

# Senate Approves Appalachia Aid

### N. C. Senators Ervin and Jordan Vote With Majority

Washington—The Senate passed Monday the billion dollar Appalachia bill designed to produce jobs and raise living standards in the depressed mountain country of eleven states.

President Johnson hailed the 62-29 vote approval as providing "real encouragement to that region."

House hearings on the \$1,000,000,000 measure began Wednesday and the leaders there predicted quick approval to make this one of the first major bills to go to the White House this year.

Backed strongly by the President in his avowed drive to eliminate poverty, the Appalachia bill was approved in the Senate last year but died in the House.

The Senate outcome was a victory for Sens. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., and John S. Cooper,

Washington—Sens. Sam Ervin and Everett Jordan voted with the majority Monday as the Senate passed the administration's \$1.00 billion Appalachia region aid bill.

R-Ky., co-sponsors and floor managers of the bill.

Their states will be among the chief beneficiaries in the 165,000-square mile region where more than 15 million persons live.

Randolph and Cooper argued the entire nation will benefit if the economic position of Appalachia residents can be brought up close to the national average.

But, the Senate aid bill in the 115-400 million would be for 1965-1969.

# County Strikes Back At Ramsey; Cites Bill

### "County Is No Longer A Rubber-stamp Govt.," Cody Says

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article written by Doyle B. Cody, chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, refutes the letter by L. B. Ramsey which was published in last week's issue of this newspaper concerning the origin of the Tax Equalization Board in this county.

With reference to a letter under the signature of Liston Ramsey in the January 28th edition of The News-Record, I read with interest, a great deal of amusement and no surprise, the statement that he did not feel his "modesty and sense of fair play" could entitle him to receive credit for Madison County's present Tax Equalization Board.

I do not blame Mr. Ramsey, I would not like to be credited with this bill either; however, there are a few facts that should be brought to the attention of the citizens of Madison County.

Tax Equalization in Madison County is governed solely by Chapter 59 of the 1963 Session Laws, which is the bill introduced by Mr. Ramsey.

Section 1 of the bill states specifically that "Chapter 512 of the Session Laws of 1963, and Chapter 103 of the Session Laws of 1964, pertaining to Tax Equalization Boards in Madison County are hereby repealed." Also, Section 10 of present bill states as follows: "All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed."

Also, on file is a letter addressed to Wade Hooty, former Auditor, and signed by Liston B. Ramsey and dated April 11, 1963, which states as follows: "I am sending

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# FEBRUARY DESIGNATED HEART MONTH

Calling heart disease "the red plague," Gov. Dan Moore has declared February as heart month in North Carolina.

"This red plague, an heart disease has been called, kills 13 times as many Tar Heels each year as do automobile accidents, four times as many as does cancer," Moore said Monday in a statement.

More than two million living Tar Heels face the eventuality of falling victim to this red-plague — unless we stop its onslaught," he said.

The governor called North Carolinians "to redouble their concern for the fight against the heart and blood vessel diseases, our state's leading disability and killer."

The continuing progress being made at heart research centers at Bowman Gray, the University of North Carolina and Duke with the support of Heart Fund dollars, offers hope for all Tar Heel hearts," Moore said.

Moore said he was a former Heart Fund chairman in Haywood County and "salutes the North Carolina Heart Association's 'Hope for Hearts' crusade and the 1965 Heart Fund campaign."

**TWO-FACED**

The recent political furor reminds us of the time Abraham Lincoln was accused, after a defeat at the polls, of being "two-faced."

# DOG WARDEN IS APPROVED FOR COUNTY MONDAY

The Madison County commissioners, acting jointly with the Madison County Health Department, approved the acquiring of a dog warden for this county. The action was taken at the commissioners' regular meeting here Monday.

A joint meeting of the Health Department officials and the commissioners is planned for later this week when a warden will be named.

Among the duties of the warden will be to arrange clinics, enforce quarantines and supervise the picking up of stray dogs.

The action Monday was necessitated by the threat of rabies in this county and the need for such an official.

# HEART FUND DRIVE BEGINS IN THIS COUNTY

February is Heart Fund Month throughout the nation and Madison County. In order to get organized for the month-long drive, a representative from the State Headquarters was in Marshall Tuesday and named the following officials:

Mrs. Vena Davis, Marshall Chairman; Mrs. Ernestine Plammons, county treasurer; Mrs. Etta Wallin, Rural Heart Fund Director; Mrs. Roy Wild, Gift Chairman for the county; and R. L. Edwards, publicity chairman.

