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## Three Bank Robbers Plead Guilty; Sentenced

### BULLETIN!

#### Long Terms Imposed In Bank Holdup

One prison sentence of 22 years and two of 15 years each were imposed in U. S. District Court in Asheville Wednesday morning by Judge Wilson Warlick on three Knox County, Tenn., men, who had pleaded guilty to the \$8,216 robbery of the Hot Springs branch of the Citizens Bank of Marshall last July 9.

John Edward Miller, 26, was sentenced to serve 22 years in prison and Ronald Arthur Copeland, 21, and Donald Duke Riggs, 23, were given 15 years each.

Bank robbery took center stage in U. S. District Court in Asheville Tuesday as the court took a brief breather from bootleg booze trials.

Three Knoxville men, all in their 20s, pleaded guilty to the \$8,216 robbery of the Hot Springs branch of Citizens Bank of Marshall last July 9.

U. S. District Judge Wilson Warlick, who is presiding, sentenced John Edward Miller, 26; Donald Duke Riggs, 23, and Ronald Arthur Copeland, 21, at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Sentencing was delayed at the request of attorneys for the three. FBI agents Robert S. Moore of Asheville and Joe H. Roberts of Knoxville testified on statements made to them by the defendants and bank branch manager Joe Q. Tilson, the lone employee.

Both Copeland, who "celebrated" (Continued To Last Page)

## SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED FOR TRUANT OFFICER

The following schedule has been announced for Mrs. J. D. Warrick, Madison County Truant Counselor:

Monday, Nov. 18: Check principal's weekly report of unexcused absences. This will be done in Superintendent R. L. Edwards' office.

Confer with Welfare Department as to any related problems such as home conditions, free lunches, health and other matters.

Tuesday, Nov. 19: Visit Spring Creek, 10:30 a. m.; Hot Springs, 2:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: Visit Laurel, 10:30 a. m.; Walnut, 1:30 p. m.

Thursday, Nov. 21: Visit Marshall, 10:30 a. m.; Mars Hill, 1:30 p. m.

Friday, Nov. 22: Visit Ebbs Chapel, 10:30 a. m.; Beech Glen, 1:30 p. m.

This schedule is to be carried out every two weeks. It was announced that time in between will be devoted to absences turned in by principals of each school.

## National Debt Ceiling Is Hiked To \$315 Billion

Washington (AP) — Over strong Republican opposition, the House passed Thursday a bill to raise the national debt limit from its present \$309 billion to \$315 billion.

The measure, described as a temporary increase, was sent to the Senate by roll-call vote of 187-179 after the House defeated 197-172 a GOP move to send it back to the Ways and Means Committee for downward revision of several billion dollars.

Voting to send the bill back to committee were 29 Democrats and 149 Republicans. Against recommitting it were 197 Democrats.

## 34TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS MET IN MARION TUES.

Democratic leaders from the new 34th Senatorial District met in Marion Tuesday night to discuss the present rotation system of selecting candidates for the State Senate. It was unanimously agreed to discard the rotation system in favor of allowing any candidate from any of the four counties in the district to run in the primary.

"We feel that this system is far better than the rotation system," one official said.

Counties in the new district are Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and McDowell.

Attending the meeting from Madison County were Liston B. Ramsey, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party; A. E. Leake and Brown Ammons.

## MALLONEE TO BE HERE NOV. 25

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Secretary to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Monday, November 25 he will be at the Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, from 9:00 to 10:30; and at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, from 1:00 to 2:00.

## JFK Proclaims November 28 As Day Of Thanksgiving

Washington — President Kennedy proclaimed November 28 as Thanksgiving and told the nation it "must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

"Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humble let us resolve to share these blessings and those ideals with our fellow human being throughout the world!"

Kennedy proclaimed Thanksgiving in accordance with a joint resolution passed by Congress in 1941 that designated the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

In commenting on these requirements, Emory Robinson, chairman of the county ASC committee (Continued To Last Page)

## FARMERS ARE URGED TO FILE ACP REPORTS

Farmers who are participating in the year's county Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) through which the Government shares the cost with them in performing needed soil and water conservation practices, have two major responsibilities. These responsibilities are to complete the approved practices in accordance with their specifications and the filing of a written performance report with the ASCS office after the practices have been carried out.

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## TORNADOETTES CAGE PRACTICE IN FULL SWING

Practice for the Marshall High Tornadoettes is now under full swing. The call for practice was answered by approximately 52 candidates for the team. After two weeks of practice, 26 girls are still vying for a starting position.

Gone from last year's championship team are Wanda Baldwin, Judy Worley, Judy Frisby, Ann Ramsey, Nancy Henderson, and Pat Goforth by graduation. Also missing are Judith Wells, who got married, and Mona Gale Gahagan, who bypassed basketball this year.

