



Bill Would Insure Ambulance Rights

Commissioners Will Play A Major Role; Franchise Is Necessary

Raleigh — Legislation to insure continued ambulance service in Buncombe, Haywood and Madison counties was introduced Wednesday in the face of an announcement that most funeral homes in the three counties will not provide the service after June 30.

The bill, introduced by Reps. Ernest Messer of Canton, J. C. Crawford of Asheville and Gordon H. Greenwood of Black Mountain, would authorize the county commissioners in each county to franchise ambulance service.

Messer said a Spartanburg, S. C., ambulance service has offered to provide ambulance facilities in the three counties under a franchise agreement.

Under the bill, the county commissioners may determine that the ambulance service being provided in the county is not adequate to serve the needs of the county properly.

If such a finding is made, no firm or individual could operate any ambulance service without first obtaining a franchise from the board of county commissioners.

Messer said that in two of the three counties, at least one funeral home plans to continue to offer ambulance service. Such firms could not be refused a franchise if, at the time the commissioners determined ambulance service in the county is inadequate, the firm is already providing the service.

The commissioners could fix the maximum number of ambulances authorized to be operated in the county, fix the schedule of fees ambulance services may impose, fix limits of liability insurance coverage for operators, prescribe specifications for vehicles used as ambulances, spell out the supplies and equipment which they must carry, and establish educational and training qualifications which an ambulance driver or attendant must have.

The county boards also could spend non-tax funds to insure that ample and proper ambulance services are furnished. They also could levy a special tax of up to five cents per \$100 valuation to provide, or assist in providing, adequate service.

Expenditure of funds for such services is specifically declared in the bill to be "a necessary expense" under the terms of the state constitution.

Mrs. F. Crafton Ramsey of (Continued To Last Page)

MHS Speaker



JERRY A. RICE, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rice, of Marshall, will deliver the graduation address next Thursday night, June 3, in the Marshall gymnasium.

Mr. Rice, a graduate of Marshall High School, is now principal of Swain County High School and Bryson City Elementary School, Bryson City.

He is active in civic and religious affairs and is currently president of the Swain County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have one son, Jerry III, age six.

Other commencement exercises remaining to be held are:

Sunday, May 30, 8:00 p. m., Baccalaureate Service, Gymnasium; the Rev. Jack L. Thomas to deliver the message.

Wednesday, June 2, 8:00 p. m., Walnut 8th Grade Graduation, Walnut Auditorium.

Thursday, June 3, 8:00 p. m., Graduation Exercises, Gymnasium.

WNC SOLONS DIVIDED ON CAR CHECKING

Raleigh — Western North Carolina senators split four to two Wednesday over Gov. Moore's motor vehicle inspection bill.

The measure passed the upper chamber on second reading by a 35 to 13 vote.

Voting for it were Sens. W. Frank Forsyth of Murphy, Herbert L. Hyde of Asheville, Clarence Ridings of Forest City and Oral L. Yates.

Voting against it were Sens. F. D. B. Hastings (R) of Yadkinville and Clyde M. Norton of Old Fort.

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FARMERS TO BE CONTACTED BY MATO DIRECTORS

Every tomato farmer in Madison County will be contacted by the Board of Directors of Mato Packing Co., Inc., giving them an opportunity to market their vine ripe tomatoes through this organization. The officers and directors of Mato Packing have stated that they will charge no membership fees and will not attempt to enter into a fining contract with the producers. They are asking each producer to sign a Certificate of Agreement between the producer and the packing company. This is basically a statement of intent on the part of the producer to sell all of his marketable tomatoes through Mato Packing Co., Inc. On the part of Mato Packing Co., it is a pledge to do the very best job they can on packing, grading and selling the tomatoes for the producer. They have reaffirmed their intention of making Mato Packing Co., the best tomato market in North Carolina, to try to do everything possible to see that each producer receives the maximum net income for his tomato crop.

They have stated that the producer may contact the county agricultural agents' office or any officer or director of Mato Packing Co., for copies of the Certificate of Agreement which they may sign.

Officers and directors of Mato Packing Co., are as follows: E. C. Teague, president; Leonard Baker, secretary; L. B. Ramsey, treasurer; C. E. Mashburn, R. C. Briggs, D. M. Robinson, J. H. Sprinkle Sr., C. D. Bowman, Bruce Murray as regular members and Harry G. Silver, ex officio member.

Miss Jean Stines Elected President N. C. Dental Asso.

Miss Jean Stines of Asheville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller H. Stines of Marshall, was elected president of the North Carolina Dental Hygienists Association during a meeting in Pinehurst last week.

Miss Stines acted as president last year due to a vacancy in the office. She has also served in the Executive Council of the Hygienists Association for four years and as vice president for one year.

Miss Stines is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Dental Hygiene and is employed by Dr. Pearce Roberts, Jr., of Asheville, who is president of the North Carolina Dental Society.

