



Welfare Places Emphasis On School Attendance

Brown Asks Welfare Staffs To Talk With Parents And Children

"Public welfare, along with public schools, private social agencies, juvenile courts, churches, and other groups, is gravely concerned about school dropouts," stated R. Eugene Brown, State Commissioner of Public Welfare. "We consider as one of our major responsibilities the encouraging of young people to continue their education."

In order to give special emphasis to the need for young people to return to school this Fall, Commissioner Brown has asked county directors of public welfare to talk with children and parents in families receiving aid to families of dependent children, children in foster home care, and children receiving other services from public welfare during August.

This all-out effort during the month of August has been emphasized by President Kennedy and the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Governor Sanford has for some time pointed out the need for continuous cooperation of all agencies in the "back to school" effort.

"It is particularly important for these children to have a chance to continue their schooling in order to assure that they will be prepared to take their place in the employment world," said Commissioner Brown. "North Carolina has in the past maintained a good record of school attendance among children receiving public welfare services. We want all children to continue their education at least through high school."

One of the ways of breaking the cycle of dependency is education and training in skills which will make young people self-sufficient, added the Commissioner.

James Story Now Attending Firemen's Convention In W-S

James Story, Assistant Fire Chief of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, is in Winston-Salem this week where he is attending the N. C. State Firemen's Association meeting.

He expects to return home this week-end.

Civil Court To Start Here Monday For Two Weeks

Judge J. Frank Huskins To Preside; Jurors Named

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following court story appeared in last week's issue through mistake.

The August term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will start here Monday with Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, presiding. The term is slated for two weeks.

Following is a list of cases scheduled for the two-weeks term: MOTIONS: Wanda R. Gonnell vs. Kenneth L. Gonnell; Madison County Board of Education vs. J. E. McIntire; George J. Ogle, Admr., vs. Gerald Gonnell et al; Cassie B. Haynie vs. Robert A. Pitts, et al.

Trial Calendar - First week: Ed Rice vs. William Rigby; Charles Davis, b/n/i vs. William Rigby; Annie H. Cody vs. Fred Cody; Clarence Roberts, admr., vs. Jeter Fortner Sr., adma; Bobby R. McKnight vs. Albert A. Bishop; Jess Griffin vs. Kenneth Worley et al; Mary Rice vs. Kenneth Worley et al; Polly Johnson vs. Frank S. Hense, Joan Price.

Joan Price vs. Frank S. Hense; Calvin Gillespie vs. Nina Mae G. Gillespie; Bobby Jack Allen vs. Joe L. Metcalf et al; In the Matter of Restoration of Citizenship of Zede Metcalf.

SECOND WEEK: Myrtle Coward, et al vs. Hayden Meadows et

SCHOOL HEALTH WORKSHOP HELD HERE TUESDAY

The School Health Workshop for principals, teachers and health department staff was held last Tuesday in the Marshall High School auditorium, with Mr. Robert Edwards, superintendent of Madison County schools, presiding; and Mrs. Latrelle Robinson giving the devotions.

Featured on the program was Dr. Irma Henderson Smathers, School Physician of Buncombe County Schools, who said, "The three main causes of absences in Buncombe County and probably in Madison, are Teeth, Nutrition, and Emotional Disturbances."

Other featured speakers were Mrs. Carrie Abbott, Elementary Teacher Supervisor of Swain County Schools; Miss Mary Copeland, Public Nursing Consultant, N. C. State Board of Health; Miss Grace Daniel, Health Education Consultant, N. C. State Board of Health; Supt. Edwards; Dr. Margery J. Lord, Health Director of Madison County Health Dept. (Continued To Page Five)

Hopes Are High That Water Will Improve Here Soon

Pity the poor water commissioner of Marshall—Delmar Payne.

For several days the water in the Marshall area has been anything but clear mountain water. It's been muddy and distasteful. It has brought forth many complaints and inquiries.

Mr. Payne this week explained that once a year the reservoirs must be cleaned and in the process there is bound to be mud in the pipes after the cleaning has been completed. He stated that it is hoped that the local water supply will clear up in a few days.

"I regret this condition but there is nothing we can do about it. I, too, am forced to use the same water and I'm just as anxious as anyone for the water to return to normal," Mr. Payne said here this week.

JOHN STANTON DIES OF SELF-INFLICTED SHOT

Borrowed Neighbor's Gun To "Shoot Rabbits;" Dies Instantly

The body of John Stanton, 50, a retired farmer of Marshall RFD 3, was found near the Miles Gap Road early Sunday afternoon.

Dr. W. A. Sams, county coroner, ruled death was a result of a self-inflicted shotgun wound above the ear.

