

French Broad Association To Have Area Seminary Extension Center

Will Begin Operation Jan. 16; Two Courses Are Planned

In response to numerous requests from pastors, church leaders, and adult members, the Executive Committee of the French Broad Baptist Association has voted unanimously to establish a Seminary Extension Center in this area. The center will begin operation on Monday evening, January 16, at 7:00 o'clock, at the California Creek Baptist about five miles north of Mars Hill, on Highway 23, and will be held each evening for nine weeks at the hour and place named above.

During the first nine-weeks session two courses, one in Old Testament and one in New Testament, will be offered. However, in future sessions other courses in Bible Study, Christian Training, and Evangelism are to be offered. Upon completion of sixteen required subjects, a certificate, similar to those awarded at Fruitland and our six seminaries, is presented. The only cost to the student is the price of the textbook, \$3.50. Husband and wife may (Continued To Last Page)

OREN E. ROBERTS RESIGNS AS ESEA COORDINATOR

Declining Health Prompts Move; Has Served Since 1965

Oren E. Roberts, who has been Coordinator of ESEA (Educational Secondary Elementary Act) in Madison County since its beginning in 1965, this week resigned his post due to declining health, it was announced today by R. L. Edwards, superintendent.

Mr. Edwards announced, however, that Mr. Roberts has agreed to remain in an advisory capacity until a successor is named.

The offices of ESEA are located in the L. B. Ramsey Building on Main Street in Marshall.

A summary of ESEA accomplishments under the direction of Mr. Roberts will be published next week.

PROJECT GROW ASSISTING IN TOMATO SCHOOL

Interviewing Clients In L. B. Ramsey Building On Main Street

The Project Grow office in the Ramsey Building is now interviewing clients who are interested in Trellis Tomato Classes being conducted by the Employment Security Commission in conjunction with Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute. These classes will start January 9.

Trainees in this program will attend school six hours per day, five days each week for six weeks. They will receive two hours each day of general education and four hours on tomato production.

Trainees in this program who qualify under MDTA regulations will receive through the Employment Security Commission \$26 per week plus 5c per mile travel. In addition to this they will receive \$5 per week for each dependent up to six. In order to qualify for the training the net income for the trainee would have to be less than \$1,200 per year.

For further information individuals fifty years of age or over should get in touch immediately with the "Project Grow" office in the Ramsey Building in Marshall or call Marshall 649-6551.

Donkey Basketball At Hot Springs Next Thursday

C. W. Wynn, principal of Hot Springs High School, announced this week that a donkey basketball game will be played in the Hot Springs gym next Thursday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

D&B AGENCY LISTS COUNTY BUSINESSES

Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., international business information agency which has been celebrating its 125th anniversary, has released latest statistics on the business population of Madison County. R. C. Adams, district manager of the Charlotte Office of D&B, reports that figures obtained by a physical count of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book for January, 1967, show that there are 119 retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers in the county.

Founded in 1841 in New York City, the Dun & Bradstreet organization now includes nearly 240 offices in the United States and abroad. The company was originally established to collect and report data on merchants on the Western frontier in order to promote trade, and has been gathering financial and credit data on firms of all types ever since.

Today, D&B lists nearly three million businesses and their current credit ratings in its Reference Book, which is continually being revised and is published six times a year. Each year, all businesses, regardless of size, are asked to send copies of their financial statements to Dun & Bradstreet, whose reporters collect supplementary facts and profile each business in comprehensive credit reports widely used by suppliers, insurance companies, bankers and service concerns.

Masonic Meeting Tuesday, January 10

French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 will hold an Emergent Communication Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of conferring the Fellowship Degree.

COUNTY TO STATE

Two-Weeks To

Madison County Cultural Conservation Program will January 16, announcement Robinson, cultural Stalvation col administrators local level.

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Snow "Spits" People Have "Fits"

Snow started falling here early this (Thursday) morning along the "off and on" tempo. Large flakes would fall for several minutes and then suddenly the sun would shine and the snow would cease.

About 10 o'clock this morning heavy snow started falling and the ground and street turned white with the stuff. Many persons anticipated having to put on car chains before night but by noon the sun came out again, the snow melted and from all appearances the day will remain cold without too much more snow, maybe.

Welfare Recipients Will Share Medicine Costs; Starts In Feb.

\$1.00 Deductible On Drug Payments "Emergency Measure"

Raleigh — North Carolina welfare recipients soon will be required to produce from their own pockets part of the cost of medicines they have been getting free from public welfare assistance.

The new "client participation" policy beginning Feb. 1, 1967, is an effort to curtail the drug program which is running far ahead of funds budgeted for the current fiscal year.