School Consolidation Case Special Venire

A special venire of 75 jurors from outside Madison County was ordered by Judge W. K. McLean here this morning shortly before noon in the trial of four of seven men indicted for conspiring to disturb the consolidation of the Marshall-Walnut schools in 1962.

The jurors are to report tomorrow (Friday) when the case is expected to get underway.

The four men who face trial are Jack Davis, Eugene Thomas, Geter Roberts and Jack Guthrie. The cases of the other three, Paul Ballard, Herbert Baker and Joe Fowler, have been continued, Herbert Hawkins, clerk of court, stated.

seventh victory of the season. Ray Nixon also hurled a fine game in defeat.

BOOKMOBILE TO STOP SERVICE FOR PRESENT

Borrowers Asked To Return Books; Stores Not Involved

It was announced this week that for the present the bookmobile service in the county will be discontinued due to the fact that Mrs. Manie Gardner, bookmobile librarian, has resigned, effective June 1.

Borrowers of bookmobile books are asked to please bring or send your books to the Marshall, Mars Hill or Hot Springs library.

This does not apply to the following stores that have book collections. We will call on them personally to discuss the situation: Meadows' Store, Spring Creek; McGaha's Store, Meadow Fork; Bill Moore's Store, Meadow Fork; Silver's Store, Bull Creek; Coast Inn, Beech Glen; Maney's Store, Beech Glen; Bringham's Store, Walnut.

The Marshall Library hours are: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Thursdays, 9 a. m. to 12 Noon and 2 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Mars Hill Library: Every Thursday 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. Hot Springs Library: Every Friday, 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

FHA BANQUET HERE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Impressive Services Held At Baptist Church; Degrees Are Awarded

The Mother-Daughter Banquet of the Marshall Chapter of Future Homemakers of America was held last Friday night at the Marshall Baptist Church. Approximately 150 members, mothers, friends and guests attended.

Following the opening of the affair by Cheryl Davis, president of the Chapter, who welcomed those present, the response was given by Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts. Emagene Ponder pronounced the invocation and a delicious Italian-style dinner was served by boy students. The meal was planned and prepared by members of FHA, spearheaded by Emagene Ponder, Mrs. Earl Robinson, teachers, announced.

Just before the meal was served, Mrs. Robinson was presented a gift by the FHA members.

Following the dinner, mothers of the members and other guests (Continued To Last Page)

Directors Elected At EOA Meeting Here

COUNTYWIDE 4-H TALENT SHOW FRIDAY, JUNE 4

The 4-H Clubs in Madison County are sponsoring a county-wide talent show on Friday, June 4, at the Mars Hill College Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p. m. 4-H club members from community 4-H clubs, as well as students from Laurel, Marshall, Beech Glen, Ebbs Chapel, Walnut and Mars Hill schools will be participating. There will be square dance teams, piano solos, singing, pantomimes, as well as other talent numbers for your enjoyment.

Gary Randolph, president of the Pioneer Community 4-H Club, will Emcee this event.

All proceeds will go into the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

Walnut Eighth Grade Promotion Next Monday Night

The Walnut Eighth Grade promotion exercises will be held next Monday night, May 31, at eight o'clock, it was announced today.

The original date for the exercises was set for June 2, but the date was changed because of a proposed trip to Raleigh by the students on June 2.

Babe Ruth, Little League Meeting Next Wednesday

Frank Ramsey Confirmed As Postmaster Here

Washington — The Senate confirmed Saturday President Johnson's nomination of four North Carolina postmasters.

They are: Marvin A. Rivenbark, Currie; Frank Ramsey, Marshall; E. June Martin Jr., Mount Olive; and William R. Ray, N. C.

COUNTY NATIVES TO BE HONORED SAT. AT MHC

Two Madison County natives will be honored by Mars Hill College Saturday, May 29 as "Alumni of the Year."

Miss Hattie Edwards, of Mars Hill and Dr. J. B. Hipps of Wake Forest will receive citations at the annual alumni banquet Saturday night in recognition of their long years of service to others.

A member of the Class of 1899 at Mars Hill, "Miss Hattie" taught school at Grapevine and at Little (Continued to Last Page)

TOMATO PLANTS TRANSPLANTING 95% COMPLETED

Vine ripe tomato sales in Madison County seem to be advancing to the point that within five years they will be second only to tobacco in agricultural income.

Transplanting of tomato plants in the field in Madison County is earlier than any past season. Over 95% of all transplanting had been completed on Saturday, May 22. Most of the plants are growing off nicely and disease and insect control is better to date than in prior years.

Surplus Foods Demonstration Held Wednesday

A demonstration on the use of surplus foods was given at the Madison County Health Center Wednesday for the benefit of personnel from the welfare and health agencies. By such demonstration, families can be shown how to best use surplus foods.

