



N. C. Teachers Receive A Gain In Retirement

Answer To Acute Teacher Shortage Has Not Been Found

North Carolina teachers have received a gain in retirement benefits, it was announced by Mrs. Mary Nesbitt, North Carolina CTA President, at the Western District Workshop held in Asheville on Tuesday.

Mrs. Nesbitt expressed appreciation particularly in the provision for survivor benefits — the provision of the equivalent of a year's salary for the survivor if a teacher dies in service.

This is a new provision, however, it was not a part of the United Forces of Education program. It was funded through the State Employees and Teachers Retirement System and does not require any state funds.

At the same meeting, Mrs. Helen Wells, state NCEA President, stated that the public must do its share in promoting the climate for quality education.

"Education is not a one-way street. The teaching profession cannot accomplish its goals alone. We in the teaching profession need to continue working with the public," she said.

Following the general meeting the executive council for the Western District passed a resolution stating that the council expresses its disappointment that the State Legislature had failed to provide the major provisions of the UFE program.

"Classroom size was not reduced; extended term was not granted, meaning that teachers would not have additional planning days before or after the school term; and the salary increase was inadequate and the provisions were misleading to the public," the council said.

The salary increases was stated as being a 20 per cent increase, when in reality, it was closer to 17.5 per cent because the actual increase is 10 per cent the first year (1967-68) over last year (66-67) and the second year (68-69) the increase will be 10 per cent based again on the years 66-67," the CTA said.

The answer to the acute short- (Continued To Last Page)

CIVIL COURT TO BEGIN HERE ON NEXT MONDAY

Hon. B. T. Falls, Jr. Will Preside; Two-Weeks' Term

The August term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin here Monday morning with Honorable B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, presiding. Several non-contested divorces and motions are slated to be heard Monday morning. The term is for two weeks with some 22 cases on the calendar.

Below is a list of the jurors for the first and second weeks:

- FIRST WEEK**
- Bruce Payne, Pearle Malinda Lawson, Mrs. Nial Clark, Sophia McDevitt, Donald Shook, Magnolia L. Chandler, Everett Ingie, Kenneth G. Metcalf, Vaughn Metcalf, Roy Lee Daniel, Mrs. William T. Whitson, Mrs. L. L. Vann, Deloras Booth, J. K. Coates, Jr., Allie P. Church, Alveda Lunsford Henderson, Mollie West, Mrs. Phillip (Donna) Merrell, Theodore Harding, Ralph Lee English, Mrs. William Thomas, Mrs. Kenneth Thorpe, Mrs. Oliver Roberts, Mrs. Paddy Cody, Mrs. A. J. Bridges, Sr., Gurney McMahan, Ruby Marie Roberts, Ina Henderson, Grace Metcalf, Henry Sherlin, Mrs. Frederick Goforth, Mrs. Mae Ramsey, Mrs. Willard W. Angel, Orla Mae Roberts, Mrs. R. D. Frisbee, Doyle Roberts, Mrs. Robert Daniels, Jacob William Garrett, Mrs. Walter Holt, Clifford Price, Ed Rice, Hatton Sams, Mrs. Ted R. Tweed, Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mrs. Floyd Wyatt, Bobby Ball, Mrs. Alvin Green, Harold Dean Reeves, O. C. Southerland, Mrs. Creed Cline Fowler, Nolan Buckner, Kenneth Buckner, Mrs. Harley Fender, Aldeen Waldrop, Lloyd Dockery, Don Wild, Mrs. Solomon Thomas, Mrs. Cleto Thomas, Jack Lunsford, Clyde Huntsinger.

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ASC COMMITTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD SOON

Farmers within Madison County were reminded today of the upcoming annual election of ASCS farmer committeemen who will serve for the next year as local administrators of National farm-action programs.

According to Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committee, eligible voters of Madison County will cast ballots for community committeemen by the mail election method during the ten day period of September 8-18. The local ASCS office will prepare and mail ballots to known eligible voters on or near September 7. The ballot will carry the names of farmers who are nominated by farmers and the incumbent ASCS committeemen. Farmers may vote for five of the nominees of their community or they may vote for write-ins.

Qualified voters in the election are all farmers of legal voting age who are eligible to take part in one or more of the farm programs which the ASCS committees administer. List of eligible voters are available for inspection in the ASCS county office.

The community committee the farmers will elect from among their own number consists of a chairman, vice chairman, a regular member and two alternate members. Their position on the community board is determined by the number of votes received. The three regular members of the newly elected community board also serve as delegates to a county convention where vacancies on the ASC county committee will be filled.

