



## Phone Firms Are Told To Clear Up Many Complaints

December 31 Is Deadline For Making Needed Improvements

The North Carolina Utilities Commission Tuesday ordered two telephone companies and their parent company which serve 11 western counties to clear up by Dec. 31 the more than 1,000 customer complaints lodged against them.

The commission also directed the companies to serve "immediately" all would-be telephone subscribers who have made written applications for service but have not yet had a phone installed.

And the companies — Western Carolina and Westco Telephone companies of Weaverville and Continental Telephone Corp. of St. Louis, Mo. — were directed to reduce the number of parties on multi-party lines served by Westco Co. exchanges which have received certain loans from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

The reduction of parties on Westco lines must take place by Dec. 31, under the Utility Commission order, so that the maximum number of parties would be four or five (as compared with a maximum eight-party service now). This level of service would have to be provided 90 per cent of subscribers on REA-financed exchanges by Dec. 31. And the improved service would have to be offered customers at present multi-party flat telephone rates.

These were major provisions of what was described as an "interim order" in the long-simmering telephone case that involves 23,184 subscribers of Western Carolina and Westco companies.

The two firms serve Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Jackson, Swain, Madison and McDowell counties and parts of Buncombe, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

The Utilities Commission order, issued Tuesday in Raleigh, is an outgrowth of a public hearing July 11-14 held in Asheville at which hundreds of witnesses complained of poor service from the three utilities.

Tuesday's order does not end the matter. A second hearing is expected to be called by the Utilities Commission at which additional testimony will be taken and a final order will be issued instructing the telephone companies what level of service they must provide.

## NIX, CASTELLOE EXPECTED TO STAR FOR LIONS

Ten Western North Carolina boys reported to practice with the Mars Hill College Lions last week. They include seven returning lettermen, two freshmen and one sophomore.

Tri-captain Felton Stephens, 6-0, 210, end from Weaverville, heads the list of returnees. Stephens was one of the leading pass receivers on the team last year. As a defensive back he was also the leading interceptor on the squad showing a great liking for the pass regardless of who threw it.

Quarterback Danny Shook will be wrapping up four years of signal calling chores for the Blue and Gold. He was the leader in total offense last year capitalizing on the short pass for all his yardage. He is expected to be the number one quarterback for the club.

Tommy Nix, 6-0, 200, split end from Marshall, figures to be a key in the Lions' attack this fall. Nix possesses good speed and moves to go along with strong sure hands. Defensively he is the corner back or monster man. He led the team in both individual and assists in tackles last fall.

Ron Ward, returning after a year's layoff, is gunning for a spot in the Lions' forward wall. He weighed in at 200 plus and could figure in the Lions' defensive unit. He hails from Clyde.

The remaining lettermen are a trio of sophomores. David McFee, 200, guard from Asheville; Terry Milner, 175, halfback and Dennis Wells, 200, guard are all fighting for a slot in the Lions' line.

All directors are urged to attend.

## GOV. HAITHCOCK SPEAKS TO LIONS HERE ON MONDAY

Praises Club; Points Out Goals, Objectives For This Year

District 31-A Governor Howard Haitcock, of Franklin, paid his official visit to the Marshall Lions Club at the Rock Cafe Monday night. He was accompanied by Lions Wayne Faulkner and Joe Deblaker of the Franklin Club.

Haitcock told the 20 members present that he was pleased with the activities of the local club during the past several years and expected even more accomplishments during the next year. He pointed out five main goals he hoped would be accomplished during the year, namely, 1) An eye clinic for Madison County; 2) Success in the White Cane Drive; 3) More visitation to other club meetings; 4) Better support of projects made by the blind; 5) Added and useful membership to the club.

Governor Haitcock was introduced by Marshall Lion President Wade Huey, who presided at the dinner meeting.

## QUIET DAY IS EXPECTED HERE NEXT MONDAY

Banks, Agencies, Stores To Be Closed For Labor Day

Next Monday—Labor Day—is expected to be quiet in town with practically all businesses closed.

The public is asked to do their shopping Saturday because most stores will be closed Monday as well as agencies, banks, etc.

