe County was completed Monday afternoon.

City Manager J. Weldon Weir reported that the only work remaining on the \$75,000 project was the completion of highway lane markings.

The job was carried out as an emergency measure to relieve traffic congestion on the heavily traveled stretch of highway.

Special Services Next Week At Walnut Church

Beginning Sunday and continuing each night for the entire week, special services will be held in the Walnut Methodist Church. The services will be under the direction of the Rev. Henry King and the Rev. W. C. Clark. Each evening there will be special music. A cordial invitation is extended to the entire community to attend and participate in all these services.

ASSEMBLY LINE

In this day and age it's high productive efficiency — not high wages — that brings about our high standard of living.

\$3,000 Is County Goal; All Citizens Asked To Help

The 1963 American Red Cross Membership drive will get underway in Madison County next Thursday, August 15 and will continue through August 30, it was announced this week by Wade Huey, county drive chairman. The goal for this year is \$3,000 and it is hoped that all clubs, organizations and individuals will help in reaching the goal.

It was explained that if services are to be continued in this county that it will be necessary to raise sufficient funds for their operation.

For several weeks this newspaper has pointed out the benefit and necessity for these services, especially emphasizing the Blood Program, closely followed by the Home Service activities in relationship to its importance. Water-safety, nursing, disaster and other services are also included in the \$3,000 budget.

Madison County is a branch of the Asheville Area Chapter and the county's budget is most reasonable when compared to many like counties for services rendered.

In order to get a better organization for the drive in the county, several meetings have been held with representatives from the area office meeting with representatives from Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs, and other sections.

D. M. Robinson is Red Cross Chairman in Madison County and Paul Tugman of Mars Hill is vice-chairman. In addition to serving as drive chairman, Wade Huey is also serving as secretary-treasurer.

Eli Niles is acting as drive chairman for the Marshall area; William L. Lynch is chairman for the Mars Hill area, and Harry Upchurch, an official at Pacific Mills in Hot Springs, is serving as drive chairman for the Hot Springs area. Each chairman is expected (Continued To Page Four)

Phillip Barton Phoenix Is Struck By Car Monday In Asheville

Phillip Barton Phoenix, 28, of Mars Hill RFD 2, was pronounced dead at 12:52 p. m., Monday, August 5, 1963, at Memorial Mission Hospital after being injured when struck by a car on Patton Avenue near Westgate Shopping Center, Asheville.

Police said Phoenix darted into the path of a car driven by Wiley C. Jones, 37, of Canton, who was traveling west on Patton Avenue.

He died of a broken neck and internal injuries. Dr. H. W. Stevens, acting Buncombe County coroner, ruled the accident, unavoidable. No inquest is planned.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday at the California Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Robert Holt officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Funeralbearers were Arnold Dean, Ray Carter, Dean Ballard, Larry McLaughlin and Edward and Kenneth Holt.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Phoenix.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN AUGUST 21

Madison County students will start back to school on Wednesday, August 21, it was announced this week.

Teachers will begin work on Tuesday, August 20, and will report for duty on Wednesday, August 21.

Marshall Telephone Office To Be Discontinued Friday

New Toll Equipment Being Installed; Promises Better Quality

Russell McKelvey, vice-president of the Westco Telephone Company announced this week that the local telephone office located over the Citizens Bank for many years will be discontinued this Friday.

Mr. McKelvey stated that the move was necessitated due to the illness of Miss Georgia Gwaltney, who has served faithfully for many years. Although the office will be discontinued, Mr. McKelvey stated that Miss Gwaltney would remain on the company payroll.

He also stated it was no longer practical to maintain a one-employee office such as the one at Marshall. By transferring the service to Burnsville, the move will lead more efficiency due to more employees at Burnsville.

The local office has been used primarily for collections but most of the paying of bills, will, in the future, be done by mail from the Burnsville office, it was explained. A direct line has been installed from Marshall to Burnsville so that those wishing to inquire about telephone bills could reach the Burnsville office at any time.

Mr. McKelvey also announced that workmen were now in the process of installing new toll equipment out of Marshall which will afford better quality toll calls for local users.

Other expansion plans for the telephone company are being considered and more details will be published when plans are completed, Mr. McKelvey said.

MIKE LEDFORD TO REPRESENT 4-H AT CAMP

Mike Ledford, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ledford of Marshall has been selected as the 4-H Club representative from Madison County to attend the annual 4-H Forestry Camp at Camp Millstone near Rockingham.

One hundred boys — each a 4-H Club forestry leader in his county — will converge on Camp Millstone in Richmond for the annual 4-H Forestry Awards Camp during the week of August 12.

The 4-H Forestry Camp is held annually at Camp Millstone as part of the overall 4-H Forestry Program. To date, over 700 4-H Club boys, representing each of the 100 North Carolina counties, and nearly 100 county agricultural extension agents have attended camp. The camp has received recognition as one of the best activities of this type in the country.

Eastern Star Official To Visit Local Chapter Mon.

Mrs. Dale L. Tinker, of Asheville, district deputy grand master of the 20th District, Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to Marshall Chapter Monday night at 8 o'clock. She will be accompanied by Clifford

FIRST CALL FOR MHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS FRI.

MHS Now In Appalachian Conference; Schedule Is Announced

Coach Ed Morton has issued the first call for football practice at Marshall High School. He has requested that candidates for the team report on the Island Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Morton will again be assisted by J. C. Wallin and Lawrence Ponder, star Mars Hill College lineman and former Marshall High star, will join the coaching staff. Ponder will work primarily with the line, head coach Morton said.

Morton also explained that Marshall and Mars Hill were now members of the Appalachian "A" Conference. For the past few seasons these two teams have been in the Pisgah Conference. Hot Springs will remain in the Pisgah Conference, it was announced.

Marshall has a nine-game schedule for 1963 which includes five conference games. The non-conference games are being played due to early commitment, Coach Morton explained.

Conference games include Spruce Pine, East Yancey, Bakersville, Crossmore and Mars Hill. Non-conference games include East Henderson, Tryon, Rosman and Hot Springs.

The Marshall schedule is as follows:

August 30, East Henderson, here; Sept. 6, Tryon (site unknown); Sept. 13, Spruce Pine, there; Sept. 20, Rosman, here; Sept. 27, East Yancey, here; Oct. 4, Bakersville, here; Oct. 11, Hot Springs, here; Oct. 18, Crossmore, there; Oct. 25, Mars Hill, here.

L. Gemble, of Candler, district deputy grand patron.

A social hour will be held at the close of the meeting.