

Red Cross Drive Now In Progress; \$3,000 Goal

To Continue Through This Month; \$1,481.62 Is Reported Now

The annual American Red Cross Drive is in full swing in Madison County and will continue through this month, Rev. W. L. Lynch, county chairman, said this week.

Present returns from the drive reveal that \$1,481.62 has been reported from the Marshall and Mars Hill areas. The Hot Springs area has not yet reported, it was explained.

Also expected to increase the collections are the contributions being made by the various churches. These separate solicitations will continue for the next three Sundays.

The county has been divided into three major sections for the drive, namely, Marshall (Quota, \$1100); Mars Hill (Quota \$1100); Hot Springs (Quota \$800).

The county goal of \$3,000, same as last year, is necessary to maintain the services of the Red Cross which are so important to everyone. It will be recalled that this county exceeded its goal last year and it is hoped will do so again this year, Mr. Lynch said.

"I feel confident that our citizens will respond to the urgent call with substantial contributions," Mr. Lynch said.

Wade Huey is again acting as county drive chairman; John Hensley is the county blood chairman; and Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle is treasurer.

Huey, Tugman Are Taking Courses In Raleigh This Week

Wade Huey, of Marshall and Paul Tugman, of Mars Hill, are in Raleigh this week where they are taking a prescribed course in industrial education prior to resuming the teaching of the courses at Marshall and Mars Hill High Schools.

Former County Doctor Is Recovering From Wounds

Dr. Shelby Vance Seriously Shot By Son In Avery County

Dr. Shelby W. Vance, a middle-aged retired medical missionary from Pineola, in Avery County, continues to improve in the Spruce Pine Community Hospital after being shot by his son on Thursday night, December 31.

Formerly of County

Dr. Vance is well-known in Madison County, having resided in Mars Hill for many years. He also operated a hospital in Marshall for several years. The hospital was located on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

Dr. Vance and Avery County Sheriff Jack Vance, no relation, were wounded, along with Deputy J. C. Isaacs, by rifle fire when they attempted to take Richard Vance, 25, into custody on a rural road near his home. Doctors in Spruce Pine removed Dr. Vance's right kidney and found that he also suffered damage to his liver from the bullets, as well as a wound in the upper right arm.

Sheriff Vance was not seriously hurt, and Isaacs is recovering in Cannon Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk from a back wound described as painful but not serious.

The son, a former mental patient, was taken to Broughton Hospital in Morganton, according to (Continued To Last Page)

VACCINATING PROGRAM FOR BANGS DISEASE

Madison County now has a systematic program for vaccinating heifer calves against banks disease, Frederick E. Boss, assistant county agent, said this week. The State has had a free program of vaccination for bangs for some time but it has not been available in Madison County on a systematic basis. December was the first month that this program has been in operation and nine farmers from Madison County took advantage of the program, vaccinating 32 head last month. The next month that the veterinarian will be in Madison County will be March. All those who have calves, regardless of the number, (Continued to Last Page)

Zink Joins WMMH Staff This Week; Commercial Mgr.

Jack Zink, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Zink, of Marshall, this week joined the staff of Radio Station WMMH here, where he is Commercial Manager.

For the past year and a half, Zink has been associated with Ball Brothers Company of Muncie, Indiana, as assistant to the sales manager.

A native of Marshall, he graduated from Marshall High School in 1957 and Western Carolina College in 1963. Before going to Muncie, Zink was employed with the Standard Theater Supply Company of Greensboro for two years.

He is married to the former Miss Joyce Mehaffey, of Hendersonville. They have two sons, Chris and Jay. At present they are residing in West Asheville, but plan to move to Marshall when possible.

The announcement of Mr. Zink's association with WMMH was made this week by Dean Shields, owner and operator of the station.

Joseph B. Huff To Speak Tuesday At Public Meeting

Attorney Joseph B. Huff will address a meeting next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the choir room of the First Baptist Church of Mars Hill on the subject, "The Machinery of Government, County and State."

The public is cordially invited.

