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Christmas Pageant To Be Presented Here Five Nights

To Be Presented On Five Nights; Choirs To Sing; Public Invited

"The Nativity" will be presented on the courthouse lawn on five nights, beginning next Monday night, it was announced here this week by the Production Committee.

Members of the Marshall High School senior class will act as characters and live animals will be used to make the pageant more realistic, it was stated.

The same scenes of "The Nativity" will also be presented on Thursday night, Dec. 19; Saturday night, Dec. 21; Sunday night, Dec. 22; and Monday night, Dec. 23. All performances will begin at seven o'clock.

In addition to the scenes at the manger, various choirs of this area will sing during the performances.

The production is under the direction of Dean Shields, Mrs. H. B. Dittmore, and Miss Jessie Mae Ramsey. Mr. Don Luckadoo will also assist, it was stated.

The public is cordially invited to attend these performances.

SCHOOL PUPILS GET DEC. 20-30 FOR CHRISTMAS

Madison County schools will close from December 20 to December 30 for Christmas holidays, it was announced this week by R. L. Edwards, superintendent.

Mr. Edwards explained that schools will close at 1:30 o'clock on Friday, December 20, and the pupils will have until Monday, December 30 for the holidays. They will return to school on Monday, December 30 but will have another holiday on Wednesday, January 1, 1964.

"I wish a happy holiday for all pupils, teachers and other school personnel," Mr. Edwards stated.

Countywide Red Cross Meeting At Courthouse Tonight

A countywide Red Cross meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse at 7 p. m. All members urged to attend.

County Farm Bureau Urges Support Of "Little Federal"

Roberts Cites Crop Incomes and Effect of Big City Domination

The president of the Madison County Farm Bureau said here this week that it would be a "serious backward step for Madison County's economy if the State is ever ruled by big city legislators."

President Bill Roberts of Madison County submitted that big city rule is a "real and serious threat unless the Reapportionment Amendment passes on January 14.

The amendment — popularly called the "Little Federal Plan," would reduce House membership from 120 to 100, giving each county one member. The Senate would be increased from 50 to 70 members, with all seats being allotted on a population basis.

"This plan gives fair representation to everybody," said Roberts, "and provides for neither big city or rural control. Basing one house on area and the other on population, is nothing other than a fair solution."

Roberts cited the fact that Madison County's estimated agricultural income for 1962 was \$7,076,875. This includes government payments and income from sale of farm products. Economic specialists, he said, report that each

Christmas Edition To Be Published Next Thursday

The annual Christmas Edition of The News-Record will be published next Thursday. The paper will have many Christmas Greetings from business firms and individuals. If you have not been contacted and wish to have a Greeting advertisement in this issue, please contact this newspaper before Tuesday Noon.

News correspondents are asked to send in their "copy" as early as possible so that the paper can be mailed at the usual time.

FLAT CREEK MAN HELD IN DEATH OF STEPSON MON.

A Flat Creek man is in Buncombe County Jail charged with murder in the death of his stepson.

William Goforth, 57, was charged in the fatal shooting of Willie Young, 29, also of the Flat Creek section, Buncombe County corner Dr. John C. Young, who filed the charge, set a 9 a. m. hearing Friday inquest in the Buncombe County Courthouse.

Both Young and Goforth are well known in this county.

No bond will be set for Goforth until the inquest.

Services for Young were held at 11 a. m., Wednesday in West Funeral Home of Weaverville. The Rev. L. B. Laye officiated. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery at Democrat.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Patsy Riddle Young; a daughter, Sandra Gail of the home; a son, Ricky Neil of the home; the mother, Mrs. Joyce Goforth of Weaverville; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Langford, Mrs. Betty Jo Shelton and Mrs. Sylvia Franks, all of Chicago, Ill.

ARRINGTON BEING HELD IN SHOOTING

Grady Arrington, 22, of Marshall Rt. 6, has been arrested in the shooting of Wayne Arrington, 33, also of Marshall Rt. 6, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported Monday afternoon.

The younger Arrington is charged with assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious personal injuries.

The older Arrington was shot in the face during a family argument Sunday about 9:30 p. m., on the front porch of Wayne Arrington's home.

