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## Thompson Is Admitted For Psychiatric Tests

Examinations May Take 60 Days; Trial To Be In Henderson

Hendersonville — The court-appointed attorney for outlaw Edward Thompson Jr. Monday waived preliminary hearing before Hendersonville Justice of the Peace James Gilliam.

Thompson, who was returned to this area last week following his arrest in Greensboro, faces four counts of kidnapping and two of rape in Henderson County. He has also been charged with slaying a man and woman and kidnapping three girls in Roanoke, Va., is under charges of kidnapping in Iredell County and three counts of rape in Rockingham County.

His attorney, Monroe Redden Sr., appointed by the court after Thompson signed an affidavit stating he was financially unable to employ an attorney, asked that the case go on to Superior court. Gilliam set the trial for the next term of Henderson County Superior Court. Date of the next term was not known Monday afternoon.

Relatives of Thompson reportedly told Eden police last Tuesday that he was in that area. The resulting manhunt led to his capture by two Greensboro patrolmen.

Thompson was declared an outlaw June 25 by Judge W. K. McLean in Buncombe County Superior Court, a procedure rarely called.

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## Meadows Charged With Assault On Step-Daughter

Troy Lee Meadows, 28, of Marshall, was arrested about midnight Sunday following a brawl at his home on Main Street here. He is being held in the local jail in lieu of \$2,000 certified bond, officers reported.

According to local officers, Meadows's step-daughter, Mrs. Glenna Cutshall, who lives with Meadows and his wife, swore out a warrant charging Meadows with assault on her with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Mrs. Cutshall, an expectant mother, told officers that Meadows slashed her right arm and one of her legs with a knife, causing serious and painful injuries.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Saturday afternoon at two o'clock before Justice of the Peace Wade Huey at the courthouse.

## Congressman Taylor's Mail Is "Loaded" With Gun Letters

Extra Help Needed; Both Sides Of Question Received

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor reports that his mail has been so heavy lately that he has been forced to hire extra help to try and catch up the backlog.

Gun letters — reactions for and against the proposed federal gun control bill — have been arriving at a rate of up to 100 or more per day for several weeks.

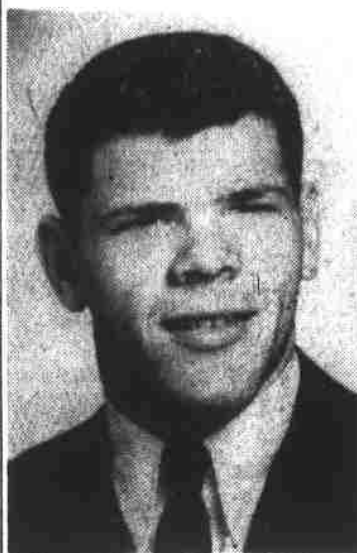
At the same time, staff members have been trying to keep even with other mail plus working overtime to acknowledge and tabulate more than 10,000 replies to a questionnaire which the Congressman mailed in May to all box holders in his Congressional district.

They are being helped by a temporary girl who was hired earlier this month to assist in whittling down the foot-high mail stacks.

"At no time since I came to Congress have I seen such a response from the people, unless it was in the very early days of President Kennedy's administration," declared Rep. Taylor.

Despite mail-handling problems, (Continued To Last Page)

In Tournament



JOHNNY FISHER, star Marshall High School athlete, has been chosen on the Western North Carolina Senior Babe Ruth League All-Star Team which will leave Friday for the South Section Senior Babe Ruth Tourney in Monroe July 26 - August 4. Fisher will be a representative of Erwin High School. Last year, Fisher was one of the leading players in the tourney which was held at McCormick Field in Asheville.

"I'm looking forward to playing in the Monroe Tourney," Fisher stated here this week.

## WRECK INJURES MADISON MEN SATURDAY

Two Madison County men were injured about 9 p. m., Saturday in a wreck in the Little Laurel section. A third man, the driver, was jailed.

Hezekiah Cantrell, 52, of near Marshall, and George Bailey, 40, of the Little Pine section, were taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, where Cantrell was admitted. Cantrell is in fair condition and Bailey is now recuperating at his home.

Cantrell's son, Sammy Cantrell, 20, is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, according to Sheriff Roy Roberts. He is now out under a \$300 bond.