D. M. Robinson Improving At Duke Hospital

D. M. Robinson, manager of French Broad Electric Membership Coop, and civic leader, continues to improve at Duke Hospital, Durham, where he is undergoing treatment.

Word from Mr. Robinson reveals that he is "feeling great and doing well."

He is expected to be at the hospital for several weeks.

THE DIE YOUNG
A golfer hit a new ball into the lake, another new ball out of bounds onto a highway, and another new ball into the woods. "Why don't you use an old ball?" said the caddy.

Replied the golfer sadly, "I've never had one."

TRUCK DRIVER ROBBED ON H.S. MOUNTAIN TUES.

A truck driver from McMansville, Tennessee, was held up Monday morning on the Hot Springs Mountain, about 14 miles north of Marshall, and robbed of \$50 in cash.

Sheriff Ponder, who investigated the incident, stated that the driver of the truck is listed as Joe Meadows Womock, about 25 years of age. According to Womock, he pulled his truck over to the side of the road to inspect the tires and as he got out of the cab, a car pulled up in front of the truck and a lone man, thought to be a Negro, drew a pistol on him and ordered the truck driver to hand over what money he had. He also ordered the truck driver to put the money on the side of the truck. Sheriff Ponder said that Womock stated that he put \$50 on the truck and the man picked up the money and fled in his car. Womock said he noted that the robber was driving an Oldsmobile.

Womock, after explaining the incident, continued on his way to Charlotte to deliver the load of lumber which had been shipped from Donaldson Lumber Company of McMansville.

Sheriff Ponder is continuing his investigation of the incident.

PLANS FOR GIRL SCOUTS MADE AT MEETING HERE

The Madison County Girl Scout Neighborhood met in the REA Building here Monday with Mrs. Mitzi Tessier, of Asheville, was District Advisor.

Leaders and members of the sponsoring organizations were reminded of the annual meeting in Asheville on January 21 at the George Vanderbilt Hotel. An inspirational and informative program is planned.

The winter and spring training calendar was discussed. Basic training courses are planned for January and March. Outdoor Training is scheduled for April.

Training will be given in February on different phases of the program.

Day Camp is planned at Crossroads again this year. Buses are to pick up Scouts at the same points used last year.

Mrs. Emory Robinson, Brownie leader from Mars Hill, told of the Arts Fair in Mars Hill planned for all Madison Girl Scouts in cooperation with the Mars Hill College Arts Department, to be held in May.

Leaders were given Cookie Sale material (the Punch and Cookie Party Kick-off is planned for Jan. 28 at 3:30 at the Presbyterian Church), and each troop will make plans for G. S. Week, beginning (Continued To Last Page)

Cite Bill Introduced By L. B. Ramsey In 1963 Session

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the number of inquiries concerning the policy of taxation in Madison County, Doyle B. Cody, chairman of the board of commissioners, this week issued the following letter for publication:

The Board of County Commissioners has been approached several times as to the policy of taxation in Madison County. In the Legislative session of 1963, L. B. Ramsey introduced a bill removing all valuation powers from the Board of County Commissioners, as set up under the General Statutes of North Carolina, and creating a Tax Equal-

ization Board, and conferring upon said Board all powers and duties formerly held by the Elected Board of County Commissioners with respect to the valuation of property or the equalizing of values for tax purposes.

"So far as we are informed, all of the other ninety-nine counties come under the General Statutes of North Carolina, broad powers being given to the Board of County Commissioners as to property evaluation and taxation.

Surplus Food Records Gone

Doyle B. Cody, chairman of the county commissioners stated this week that the county commissioners have been asked by State officials to help locate Surplus Foods records of Madison County, kept prior to December 7, 1964, and which records are required by law to be kept for a period of three years.

"These records were never turned over to the present Board of Commissioners and diligent inquiry of the former Chairman of Commissioners, former Auditor, Welfare Department, and former Clerk in the Surplus Foods Program fail to disclose any clues to the whereabouts of these records. Also, careful search has been made of all offices, together with the Courthouse basement and other storage places. The Commissioners will continue to cooperate to the end that the lost records be found, and that they be kept on file, in accordance with the law," Cody said.

