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County Library To Move To Belk Building Here

Hope To Get Moved By February 1; Has 16,000 Volumes

The Madison County library will soon be located in a more spacious and accessible location, it was announced this week by the Library Board, composed of W. B. Zink, chairman; Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, Mrs. Alfred Huff, Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts, Mrs. David Kimberly, and Doyle Cody.

The new location of the library will be in the building formerly occupied by Belk-Broome Company on Main Street, adjacent to the post office.

Work started this week on the task of moving the approximate 16,000 volumes from the present library to the new location. It is hoped that the new facilities will be in readiness by February 1, Mrs. Peggy Dotterer, librarian said.

Library service started in 1955 with only the bookmobile which was located on the Island. A portion of the school was used for storage purposes. In 1957, a library was started in Hot Springs and in 1960, the main library was moved to its present location. Branch offices still remain in Hot Springs and in Mars Hill.

The new facilities will include a spacious reading room and other improvements.

Library hours in the new location will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.; Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Herman Pegg Aids County, State In Tobacco Research

Rector Corner Community Resident Uses Eight Varieties In Tests

Because of a tobacco field, last summer the farm of Herman Pegg of the Rector Corner community in Madison County was the site of a N. C. Agricultural Extension Service demonstration.

The field had reached the point, because of continuous cultivation, that it would hardly produce a crop of tobacco. The costly disease, black root rot was causing greater burley losses annually.

Both Pegg and his wife asked Wiley DuVall, associate county agricultural extension agent, if the field could be used for a test plot.

Each year across the state, the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service works in cooperation with local farmers in carrying out on testing and demonstration programs. DuVall agreed and a test was designed using eight burley varieties of varying resistance to black root rot.

Pegg works during the day at a local milling company. He was (Continued To Last Page)

TAYLOR CALLS FOR EXEMPTIONS

Congressman Roy A. Taylor, chairman of the House National Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee, Thursday warned House members that they must act promptly to avert drastic curtailment of the nation's federal outdoor recreation facilities.

"I am alarmed that the National Park Service has been forced by budget and personnel restrictions to close many camp grounds across the nation with the prospect that some will not be reopened this Spring and others will be leased to private concessioners," he declared.

In a speech on the floor of the House, the 11th District representative (Continued To Last Page)

Bentley To Talk On Consolidation At Hot Springs Mon.

Dr. Fred Bentley, president of Mars Hill College and Chairman of the Madison County Committee of 100, will speak to the Hot Springs Parent-Teacher Association next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock on the consolidation of Madison County High Schools.

The residents of Laurel and Spring Creek are cordially invited to attend in addition to the Hot Springs citizens.

DISTRICT COURT STARTS MONDAY

A one-week term of district court for the trial of criminal cases will begin at the courthouse here Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Hon. J. Ray Braswell will preside.

C. N. Willis, clerk, stated that approximately 100 cases are on the docket.

LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton is a House Appropriations subcommittee vice chairman.

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall was picked as a vice chairman of the House Finance Committee, headed by Rep. Thorne Gregory of Halifax County.

Senator Bruce B. Briggs, of Mars Hill, is on the Senate Finance Committee.

INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT MONDAY



Richard M. Nixon received the oath of office as 37th President of the United States from Chief Justice Earl Warren in front of the nation's capitol Monday. Shortly following the oath, President Nixon pledged "to consecrate my office, my energies, and all of the wisdom I can summon, to the cause of peace among nations."

Thousands of persons braved inclement weather to witness the inaugural ceremonies.

MEN'S DAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH HERE SUNDAY

Baptist Men's Day will be observed here Sunday at the Marshall Baptist Church. Men of the church will lead the worship service.

The theme: "Baptist Men Reaching Out," will be used. Speakers are: "In the Community," Jerry Plenum; "In Recreation," Ed Merton; "In the Home," Joe Green; "In the Organized Church," Wade Huey.

Others participating will be Ed Niles, Roy Reeves, Bill Deaver, and Boyce Mayhew.

BURLINGTON EARNINGS AND SALES ARE UP

New York, N. Y., Jan. 21 — Burlington Industries, Inc., today reported consolidated net sales of \$438,178,000 for its first fiscal 1969 quarter, an increase of 12% over sales of \$391,770,000 for the period last year.

