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WC Telephone Co. Files New Bid For Rate Boost

Marshall, Mars Hill, And Hot Springs Covered By Western Carolina

Western Carolina Telephone Co. petitioned the State Utilities Commission Friday for a rate increase that will raise its revenues approximately \$180,000 a year.

The company was turned down by the commission last year on a similar proposal, but that case is still under appeal to the State Supreme Court, and a decision is expected shortly. Oral arguments in the appeal were heard Wednesday.

Thomas H. Sawyer, president of the company, said that if the court upholds the appeal, the new rate application probably will be set aside while the Utilities Commission disposes of the old case. The company is charging the rates it sought in 1962 under bond to refund them with interest if the case is ultimately lost.

If the company loses the appeal, the new application will still be before the commission.

Sawyer said the circumstances on which the latest application is based are somewhat different from those of the 1962 case. In the earlier one, the commission balked over the status of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Western Carolina, known as Westco Company, and said that the rate application applied to both without and "rate experience" regarding Westco, which was a brand-new organization.

Now, Sawyer said, Western Carolina's application does not involve Westco.

Sawyer said the newest rate increase asked by the company would, if granted, raise the revenue or the fair value of the company's property from 2.83 per cent to 5.71 per cent.

A section of the application also deals with a request to enlarge the "base rate area" of Western Carolina, which could work a reduction for patrons now paying line charges for isolated telephone.

Not included in the application is the Andrews telephone exchange, which Western Carolina acquired only a short time ago, and which is still a "manual" exchange.

Towns now covered by Western (Continued to Last Page)

MHS BOOSTER'S CLUB MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

All Interested Persons Are Invited To Gym At 7:30 O'clock

A much-needed Booster's Club for Marshall High School will be organized next Tuesday night at the Marshall Gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock.

All ex-students and anyone interested in the Marshall school are invited. Many projects will be discussed and it is hoped that such a club can be beneficial to the officials of the school and the students and will lead to many improvements on the Island.

Don't forget this organizational meeting next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Superintendents To Hold Meetings About School Buses

More than 100 superintendents of schools in North Carolina will attend three regional conferences in September designed to improve the administration of the nation's largest school bus fleet and the safety of some 575,000 North Carolina school children who ride the buses.

RETIREMENT, SS CHECKS FACTOR IN N.C. ECONOMY

The economy of North Carolina each month feels the impact of more than 7,800 checks to former teachers and State employees from the offices of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

An additional check for Social Security benefits goes to most of the retirees, with the S. S. check in many cases exceeding the retirement check.

Teachers and state employees who have retired since 1955 have been covered by Social Security.

The dollar amount of the retirement checks exceeds \$7,850,000 annually. Almost all of this amount flows into the State's economy with an estimated additional \$4,800,000 being added from the S. S. check.

Nathan H. Yelton, director of the retirement system, reports that the retirees live in every section of the State.

According to him, the 7,826 beneficiaries of the retirement system add, including Social Security payments, steady dollar amount to the economy of each county. These amounts are not subject to economic fluctuations.

Since July 1 of this year 47 persons have retired from State service. They are receiving increased benefits resulting from (Continued to Last Page)

DONKEY BALL GAME TO BE ON ISLAND SEPT. 21

Sponsored By VFW Post To Benefit Red Cross Drive

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Proceeds from the game will be turned over to the American Red Cross Drive, now in progress in Madison County.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the V. F. W. or the Marshall Fire Department.

FOOTBALL

THURSDAY (TONIGHT)
Hot Springs at Clyde

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Marshall at Tryon

East Yancey at Mars Hill

PROBLEMS CAN SURFACE WITH SOIL

Soil conservation experts can help farmers solve problems they may have with their soil.

Mr. Ned Jester, Soil Conservation Service, Marshall, will speak Saturday morning at the county field day.

He will discuss the soil survey, soil conservation, and plot the various soils on dental photographs.

This week is the landowner's most useful tool for making conservation plans and arriving at decisions for proper land use. The use of survey data is the first step in the "Soil-situation" approach to conservation farming and any scientific use of land to grow profitable crops through the years ahead.

Farmers are not the only ones who can profit from the soil survey. Anyone who has a financial interest in the land should be interested in basic soil conservation. Any one who plans to dig a basement, build a dam or road or building, install a septic tank or drainage ditch — or work in any way with soil materials — needs to know the kind of soil. Mr. Jester said, "and the soil survey is an excellent source of information."