The demonstration was under the direction of Miss Jane Wentworth, public health nutritionist from the State Board of Health, and Mrs. Ethel Wallin, home economist of Madison County.

All Interested Persons Are Asked To Attend At Plemmons Restaurant

Bill Whitten, Babe Ruth and Little League Commissioner in Madison County, announced today that an important meeting will be held next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock at Plemmons Restaurant on the by-pass.

"In order to formulate a schedule and to get the summer baseball program underway, it is necessary to learn if there is enough interest to warrant an organization. All persons interested in the boys' baseball program this summer are asked to attend," Mr. Whitten said.

Mr. Whitten especially wishes that all managers of last year's teams attend and any other adults wishing to assist this summer.

"It is hoped that baseball for the smaller boys can be continued this summer as in past years," Mr. Whitten concluded.

Madison Nine To Start Baseball Season Here Sat.

COUNTY SCHOOL BUS OVERTURNS ON BLUFF ROAD

Five Spring Creek Student Treated For Minor Injuries

A school bus containing 18 Spring Creek school students overturned on the Bluff Road Wednesday afternoon of last week, R. L. Edwards, Superintendent, stated this week.

Five of the students were slightly injured and were released after being treated by Dr. David Kimberly.

Mr. Edwards stated that William R. Parker, a certified school bus driver, was operating the bus when it left the road and overturned about 4 p. m.

Charter Is To Be Secured; Permanent Organization Soon

Representatives from approximately 90 organizations and groups were present at the Economic Opportunity Act (EOA) organizational meeting held in the courtroom here Tuesday night.

The Rev. Jack L. Thomas, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, and temporary chairman, presided and Mr. Eddie Brown, technical assistant of EOA, Raleigh, gave a brief review of the programs available under EOA if approved by state and federal authorities.

A roll call of representatives which were selected by their individual organizations and groups was called. This list of representatives practically includes every organization in the county.

Using the guide lines as set forth by the EOA, Mr. Thomas divided the representatives into three categories — "A," "B" and "C," as follows:

"A Category" Representation from private and public agencies shall include at least one representative of the chief elected official, or officials, of the community, the board of education, the public welfare agency, and the major private social service agencies. Consideration should also be given to representation by the public health agency, the public housing and urban renewal agencies, the local office of the State employment agencies, any non-public school or school system responsible for the education of a substantial number of children from poor families, and private social and education agencies headquartered in low income areas, such as a settlement house.

"B Category" Representation from the leadership of important elements in the community, such as labor, business, religious, and minority groups. Particular attention should be paid to ensuring adequate minority group representation in cases where minority group members comprise a large proportion of the population of the "target" areas or groups selected for the community action program.

"C Category" Representation from residents of the areas and members of the groups to be served, including at least one representative selected from each of the neighborhoods or areas in which the community action program will be concentrated. In the selection process, there should be maximum involvement of the groups and persons to be represented. The selection process should be designed to encourage the use, whenever feasible, of the use, whenever feasible.

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217 Mars Hill College Students To Graduate Sun.

Baccalaureate Service At 11 A. M.; Graduation At 3 P. M.

Sunday, May 30, will climax four years of diligent study for 217 Mars Hill seniors when they graduate at 3 p. m., in Moore Auditorium.

Activities for the day will begin with the baccalaureate service at 11 a. m. Because of the lack of seating accommodations, the service will be held in Moore Auditorium rather than the local church as has been the custom in recent years.

The speaker for the morning service will be Dr. Henry E. Turrlington, minister of the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Speaker for the graduation exercises will be Dr. Alvin Keppel, executive director of the Piedmont University Center in Winston-Salem. The center is a corporation through which Mars Hill and 16 other colleges in the state cooperate for improvements and enrichment of their academic, financial and cultural programs.

MHC Speakers



Bachelor of Science, 3 Bachelor of Music and 12 Bachelor of Music Education degrees.

Twenty-two other students will participate in the commencement exercises. Ten will be awarded Associate of Art diplomas for the completion of two-year courses. The other 12 will receive commercial certificates for the completion of one-year terminal courses in business.

The 217 graduates compare with 146 degree graduates last year; however, receiving the "sheepskins" this year will be those who completed requirements for graduation in summer school last year and first semester as well as those just now completing their work.

Wildcats Advance; Defeat Yadkinville, 3-1 Wednesday

Will Meet Grey Creek On Saturday In Fayetteville; 12-2 Record

J. C. Wallin's Mars Hill Wildcats continue to show that they are a well-balanced, well-coached team as they have now defeated two opponents to earn quarterfinals in the State "A" playoffs.

Last Saturday night the Wildcats downed North Cove, 4-1, on the Mars Hill College diamond, and on Wednesday (yesterday) squeaked past Yadkinville, 3-1 in 12 innings.

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