The State Board of Public Welfare has instituted a one-dollar "deductible" on drug payments as an "emergency measure" but did not designate it as temporary. The board noted it could return to a completely free drug program in the future if it became feasible.

The deductible was chosen over several alternatives for curtailing the cost of the drug program, such as limiting payments to prescriptions for which the ingredients cost more than \$1.50.

The board also voted to seek \$229,410 from the contingency and emergency fund to pay for rising costs in nursing homes that tend welfare recipients. These homes will raise their charges Feb. 1 to

Marshall OES To Meet Monday

The Marshall Eastern Star Chapter will hold a regular meeting Monday evening at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Bula S. Fisher, worthy matron, will preside.

Auto Industry Sees '67 Third Best In History

Masons To Meet Friday; Officers Will Be Installed

French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 will have the annual installation of officers on Friday, January 6.

Supper will be served at 6:00 p. m., by Members of Marshall Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Installation ceremonies will commence at 7:30 p. m. There will be an open installation. Members and their families are invited to attend.

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, January 8:

Killed to date 10
Killed to date last year 19

Injured In Mars Hill Wednesday

John Roberts, 12-year-old son of Mrs. David Roberts, of Mars Hill, and the late Mr. Roberts, was painfully injured Wednesday afternoon when struck by an automobile on High School Road. He is a patient in an Asheville hospital. Details of the accident and the extent of injuries were not available in time to publish this week.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

There was some disagreement among board members as to whether state funds should be used to cover all additional costs of keeping nursing homes and homes for the aging for the next six months.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

The auto industry headed into a new year Saturday amid general belief it would be the third best in its history.

Top men of all four U.S. auto companies agreed in their year-end statements that sales would fall short of the marks set in record 1965 and 1966.

Lynn A. Townsend, board chairman of Chrysler, and Frederic G. Donner, his counterpart at General Motors, saw the auto sales picture for 1967 in the same light that American Motors president Roy Abernathy did about \$7 million car sales in the U. S. market, including about 600,000 imports.

Henry Ford II, board chairman of Ford Motor Co., settled on an 8.5 million car prediction.

The industry's predictions were issued while it still was totaling up final sales of 1966. Indications were that the year would wind up with 9 million new car sales, including a record 640,000 imports.

This would be about 300,000 units below the record 9,322,000 cars, including 565,000 imports, sold in 1965.

Sales climbed in 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965, but there was some disappointment for the industry in the 1966 drop and predictions of a further drop in 1967.

Clyde M. Roberts Now Solicitor 19th District

Is First Republican Solicitor Of This District Since 1921

Clyde M. Roberts, local attorney has taken office as the first Republican solicitor of the 19th District since 1921.

Roberts won the post in the Nov. 8 general election with a margin of nearly 8,000 votes over the Democratic nominee, William C. Moore of Asheville. It was Roberts' third try for the office. He had sought the post in 1952 and 1962.

Robert S. Swain, who has been solicitor for the past 12 years, was defeated by Moore in the Democratic primary election last spring. He is returning to a private law practice.

Jury Rules Davis' Death Caused By Strangulation

Three Men Give Testimony At Hearing Here Mon. Morning

A coroner's jury ruled Monday that the death Dec. 26 of Mrs. Ruby Jean Flemmons Davis, 25, of Walnut, was due to strangulation.

Coroner Fred McDevitt said the jury recommended grand jury action for the victim's husband, Earl Davis, 31, a rural mail carrier, who has been in jail charged with the murder.

It was first believed that Mrs. Davis' death was caused from several blows on the head with a soft-drink bottle.

Sheriff Roy Roberts related that after Mrs. Davis died, about 5 a. m. Dec. 26, her husband took his two small children to the home of a neighbor and said he had struck his wife with a bottle. He then went to the sheriff's residence and turned himself in.

Takes Office



Clyde M. Roberts

to the State House of Representatives in 1948 and to the State Senate in 1960.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, he has served as mayor of Marshall and as attorney for Madison County.

He is a member of the Marshall Baptist Church; the Chamber of

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head, marks and discolorations around the neck indicated that Mrs. Davis had apparently been strangled.

Testimony was offered by Sheriff Roberts, Dr. W. A. Sams, and Allen Dockett.

Members of the coroner's jury were Bruce Murray, foreman; Everett Craige, Poncey Wilde, Page Briggman, J. Moody Chandler, and J. C. Dodson.

The defendant was represented by Joseph B. Huff and Solicitor Clyde M. Roberts was assisted by A. E. Leake for the state.

Following is the verdict returned by the jury:

"After having viewed the body and hearing the testimony presented here today, it is the unanimous opinion of this jury that the death of Ruby Jean Flemmons Davis was caused by strangulation at the hands of her husband, Earl Davis, and that we recommend that he be held for Grand Jury action."