City and county officials, zoning and planning commissions, health (Continued to Page Four)

11TH DISTRICT GOP MEETING IS SET IN HAYWOOD

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Rev. Charles Heier, Family Move To Harrisburg, Pa.

The Rev. Charles Heier and family last week moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where he has accepted a pastorate there.

Mr. Heier has been in the Madison County Parish for the past two years and has been pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church for the past year. In addition to the Marshall church, he has also served as pastor at Hot Springs, Walnut, Alleghany, Allamand, and Glen Lee.

Mr. Heier resigned his posts here in June. (Continued to Last Page)

Farmers Urged To Vote In ASC Committee Elections

BLOODMOBILE HERE OCT. 1

TENN. CO-OP TO AID TOBACCO GROWERS IN N.C.

Burley Growers Approve Move At August Meeting

Due to a misunderstanding, it was announced in last week's issue that the Red Cross Bloodmobile would be in Marshall on Tuesday of this week. Further information after the paper had been published revealed that the Bloodmobile will be in Marshall on Tuesday, October 1. The unit will be here from 2:45 to 6:45 and will be at the French Broad Electric Membership Coop Building.

Make plans now to visit the REA Building on October 1, and donate a pint of blood.

NEW WAGE-HOUR PROVISIONS ARE NOW EFFECTIVE

The minimum wage set by the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage and Hour Law) will move up from \$1.15 an hour to \$1.25, on Sept. 3, 1963.

Mrs. Pauline Horton, Federal Wage-Hour Representative, said the \$1.25 minimum wage rate will apply to employees engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, who are subject to the Wage and Hour Law.

Mrs. Horton pointed out that there is no change in the overtime pay requirements for such employment. Overtime pay will continue to be required after 40 hours a week.

The Wage-Hour official also called attention to new federal overtime pay standards which become effective on Sept. 3. Employees of large retail and service establishments, certain construction companies, the one million dollar enterprises, for whom the minimum wage is now \$1.00, will become entitled to "time and one-half" pay for overtime worked in excess of 44 hours a week, she said.

Mrs. Horton cautioned employers that the official Wage-Hour poster, already mailed to them, must be displayed where it can be seen readily by employees. Further information about the law may be obtained from the Wage-Hour Office, Labor Building, P. O. Box 1151, Raleigh, N. C.

MHS TORNADOES PLAY AT TRYON FRIDAY NIGHT

Game Seen As A "Toss-up"; MHS Impressive Last Friday

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Regular Member To Be Elected In Community

Farmers in Madison County were reminded today that community elections of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation farmer commissioners got under way on Sept. 3 and will end on Friday, September 13.

Emory Robinson, Chairman of the County ASC Committee points out that the election of community ASC Committees is being conducted by mail so as to make it more convenient for all farmers to vote. He explained that ballots were mailed to all known eligible voters on Sept. 3 and that they have through Sept. 13 to mark and return their ballots to the local ASCS office.

Grange Master Robert W. Scott said that he had received a letter from Paul B. Goddard, Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Cooperative, assuring him that the association will be fully ready to handle the loan program this fall.

Burley Stabilization Corporation, a cooperative under contract with USDA to administer the price support and loan program for burley tobacco growers of Tennessee, will now be able to extend the service to North Carolina burley producers.

Prior to 1963, Farmers Federation served as the agent for this program in the state because, under North Carolina law, the Tennessee firm could not domesticate in the Tar Heel State, according to Scott.

The North Carolina Farmers Cooperative Council, with strong support from the Grange, was successful in amending the cooperative laws in the 1963 General Assembly which enables the Tennessee cooperative to domesticate in North Carolina. Thus, burley growers in this state can continue to have available the price support and loan program if farmers desire to participate.

The State Grange sponsored a meeting in Asheville on August 12 of Agricultural Extension personnel and key burley growers from (Continued to Last Page)

Team Shows Potent Offense, Rugged Defense In Defeating Eagles

Coaches Ed Morton, Lawrence Ponder and J. C. Wallin unveiled the 1963 Tornadoes last Friday night on the Island before a huge crowd, and what the local fans saw highly pleased them. The Tornadoes displayed a potent offense and a rugged defense to avenge last year's defeat by East Henderson by handing the Eagles a 19-0 loss.