A chairman from Mars Hill and a chairman from Hot Springs are expected to be named in the near future.

# Ralph Lee Baldwin Awarded \$1,050 In Injury Suit

An electric wire which dipped too low across a Buncosmbe County public road last October cost the French Broad Electric Membership Corp., \$1,050 in damages Tuesday.

Ralph Lee Baldwin, 78, of Marshall Rt. 2, an employee of Zeno Ponder, collected the sum in a General County civil judgment.

The suit alleged Baldwin was riding on top of a load of hay in a trailer attached to a farm tractor on road 1753 Oct. 28. When he hit the wire, he was knocked to the ground, and suffered both burns and fractures, it was alleged. Suit was brought by Minnie Baldwin, as next friend.

# GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE IS IN PROGRESS

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale is now in progress in Mars Hill, Marshall and Walnut. Girl Scouts are taking orders and it was explained that there are four varieties from which to choose. The cookies will be delivered at a later date. The taking of orders will continue through February 15 and everyone is urged to give the Scouts your orders.

Proceeds from the Cookie Sale will be used to further improvements and facilities at the permanent Girl Scout Camp near Breward as well as to purchase equipment for Day Camp at Crossroads. An Activity Center at the G. S. Camp is also being planned with Cookie Sale proceeds to help in this project.

By purchasing cookies you are assisting in making for better Scouting in this county.

# RED CROSS REPORT FOR JANUARY

Two Madison County servicemen were recipients of Red Cross service during January. The Madison County Branch of the Asheville Area Red Cross also submitted a report to the Veterans Administration for a county veteran.

During the month residents of the county received 87 units of blood in Asheville hospitals supplied by the Red Cross. County residents gave 25 units of blood at the Center in Asheville and 28 units at a bloodmobile operation at Mars Hill Baptist Church.

**DANIEL REELECTED**

John N. Daniel was reelected chairman of the Asheville Area Red Cross Chapter at a meeting of the Chapter's Board of Directors Wednesday. Daniel, Division Manager of the Square D Company, has served one year as chairman and three years as a member of the Red Cross Board.

**ATTEND BANQUET**

Among those from Madison County attending the annual Red Cross Awards Banquet last Thursday night at the Hattery Park Hotel were Mrs. W. L. Lynch and Miss Virginia Hart of Mars Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Story of Marshall.

# COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED AT EOA AIRING

In order to get further information and advice on the recently enacted Economic Opportunity Act, several county officials are planning on attending a meeting today (Thursday) in Asheville when representatives of the county, county officials in charge of the program will discuss the EOA.

R. L. Edwards, county superintendent and chairman of the EOA committee in this county, reported to the board of working on the program.

When the Madison County will qualify for benefits from the EOA will greatly depend on what is learned at the meeting.

# Rep. Ramsey Is On Committee

Representative F. Crafton Ramsey, of this county, has been named to the House Finance Committee at action taken Wednesday in the opening day of the general assembly in Raleigh.

State Senator Clyde M. Norton, of Old Fort, was named to Murphy Sen. W. Frank Forsyth's Finance Committee.

**NO COMPETITION**

"I have come here to make an honest living," the stranger in town said.

"Well, you won't have much competition," the native said.

# Gov. Moore Plans To Ask Voters For \$300 Million For Roads

Hunt To Head Up Program; Not To Increase Taxes

By JOHN PARRIS  
Citizen Staff Writer

Gov. Dan K. Moore will ask the 1965 State Legislature to submit a \$300 million road bond issue to the voters of North Carolina.

And the man who will head up his road-building program as chairman of the State Highway Commission is to be former Speaker of the House Joseph M. Hunt Jr., of Greensboro.

Well-informed sources are convinced that Hunt is emerging as one of the strongest and most influential men in the new administration.

Hunt is known to feel keenly about the state's highway needs, particularly those of the western and extreme eastern parts of North Carolina.

Like Moore, he is understood to feel that Western North Carolina has not got its fair share of

# SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS NOW IN OPERATION HERE

Marshall's new sewage disposal system, costing approximately \$122,000, was put into full operation last Friday. The project, made possible through a Federal grant from the Health, Education and Welfare Administration which bore 80% of the cost, was started some three months ago. The main treatment plant is located on the lower end of the Island here and this main structure is "fed" by two pumping stations, one located at the mouth of Frisby Branch at the lower end of Main Street and the other is located next to the jail. Both pumping stations are beneath the surface of the ground.