## Charles Foster Is Injured In Wreck Aug. 19

Charles Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Foster of the Sleepy Valley community, Hot Springs Rt. 3, was critically injured when he lost control of his car Saturday, August 19, hitting an embankment and striking a tree. The accident occurred on U.S. 25-70, near the Tenn.-N.C. state line.

Mr. Foster was pinned inside the wreckage for approximately one hour. Due to a misrepresentation of the location to the ambulance service, it was approximately one and one-half hours until he was removed from the wreckage and taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

He was then treated for a compound fracture of the left leg and multiple face lacerations. The 1962 Falcon he was driving was totally demolished.

## BLACK ROOT ROT CUTS BURLEY CROP IN COUNTY

The black root rot disease has reduced the Madison County burley tobacco crop.

The Madison County Technical Action Panel released an estimate recently indicating that the burley crop would be reduced about 25 per cent, according to Wiley DuVall, assistant agricultural extension agent.

"Conditions have been ideal this season for the development of the black root rot fungus," the agent reported, "and the disease must be given much of the blame for the decrease."

## RECORD NUMBER RURAL PEOPLE HELPED BY FHA

A record number of rural families — more than 235,000 benefitted from the Farmers Home Administration loan services throughout North Carolina during fiscal year 1967, Melvin H. Hearn, the agency's State Director reported today.

Funds totaling almost \$69 million were advanced in North Carolina during fiscal year 1967.

"Repayment of principal and interest—the largest volume in the agency's history—totaled \$29,696,644," State Director Hearn said.

Farmers Home Administration during 1967 expanded its rural housing loan program, increased aid to family farmers, and broadened its program for financing rural community water systems, rural community sewage disposal systems, and the Rural Renewal loan program.

Those benefitting from the agency's services in 1967 included 18,120 North Carolina farm and rural families receiving loans during the year or using credit advanced in prior years. Also included are members of more than 16,000 families forming rural groups using Farmers Home Administration credit and 202,000 families who will eventually receive loans.

## Marshall To Have Fireworks Monday

Fire Chief Joe Fisher announced this week that fireworks, delayed in arriving for July 4th, would be displayed Monday night about 8:30 o'clock.

## Will You Help?

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the current school term next Monday afternoon at the school beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Marian Wallin is president.

All parents and teachers are urged to attend the meeting. "Will you help us help children and youth through a strong PTA this year?" asks the Executive Committee of the Marshall PTA. "Don't miss the first meeting," Mrs. Marian Wallin, president said.

Mrs. Jean T. Robinson, county nutritionist with ESEA, will present the luncheon staff and answer questions about this important part of the school day.

## Japan Is America's Biggest Customer In Agriculture

Japan is the American farmer's biggest foreign customer, it was pointed out today by B. C. Mangum, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau.

Reading plans for the August 28 meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the Regional Export Expansion Council and the Marketing Committee of the N. C. Farm Bureau in Raleigh, Mangum noted that Japan buys nearly \$1 billion worth of agricultural products from the United States each year.

The farm leader also revealed that J. K. McClarren, director of the International Trade Fair Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be on hand to discuss the Food and Agricultural Exhibition — scheduled for Tokyo in April, 1968.

In notifying committee members across the state of the forthcoming meeting, Mangum emphasized that the Tokyo Food and Agricultural Exhibition is expected to be one of the biggest U. S. promotions ever staged abroad.

"I feel sure," the Farm Bureau president said, "that the information presented at this export meeting will be of tremendous value in aiding the N. C. food industry to make plans to participate in the Tokyo promotion."

## Local Poverty Office Cost Rises; \$481,000 Is Asked

### COURTHOUSE "FACE-LIFTING" IMPROVEMENT

Have you been in the courthouse in the past few days?

If you have you have noticed "the new look" as you walk into the door. If you haven't, you should visit the building and see the improvement in the interior.

All the rooms on both floors have been recently painted as well as the hall or "lobby". It is a much more cheerful looking place and the employees state it helps them do more satisfactory work.

"All has been painted except the courtroom and that will get a face-lifting come next spring", W. B. Zink, auditor stated.

### OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH CORPS IS NOW STARTED

25% Of Applicants Will Be Recruited From Madison County

An out-of-school Neighborhood Youth Corps program has been started under the direction of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison and Buncombe Counties, for 115 young people who have dropped out of school.

Applications are now being taken for youngsters from the two counties.

### COUNTY ACTION CITED IN ANTI-POVERTY SET-UP

O'Donnell Resigns; Several Madisonians On New Committees

The board of directors of the Madison-Buncombe County anti-poverty agency met last Thursday night in Asheville with the following action taken affecting Madison County's representation on the board and the naming of new committees:

The Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell, of Hot Springs, a Roman Catholic priest tendered his resignation from the board of directors. Father O'Donnell represented area counsels of the poor.

Philip R. Penland, Opportunity Corp. chairman, explained that Father O'Donnell had written in his letter of resignation that "if he stayed in this spot he'd have an obligation to follow through with an evaluation of all the projects that have been set up and he felt his other responsibilities — I presume to his church — held first priority on his time."

The 15 directors who attended the meeting adopted — with only minor changes — recommendations of a Committee on Function and Structure, who nominated chairmen and members of four standing committees.

This action completes the reorganization of the Opportunity Corp., which has in the last three months...

### Local Headquarters Apply For \$175,879 In OEO Funds For Year

Directors of the Madison-Buncombe county anti-poverty agency Thursday night approved applications for \$481,735 in federal funds to continue three administrative headquarters for another year.

This request for federal funds would exceed previous 12-month federal allocations for the same programs by some \$13,620. The applications cover the year Oct. 1, 1967 through Sept. 30, 1968.

Also approved by the anti-poverty directors, who met at Trinity Episcopal Church, was an application to the North Carolina Fund of Durham, a nonprofit corporation, for the Oct. 1 - Sept. 30 period.

The board of the agency, known as the Opportunity Corporation, okayed these proposals to continue the 19-member main administrative staff, headquartered in the Parkway Office Building in Asheville; the 25-member staff of rural development project headquartered at Marshall; and the 32-member staff of an urban development project, with temporary headquarters in the Parkway Office Building in Asheville.

Lumped together, the overall budget for the federally financed facets of the anti-poverty program will hit \$594,279. Of this, total, \$481,735 is being sought from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). The "local share" — provided by such means as volunteer services to which an arbitrary monetary value is assigned, some N. C. Fund money, and free space offered by certain organizations — would total \$112,544.

Top individual salaries contained in the proposed budgets include: Ora A. Spaid, executive director (Continued To Last Page)

## R. L. Edwards To Head Personnel Committee Opportunity Corp.

OES To Serve Dinner Tuesday At Masonic Temple

Members of Marshall Chapter, Order of Eastern Star will serve dinner next Tuesday, September 5, starting at 11:00 a. m., at the Masonic Temple here.

The public is cordially invited.

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## Football Friday

Marshall at Cranberry  
East Yancey at Mars Hill.  
Hot Springs at East Greene.

## BREAK-THROUGH

Keep hammering away at your chosen work and success is bound to come your way.

tees are comprised of leaders in business and industry, as well as agriculture producers, who have a vital stake in expanding foreign trade in North Carolina farm products.

### Politics Hits Poverty Meet In Asheville Last Thursday

A floor fight with political overtones, erupted Thursday night of last week over the nomination of Madison County School Supt. R. L. (Bobby) Edwards as chairman of the personnel committee of the Opportunity Corporation.

Three Madison County representatives vigorously opposed the nomination at the anti-poverty agency's board of directors meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville.

But the directors voted 11 to 3 to kill a substitute proposal that Dr. Charles Powell of Mars Hill be made the chairman replacing Edwards. The anti-poverty board then proceeded to approve Edwards' nomination as chairman, and assigned three other persons to the personnel committee. This vote was 10 in favor and three against.

The floor fight stemmed from the fact that Edwards, as Madison County school superintendent, works for the all-Democratic Madison Board of Education formerly headed by Zeno H. Ponder.

Leading the drive to bar Edwards from the personnel committee post was board member Joe Huff, a representative of the Madison County Bar, and a long-time Ponder opponent.