Although the brunt of the ball carrying was ably handled by Co-Captain and Fullback Tommy Nix and speedy halfback Ralph Candler, it was by no means a "two-man" victory. Much credit must be given every player who saw fit to participate. Ray Caldwell, co-captain; Martin Fisher, Eddie Henderson, Ronnie Haynie, Bobby Fisher, Ralph Loving, Ralph Baldwin, and the rest of Marshall's line looked most impressive but it was little Jackie Pegg, substitute defensive back, who thrilled the crowd with two magnificent interceptions of passes at crucial times. He almost had his third interception late in the fourth period as the ball barely rolled off his fingers.

All members of the Tornado squad came out of last week's game in good shape, barring a few cuts and bruises.

Many weaknesses shown in the first game will be corrected, or hope (Continued to Last Page)

Cecil Clark Has Fingers Injured In Farm Accident

Cecil Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clark of Marshall RFD 1, returned to his home Sunday from Memorial Mission Hospital following a farm accident last week.

Cecil was helping cut silage when the harvester he was operating "choked." He was inspecting the machine when he accidentally cut his hand in the moving blades. Three fingers on his left hand were severely cut. He is recuperating at his home.

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Hot Springs Blue Devils Defeat Mars Hill Fri., 26-14

Blue Devils Are Impressive; Sharpe, Shelton Star For Hot Springs

Freddie Sharpe led the Hot Springs Blue Devils to a 26-14 victory over the Mars Hill Wildcats in a non-conference football game at Mars Hill Saturday before a crowd of 1,200.

It was the first encounter of the season for both teams.

Sharpe scored in the first quarter for the Blue Devils on a 1-yard plunge and again in the second quarter on a 73-yard open field run. In the same quarter Everett Shelton plunged across from one-yard out to make the score 19-0 in Hot Springs favor.

The Mars Hill squad hit pay dirt for the first time late in the second period when Ray Carter went across the double lines from two yards out. Carter converted for the extra point.

Joe Coombs crashed the line for another one-yard Hot Springs touchdown in the fourth quarter and Shelton got the extra point.

Mars Hill's Bob Wood took a pass from Ronnie Wallin in the fourth period and raced 50-yards for the touchdown. Charles Tolley kicked the extra point.

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First downs 8 7
Scoring yardage 163 102
Passing yardage 36 147
Passes 1-1 0-7
Punts intercepted by 0 0
Touchdowns 1 1
Fumbles lost 1 0
Fumbles recovered 0 0
Penalties 60 80
Net yardage 6 13 0 7-34
Mars Hill 0 7 0 7-14

MASONS PLAN BURNSVILLE MEET SEPT. 6

Burnsville Lodge No. 717 AF&AM will be host to eight lodges in the 51st and 53rd Masonic districts on Sept. 6.

Plans for the meeting are under the directions of William G. Silver Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of 53rd District and Charles A. Ramsey, District Deputy Grand Master of the 51st District.

The afternoon session will begin at 5 p.m., which will consist of short talks and question and answer periods. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, W. Edward Burrier of Charlotte will deliver the principal address.

Among the 150 delegates expected to participate will be A. D. Leon Grey, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage; Troy G. Robbins, Superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home; Buster Hayes, Master of Cranberry Lodge No. 598 AF & AM; Tommy Edwards of Bakersville Lodge No. 297 AF & AM; and Willard E. Buckner, Master of Bals Creek Lodge No. 637 AF & AM.

First downs	8	MH
Scoring yardage	163	102
Passing yardage	36	147
Passes	1-1	0-7
Punts intercepted by	0	0
Touchdowns	1	1
Fumbles lost	60	80
Net yardage	6 13 0 7-34	Mars Hill 0 7 0 7-14

Mars Hill College To Offer Vast Improvements Soon

Classes Begin September 16; 1,250 Students Are Expected

Orientation and registration for what promises to be an historic year at Mars Hill College will begin Tuesday (Sept. 10) and continue through the week. Classes will begin at 8 a. m. Monday, September 16.

Numerous changes and improvements will greet approximately 1,250 students expected. After more than five years of careful planning the 108-year-old Baptist institution becomes a full-pledged liberal arts senior college. The first senior class will comprise 150 students.

There will be nearly \$600,000 worth of physical improvements to the college campus when the term begins, the student body will

be 10 per cent larger than at this time last year, the faculty will be enlarged and improved and there will be a host of new courses and related innovations.

Most striking of the physical improvements is a new half-million dormitory for women. Named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fox of Hickory, the four-story structure will provide accommodations for 115 students, a hostess and the dean of women.

Other improvements include a new home management house for the home economics department and several labs, classrooms and storage spaces in the science building. A new football stadium and gridiron also are beginning to take shape.

The addition of the senior year's courses