

Two Murder Cases On Docket Here Next Week

Judge George B. Patton To Preside; Over Eighty Cases On Docket

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge George B. Patton presiding. Robert S. Swain is the solicitor.

Heading the list of over eighty cases which are on the docket are two murder cases.

Mrs. Blanche Cook is charged with the murder of her husband, Clyde Cook, 35, of Marshall Rt. 3 on September 23, 1963. The incident took place in the rural store near Belva which was operated by Cook, his wife, and his mother, Mrs. Kelse Cook.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said there were six or seven witnesses to the shooting. Ponder said an argument flared up between Cook and his wife in the store, and that the woman seized a .38 caliber revolver and emptied it at her husband. He was struck in both shoulders, the stomach, and the chin, and died instantly.

Sheriff Ponder stated at the time that he could not jail her because of advanced pregnancy and released her to go to a hospital to await the birth of the child, her fourth.

The other murder case scheduled to be heard during the one-week term involves L. H. Cuthrell, 39, of Marshall Rt. 3, who is charged with the slaying of Burleson Hensley, 34, also of Marshall Rt. 3, in front of the courthouse here on January 4, 1964.

Hundreds of citizens were stunned and horrified when Cuthrell, according to witnesses, walked up to Hensley, placed a hand on his shoulder and at the same time placed the barrel of a pistol just below the right ear and pulled the trigger. Hensley fell to the sidewalk dead.

Both men were waiting for a hearing before Justice of the Peace Wade Huey involving a shooting incident which occurred a week earlier at the Cuthrell store on the Tenn.-N. C. State line North of Hot Springs, when it was alleged that Hensley fired several times into a juke box.

Most of the other cases on the docket are of minor offenses.

A list of jurors drawn for the term is as follows:

Mrs. Jesse Keener, Mrs. Hubert Edwards, Dean Silver, Mrs. Glenn Chandler, Paul Thomas, Kenneth Wyatt, June Edith Leake, Stella Carver, Mrs. J. B. Runnion, Ardle Taffer, Floyd Hawkins, Mary Caldwell, Claude Cody, Adley Ricker, C. D. Bowman, Carl McCarter, Clarence Payne, Mrs. Grover Gowan, Nelson Franklin, Andrew Chandler, Mrs. Howard Allen, Mrs. J. W. Huff, Weaver Clark, Ed Payne, Vance Ricker, Andy Woody, C. G. Whitt, Mrs. Hilliard Teague, Earnest Anders, L. O. Brooks, Ishmael Massey, Ogle Plemmons, Fain Davis, Mrs. Clarence Gunter, Mrs. Cline West, Calvin Reid, Pearson Ball, Mrs. Nathan West, Frances Chandler, Coy Haynie, Grady Balding, Srelia Poole, Max Ammons, Billy Woody, Orville Roberts, Zackery Gunter, Joe M. Payne, T. M. Frisby.

Mrs. Ruth Franklin, Daughter Hurt In Mishap Tuesday

Mrs. Ruth Franklin of Mars Hill and her 10-year-old daughter, Phyllis, were treated for minor abrasions at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville about 6:15 p. m., Tuesday, following a mishap on Broadway in Asheville.

TIP TO MOTORISTS

Don't gamble in heavy highway traffic—the cars may be stacked against you.

PREMEASURING OF TOBACCO ACREAGE

As in former years, ASCS will again this year offer premeasurement services to burley producers within the county who desire the service and make timely application and deposits to cover the cost. ASCS office manager, Ralph Ramsey, in making this announcement, explained that due to the limited time, weather conditions which usually prevail, and limited personnel qualified and available at this season, only a limited number of applications would be accepted on a first-come basis this year. He explained that 500 farms had been set at the maximum number of applications which could be satisfactorily serviced within the time limit.

The ASCS office will start accepting applications on Monday, February 24, from farmers who desire this service and will discontinue accepting them when 500 have filed or March 15, whichever comes first. In conclusion, Ramsey said the cost for this service will be determined by the number of fields and amount of acreage involved. For a vast majority of farms the cost will be a minimum charge of \$8.00, plus \$1.25 for each field in excess of one per farm.

Science Teachers To Be Offered Training Course

Twenty-five tuition scholarships are being sponsored by the engineering profession and certain industries in Western North Carolina, for senior high school science teachers to attend an in-service training institute from March 19 through May 19. The program is presented through the extension division of Western Carolina College.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 each Tuesday evening in the physics laboratory at Lee Edwards High School in Asheville. Professor Julian Hirt, WCC, will conduct the course. It will be devoted to lecture and demonstration methods for teaching physics at senior high school level, with emphasis on effective utilization of laboratory equipment.

