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Plans For Christmas Pageant Going Forward

To Be Presented December 21, 22, 23; All Singers Invited

Plans are going forward to present the "live" Christmas Pageant here on the nights of December 21, 22 and 23, beginning each night at 7:30 o'clock.

The pageant, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association and cooperating churches, has gained wide publicity and record crowds are expected to see the impressive event this year.

Coordinators have been named from several churches to assist in the staging, singing and production. Dean Shields, assisted by Mrs. S. L. Nix, and others, are in charge and announce that this year's pageant will again be worthy of national prominence.

SINGERS INVITED

Anyone interested and desiring to be in the choir which will sing each night during the presentation, is invited to be at the Marshall Baptist Church next Monday night at 7:00 o'clock for the first rehearsal. Any church in the county which wishes to furnish singers in the choir are urged to be present Monday night.

It is hoped that 75 or more singers will compose the choir which will add greatly to the presentation.

STAR NOW SHINES

The large star on the mountain opposite the courthouse is now shining nightly and the spotlight which sends a ray toward the manger scene on the courthouse lawn is expected to be ready for us in a few days.

NOT SO BAD

Never take your problems in this life too seriously — they're never as bad as you think they're going to be.

Red Cross Drive Is Only \$300 Short Of County Goal

Board Passes A Resolution; Co-Chairmen, Public Praised

At the Madison County Red Cross Board of Directors meeting held in Marshall last week it was reported that the annual Membership Drive is now within less than \$300 of reaching the goal of \$3,000,000. A measure of the success of the drive is the fact that well over 500 individuals contributed, which shows a large increase in Red Cross participation in the county.

Mrs. Eleanor Penley, Asheville Area Red Cross staff member, Miss Ruth Lockman, Red Cross National Field Director, and Mr. John Martindale, Area Director of First Aid and Youth Program,

TWO ARRESTED IN ROBBERY AT FORKS OF IVY

Men Enter L&M Store, Hold Pistol On Owner And Take \$464.00

Two Barnardsville men are being held in the Madison County jail without bond and a third man is being sought in connection with an armed robbery near the Forks of Ivy on the night of November 13.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder identified the men as Phillip Morris Anders, 26, and James Allen, 28, both of Barnardsville. The sheriff did not identify the third man being sought.

The two men were picked up this week on a warrant sworn out by the Madison County sheriff's department. Anders was arrested by a State Patrolman and Cecil Masters and Allen was apprehended by the Madison County sheriff's department, aided by Buncombe County's sheriff's department. (Continued to Page Six)

Court Adjourns Here Wednesday; Judgments Passed

The December term of superior court which started here Monday adjourned Wednesday afternoon. Judge P. C. Froneberger presided at the term.

Among the judgments rendered were:

George Pappas, of Greece, pleaded guilty to an assault on a minor. Seven months suspended for three years; he pay costs and vacate county.

Marvin Hilemen, of Tennessee, (Continued on Page Seven)

Merchant's Second Drawing To Be Held Here Saturday

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 Saturday, December 11.

The second of four drawings will be held at 3:30 o'clock 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 given throughout this area.

In addition to trade certificates (each \$5 denomination) many merchants are also giving "extras" which are listed below. It was explained that these trade certificates can be used for money. They can be redeemed at any firm displaying the "We Redeem Certificates" signs. These firms are also listed on back of each trade certificate and cannot be redeemed at any store other than those listed. They are good for any merchandise of your choice or may be used to pay on account.

The tickets are blank this year (2"x3") pink cards). All you do is sign your name and address on back and deposit them in boxes in any participating store. The tickets will be drawn and the name of the person will be announced.

You DO NOT have to be present to win.

If, by chance, a ticket is drawn which has not been stamped by a firm it will be discarded.

Remember, the second drawing is SATURDAY at 3:30 o'clock in front of the courthouse.

