



## LBJ Asks Increase In Social Security

ing Says "Question As To Whether We can Afford The Tax Measure"

Washington — President Johnson proposed Monday the biggest increase in Social Security benefits in 30 years. He said it would take 1.4 million older Americans out of poverty this year.

But the President's proposals, sent to Congress in a special message, include increases in Social Security taxes that would double by 1974 the amount deducted from paychecks.

The scope of the proposed benefit increases, ranging from at least 15 per cent for all recipients to 50 per cent for the 2.5 million receiving minimum benefits, was outlined earlier in Johnson's Jan. 10 State of the Union message.

Monday, he spelled out the price which would be paid both by extending the amount of income on which Social Security taxes are levied and by raising the tax rate.

Currently, Social Security taxes, including medicare, amount to 4.4 per cent of income up to \$6,600 a year, for an annual total of \$290.40 for an individual receiving that much pay.

Johnson proposes that the taxable base be raised next year to \$7,800, which would lift the maximum tax to \$348.20. The tax rate, which had been scheduled to climb to 4.9 per cent in 1969, would go instead to 5 per cent, for a maximum of \$390.00.

The President's message calls (Continued to Last Page)

## SUBSCRIPTION RATE INCREASE STARTS MARCH 1

Due to rising costs in materials and production, the subscription rates of The News-Record in Madison and adjoining counties will be increased effective March 1, 1967.

Those wishing to subscribe and those who wish to renew at the present rates may do so before March 1, it was announced.

New rates will be: 15 months, \$3.50; One year, \$3.00; 8 months, \$2.50; 6 months, \$2.00; 4 months, \$1.50. (Plus 3% sales tax).

## MHC LIONS GET READY FOR GAME WITH PEMBROKE

By WILLIAM DEANS

The Mars Hill College Lions began preparations Monday for the second half of their basketball season. The Lions are 4-5 for the season, having won three in a row before semester break, which began Jan. 12.

Captain Harrell Wood announced Monday that the Lions lost three players during the break. Wayne Barber, 6-7 junior from Roanoke, Va., withdrew from school due to illness in his family. Lionel Edwards, 6-5 freshman and George Webb, 6-4 senior were lost for academic reasons.

Our tallest man is 6-3," stated Wood. "We started the season with a height problem but I guess we didn't know how lucky we were. We'll find out how well we're going to stand up to taller opposition Friday when we play Pembroke. Their front three average out at 6-5 which means we are spotting them two inches per man."

The Lions play three road games before returning to McConnell Gymnasium. Friday's game with Pembroke is the first of a home game standstill. On Saturday the Lions travel to Lenoir for a game with the Bears. (Continued to Page 2)

Passes Sunday



Elbert N. Ward

## ELBERT N. WARD PASSES SUNDAY; RITES TUESDAY

Former Educator, County Auditor Dies After Long Illness

Elbert N. Ward, 78, of Marshall Rt. 2, died at 1 p. m., Sunday, January 22, 1967 in an Asheville hospital after a long illness.

He was a retired school teacher in the Madison County school system, where he taught for thirty-four years. He was a graduate of the old Asheville Normal College and attended Mars Hill College and Western Carolina College. He was a member of French Broad Lodge No 292 AF & AM, and of the Asheville Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies 32nd Degree.

He also served as Auditor for Madison County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annie Crowder Ward; two daughters, Mrs. Don C. Young and Mrs. Ted C. Davis, both of Candler; two sons, Warren of Newport News, Va., and Robert Ward of Greenville, Tenn.; a brother, Earl Ward of Marshall Rt. 2; five sisters, Mrs. Hattie Crawford of Weaverville and Mrs. Roscoe Briggs, Mrs. Ada Smith, Mrs. Karo Rice and Miss Nellie Ward, all of Marshall Rt. 2, and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in Long Branch Baptist Church. The Rev. Arthur Ammon, pastor, officiated and burial was in Tillery Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Four Injured In Car-Truck Wreck Near Here Saturday

A car-truck collision on Hayes Run about 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon resulted in four persons being injured and two vehicles "totaled"

Floyd "Poa-eye" Pressley, his wife and child of Marshall Route 2, were in a 1960 Pontiac traveling west on Highway 218 when they were struck by a 1966 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jackie Lunsford, of Marshall Route 1. Also in the truck were Danny Garrett, of Marshall Route 4, and Jerry Dale Hunter, of Marshall Rt. 1.

Pressley received a broken wrist and cuts; and Mrs. Pressley, Garrett, and Hunter received lacerations about the face. They were treated at Memorial Mission Hospital. The Pressley child and Lunsford escaped injury.

State Patrolman E. R. Kirby, who investigated, stated that Lunsford has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the highway.