The course will carry three quarter hours of graduate credit, which may be used toward certificate renewal or as an elective toward the master's degree in education for those eligible under college requirements. Only twenty scholarships are available at this time, and registration will be limited to the first twenty-five qualified senior high school teachers who apply. All applicants will be notified before March 2 regarding their eligibility for registration.

Applications should be forwarded through the appropriate Superintendent of Schools to Mr. P. B. Jackson, Chairman of Educational Relations, Engineers Club of Western North Carolina, Route 1, Box 2214, Weaverville.

SELF-PROFIT

Honesty is the best policy, but some believe it pays only when it pays first.

How Many Snows Have We Had?

Someone raised a question a few days ago as to how many snows (sizeable) has Madison County experienced this winter. Word from a Mars Hill lady, who has kept count of them, says the snow Tuesday was the ninth snow of the winter.

FUN DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts in Pisgah Council will hold International Fun Rallies at several locations on Saturday, February 22. This event was rescheduled after the Fun Day in November was cancelled because of the Kennedy assassination. There will be a special ceremony during the rally for observing "Thinking Day" on this day every Girl Scout thinks of other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in some other part of the world. Girls living in the Madison Neighborhood will attend a rally at Ira B. Jones School, 544 Kimberly Avenue, Asheville. Six other locations throughout the Council with Fun Day plans will give every Troop an opportunity to take part in this event on Saturday.

Girl Scouts In Puppet Show At Candler Sunday

Junior Girl Scout Troop 95 and Cadette Troop 350 were invited to present the Drop-Out Puppet Show at Montmorenci Methodist Church at Candler on Sunday evening, Feb. 16.

In connection with the regular Family and Fellowship Night, the Commission on Education presented a program on the Sunday School Drop-Out. The pastor, Mr. J. P. Greene, pointed out reasons why young people drop out of the Church program, and these reasons often coincide with reasons for the school drop-out. Mrs. Troy Reed and Mrs. Ned Jester, leaders, accompanied the girls. Transportation was provided by parents.

ASCS Office To Be Closed Fri., Feb. 21

The County ASCS office will be closed Friday, February 21, in observance of Washington's Birthday which falls on Saturday, February 22.

Marshall Girls, Mars Hill Boys Advance To Finals In Tournament

NOTICES OF 1964 TOBACCO ALLOTMENTS

Burley producers within the county will be given official notice this week of their 1964 acreage quotas, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, ASCS Office Manager for Madison County. For most farms, the 1964 allotted acreage will be 10 per cent less than that allotted for the 1963 crop year. Ramsey explained that the laws

More Take-Home Pay

Washington - Most taxpayers were assured more take-home pay starting early next month when Senate and House conferees wrapped up Wednesday a compromise agreement on the biggest tax cut bill in the nation's history.

The reduction, expected to climb to \$11.5 billion a year, will ease the Treasury's bite on businesses as well as individuals. However, there will be some tightening of present regulations which will mean higher taxes in some areas. Ironing out of differences between State and House versions of the bill put the long-awaited measure over its last big hurdle. It took the conferees only three days of voting to whittle through the handful of major differences and nearly 200 minor and technical ones.

Sep. Russell B. Long, D-La., floor manager of the bill in the Senate and a conferee, told newsmen, "I believe we have come up with a better bill than either the House or Senate passed." "In other words, we discarded the worst things from both bills," Long said.

Rep. Hale Boggs, of Louisiana, the House Democratic whip, said he expects the House to pass the bill next Tuesday with no trouble. Long said he expects the Senate to act the same day or on Wednesday, without "any considerable opposition," sending the bill to the White House.

Mars Hill Area Organizes For Heart Fund Drive

Printess England, county chairman of the 1964 Heart Fund Drive, announced this week that the Mars Hill Community had named leaders and were now at work in that area. They are:

Mrs. Don Henderson, Mars Hill City Chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Huff, Mars Hill Community Chairman; Prof. John McLeod, Mars Hill College Solicitor.

In the rural areas where Home Demonstration Clubs are organized the information is being disseminated.

Marshall JV Girls, Hot Springs JV Boys In Finals Fri. Night



Gubernatorial Candidate Dan K. Moore made a brief visit to Marshall this morning, and will return Monday night to the Courthouse to make an address to the Madison County Women's Democratic Club. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. George B. Shupe, president of the club, invites all Democrats and interested persons to come hear Mr. Moore. Also on the program will be Mrs. Earl Robinson, vice chairman of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, and Miss Bobby Jean Peak, vice president of the Women's Club. The Team-Dem Club has a special invitation to attend.

All candidates for office in the county or in the district are invited, and will be recognized at the meeting.