Grady Arrington was freed on \$1,000 bond, pending a hearing before Justice of the Peace Garrett Metcalf, set for 2 p. m., Dec. 23 in Madison County Courthouse.

Wayne Arrington is reported in satisfactory condition.

PRactical Gift

What more appreciated gift could you send to a relative or friend than The News-Record? Gift cards will be sent on receipt of subscription.

Merchants' First Drawings To Be Held Here Next Tues.

Members of the Prize Committee for the Christmas Shopping Promotion, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association, this week announced the list of prizes which will be given away here next Tuesday, December 17.

The first drawing will be at 10 a. m., and the second drawing will be held at 2 p. m., at the courthouse.

Practically all Marshall firms are participating in giving tickets with each \$1.00 purchase or paid on account and thousands of tickets have already been awarded people throughout this area.

In addition to silver dollars, trade certificates are also to be given away. It was explained that these certificates (Each \$5.00 denomination) are to be used the same as if they were actual money. They may be redeemed at any store displaying the "We Redeem Certificates" signs. They are good for any merchandise of your choice.

Too, various firms are donating "extra" gifts to be given away on the dates of the drawings (Dec. 17 and 24).

Below is a list of prizes to be given away next Tuesday:

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 17 — 10 O'clock:

\$25 Savings Account ----- Citizens Bank
10 Silver Dollars
15 Silver Dollars
10 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$50)
15 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$75)
20 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$100)
Basket Groceries ----- Dodson's
Two Haircuts ----- Vader's Barber Shop
Double Blanket ----- Penland & Sons
20 Gallons Gasoline ----- Service Motor Sales, Inc.
\$10 Value Footwear ----- McKinney's
Permanent Wave ----- Carolina Beauty Shop

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 17 — 2:00 o'clock

10 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$50)
15 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$75)
20 Trade Certificates @ \$5 Each — (\$100)
50 Silver Dollars
25 Silver Dollars
2 Haircuts ----- Palace Barber Shop
\$5.00 Dry Cleaning ----- Edwards Cleaners
Permanent Wave ----- Balsam Beauty Shop
Fry Pan ----- Bell's
\$10 in Trade ----- Garren's Auto Supply

COUNTY ROADS ARE IMPROVED

State Highway Commissioner Andrew Nesbitt reports the completion of more than 6 miles of road improvements in Buncombe and Madison counties during the month of November.

In Madison County state forces graded, drained and stabilized 0.4 mile of Bee Tree (Extension of SP 1358) — new addition. Contract forces resurfaced climbing lanes with bituminous concrete and completed work on guard rails on 6.2 miles of US 23 from Tennessee state line toward Mars Hill.

JUDGE HUSKINS SPEAKS TO LIONS HERE MONDAY

Lions Contribute \$175 To White Cane Drive For Blind

Judge J. Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, was guest speaker at the Marshall Lions meeting at the Rock Cafe Monday night. Judge Huskins, a former representative from Yancey County and now resident judge in this county, explained the "Little Federal" Amendment which will be voted on in January throughout North Carolina. He was introduced by Lion Wade Huey.

During the business session it was revealed that the Marshall Lions Club, through the cooperation and participation of its members and other citizens, contributed a total of \$175 to the 1963 White Cane Drive. This amount gives the club a percentage of \$7.00 per member toward the drive.

Lion President John Corbett presided with 20 members and two visitors present.

The next meeting will be on Monday night, December 16, instead of December 23, due to the Christmas holidays.

LEGION POST IS ORDERED CLOSED BY JUDGE HERE

Judge J. Frank Huskins, in superior court here last week, ordered the American Legion Building in Marshall closed following the trial of three Marshall men.

Excerpts from Judge Huskins' ruling follow:

Based on conviction of James Haynie, Troy Lee Meadows and Harry Lee Davis of an affray in said post in Legion Hall, and being a public nuisance; that it is a congregating place for common drunkards and that liquor and beer are sold and consumed therein, and that the peace of the citizens of Madison County is disturbed by the fighting and boisterous conduct there, it is ordered that the Sheriff of Madison County close said premises.

Order signed by J. Frank Huskins, Judge Presiding, on December 6, 1963.