A preliminary hearing will be held Saturday, August 3 at the City Hall in Mars Hill before Harry Hawk, Justice of the Peace.

## 10 COUNTY MEN INDUCTED INTO ARMED FORCES

The following men were inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States on July 23:

Jack Edwin Jarvis, Rt. 2, Mars Hill.

Eddie Edwin Lewis, Rt. 4, Marshall.

Junior McSwain Davis, Rt. 7, Marshall.

Stephen Lawrence Henderson, Walnut.

Russell Shelton, Rt. 7, Marshall.

Norris Alton Cody, Rt. 3, Mars Hill.

Gary Leslie Holt, Rt. 3, Hot Springs.

Wayne Gary Strom, Rt. 3, Hot Springs.

Allen Vance Shelton, Rt. 1, Weaverville.

Raymond Bercher Cantrell, Rt. 4, Marshall.

## County Tax Rate Remains \$2.05

Despite increases in budget requests, the county commissioners have announced that the tax rate for the county would be the same as last year — \$2.05.

A complete breakdown of the budget will be published in next week's issue. Those wishing to see the budget resolution may do so at the County Accountant's office in the courthouse.

The total of the budget is \$1,466,665.

## RURAL AREA COUNCIL WILL MEET FRIDAY

To Request Low Income Families To Discuss Problems

The Rural Area Council will meet Friday, July 26, at 7:30 p. m. The Area Council for Madison and Rural Buncombe is the combined efforts of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison and Buncombe Counties, to get low income families to meet together to discuss their problems, and whenever possible, to solve them. The Rural Area Council at present consists of 27 communities from Madison and Rural Buncombe counties. The meetings are held at the Marshall Community Center at 7:30 p. m. the last Friday of each month. All Rural Council Meetings are open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 8:00 p. m., by the staff of the Rural Development Project.

LIVED WITH THEM  
"Did you fish with flies?"  
"Fish with flies? Yes, we fished, dined, and slept with them."

Observes 50th Year of Preaching Last Sunday



Rev. Wesley B. Sprinkle

—Cut Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

## Beloved Baptist Minister Has Completed 50 Years Of Service

Has Pastored Churches In Counties Throughout North Carolina

By BOB TERRELL  
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Last Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, the Rev. Wesley Burton Sprinkle completed 50 years of preaching in the Devil's eye.

The 66-year-old Baptist minister conducted business as usual, though in surroundings alien to

most Baptists. He preached at Salem Methodist Church in Stockton.

"Their preacher's gone," he said by way of explanation, "and I've been invited to fill in."

War clouds hung over Europe in great folds on Sunday morning, July 21, 1918, when a rather timid 36-year-old Wesley Sprinkle stepped into the pulpit of the Newfound Baptist Church and launched a career that would lead countless

thousands of lost souls to the Cross.

Only two days previous, the American Expeditionary Forces had whipped the German Army at Chateau Thierry and Belleau Woods and on the morning Mr. Sprinkle preached his first sermon, the Yanks had the Hun on the run.

Since then, through 50 years of war and peace, the Rev. Mr. Sprinkle has been a constant presence in the lives of his people. (Continued To Page Six)

## Postal Service Curtailment To Start In County Sat.

## TRUCK HITS FREIGHT TRAIN NEAR MARSHALL

Two Madison County women were in the emergency room of Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville late Friday night after their vehicle collided with a train about 8 p. m.

The two women were Mrs. Charles Edmonds, 25, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cumi Barnes, both of Marshall Rt. 5.

Madison deputy sheriff Carl Shook said Mrs. Edmonds was driving a pick-up truck near a gravel pit in the Tillery Branch section, about a mile from Marshall off U. S. 25-70.

Shook quoted the engineer of the train as saying it appeared that the driver was attempting to beat the train across the track. Instead, the truck slammed into the side of the slowmoving northbound Southern freight train and was demolished.

Shook said the women were apparently not hurt seriously.

## HAYES RUN 4-H SQUARE DANCE TEAM ON TV SUN.

The Hayes Run 4-H Square Dance Team, the Mountain Cloggers, will be shown on television Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock over Channel 13 on the program, "Aspect".

## TIM VALENTINE RESIGNS AS N. C. DEM. CHAIRMAN

Tim Valentine Jr., announced his resignation Wednesday as North Carolina Democratic party chairman opening the way for gubernatorial nominee Bob Scott's forces to get an early grip on party machinery.