TREE PLANTING YIELDS INCOME

In a recent survey of 98 pine plantations, foresters found that idle land planted to pine trees can produce a long-time yield of between \$7 and \$28 per acre per year. The average return was \$15 per acre per year over the life of the trees, states Harry G. Silver, county agent.

The first commercial thinning came as early as 14 years from planting, but on the average it came when the trees were 20 years old, and yielded 7 cords of pulpwood worth \$29 as stumpage.

A local example of what tree planting can mean to a plantation of Mr. E. M. Ammons, of Mars Hill, which was included in the survey. Mr. Ammons owns 2 acres of white pine planted on an eroded field in 1937. The first cut was in 1960, age 23, and yielded 6 cords of pulpwood worth \$24. The foresters estimate that over the next 24 years Mr. Ammons will be able to cut an additional 83 cords of pulpwood worth \$332, plus 31,000 board feet of sawtimber worth \$775. Thus, on previously eroding land Mr. Ammons' pine will earn \$12 per acre per year over the life of the trees.

People who have planted trees are strongly in favor of getting their idle land into production. Mr. Ammons says: "Trees are a valuable crop on waste or idle land. I recommend tree planting because it increases the value of the land and provides income to the landowner."

You, too, can earn money from your idle land by planting trees. Contact your county ranger, county agent, SCS personnel, or see your ASCS office manager and find out if you are eligible for ACP cost sharing.

Snow Fails To Stop Fun And Excitement; 4 Games Tonight

The Marshall varsity girls defeated the Laurel sextet, 34-19, Wednesday night to go into the finals Saturday night against the winner of the Mars Hill-Spring Creek girls' game which is slated to be played tonight (Thursday). The Mars Hill varsity boys soundly defeated the game but outlasted Laurel quint Wednesday

Games Postponed

Due to heavy snows and hazardous driving, the games scheduled for tonight in the Madison County basketball tournament have been postponed. The continuation of the tourney is indefinite, depending on the weather.

day night, 95-38, to earn a berth in the finals Saturday night against the winners in the Marshall-Hot Springs game which will be played tonight (Thursday).

Despite heavy snows and hazardous driving conditions, capacity crowds have been on hand at both nights of the tourney. In the junior varsity bracket, the Marshall girls defeated the Mars Hill JV sextet, 21-9 to get a shot into the finals against the winner of the Spring Creek-Laurel game tonight (Thursday).

The Hot Springs JV boys battered the Laurel JV boys Wednesday night, 37-19, to earn a finals berth against the winner of the Marshall-Mars Hill JV game tonight (Thursday).

The tournament is scheduled to end Saturday night with the varsity championship game. The finals in the JV division will be played Friday night along with consolation games by the varsity girls and boys.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Girls Game
Marshall (34) — J. Tipton 14, T. Smith 6, Adams 4, Roberts 9, Bryan, Tipton, Goforth, McDevitt, Clark, Fleming.
Laurel (19) — Williams 1, Zimmerman, Ray 7, Cantrell 5, Adams 3, Landers 2, Flemmons 1.
Halftime: Marshall 10-7.

The box score of the Mars Hill-Laurel game was not available in time for publication.

TUESDAY NIGHT

The Hot Springs boys, with Freddie Sharpe hitting 20 points, and Everett Shelton bucketing 13, triumphed over Spring Creek, 62 to 30, while Frances Moore led the Spring Creek lassies over Hot Springs girls, 24 to 21. Miss Moore poured 15 points through the hoop.

In junior varsity games, the Laurel girls topped Hot Springs, 26-8, while the Mars Hill boys downed Spring Creek, 41 to 37.

Girls Game
Spring Creek (24) — Allen, Moore 15, Rees 7, Meadows 1, Lankford, Duckett 1, Meadows 1.
Hot Springs (21) — Gales 3, Mudd 4, Pries 5, Robinsons, Roberts 6, Sims 1, Wallin.
Halftime: Spring Creek 13-11.

Boys Game
Hot Springs (62) — Ricker 4, Gahagan 4, Moore 2, Padgett 9, Ahnany, Sharpe 22, Lawson, Shelton 13, Sumner.
Spring Creek (30) — Gunter 2, Caldwell 7, Strickland 13, Ferguson 4, D. Gunter 4, Willett.
Halftime: Hot Springs 31-16.

Junior Varsity girls: Laurel 26, Hot Springs 8.
Junior Varsity boys — Mars Hill, 41; Spring Creek, 37.



DOGGETT GAP ROAD (N. C. 63) in this county is between Canto and Trust. \$83,400 has been appropriated for its improvement. Highway Commissioner, A. W. Nesbitt, of Fairview, in answering some objections about the appropriation stated in part, " . . . The Doggett Gap Road is long overdue and should have been built 40 years ago. It's one of the few primary roads in North Carolina that's not paved."