Firemen Answer Call To Ramsey Home On Tuesday

A fire caused by blazing soot was extinguished Tuesday morning at the old R. S. Ramsey home on Sandy Mush with minor damage being done.

When firemen from Marshall arrived, the blaze had been partially extinguished with water from buckets.

The home is occupied by Mrs. Betty Walker and 12-year-old daughter. A neighbor, summoned by Mrs. Walker when she discovered flames coming from the lower part of the chimney in the living room, poured water on the fire. Marshall firemen completed the job of extinguishing the blaze with salt and water. Little damage was done to the house.

The house is owned by Mrs. H. B. Dittmore, of Marshall.

Income From Tomatoes Shows Increase Here

VADER SHELTON IS MARSHALL SCOUTMASTER

The Boy Scout Committee has announced that Vader Shelton, popular Marshall barber, has been appointed Scoutmaster of the Marshall Troop and the Troop is now undergoing reactivation.

Shelton previously served as Scoutmaster in 1948-49.

Charles Bishop and Jim McIntyre have been named as Assistant Scoutmasters and will aid in this capacity.

Scoutmaster Shelton announced this week that 13 boys had applied for membership and had been accepted.

He urges parents to encourage their sons (ages 11-16) to join the Troop by December 30 "so that we can all start together."

The first official meeting of Scouts will be held at the REA Building here on Monday night, December 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

"I am looking forward to an active Scout Troop here and believe we can have a fine Troop as we are all starting out as Tenderfoots," Mr. Shelton said.

MADISON MAN GETS JAIL TERM

A Madison County man was convicted of an assault charge and the trial of a woman charged with murdering her husband was continued Friday in the final session of the current criminal term of Madison Superior Court.

Judge J. Frank Huskins imposed an active sentence of five to seven years in prison, and one to two years suspended, upon Jack Ferguson, 48, of Hot Springs Rt. 2, convicted of assaulting Mr. and Mrs. Manson Coward of the same section with a truck last Nov. 20.

The trial of Mrs. Blanche Cook, charged with the Sept. 28 slaying of her husband, Clyde Cook, of Marshall Rt. 3, was continued to the February term.

HOT SPRINGS LIONS HELPING UNFORTUNATE

The Hot Springs Lions Club is sponsoring a campaign to "Help the less fortunate have a better Christmas this year." On Monday night, December 16, members of the Hot Springs Lions Club will be knocking on doors collecting clothes, toys, food, candy, and other items that less fortunate families may use at Christmas and throughout the year.

Lion President Neil Ross asks that each citizen of Hot Springs contribute to this worthy cause to help "OUR OWN" people. For those that may be away from home, they can leave their "gifts" at the City Hall.

Let's all get out and make this the best Christmas ever for the less fortunate people of Hot Springs.

SEWAGE BOND ELECTION NOT NEXT TUESDAY

Although the tentative date of December 17 was set for the sewage bond election here, technicalities have arisen which prevent the election on that date.

As soon as definite date is set it will be announced.

SANTA TO VISIT TWO SCHOOLS ON FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Officials of the Marshall Merchants Association have announced that Santa Claus plans to visit the Marshall and Walnut schools on Friday morning, December 20, to give children candy and to visit briefly with them.

Santa plans to visit the Marshall school about 9:30 o'clock and after his visit there he will ride over to the Walnut school to visit pupils there.

Tornadoes Score 109 Points To Set School Cage Record

Marshall's Tornadoes set a new school record Tuesday night when they defeated Spring Creek, 109-52 on the Spring Creek court.

Tommy Nix was high scorer with 35 points while Buddy Ramsey looped in 26 points.

Pete Rice was high scorer for Spring Creek with 18 points. Marshall led at halftime, 46-19 and made an even worse rout of it in the second half.

This was the highest point output ever turned in by a local high school quint.

Boys Game

Marshall (109) — Nix 35, J. Ramsey 26, Fox 4, Worley 10, Henderson 3, B. Ramsey 26, Tweed 2, West 2, Gladden 8, Candler 4, Pegg 8.

Spring Creek (52) — B. Price 8, Gunter 2, Caldwell, Reese, Ferguson 13, Pete Rice 18, D. Gunter, Willett 11.