Sheriff Ponder stated that Stanton, who had been in declining health for sometime, went to Olin Shelton's home near the Alleghany Church Sunday morning and asked Mr. Shelton to loan him his shotgun, explaining that he wanted to kill some rabbits which had been eating his vegetables. Sheriff Ponder said that Shelton stated that he later heard a shotgun blast but presumed Stanton had fired at a rabbit. His body wasn't discovered until after morning worship services were over at the Alleghany Church.

Stanton lived with his mother and is survived also by a sister. Kiser Funeral Home in Greenville, Tenn., was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Robert Lee Wallin Attends Hog Rifle Shoot At Hiawasee

Robert Lee Wallin of Marshall Rte. 4 attended the annual hog rifle shoot last Saturday at Hiawasee. As always, Mr. Wallin was one of the best ten shooters there, but the best in his age group.

Mr. Wallin is known by the people as "the old man of the mountains who wears a black hat." Although 75 years of age, he says, "I can hold the rifle shootin' down for some time yet. It comes mighty easy for me to win now to what it used to."

Mr. Wallin would like to express his appreciation to Nolan Adams and family for all the favors and kindnesses that they have shown to him during his last 10 years of shooting.

The "old man" challenges anybody who thinks they can outshoot him to come to his house anytime. In all his winnings he has won shirts, meats of all kinds and a variety of other things.

Eastern Star Chapter To Meet Monday

The Marshall Eastern Star Chapter will hold a regular meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

A program honoring Rob Morris, founder of the Order, will be presented.

All members of the Order are invited.

Red Cross Drive Now In Progress In County

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

The 1963 American Red Cross Membership drive is now underway in Madison County and will continue to August 31. It has been announced 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.

The county has been divided into three major sections - Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs

Hot Springs Bank Suspect Is Arrested Monday In Tenn.

RECREATION ENTERPRISES ESTABLISHED

One or more income-producing recreation enterprises were established by 387 landowners and operators in North Carolina, cooperating with their locally-managed soil and water conservation districts during the past twelve months, according to R. M. Dailey, Soil Conservation Service State Conservationist.

An additional 194 district cooperators said they intend to establish one or more recreation enterprises.

At total of 30 district cooperators switched from regular farming activities to recreation enterprises as a primary source of income, Mr. Dailey said. This involved 3800 acres of land. Another 40 cooperators indicated they plan to convert 6100 acres of land from present farming patterns to recreation as a primary source of income.

This is excellent progress in this phase of rural areas development. (Continued To Page Four)

TOUR INCLUDES CATTLE BUYERS IN SOUTHEAST

On August 12, a sales committee from Western North Carolina Cooperative Steer and Calf Sales left on a tour to visit some of the buyers of our cattle in the Southeast. We traveled over 2,000 miles in a week's time and saw feed lot operators who feed out a total of over half a million steers a year. They were very enthusiastic over the quality and type of cattle that we produce here in Western North Carolina. Also, they were very complimentary on the way the cattle were graded and the organization of the sales. Your sales committee hopes in the future to build the number of buyers, who attend our sales, by visiting the feeding areas and making sure the various feeders get to know about our cooperative sales and the high quality cattle that we produce in this area.

One of the farms visited by the sales committee was Lee's Farm, owned by Mr. I. J. Durrance, of Leesburg, Georgia. Lee's Farm consists of over 9,000 acres. They feed thousands of head of cattle a year. We were interested in seeing the production they get in the coastal Bermuda grass. (Continued To Page Four)

Bandit Robs Tenn. Bank; May Be Hot Springs Suspect

A gunman robbed a branch bank in Harrogate, Tenn. Thursday of last week of \$9,000 and the FBI tentatively identified him as John E. Miller of Knoxville, sought since Aug. 3 in the robbery of a bank at Hot Springs, N. C.

State and federal authorities of the Tennessee-Virginia-North Carolina area have been searching for Miller since his companion, Ronald Arthur Copeland, 21, was arrested near Tazewell, Va., Aug. 5. Police said Miller eluded them.

A 6-foot, crew-cut gunman robbed the Citizens Bank of Tazewell, Tenn., branch here, kidnapped the manager and two painters in the building and fled in a 1963 car. The three victims were released unharmed on a mountain 20 miles southeast of here. The FBI listed the robber tentatively as Miller and renewed a search for him.

Clyde Day, 57, manager of the branch bank, said he and the other two hostages, Ray and Wilburn Johnson, were released near Thorn Hill.

Dal told police: The robber was accompanied

by another man who lay with his head covered under a coat in the back seat of the car.

Day was talking to the painters when they walked in.

"I looked up into the nose of a blue pistol, a .38, I think," Day said.

This is a holdup," the gunman said curtly, and cursed the three as he ordered Day to put cash from the teller's cage into a bag.

"Then he wanted into the vault, but I told him 'Mister, there's nothing else in there,' and he decided to leave," Day said. "We'll take a ride," he told us."

The man held the gun on his hostages.

"He talked as he drove, and kept telling us he'd blow our damned heads off," Dal said.