Only returnees from last year's team which saw a great deal of play are Forward Judy Tipton, and Guard Willa Ann Plommons. They will serve as co-captains. Others returning who saw limited (Continued To Last Page)

## COURTHOUSE NEW SITE FOR VET OFFICER

The Asheville District office of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, which has been serving the veterans, widows and dependents of veterans in Madison County for twenty years, announced today that arrangements had been made for space in the Madison County Courthouse where all those interested in securing the services of the State Veterans Commission could be more conveniently interviewed. Field trips previously made to other areas of the county will be continued as needed.

Richard S. Hulme, District Officer of the N. C. Veterans Com- (Continued To Last Page)

## AGENT GIVES RECIPE FOR CURING MEAT

Farmers in Madison County provide much of the pork which they use for home use. The curing of this pork is a particular job. Many of these farmers have developed good curing processes over the years. The following is a good recipe for one hundred pounds of meat:

- 8 pounds of salt
  - 2-3 pounds of sugar
  - 2-3 ounces of saltpeter
- Be sure that you have the ingredients thoroughly mixed. After the cuts have been allowed to chill, 1/2 of the mixture should be worked over the whole piece of meat, particularly into the cut surface and joints. The meat should be stacked tightly with the flesh side up. Use a small amount (Continued To Last Page)

## ONE HELD IN MADISON SHOOTING

A Madison County man was arrested last week by Sheriff E. Y. Ponder in Unaka County, Tenn., and charged with the shooting of Emmett Johnson, 45, of Marshall RFD 3.

Clarence Shelton, 48, a former felon, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and is being held in Madison County jail, Ponder said.

Johnson, found on a rural road connecting White Rock community with the Carmen community about 4 p. m., wounded in the left chest by a .45 calibre bullet, was taken to Asheville's Memorial Mission Hospital for treatment.

Ponder said his investigation showed Shelton came to the Johnson home in the Cutshaw community about 3:15 p. m. Finding Johnson not at home, Shelton went to a tobacco barn on the Johnson property, where he found Johnson. The two talked briefly, then got into Shelton's car and drove away, Ponder said.

Shelton's auto was seen passing the Johnson home about 3:45 p. m., with only one occupant, the sheriff related, but suspicion was not aroused.

Johnson was found lying in the roadway some three miles north of the home, he added.

Bond for Shelton's release has not been set, Ponder said.

## Livestock Survey Blanks Will Be Given Next Week

Postmasters Marvin Ball, W. T. Whitten and Alfred Huff announced today that Rural Mail Carriers and Star Route Contractors will begin distributing December 1, 1963, Livestock Survey cards to farmers patrons on their routes next week.

Your Post Office, as the Department of Agriculture each year in making this and two other surveys.

Livestock cards returned by farmers to their carrier will be mailed direct to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh. Information from each card, if properly reported, will then be tabulated and combined with other reports to give indications of changes in livestock on Tar Heel farms. These indications will also be used to establish estimates of the 1963 calf crop, milk production, lamb crop, wool production, and the fall pig crop as well as farmers plans to have sows farrow in the spring.

So next week if you find in your mailbox a card entitled "Livestock Survey, December 1, 1963," don't put it aside. It was placed there by your carrier.

Postmasters urge that you fill out the card and return it to your carrier as soon as possible. It is important that you return the card for your farm since only a given number of farms will receive these cards, and your community will be represented according to the number of cards returned.

All Carriers are helping with this survey.

## Snow Strikes County This Week

For the second time this winter, snow is spitting and blowing in Madison County. The first noticeable snow was seen here Wednesday afternoon with flurries continuing during the night.

As this paper goes to press Thursday, the snow is still falling but is melting rapidly.

What's Going To Take Place On Nov. 26-27-28-29-30? Keep These Dates In Mind!

## "Nickels For Know-How" Vote To Be Held Tuesday

### TWO NERVOUS BANDITS ROB GAS STATION

A pair of nervous bandits pulled a pistol and robbed a Buncombe County service station operator and his wife shortly after 9 p. m., Monday, then bound them with cord, fired a shot and fled.

Robbed were Warren Alvin Pike, 48, of Alexander Rd. 1, and his wife, Martha. They operate Pike's Gulf Station on U. S. 25-70 about a quarter of a mile from the Madison County line. Mr. and Mrs. Pike were alone in their place of business, which is on an isolated spot on the highway.

Pike told Hank Bates, chief investigator for the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department, that the two first entered his place and ordered a soft drink. They watched a TV set for a few minutes, Pike said.

One of the bandits wheeled around with a pistol and said, "This is a stickup. We want your money," according to Pike.

Pike told them, "I'm a sick man—I need my money."

The robbers then answered "We're poor people, too. This is the way we make our living."

Bates said approximately \$119 in tens and twenties were taken. (Continued To Last Page)

### BAPTISTS ELECT PERRY CROUCH TO SEC.-TREAS.

#### Asheville Pastor Succeeds Late Dr. Douglas M. Branch

A strong plea for North Carolina Baptists to stop bickering and being "suspicious of one another" was made Tuesday in Wilmington by Dr. Perry Crouch after he was elected general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Crouch, 66, was chosen unanimously by 3,000 convention messengers to succeed Dr. Douglas M. Branch, who was killed in an auto accident near Ahsokie last February.