Net earnings for the quarter, which ended Dec. 28, 1968, were \$20,785,000, or 80 cents per share on 25,980,000 shares outstanding at Dec. 28. For the comparable quarter last year, earnings were \$20,032,000 or 79 cents per share on 25,322,000 shares outstanding.

The federal income tax surcharge reduced earnings for the quarter by approximately seven cents per share. The surcharge was not applied to the Company's (Continued To Last Page)

NEWS AT A GLANCE

THE WORLD

The Allenby Bridge creaks as Arabs and Jews cross the River Jordan for business or personal pursuits ignoring the unrelenting animosities of the Middle East. "We both need the bridge open," an Israeli commander says.

Hunger strikes spread in Czechoslovakia Wednesday in support of the ideals of martyr Jan Palach.

THE NATION

Two more men were added Wednesday to the jury for Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Republican senators defended Secretary of the Interior-designate Walter J. Hickel as "consumer oriented" Wednesday while critics contended he is unfit for the job.

THE WAR

U. S. Air Cavalrymen in a helicopter swoop Wednesday found an undefended enemy base and seized the second largest munitions dump captured in the war.

Madison Nurses Taking Course

Two Madison County Health Department nurses left Sunday by plane for Atlanta, where they are spending this week at the National communicable Disease Center for a week's refresher course in epidemiology. They are Mrs. Leonard Baker of Marshall and Mrs. Furman Fox of Mars Hill.

RED CROSS AREA MEETING HERE ON JANUARY 28

The Madison County-Asheville Area Chapter, American Red Cross, will meet at 3:30 p. m., January 28, at the REA Building in Marshall, to hold its annual business meeting. In addition to the treasurer's report and adoption of the 1969 budget, there will be short reports from the various Red Cross services.

Mr. Ellis Fysal of the Asheville Area Chapter will address the meeting.

The public is invited to attend. Fysal is well-known throughout the south, having been in the coaching profession at UNC and Elon College as well as being an outstanding player in several sports. A veteran of World War II, he taught combat swimming and First Aid in Hawaii and Okinawa and was assistant field director at Fort Jackson.

From 1924-1928 he has been on the professional staff of Red Cross and is director of nursing and disaster services.

The public is invited to attend.

GOV. SCOTT PROHIBITS CLOSED MEETS

Gov. Bob Scott said he had prohibited any agency of North Carolina's government from holding closed meetings.

"People have to know and they have to understand what is going on," Scott said in revealing the action in a speech for the North Carolina Press Association's annual awards banquet.

Without going into detail, Scott said that in the past, there has been "a problem of meetings conducted behind closed doors."

Closed-door meetings of state agencies and committees of the General Assembly was an issue during last year's political campaign in which Scott was elected. During the campaign, he promised repeatedly to run what he called an "open-door administration."

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION CLASSES HERE

Madison County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute jointly announce classes in Adult Basic Education for all adults who have not finished their high school education or would like refresher work.

Classes will begin at Marshall High School tonight, (Thursday) at 7:00 o'clock, and will continue weekly on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

All classes are free of charge and all materials will be furnished. Classes are available in English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Beginning Reading & Writing.

"Your decision to continue and improve your education would be a wise decision, as education is continually becoming more important in the age in which we live," Mrs. S. L. Nix said.

Those desiring further information may contact Mrs. S. L. Nix or call Marshall 649-4476.

Today's Weather

More rain is in store for the Marshall area today. The weatherman says there's a 60 per cent chance. Otherwise, the weather will continue cloudy and mild, with an expected afternoon high in the mid-60s.

Wednesday, temperatures ranged from 42 to 55 degrees. There was no measurable rainfall but the day started out cloudy and rainy. There was a relative humidity reading of 97 per cent at 7 p. m. as some sun broke through by midday.

Ramsey To Lead WNC Demos In Assembly

Elected As Leader



Rep. Liston B. Ramsey

First Class Mail Rate Hike Sought

It will cost a penny more, seven cents, to mail a letter if Congress accepts a recommendation of President Johnson in his budget submitted this week.

The President recommended that the six-cent first class rate and the 10-cent domestic air-mail rate be combined in a single class costing seven cents. Much first class mail already moves by air, said Johnson, urging the change as a means to reduce the perennial postal deficit.

CONCENTRATE

Chart your course in advance—then concentrate all your energy toward that coveted goal.

Election Was Unanimous; Nominated By Rep. Barr Of Ashe County

Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall has been elected leader of the Democratic House delegation from the western end of the state.