Below is the list of prizes to be given away Saturday afternoon:

- Eight drawings for five Trade Certificates (\$25)
- Electric Blanket — McKinney's Dept. Store
- Steam and Dry Iron — Bowman Hardware Co.
- \$10 worth of dry cleaning — Edwards Cleaners
- One 750x14 Tire — Ponder Auto Supply
- PONY — Marshall Merchants Association

First Drawing Here Last Saturday Brings Big Crowd

Next Drawing To Be Held Saturday At 3:30 O'clock

People from all over Madison County swarmed into town last Saturday to shop, to talk to friends and to be present at the first of four Merchants Association drawings. The courtroom was filled with persons, mostly women, who chose to sit down in the warm comfort of the courtroom rather than stand outside. However, hundreds lined the sidewalks and the courthouse walkway as the drawing started at 3:30 o'clock.

The newly-built ticket cage with thousands of pink tickets in it was turned by electricity and motor. This improvement was worked out by Roy Wild, and others.

The first winner of 5 trade certificates and a basket of groceries from Dixie Grocery, was won by Delma Banks, Marshall Route 4. The ticket came from Whitehurst Insurance Agency.

The second ticket drawn was for 10 trade certificates and a permanent from Balsam Beauty Shop. These were won by Mrs. Polly Treadway, of Marshall. The ticket came from Dixie Grocery.

Third drawing was also for 10 trade certificates and an electric coffee pot from Home Electric. Mrs. Jani Randall, of Marshall, was the winner. The ticket came from Dixie Grocery.

The fourth drawing was for 15 (Continued on Page Six)

Gov. Moore Calls Session To Draft Legislation For Reapportionment In State

Change Made In Drawings

Members of the Merchants Association met Tuesday night and decided to make a few changes in the remainder of the drawings held here.

Due to so many persons being unable to be present at the drawings, although they have deposited tickets, it was decided to award prizes to the name on the tickets drawn regardless of whether they are present or not. Should the winner not be present he or she will be notified by mail and they must redeem the prizes within one week of the prize being drawn for at a future drawing. In other words, you DO NOT have to be present to win.

They also decided to "split up" the trade certificates into equal numbers, giving more persons a chance to win. The "extra" prizes will also be separate drawings, also giving more persons a chance to win.

In all, next Saturday there will be 13 tickets drawn for the numerous prizes, including the final drawing for a pony.

OWEN FISH NEW PRESIDENT OF COUNTY NCEA

Owen Fish, principal of Laurel High School, was elected president of the Madison County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association at a meeting last week at Marshall School.

James E. Allen, business education teacher of Marshall High School, was elected vice president; and Mrs. Blaine Jarvis, first grade teacher of Elbbs Chapel, was named secretary-treasurer.

David Wyatt, science teacher at Marshall High School, is the retiring president.

CAUSES OF FIRES

One out of five fires in the United States is caused by matches and smoking, the Insurance Information Institute reports. Another 20 per cent are caused by the misuse of electricity and by faulty electrical equipment.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION IS COMMENDED

Letter Received By John D. Ray, District Chairman, From Orville Freeman

John D. Ray, chairman, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, received a letter of commendation this week from Orville J. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., in which Secretary Freeman cites the progressive action in updating the soil and water conservation program in this county.

In another letter, Mr. Ray also received plaudits from D. A. Williams, Administrator of the Soil Conservation Service and from J. P. Kuykendall, State Conservationist.

Members of the Madison County Board in addition to Mr. Ray, of Marshall Route 4 are Harry Rice, Marshall Rt. 6 and Herschel Ramsey, Marshall Rt. 1.

Secretary Freeman's letter follows:

Mr. John D. Ray, Chairman, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, Marshall, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ray: I want to commend the governing body of your District for their progressive action in updating the soil and water conservation program and modernizing the memorandum of understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is an important initial step (Continued to Page Six)

Special Session To Begin On January 10; Both Bodies Involved

Governor Dan Moore Monday summoned the General Assembly into extra session beginning Jan. 10 to draft reapportionment and redistricting legislation.

At the same time Lt. Governor Robert W. Scott and House Speaker H. Pat Taylor Jr. named special senate and house committees to start advanced studies on reapportionment of the two bodies.

In the near future, they said, a joint committee of house and senate members will be named to study redistricting of the state's 11 congressional districts.

The announcements came following a conference by the three in Governor Moore's office.