"Don't make a wrong move and you'll live to be an old man," Day quoted the gunman.

Day said the man also mentioned he was the one "you've been reading about at Knoxville."

Miss Ray In "Miss Asheville" Contest

One of the contestants vying for the "Miss Asheville" crown is Miss Betty Lou Ray, of Marshall, who graduated at Marshall High School in 1962. She writes poetry and sings.

Methodist Meeting At Weaverville

The Methodist Sub-District Meetings, which are held monthly, will be held at 7:30 p. m., on August 26, at the Weaverville Methodist Church. All of the M.Y.F. members are urged to attend.

Fire Department Picnic Postponed Until Later Date

The picnic which was scheduled to be held Friday evening on the Island by members of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and the Firemen's Auxiliary has been postponed, according to Charles Crowe, Fire Chief.

The picnic will be announced for a Saturday evening in the near future.

Mrs. Chas. Powell Selected As One Of Best Dressed In WNC

Mrs. Charles H. Powell of Mars Hill was selected as one of the Best-dressed Women of Western North Carolina. The list which was announced Tuesday was named by a secret committee.

Mrs. Powell, along with eight selected from Asheville and three others from other western counties, will be honored at a luncheon to be held at Grove Park Inn Friday at 12:30 p. m., as guests of the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Co.

A number of other events are planned for Fashion Week.

5 Madison County Teenagers Are Injured In Traffic Mishap

SOIL SAMPLES ARE IMPORTANT

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture furnishes a wonderful service which is not used by Madison farmers as much as it should be, says P. W. England, assistant county agent. At this time of year it is a good idea for farmers to check their crops and see if certain areas in fields are not producing as well as they should. It has recently come to the attention of the County Agent's office that the soil fertility in areas of fields may be one of the reasons we are getting lower yields of tobacco, corn, and other crops.

A composite sample on a big field may be misleading. Due to previous cropping history, the fertility on the field may be very uneven. This will show up most at this time of year, when the crops are growing. It is suggested that farmers take soil samples on these areas that are weak and find out the fertility level of the soil. Soil boxes and information sheets may be obtained at the county agent's office.

Captured After Slamming Into Tree During Chase By Tenn. Officers

Knoxville, Tenn. — John Edward Miller, charged in Tennessee and North Carolina bank robberies which netted \$16,616, lay injured in a hospital Tuesday after his car slammed into a tree during a chase by officers.

Miller, 26, of Knoxville is charged in the \$8,216 robbery of a Hot Springs, N. C. bank July 9, and the \$8,400 robbery of a branch bank at Harrogate, Tenn., last Thursday.

County officers said they became suspicious when they saw a car with out of state license plates on a back road Monday night and gave chase. In the fog Miller's car hit the tree.

Chief Deputy Frank Shearl said he found Miller lying on a g-g containing about \$4,000 in \$500 packages wrapped with labels from the Citizens Bank of New Tazewell branch at Harrogate.

"It's a pity it didn't kill me," Miller said later as he was treated at a hospital for a possible fractured hip and other injuries. He was to undergo hip surgery but otherwise was in good condition.

The FBI said Clyde Day, manager of the Harrogate bank, has identified Miller as the holdup man through photographs. Day and two painters were taken as hostages in the holdup and released 20 miles from the bank.

A hearing for Miller has not been set, the FBI said, because of his physical condition. It may be several weeks or months, before he is able to walk, a spokesman said.

A 16-year-old Knoxville boy also was arrested after fleeing the wrecked car and is being questioned in connection with the Harrogate robbery, the FBI said. A second man was in the getaway car in that holdup.

Miller was the last of three men to be arrested in the Hot Springs holdup.

In Asheville, U.S. Marshal Paul D. Sossamon said it was doubtful that Miller will be returned there because of bank robbery-kidnap. (Continued To Page Four)

Two Hospitalized; 3 Others Given Dispensary Treatment

Five Madison County teenagers were injured in a highway accident near Marshall Wednesday, according to Highway Patrol reports.

In Memorial Mission Hospital are Christine Whitson, 17, and James Huntsinger, 17, both of Rt. 3, Hot Springs, who were hurt about 3 p. m., when their car, driven by Miss Whitson, was sideswiped by a flatbed trailer on U. S. 25-70, six miles north of Marshall.

State Trooper J. M. Shuler said Miss Whitson had been issued her driver's license only a few minutes before the accident.

He charged William McKinley, 20, of Oak Ridge, N. C., the truck driver, with driving on the wrong side of the highway. Shuler said the vehicles met on a sharp curve and that the rear wheels of the trailer caught the car and smashed it badly.

Three other occupants of the Whitson car were treated at the hospital and released. They are Joyce Shuler, 17; Terry Allen, 16; and Curtis B. Hagans, 16, all of Rt. 3, Hot Springs.

The extent of the injury to Miss Whitson and Huntsinger could not be learned Wednesday night.