Some 15 legislators from Gaston County westward, including three from northwestern counties, made Ramsey their unanimous choice for chairman of the delegation at a Monday night caucus.

The unofficial post is one that was held by former Rep. Gordon H. Greenwood of Black Mountain for several years.

Ramsey, a legislative veteran who first came to the General Assembly in 1961, said the western delegation recognizes as its first duty the welfare of the entire state of North Carolina.

But legislation for the benefit of Western North Carolina would fare better in the General Assembly if it received the attention of all members of the delegation, he said.

Ramsey and Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton represent the three-county 47th House District of Haywood, Yancey, and Madison.

At the caucus following the Monday night session, Rep. Basil Barr of Ashe County nominated Ramsey for chairman. Reps. Robert Z. Falls of Cleveland County and Messer spoke in favor of the nominee.

On a motion from Rep. Claude DeBruhl of Candler, Ramsey's (Continued To Last Page)

Bill Asks For Continuing Contracts For Teachers

Mars Hill Lions Elect Officers; Tugman President

The newly-organized Lions Club at Mars Hill has elected the following officers:

President, Paul Tugman; 1st vice president, Bruce Phillips; 2nd vice president, Arthur Ammons; 3rd vice president, Harold Ammons; secretary-treasurer, Vernon Ponder; Lion Tamer, Hughey Ray; Tail Twister, Roy Yates Ammons.

Directors, in addition to the officers, are: Harley Jolley, J. D. Warrick, David Stanton and Roy J. Edwards.

The club meets at the Mars Hill Community Building each first and third Monday nights. At present, there are 25 members.

PROFITS BY MISTAKES

Take time to look back now and then — some useful lessons can be learned from past errors.

Measure Introduced By Rep. Haynes; Says Teachers Want It Passed

The N. C. House of Representatives was asked Thursday to put public school teachers on continuing contracts, rather than hiring them on a yearly basis.

Rep. Jeter L. Haynes, R-Yadkin, introduced the measure and said teachers want it passed "very badly."

Haynes is a retired school teacher.

His measure would have teachers retained on probationary basis, for their first three or four years and then placed on continuing contracts.

One on continuing contracts, they could be discharged only if their position was discontinued or they were fired for cause.

The grounds for cause would include immorality, misconduct, inefficiency, disability or the display of whiskey in public places or on school grounds.

Haynes said he felt Republican legislators are solidly behind his measure and that there was (Continued To Last Page)

Opportunity Firm Is Given Two Grants

Funding To Benefit Many OEO Programs, Salaries

Anti-poverty programs of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties have been funded for the next twelve months with two federal grants totaling \$898,623, R. Hugh Lameter, executive director, has announced.

The larger grant, \$705,502, was received from the Office of Economic Opportunity for use in the Community Action Program, and \$193,121 has been received from the Department of Labor for the New Careers program which has 30 enrollees.

Lameter said matching fund

pledges amounting to \$139,238 for the Community Action Program and \$47,400 for New Careers have been received from the two county governments. Most of the matching funds, he said, are not in actual cash but are tendered in the form of volunteer work, building space, and equipment.

Previous funding for various programs and local matching funds bring the Opportunity Corporation's total budget to approximately \$2 million, Lameter said.

Lameter stressed that the anti-poverty program is not a "hand-out operation" but is designed to train the poor in order that they (Continued To Last Page)

Local People Elected At Red Cross Meeting

Approximately 200 Persons Attend; Meeting Held In Asheville

Several Madison County men and women were recognized for their outstanding and devoted service in Red Cross work at the annual meeting of the Asheville Area Chapter last Thursday night in Asheville.

Approximately 200 persons attended the dinner meeting in the Top of the Square Restaurant on Pack Square.

Robert F. Shea, national vice president, was the principal speaker.

New members of the board of directors elected included M. A. Wharton and Mrs. Ethel Spaulding.

of Marshall. The Rev. T. J. O'Donnell, of Hot Springs, was elected as a vice-chairman of the Chapter.

The Madison County Branch report showed 53 cases involving servicemen veterans and dependents were handled, \$95 units of blood were donated and 138 persons completed 14 courses in first aid and water safety.

The chapter's financial report showed an income of \$132,765, and disbursements of \$151,090.

The National Red Cross Blood Program showed income of \$124,354.36 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and disbursements of \$125,325.77.