The Governor, Scott and Taylor, said the extra session should limit itself solely to action designed to comply with the Nov. 30 order of a three-judge federal court directing the state to apportion both houses of the state legislature on a population basis, and to realign the congressional districts to achieve closer equality of population.

The three state leaders said that in confronting the problem of legislative reapportionment the general assembly should not seek at this time to increase the size of either the house or senate.

The house is now composed of 120 members and the senate of 60. The Senate is apportioned on the basis of population only but the formula for distributing the House membership is primarily based on geography.

The court order directing reapportionment held invalid state constitutional provisions guaranteeing each county at least one representative in the House.

Feed Grain Program For 1966 Is Announced Here

Signups Will Be Early Next Year, Robinson Asserts

The feed grain program for 1966 will be essentially unchanged in form, but payment rates will be adjusted to encourage broader participation by farmers, the USDA has announced.

Changes in the program are either those required by law or those which reflect legislative history established this year when the new program was enacted.

Continuing objectives of the program are to strengthen income of producers, particularly those who make full use of the (Continued to Page Six)

M. M. HOSPITAL TRUSTEES SET EXPANSION

Memorial Mission Hospital trustees Monday night announced a contract on an \$870,000 project had been awarded a Charlotte firm for completion of the fourth floor on the hospital's new north wing.

The project, to be completed by C. P. Street Construction Co., will mean 36 additional beds plus an addition to kitchen and dietary (Continued on Page Six)

Government Corn Is Now Available To Farmers

Farmers Must Apply To ASCS Office For Orders

One of the benefits made available to county farmers since the designation of the county as a disaster area is the availability of Government owned corn, at the discount price of \$1.085 per bushel (56 pounds). This corn is comparable as far as nutrition is concerned — one pound equal to four pounds of corn silage or two pounds of alfalfa hay. On a cost basis, this corn costs .30 per pound, on an equivalent basis of four pounds of corn silage at \$10.00 a ton equals \$2 a pound, 2 pounds of alfalfa hay at \$4.00 a (Continued on Page Six)

THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE IS NAMED BY SHC

Raleigh — State Highway Commission Chairman Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., Friday announced the appointment of a special three-member committee to interview and select consulting engineers for the State Highway Commission.

Hunt named Commissioners John F. McNair, III, of Laurinburg chairman of the committee. (Continued on Page Six)

Bentley Named President Of Mars Hill College

Will Begin Duties July 1; Succeeds Dr. Hoyt Blackwell

By WALTER SMITH

A youthful new president of Mars Hill College was named Tuesday by the board of trustees. Dr. Fred Bentley, 30, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and assistant professor of education at the University of Louisville, will succeed Dr. Hoyt Blackwell on July 1.

He was recommended by a special committee appointed last spring and unanimously elected by the full board here Tuesday. He was present, with his wife, to accept the appointment.

Dr. Bentley will become only the third president the Baptist college has had since 1897. Dr. Blackwell, 75, had announced his retirement last May, at the semi-annual meeting of the trustees.

Dr. Bentley's selection culminated nearly six months of search-

New MHC President



Dr. Fred Bentley

ing by the special trustee committee comprised of Carl Meares of Fair Bluff, Emory McCall of

Trio Fined \$250 Each In County School Case

Long Dragged Out Case Is Expected To Be Ended At Next Term

Three county men were given suspended sentences of seven months each Monday in Superior Court after they had pleaded guilty to charges of interfering with the operation of a school.

Judge P. C. Froneberger fined each of the three, Paul Ballard, Joe Fowler and Eugene Thomas, \$250 plus costs.

The three were among seven men against whom several charges were brought in 1962, when the county consolidated the Marshall and Walnut schools, arousing forestal opposition among a number of students and their parents who did not want to attend an- (Continued to Page Eight)

DIESEL ENGINE BLAZE FOUGHT BY FIREMEN SAT.

Estimated \$50,000 Damage To New Engine At Redmon

An estimated \$50,000 damage to a new Diesel freight engine resulted in an electrical fire in one of the units last Saturday in the Redmon area about 8:00 p. m.

Marshall firemen, headed by Deputy Chief Allen Duckett, received the call about 8 p. m., and rushed to Redmon where operat-