## \$7,024 TIMBER FURNISHED BY F. B. DISTRICT

Asheville — National Forests in North Carolina sold more than five million board feet of timber during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1967, Supervisor Peter J. Hanlon announces. The National Forests received over 56 thousand dollars for the standing timber.

During the same period, purchasers of National Forest timber cut more than 14 million board feet with a stumpage value of more than a quarter million dollars.

The quantity of timber sold and cut is sufficient to build 1,900 homes of average size. Each dollar of stumpage value of standing timber represents \$25.00 to the economy of North Carolina, making the timber sold and cut have a final value of more than 7 million dollars.

The French Broad Ranger District contributed 207,000 board feet with a stumpage value of \$7,024.00 to the timber sold and cut by the National Forests in North Carolina, Charles B. Aukts, the local District Ranger said.

## Medicare-Aged Driver Clocked At 112 MPH

Rutherfordton — Would you believe a little old lady, late for a DAR meeting, going 112 miles per hour?

Highway Patrolman Frank Holman says it's authentic — she was clocked at that speed. Holman says the 73-year-old woman was spotted by a patrolman in Rutherford County and was chased before she stopped.

"Our speed clock only goes to 90 miles per hour," Holman said, "and the rest is figured mathematically. You might say we put a computer on her." When the patrolman caught up with her, she told him, "Hurry up with that ticket, young man. I'm late for a DAR meeting in Asheville and you're going to make me later than I already am."

## Mallonee To Visit County February 23

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Thursday, February 23, he will be at the Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, from 9:00 to 10:00; at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville from 1:00 to 2:00; and at the Town Hall, Spruce Pine from 3:00 to 4:00.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters they wish to discuss is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above-specified time.

## Burlington Reports Quarterly Figures

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24 — Burlington Industries, Inc., today reported consolidated net sales of \$337,437,000 for the quarter ending December 31, 1966, compared to sales of \$338,499,000 for the same period last year.

Net earnings for the quarter were \$16,146,000, equal to 64 cents per share on 25,221,000 shares outstanding at December 31. For the comparable quarter last year, net earnings were \$19,685,000 or 78 cents per share.

The Board of Directors of Burlington Industries, meeting in New York today, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share, payable March 1, 1967 to shareholders of record at the close of business February 3, 1967.

STANDSTILL  
The fellow who is satisfied with his accomplishments is on the downgrade of life.

## MOTHERS' MARCH AT MARS HILL FRIDAY NIGHT

The Mothers' March for the National Foundation of the March of Dimes will be held in the Mars Hill area on Friday night, January 27. Every house hold that will contribute is asked to have their porch light on and a contribution read. The Marching Mothers include:

Mesdames Harrell Wood, Frank Nagey, Emory Robinson, David Metcalf, Joe Taylor, Carl Eller, Bill Hollifield, Lee Andrews, Julia Holcombe, Helen Casteloe, Bob Melvin, Bruce Murray, James Jordan, Charlie Narron, Edwin Cheek, Ernest Ervin, John Ray, P. E. Elam, Alf Huff, Paul Thomas, Hubert Briggs, Bob Chapman, Elmer West.

Mrs. Ernest Powell Jr., is Area Chairman of the Mars Hill area.

## SPRINGLIKE WEATHER

The midwest may be experiencing heavy snows but not true in this county. Springlike temperatures for the past several days have almost given people spring fever.

## Committee Of 100 To Meet Here Next Thurs.

## M.H. COLLEGE IS DESIGNATED AS TESTING CENTER

Mars Hill College has been designated as a testing center for the administration of the National Teacher Examinations on March 18, according to Dr. John M. Hough, Jr., head of the college's Department of Education.

Eligible to take the tests are college seniors who are planning to teach and established teachers who are applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on the tests along with their other credentials.

The exams are prepared and administered nationally by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J.

The designation of Mars Hill as a testing center will give persons in the area who are eligible an opportunity to compare their performance on the exams with other candidates throughout the country.

During the one-day session a person may take the common ex- (Continued to Last Page)

## Heart Fund Drive Starts In This County Next Week

## BIDS TAKEN TO RESURFACE 4.5 MILES BY-PASS

Local motorists, as well as non-local motorists received good news this week when it was announced by the State Highway Commission that bids had been received for the resurfacing of 4.5 miles of the Marshall by-pass.

Bituminous concrete surface will be laid from the Ivy River intersection north to the intersection of 25-70 business, near Davis Chapel Church.

The apparent low bid of \$99,560 was entered by Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe.

The bids were opened Tuesday and will be reviewed for final action on Friday, February 3 at 9:30 a. m., when the State Highway Commission will meet in Raleigh.