Halftime: Marshall, 46-19.

Girls Game

Marshall (23) — Tipton 5, Bryan 6, Smith 4, Adams, Roberts 6, H. Tipton, Rice 2, Plemmons, Goforth, Franklin.

Spring Creek (27) — Moore 17, Allen 3, Kirkpatrick 2, Kimberly, Duckett, Meadows, Reese 5.

Halftime: Marshall, 14-10.

Marshall Faculty, Boosters Club In Cage Game Saturday

MARSHALL PTA CLOTHING DRIVE DECEMBER 9-14

This week, December 9-14, is Marshall Parent Teachers Association Used Clothing Drive Week. Please check closets and take any article of clothing that you no longer need or have discarded to The News-Record office.

If you are not able to take the clothes to The News-Record office, call 649-3671, 649-3571, or 649-4476, and someone will be by to pick up the clothes. Make an effort to help stock the used clothing room.

Trade In Round-Up Certificates Now

Holdes of Harvest Round-Up Certificates, given in November, have been requested to trade in their certificates at once so that they will not be confused with the Trade Certificates to be given away during the Christmas Promotion.

The first trade certificates will be given away next Tuesday at 10 a. m., and 2 p. m.

Tomato Growing Could Be Answer To Your Farm Problem

By HARRY G. SILVER
County Extension Chairman

Madison farmers received over \$125,000 from 50 acres of trellised tomatoes in 1963.

As with any new enterprise, people sometimes do not believe the things they hear about the income from tomatoes. How, they say, can a farmer make so much from tomatoes?

Let's answer this question with some arithmetic. If we set tomatoes one foot apart in 5 foot rows we will have 8,712 plants, forget the 12, per acre. These plants pruned to one stem per plant would produce 667 bushels if each plant yielded only 4 pounds, 10 ounces per plant, that's 20 tons per acre. At 5c a pound or \$3.00 per bushel, you have \$2,001. At only 4c a pound or \$2.40 you have \$1,600. This is not a good yield or a high price. Six pounds per stem or 870 bushels at \$3.00 is \$2,610 per acre or at \$2.40 a bushel, \$2,088. These are neither high yields, nor high prices. They are less than average for the county.

Some of the farmers in the county who beat the average in 1963 were: Glen Davis, Frank and Weaver Massey, Arthur Trantam, Mrs. Vivian Keener, Pink Plemmons, Boyce Waldroup, and Randy Allison of Spring Creek, Carl McCarter of Meadow Fork; Clarence Shelton, Roscoe King, and Glen Hensley of Carman and Alleghany; Hammond Radford of Lower California Creek; D. J. Graham of Pine Grove; Jack Proffitt and Claude Coty of Foster Creek and Edd Lanford of Bluff.

Production cost for tomatoes is not high. Labor is not hard in tomatoes but it is a high labor crop.

If you need more money from your farming operation, tomatoes may offer an answer to your problem. For more information on tomato production and marketing, call on the county agricultural agent's office in Marshall.

Game Sponsored By Local Boosters Club; Lots Of Fun

Basketball fans will have an opportunity to see some former "greats" in action at the local gymnasium this Saturday night as members of the Marshall school faculty battle with members of the Marshall Boosters Club.

The "girls" game gets underway at seven o'clock with the men's game to follow. Proceeds from the event will go to the Boosters Club project involving the elementary library.

It was also announced that a door prize will be given plus other entertainment with prizes. Refreshments will also be available. After careful and painful consideration, the following players are expected to see action:

Faculty Girls
Trucking Hattie Ellis Nix, Slick, Oily Latrelle Robinson, Charming Carol Whit, Scoop Dorothy Shipe, Silent Reader Lucille Bullman, On-Is-In Sandra Edwards, Tomato Baron Eloise Ward, Gracious Grace Haynie, Country Store Lib Sprinkle, Scientific Artist Jessie Banney.

Boosters Club Girls
Florence Electric Danney, Mail the Belle Niles, Marvonne Marie Roberts, Peg Whoburny Sprinkle, Ethel Shoop Moore, Wanda Spruce Calk, Lovelle Lib Roberts, Nix.

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