STATE OFFICIAL WRITES ABOUT WELFARE SPACE

William T. Moore, chairman of the Madison County Board of Public Welfare, received the following letter Monday from R. Eugene Brown, Commissioner, State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C., which urges the local board to help alleviate the over-crowded condition of the present welfare quarters.

The letter follows:
Mr. William T. Moore, Chairman Madison County Board of Public Welfare
Route No. 2
Hot Springs, North Carolina
Dear Mr. Moore:

It has come to our attention recently that the Madison County Department of Public Welfare is still inadequately housed. The State office has recognized the need for better quarters for the Madison County Department since 1960, and the staff has been increased since that time so that some workers have their desks in the waiting room. We do not feel that efficient work can be done under such circumstances. It has also been brought to our attention that the access to the building is (Continued to Last Page)

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Commissioners Issue Letter To Citizens Of This County

Following is a complete copy of said bill:
Session 1963 H.R. 158
Introduced by: Representative Ramsey of Madison

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR MADISON COUNTY AND TO CONFER CERTAIN POWERS ON SAID BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
Section 1. Chapter 512 of the Session Laws of 1965, and Chapter 103 of the Session Laws of 1963, pertaining to Tax Equalization Board in Madison County are hereby revised.

Sec. 2. There is hereby created a Tax Equalization Board for (Continued To Last Page)

Rabies Spreads Near County; 4,000 Local Dogs Treated

SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES GIVEN

Warehouse Open Tuesdays, Thursdays This Month

It has been announced that the surplus commodities warehouse will be open on Tuesday and Thursday for the rest of the month. The following schedule should be followed:

January 19 — Shelton Laurel, Little Laurel, Big Laurel, Spillcorn.

January 22 — Hot Springs, Shutin, Paint Rock.

January 26 — Mars Hill, Rt. 1, Mars Hill, Rt. 2, Mars Hill, Rt. 3, Mars Hill.

January 28 — Ivy Hill, Jupiter, Long Branch, Walnut Creek, East Fork and Grapevine.

However, if it is impossible to come on the date suggested, you may pick up the food any day the warehouse is open.

The Welfare Department will certify for and take applications for surplus foods on Wednesday only.

MARS HILL TO HAVE MARCH OF DIMES CANVASS

To Conduct Door-To-Door Drive Monday, January 25

Plans for a "March of Dimes" door-to-door canvass for contributions — on Monday night, Jan. 25, in the Mars Hill area are being formulated there.

Director of the campaign for this area, Mrs. Joseph Huff, has enlisted four other interested mothers as area captains: Mrs. Bruce Murray, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Ernest Powell Jr., and Mrs. W. C. Silver Jr.

The five will contact other mothers to assist them in a thorough canvass of the town and surrounding area to seek contributions to the national foundation which in recent years has turned its efforts to the combat against birth defects.

"I was shocked to learn," Mrs. Huff said, "that 250,000 babies are born each year with a serious birth defect — one every two minutes. I believe if we can get these astounding figures across to our friends and neighbors, they will respond with generosity."

PREPARATIONS FOR '65 TOMATO CROP BEING MADE

A number of Madison County tomato producers have started making preparations for the 1965 production season. Practically all of the old producers in the Carman-Shelton Laurel area took down their stakes, rolled up their wire and seeded their 1964 fields to a cover crop.

One of the most important things for the tomato producers to consider now is getting a soil test on their 1965 tomato field. The Soil Testing Laboratory of the State Department of Agriculture in Raleigh is doing an excellent job in testing the soil, making suggestions for fertilization and getting their reports back to the farms. The facilities are very crowded at this time of year, therefore, it is necessary for the farmer to allow about a month for return on his soil samples. An application of the required amount of dolomite limestone should be applied as soon as possible.

LEGISLATURE TAPS TAYLOR AS SPEAKER

Raleigh — H. P. (Pat) Taylor Jr., of Wadesboro, a member of the General Assembly since 1955, was named speaker of the 1965 Legislature Thursday at a House Democrat caucus.