The chairman stressed the importance of electing representative farmers as committeemen in view of their program responsibilities. Programs administered by the committeemen include the Agricultural Conservation program, the cropland adjustment program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, the feed grain (Continued to Last Page)

Birchfield Speaks To Madison County Teachers At Walnut

"I envy you," Dr. Guy Birchfield of Western Carolina University told Madison County public school teachers Thursday afternoon in Walnut School auditorium at their first general meeting of the 1967-68 school term.

"There's nothing in the world like the excitement of opening day of school, and the inspiration from your students," the university director of public relations continued, "and I challenge you to accept the changes in today's schools and there are many, and you can be sure there will be many more."

Dr. Birchfield cited several areas of change in public education and stressed the importance of the child regardless of his economic or social standing in the community.

Robert L. Edwards, superintendent of Madison County schools, introduced Dr. Birchfield. He also announced that Thanksgiving holidays will be November 23-24, and Christmas vacation will begin on December 20 and end January 2. He pointed out several changes brought about by the 1967 North Carolina General Assembly. (Continued To Last Page)

SKOOT SHOOT TO BE HELD AT HOT SPRINGS SEPT. 2

The Hot Springs Lions Club will sponsor a skoot shoot at the Hot Springs Skoot Range on Saturday, September 2, it has been announced by Lion officials.

The event will start at 9:00 a. m., with proceeds to go toward establishing a scholarship fund. Numerous prizes will be awarded and the public is invited to participate or watch.

BLOODMOBILE TO BE HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Additional Unit Will Also Be At Hot Springs Wednesday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the REA Building here next Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 o'clock.

The longer period here will afford many who work until six o'clock an opportunity to visit the unit.

Officials of the Chapter state that blood is urgently needed and it is hoped that the response will be good.

It was also announced that the bloodmobile will be at the City Hall in Hot Springs on next Wednesday from 1:00 until 5:00 p. m. This is the first time that two blood units have been dispatched to Madison County on the same date.

It was again explained that the blood donated at these units will be used in this area only.

M. H. COLLEGE BEGINS ITS 112th YEAR MONDAY

Mars Hill College will begin its 112th year Monday, Aug. 28 with approximately the same enrollment as a year ago — 1325 — but with the largest faculty ever, 95.

Beginning a new school-year schedule, the historic Baptist senior college is opening nearly two weeks earlier than usual. The new calendar calls for the completion of the first semester just prior to Christmas holidays and the awarding of degrees on May twelfth.

It's Wildcats vs. Tornadoes Here In Season's Opener Friday Night

Both Teams Keyed For Opening Game; Tornadoes Seek Revenge; Kickoff At 8:00 O'clock

BRIGGS TURNS DOWN OFFER AID ROMNEY

Business Commitments Is Reason For Decision By State Senator

Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Asheville has declined an offer to serve as North Carolina chairman of the Romney for President campaign.

Briggs, who was first approached with the offer in Raleigh while he was serving in the 1967 General Assembly, formally rejected the proposition last week.

He said business commitments in connection with his Asheville law practice — some of them neglected during the six months session of the General Assembly — compelled him to turn the job down.

In a letter to Bill McIntosh, former Michigan congressman who is now with the Romney for President headquarters in Washington, the Buncombe County Republican said he would have considered the post "a great challenge... as well as an opportunity," had he been able to accept.

MASONIC FUNERAL

French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 will hold an Emergent Communication for the purpose of conducting a Masonic Funeral for Brother William F. Strom, on Sunday, August 27. Lodge will open at 1:00 p. m. Members will serve as pallbearers.

Farm Recreation Projects Increase Farm Income Here

Steady Rains But Fortunately No Flood Damage

Following steady rains in this area for the past few days, it was feared that Marshall and Hot Springs might be faced with flood conditions by this (Thursday) morning but fortunately the French Broad River didn't reach flood proportions. The river was "full," of course, but as this paper goes to press, there has been no overflowing.

The American Red Cross disaster officials are "standing by" just in case.

Farmers Can Get \$35,000 Loan For Operating Expenses

Farmers in Madison County may be able to develop income-producing recreational projects with Farmers Home Administration supervised credit according to William E. Hill, local county supervisor for the federal agency.

Mr. Hill said approximately 1,100 farmers and rural groups have borrowed some 65 million to develop rural recreation projects during the past five years.

"Nearly all the farmers who have developed recreation projects (Continued to Last Page)

"Dr. Bates" Returns To Walnut; Has Active Career

BY DOROTHY B. SHUPE

WALNUT —His father called him "Doctor" from the day he was born. His family and friends soon began addressing him the same way.