Mayor Huey Carl Smith

## CARL J. SMITH IN JOB CORPS; OTHERS WAITING

Marshall Man Is First From County; Now In Kentucky

Mayor Wade Huey swears Carl J. Smith into the Job Corps. Mr. Smith, 19, a resident of Marshall, attended Marshall High School, and has been assigned to the Beckenside Job Corp Center in Morganfield, Kentucky. Mr. Smith is one of the several boys from Madison County who have been interviewed and accepted into the Job Corps. Others are waiting their assignment to appropriate centers. While at the Job Corps Center, Mr. Smith will receive training in his specified field. Medical and dental expenses will be provided along with a monthly salary. Food, clothing, and shelter will be provided at no cost to the enrollee. Recreational facilities along with spending money will be enjoyed by Mr. Smith and his comrades.

Any person interested in taking this important first step by joining the Job Corps, contact the Madison Community Action, located on the second floor of the Citizens Bank Building, Marshall, or call Marshall 649-6661.

## Valentine Approves Proposed Changes In Election Laws

As Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, I wholeheartedly endorse and recommend to the General Assembly the proposed changes in the election laws of this state as suggested by the State Board of Elections.

These recommendations, if enacted into law, would require (1) all 100 counties (presently only 30) put into effect the Loose Leaf Registration System; (2) individual voters be required to sign their name upon receipt of a ballot; (3) certification of absentee ballots by a member of the County Board of Elections. These would in my opinion tend to do away with real or imaginary abuses of the election process.

The Democratic Party by its nature, practices, and background is in favor of these election reforms. Indeed, the Democratic Party in North Carolina has through the years favored strengthening of the franchise and protection of the rights of all citizens to have a full, free, and untrammelled voice in the election process in the naming of those people who will govern them.

Also, I take this opportunity to commend the Election Laws Revision Commission for the excellent work they performed in recommending, studying, and clarifying our election laws.

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## Will Continue Through February; Plemmons Chairman

Jerry Plemmons of Marshall has been named 1967 Heart Fund Chairman for Madison County, it was announced today by Madison County Heart Association President, Mrs. Ruth Allen.

As Heart Fund Chairman, Plemmons will supervise the local association's 1967 fundraising activities and will appoint local community leaders to direct the various activities planned for the campaign during Heart Month.

The local campaign will be carried out in conjunction with the drives of the North Carolina and American Heart Associations, held each year during February. Mr. Plemmons said that plans for the local drive are being formulated and leaders and activities will be announced shortly. He pointed out that local funds will go to conduct the Heart Association's research, public education and community service programs.

"Heart disease," Mr. Plemmons said, "is still the leading cause of death in Madison County, as it is in the nation and the world. Last year some 22,000 North Carolinians died as a result of cardiovascular disease. Our Heart Association represents an opportunity for every person in Madison County to take a hand in stamping out this killer."

Mrs. Ernestine Plemmons is secretary-treasurer of the campaign, it was announced.

## FEED GRAIN DIVERSION PROGRAM OPEN

The Annual Voluntary Feed Grain Diversion Program got underway in Madison County on January 23. According to Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Office Manager, the provision, and benefits under the 1967 program are very much like those for 1966. Some of the changes are: (1) Barley is not included as one of the feed grains; (2) farms with more than 25 acre bases are not eligible for diversion payments unless they choose to temporarily reduce their base to 25 acres, divert the 25 acres and plant no feed grain for the year; (3) a slight increase in diversion payment rates and a slight decrease in per acre yields; and (4) the advance of half of the support price payment at the time of enrollment.

Ramsey also explained that the U. S. Department of Agriculture had recently extended the enrollment period to March 17, pointing out that when the program first opened on January 23 that the enrollment period was January 23 through March 3. The basic objectives of the feed grain program are to continue the improvement of farm income, assure livestock prices at a level fair to producers and consumers, develop our export potential, and maintain adequate but not excessive reserves of feed grains.

Since barley is out of the 1967 diversion program, corn and grain sorghum are the only feed grains involved and as Madison has no farms with grain sorghum bases, only farms with corn bases are eligible to participate.

The basic requirements provide (Continued to Last Page)

## Republican Women's Club To Meet At Mars Hill Feb. 3

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet Friday, February 3, at 7:00 p. m., in the Mars Hill Community Building.

All members are urged to attend this very important meeting as the theme is "Women in the Year of the Lion".

## TAKES DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT



Representative Ernest B. Mamer, of Haywood County, one of the two representatives from this district, was one of many legislators who took a demonstration flight this month in the Highway Patrol aircraft. Rep. Mamer is shown with Patrol Flight Sergeant D. W. Williams who piloted the plane during the demonstration flight.