The unanimous nomination of Taylor, 40, who was unopposed, is tantamount to selection as speaker since there are 106 Democrats and 14 Republicans in the House.

The caucus also named Miss Annie B. Cooper of Raleigh principal clerk, Sam Burrow of Randolph County reading clerk and Joseph Warren of Caswell County as sergeant at arms. All served during the 1963 session.

After his nomination, Taylor lost little time in putting House members on notice he wants the 1965 session to conclude its business as soon as possible.

"We should stay here all the time it takes to do our business well," Taylor said. "I think we should meet Feb. 3, do our business promptly and adjourn early."

Noting it cost \$5,600 a day for (Continued To Last Page)

Marshall Man Is Slashed With Knife Here Saturday Night

Bruce Davis, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald "Buddy" Davis, of Marshall, is recovering from knife wounds sustained in an argument which occurred at the lower end of Main Street Saturday night.

According to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, Davis and E. B. Proffitt Jr., about 28, of the Bull Creek section of this county, had an argument over a car wreck which occurred on Maaburn Hill earlier Saturday night.

During the affray, it is alleged, that Proffitt pulled out his knife and slashed Davis' throat. Fortunately, the cut was not deep, however, the wound required 11 stitches.

Proffitt was arrested for assault with deadly weapon and is now out under a \$500 bond. Davis is able to be out again after receiving treatment from a local doctor. (Continued To Last Page)

131 Rabies Cases In Greene County; 50 Cases In Coker County

John Hutchins, county sanitarian, announced this week that over 4,000 dogs are now protected from rabies at least for one year or more in Madison County. In explaining the figures, Mr. Hutchins said that 904 dogs had been treated during the recent clinics held in the county. Prior to the clinics, at least 200 dogs were treated in Burnsville.

He further explained that 112 dogs were also treated early last spring.

Compared with the clinics last year when only 112 dogs were treated, officials are quite pleased with the response thus far this year.

A breakdown of recent clinics reveals that 217 dogs were treated in the Hot Springs-Spring Creek clinic; 160 in the Marshall-Mars Hill; 279 in the Laurel-Walnut; and 238 in the Beech Glen-Ebbs Chapel clinic.

Professional Help
In order to teach animal owners the correct procedures in trapping foxes, Mr. Hutchins stated that professional trappers would be in the county next week. Already scheduled are demonstrations at the Spring Creek school next Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock and at the Laurel school Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock. All interested persons are urged to attend these demonstrations.

RABIES SPREADING
Mr. Hutchins also announced that officials in Greene County, Tennessee, adjacent to Madison County, had announced that there are now 131 certified cases of rabies in that county and that at present, 75 persons were taking treatment. Greene County officials also reported that the situation is getting worse, with 11 new cases diagnosed since the first of the year.

Also alarming is the condition in Coker County, Tenn., where 50 cases of rabies have been verified.

"So far, we have been most fortunate in Madison County with no cases yet verified. However, we must continue every effort to prevent the spread into our county," Hutchins said.

HOLE-IN-ONE
Instructor: "I think you've taken enough practice swings."
Duffer: "Good — now show me which club to use to make a hole-in-one."

Post Office At Mars Hill To Occupy Edwards Site

Oldest Residence On Main Street Will Be Razed

The home of Miss Hattie Edwards and Mrs. Ledia Edwards Hodge, the oldest residence in Mars Hill, will be torn down to make room for the new post office to be erected on the site. The property, which is located downtown on Main Street, has been purchased, and plans are being made for construction of a post office building.

The original residence, which has been renovated and enlarged was built shortly after the Civil War by the Rev. Leroy Sans, who was at one time pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church and the father of John Robert Sans, who was a lifelong friend of Mars Hill College and served as president 1868-1870, 1871-1872. The house was the temporary home of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Moore for a year after they came to Mars Hill in 1897. In 1938 the house was purchased by the late Edwin Edwards, Inc. (Continued To Last Page)