Supporting Huff in his drive to bar Edwards from the personnel chairmanship were Dr. Powell and county auditor Bill Zink, a representative of the Republican-dominated Madison County Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Powell told the anti-poverty officials he feared that political factions who he said have already permeated many facets of Madison County...

### Cecil Clark Is Hurt In Motorcycle Mishap Sunday

Cecil Clark, of Shelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Clark, of Marshall Rt. 1, and the husband of the former Katherine Cody, was injured Sunday afternoon in a motorcycle mishap near Shelby on Highway 18.

He received a broken leg and bruises and is now in a Shelby hospital where his condition is improving.

### Jury List For 2nd Week Of Court

Mrs. J. E. Ledford, Mrs. Jackson Mathis, John Owen Tilton, Forester Grimes, Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Flossie Carter, Jesse Proffitt, John K. Reeves, W. S. Willis, Martha Emaline Norton, Luther T. English, Mrs. Junior Thomas Holder, Mrs. Clay Honeycutt, Mrs. Tisha I. Fowler, Mrs. Clifford Norton, Lillie Missouri Massey, Mrs. George Ogle, Mrs. Gilbert Stackhouse, Mrs. Ralph Buckner, Vernon Wallin, Jinnie Underwood, Mrs. Vernon F. Dunston, Mrs. Honley Etherton, Manuel Sexton, John Scott Howell, Charlie Banks, Arthur Hamlin, Buris D. Hamlin, Mrs. Woodruff Ramsey, Mrs. Ray Beasley, C. W. Sawyer, Mrs. Don Hall, Claude Gowan, Mrs. Dorothy (John) Cook, Mrs. Gurney McMahon, Jay E. Payne, Mrs. James Massey, Jr., Robert Carl Boyd, Miss Rachel Hamlin, Mrs. Paul J. Rice, Mrs. Orville Howell, Ernest W. Rice, Dennis W. Cantrell, Ohio Riddle, Ezekiel Rice, Cloie Pleasant, Grady M. Doan, Claude Ramsey Benjamin Gosnell, June Martin, Bell L. Teague, Leola E. Wheeler, Mrs. Maudie Wallin, Thomas J. Wild, William E. Shelton, Lella Crosby, Della Shelton, Roy (W. L.) Brown, Orlan Roberts.

## Mars Hill Eleven Blanks Marshall Tornadoes, 14-0

Hamlin For Mars Hill, And Fisher For Marshall Outstanding

Mars Hill High School opened its 1967 football schedule here Friday night with a 14-0 victory over arch rival Marshall High in an Appalachian Conference game.

Mars Hill was sparked to the victory by the running of halfback L. J. Hamlin, who scored two touchdowns and passed for an extra point before a capacity crowd of around 2,000. Hamlin ran the ball about half the time for the Wildcats.

In the second quarter tackle Jim Hall, who was outstanding in the Mars Hill line, grabbed a Marshall fumble on the Mars Hill 37-yard line. Mars Hill drove to the two-yard line, mostly on the running of Hamlin, and after the Tornado line held for three downs, Hamlin went over left tackle for the touchdowns.

Hamlin passed to Jim Huff for the extra point.

The drive was the only time either team threatened in the first half.

and Bob Holcombe went around left end for the extra point.

The Wildcats had taken the ball on their own 42 and depended mainly on the running of Hamlin and fullback Jack Brown on the 52-yard drive.

Fullback John Fisher was outstanding in Marshall's losing effort. Tackles Roger Haynie and Gary Sprinkle led the Tornadoes in the line.

Fisher was the workhorse for the Tornadoes both on offense and defense. He carried the ball for a total of 13 times and averaged more than 4 yards per carry. Hamlin, elusive Wildcats' halfback, carried the ball 26 times for the visitors for a total of 75 yards, mostly on short gains through the line.

Two fumbles proved costly to the Tornadoes when it seemed they were generating an offense. Coach Reeves stated that he was far from pleased with the blocking, especially on offense. "We must improve if we expect to win many games," Reeves said. He praised the fine all-around play of John Fisher who "kept our team in the game."

The team is working hard this...