The area across the river as well as the Mills Manufacturing Company plant are serviced by a large septic tank with separate units. The lines on the Marshall side of the river serve the municipal sewer system for the town.

**TOWN TAKES OVER**

The Town of Marshall will officially take over the system from the contractors next Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock at simple ceremonies on the Island. Following final inspections, officials will "present" the system to Marshall's mayor and board of aldermen. Also expected to be on hand for the observance will be the engineers, inspectors, representatives from the State Sanitation Department, Madison County Health Department and other officials.

Burford Marler, city employee, has been appointed Sewer System Maintaining Supervisor. Mr. Marler's main duties will be to check the system periodically and see that the system is operating satisfactorily.

Marshall is the first town in Madison County and one of the first in Western North Carolina to complete such a system which is part of the program to clean up

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# RED CROSS DRIVE LAGGING; FUNDS ARE NEEDED NOW

Latest reports from the Red Cross Membership Drive in this county reveal that the campaign is lagging. It was explained, however, that all sections and chapters had not yet reported.

\$17,840 has been actually turned in. This is slightly over the halfway mark of the \$3,000 goal.

The annual drive started late but although it was supposed to officially end last Monday, officials state that the drive must be continued in order to raise the necessary funds for the continuance of the RC services.

Unofficial reports from Mars Hill reveal that area is close to

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# SNOW BLANKETS COUNTY TUESDAY

An accumulation of three to four inches of snow blanketed Madison County and Western North Carolina Monday night causing schools to discontinue activities Tuesday. Slick roads caused many minor accidents with cars slipping and sliding into ditches and banks. No serious accidents were reported here Tuesday.

It was thought that the storm might bring some eight inches of snow in this area but the average depth was much less, much to the delight of motorists and pedestrians.

Clear skies Tuesday brought an end, at least temporarily, to the snow but sub-freezing temperatures continue to "hold" the snow visible.

# Ramsey Describes Feed Grain Program Rates

**Burley Chairman**

**Harry G. Silver**

**COUNTY BURLEY REFERENDUM COMMITTEE**

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Harry G. Silver, county farm agent, was unanimously elected County Burley Tobacco Referendum Chairman at a meeting held at the ASCE office on Wednesday afternoon. Other members of the Committee elected were Robert

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Signup Period February 8 Through March 26 At ASCE

Farmers taking part in the 1965 feed grain program may get the top rate of payment on the entire acreage diverted into conserving uses if they sign up and actually divert at least 40 percent of the farm's feed grain base, Ralph Ramsey, office manager of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service reminded growers today.

The key figures for estimating diverted acres and diversion payments are 20, 40, and 60, Ramsey explained. The minimum diversion under the feed grain program is 20 percent of the feed grain base. The maximum diversion is the larger of 60 percent of the base or 25 acres not to exceed the farm base. And there are two diversion-payment rates.

If the grower signs up and diverts only the minimum acreage, his diversion payment will be figured at the lower rate — one-fifth of the county's total price-support rate (price-support loan plus the price-support payment).

If the grower diverts between 20 and 40 percent of his base, the lower rate applies to the minimum diversion and the higher rate to the balance diverted. The higher rate is one-half of the county's total support rate.

But if the grower signs up and actually diverts at least 40 percent of the base, the higher rate will apply to the entire acreage diverted.

Farmers meeting up in kind, if

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Dr. Ed Niles  
**ED L. NILES PRES. OF MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION**

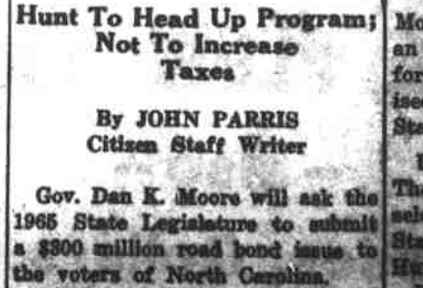
Officers of the Marshall Merchants Association were unanimously elected at a dinner meeting at the Rock Cafe here Tuesday night. Ralph McCormick, president, presided with 16 members present.

Various reports were given of activities throughout the past year and Robert Chandler, treasurer, presented a financial report for the year ending.

Officers elected were as follows:

President, Dr. Ed Niles; vice-president, Ralph McCormick; secretary, James Pugh; treasurer,

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