In calling for unity among Baptists, Dr. Crouch said there has been "too much bickering among ourselves. We have been too suspicious of one another. We have been too ready to accuse each other of disloyalty and unworthy motives. We are hindering the cause of Christ by such actions."

Dr. Crouch, pastor of the First Church of Asheville since 1944, asked the convention members to "pray for me daily . . . I will make mistakes, but I promise you I will try very hard to seek the Lord's will and follow it."

## Boosters Club Meets Here Monday; Bingo To Be Played

### Public Is Invited; Proceeds Are For Painting Activity Bus

The Marshall High School Boosters Club will meet in the home economics room of the school next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Several important business matters will be discussed and a Ways and Means Committee will be appointed.

In addition to the regular members of the club, visitors are invited to attend the meeting at 7:30 and remain for the bingo party which will follow the meeting. Several nice prizes will be given to bingo winners with proceeds from the event to be used to paint the newly-purchased activity bus of the school.

The bingo party is expected to begin at 8:30 o'clock and continue to 10 o'clock.

The Boosters Club is composed of interested adults from this area who are assisting in needed improvements for the school and the pupils. The Club is working hand-in-hand with the school personnel and several improvements have already been made through the efforts of the club and the school officials.

"Everyone interested in joining the club or in playing bingo and having fun together are invited to be present," Jim Story, president of the Boosters Club, announced.

## HAROLD PONDER CASE WORKER WITH WELFARE

Harold Ponder of Mars Hill has accepted a position as case worker with the Madison County Department of Public Welfare and assumed his duties this week.

Mr. Ponder is a graduate of Mars Hill High School, attended Mars Hill College; and also the University of Tennessee for a year. He then spent two years in service with the Army Medical Corps at West Point. Afterward, he returned to Mars Hill College and is the first student to complete the course for graduation since the college became a four-year college. He majored in math and has a minor in chemistry.

Mr. Ponder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ponder and is married to the former Miss Ruth Chambers of Mars Hill. They have a two-year-old son, Michael Allen, and reside at Mars Hill.

### Continuance Of Valuable Program Depends On Votes

Madison County farmers will vote next Tuesday, November 19, as to whether they want the "Nickels for Know-How" continued.

On Page Two of this issue can be found a message which lists the various polling places.

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, twelve years ago North Carolina farmers voted to assess themselves 5c per ton for all fertilizer and commercial feed. This 5c per ton was to be used on agricultural research and education. Every three years it is necessary, by N. C. State law, that another referendum be held to determine whether or not farmers want this program, "Nickels for Know-How," continued in North Carolina.

At the polling places there will be ballots, the registration book for any farmer or any member of his family who buys commercial feed or fertilizer. They will have an opportunity to vote on whether or not they wish the Nickels for Know-How Program to be continued.

Recently the USDA released information on the value of agricultural research. This information showed that if American farmers were using the methods used in 1940, it would cost an extra thirteen billion dollars a year to produce food and fiber for this nation. The difference in the methods used now and in 1940 were made possible by agricultural research and education. This research was paid for by the government and industry. The total bill for all agricultural research in the past one hundred years was less than six billion dollars. Imagine the loss of income to our farmers if production costs were increased thirteen billion dollars a year!

Sometimes the city folks com- (Continued To Last Page)

## Bobby Robinson President Berea Agricultural Union

Bobby H. Robinson, son of Mrs. Myrtle Morgan of Marshall, has been elected president of the Agricultural Union at Berea College, Berea, Ky., officials have announced.

Clubs at Berea like the Agricultural Union, tend to foster a growth among students in democratic ideals and leadership ability. Since Berea was founded in 1855, the college has strived to instill in its students a logical concept of patriotism and service. Self-governing clubs and organizations promote these ideals and make them reality instruments in the educational process.

Robinson, a senior at Berea, is a graduate of Mars Hill High School.

## World's Largest Sling-Shot Now On Courthouse Lawn

### Odd Construction Causes Comment, Laughter, Questions

Curiosity and bewilderment were on the faces of many people here Monday when strange things started to take place on the courthouse lawn. Bewilderment turned to laughter when the project was completed Monday afternoon. Still, just what in the Sam Hill is it an what's it for was asked, hundreds of times.

One person described it as "Marshall's version of Cape Canaveral." Someone else said it was definitely the "world's largest sling-shot." A local person wanted to know who was

going to be "shot" to the moon while others just stopped, looked, grinned and turned away. Even passengers on a Greyhound bus peered out the bus windows as it to say, "My gosh, now I've seen everything."

Frankly, it is hard to know just what is going to take place in the "sling-shot." So far there have been no volunteers to sit in the chair and be shot into orbit.

The answers will, no doubt, be furnished between November 19 and 20. Until then, it is suggested that you keep close watch on the giant sling-shot — someone may be "shooting" the moon at any time.