Valentine is expected to be succeeded by James V. Johnson of Charlotte, who managed Scott's successful primary campaign.

Valentine's resignation will give Scott, the incumbent lieutenant governor, an earlier than usual (Continued To Last Page)

## MARSHALL BOY WINS WORLD BOOK GLOBE

Andy sends a 14" World Book Guide to Keith Green, age 11 of Marshall, for his question: Which is the highest volcano in the world?

This sounds like a simple enough question to answer with the help of an atlas and a couple of geography books. But there are at least two snags to the problem. Mountains and their hot tempered volcano cousins are measured from sea level. The massive volcanoes that form the islands of Hawaii (Continued To Last Page)

## HOUSE PASSES GUN BILL WED.

The House passed Wednesday a bill to restrict the mail order sales of rifles, shotguns and ammunition but it was a much weaker measure than the gun control plan envisioned by President Johnson. The House voted 304 to 118 to send the bill to the Senate after accepting several amendments opposed by the bill's backers. It had previously rejected proposals for the registration of firearms and the licensing of owners. In the Senate, the Judiciary Committee approved a mail order sales restriction 9 to 3 but final (Continued To Last Page)

## Cutback In U. S. Federal Employment Causes Changes

Because of the Congressional mandate to cut back Federal employment to the June 30, 1966 level — including 83,238 for the postal service nationally and many in this area — mail service limitations will start locally July 27, Postmaster Ramsey said today.

The local postal head has been advised by Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson to comply with the cutback required by Congress under the recently-enacted tax bill (Public Law 90-364) by reducing some postal services and curtailing new hiring.

Curtailments as follows will take effect locally:

\* Effective July 27, all regular Saturday and Sunday window service will be discontinued.

\* Effective July 27, Saturday collection of mail from street deposit boxes will be adjusted to conform to the generally less-frequent Sunday collection schedules.

Postmaster Ramsey also noted that beginning July 1 all extensions of city and rural delivery were curtailed. At this time there are no plans to provide mail delivery service to new housing subdivisions and apartment projects.

General delivery windows will be open for one-half hour on Saturdays from 8:15 to 8:45 a. m. (Saturday's schedule at Mars Hill and Hot Springs not known) to deliver mail to general delivery patrons and to firms that normally call for their mail at the post office. Residential customers who have received a notice that parcels are being held for them at the post office also may call for them at this time.

"This is not a matter of dollars (Continued To Last Page)

## Grass Is Killed On Main Street; More Street Lights

The appearance of Marshall has been improved in the past few days with the addition of several street lights on side streets. Many of the "dark corners" are now lighted and makes the streets safer for walking and driving. On Monday, town officials also had much of the grass growing on the sidewalk sprayed and killed. This improvement makes the main business area more attractive.

## Dance And Folk Festival To Start Next Thursday

## ANTI-POVERTY BD. TO CHOOSE NEW EXECUTIVE

The Board of Directors of The Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties will choose a new Executive Director at the Board's meeting tonight (Thursday), July 25, at 7:30 p. m., at Central Methodist Church.

The Corporation's Personnel Committee, after an extensive four-month period of screening and interviewing applicants, will present the names of two candidates from which the Board will select the new Director.

The successful candidate will succeed Ora A. Spaid who has served in the position since the inception of The Opportunity Corporation nearly four years ago. In further business the Board will rule on a recommendation that Richard Hoffman, Professor of Political Science at Mars Hill College, be confirmed as Vice-Chairman. (Continued To Last Page)

## Music Will Start "About Sundown" Thursday In Asheville

For 41 years, the first weekend in August has been mountain dancing, pickin' and singing time, as the talented folk performers of the great plateau that lies between the Smokies and the Blue Ridge gather in Asheville for the Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival of the Southern Highlands.

Here folks will be playing and singing songs that were old when their forefathers settled the area in the 18th century.

The dates this year are August 2, 3 and 4. The hour continues to be what it has always been, "A-long About Sundown." And, the producer remains the grand old man of American folk music, Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the squire of South Turkey Creek, the minstrel of the Appalachians.

Now 66, Lunsford no longer shoulders the full weight of the program. Son Lamar Lunsford, himself a veteran of 25 festivals, carries most of the load. But "Mr. Bascom" will be so named as (Continued To Last Page)