This is enough in modern days to encourage a youth to pursue a career in medicine. But back in 1899 when he was born to a proud, but poor family—to have such an ambition should have stumped the average youngster when he realized the years of work and money involved.

Not J. Bates Henderson. He worked his way through high school, college and medical school and became "Doctor" in 1929, practiced in several states, officially retired as head of Student Health Center of Berea College in 1966, and has returned to this little village to make his home.

"Dr. Bates," as he is fondly called here, practices "when friends come and ask for help," but has no office and what practice he does is from his car. Local residents hope he will set up an office in his new home in the near future.

In 1916, the doctor finished the eighth grade at Bell Institute, a Presbyterian church sponsored school here, and made plans to attend the old Asheville Farm School. A former Walnut resident persuaded him to go to Berea, Kentucky, to Berea Academy from which he received his high school diploma. He con-

Returns To Walnut



Dr. J. Bates Henderson

tinued his education at the college there, graduating in 1925.

Still pursuing his ambition, which he says was encouraged over his early years by Madison County friends, Dr. Andrew J. McDevitt, Dr. Frank Roberts, and Dr. J. T. Carter, he entered the School of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he received his doctor's degree in 1929. He served his internship in hospitals there.

For the next few years, he jokingly says, a "medical tramp"; that is, he practiced in several (Continued To Last Page)

MARSHALL

Success for Marshall High School this year will depend, almost entirely, on how a few battle-worn veterans come through.

Depth and experience are in short supply on "the Island," but some top-notch returnees could eliminate some of the problems.

Returning from last year's team are John Fisher, a big, bruising fullback, and Roger Haynie, a solid 205-pound tackle.

Fisher will bear the brunt of the running attack because of his size and three years experience. Coach Roy Reeves said, "John is a hoos. He's built as fine as they come. He has adequate speed and a lot of desire."

Elsewhere in the backfield, James Haynie, a rangy junior quarterback will attempt to earn his second letter. Mike Jenkins, "a hardnose lad," will be a full-time halfback while Malcolm Reeves and Calvin Rhinehart will split their time between halfback and end.

Mackey Ramsey is firmly entrenched at end. He lettered last year.

With Haynie at tackle is Gary Sprinkle, a 180 pounder. Two sophomores and a junior are the guards. They are Yates Ward, Gary Sams, and Terry Bryan, the latter two being sophomores. Letterman Wayne Tipton, 150 pounds is the center.

MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- August—
25—Mars Hill* home
September—
1—Cranberry* away
8—Spruce Pine*, away
15—Cane River*, away
22—East Yancey*, home
29—Bakersville*, home
October—
6—Hot Springs*, home
13—Crossnore*, home
20—Mars Hill away, (non-conference)
27—Kosman*, home
*—Denotes Appalachian Conference games

MARS HILL

Coach Roy Ammons isn't saying much this year, but last year he said, "We're a year away." This could be the year at Mars Hill.

He has an abundance of lettermen returning including almost the entire backfield.

Jerry Hunnicutt, quarterback, L. J. Hamlin, halfback, and Harry Dillingham, fullback, started at one time or another last year when injuries depleted the ranks almost to the point of absurdity.

Hamlin is an all-around good back who played quarterback a couple of games last year. He is a hard 5-9, 165 pounder with good speed. "He's probably the fastest back we've ever had," said Ammons, "but he doesn't look too speedy until he breaks into the open."

Jack Brown, a sophomore, shows a lot of promise of becoming a top halfback. He is stocky and "likes to run over people."

Dillingham was termed a bull by Ammons. A year as a starter has made him a veteran in only his junior year.

There is plenty of size in the line. Steve Huff, 170, Don Griffin, 185 and Jim Huff, 6-4, 180 will play end. The tackles are lettermen Jim Hall, 215, and Bob DeBruhl, 185 pound letterman. They are backed by Harlon Wilson, David Briscoe and Harold Brady.

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PREPONDERANCE OF PONDERS



The family of the late Zedie and Emma Ramsey Ponder of Madison County consisted of 11 sons and one daughter. Seven of the 12 are living, and when reunion time comes around, as it did Sunday, there is a great gathering. One hundred twenty of the clan and their friends turned out for the 1967 get-together at Emma Lakes, the Zeno Ponder farm in the Ivy River section. Some of them are shown above, with E. T. Ponder, former sheriff of the county, at the extreme right. (Photo by Stuart Hall III)