

Annual Vacation Bible School Clinics Are To Begin Monday

Forks Of Ivy And Madison Seminary Are Locations

The French Broad Missionary Baptist Association will conduct its annual Vacation Bible School Clinics next week, beginning at Forks of Ivy Baptist Church on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and again on Tuesday evening, April 29, at 7:30 o'clock. Another clinic will be held at Madison Seminary Baptist Church, May 1 and 2, beginning at 7:30 each evening. Each clinic has been divided into two two-hour sessions. Therefore, to complete a full clinic each person is urged to attend two successive nights at one of the above named places. The second night will be a continuation of the preparation and not a repetition of the previous night. The clinics are scheduled to adjourn promptly at 9:30 p. m.

Considerable planning and preparation have gone into these clinics. Last January five of the workers, who will be leading the clinics, spent three days of intensive training at our statewide Vacation Bible School Clinic, at Wingate College. These are Miss Owa Bradley, Rev. Ralph Hogan, Rev. Joseph Reece, from Tuckaseegee Association, Rev. and Mrs. David B. Roberts. In addition to the above named, four other well trained workers will be assisting with the clinics, as follows: Misses Mary Frances Marshbanks and Marsha McFarland, Mrs. Kyle Jamerson, and the Rev. Horace B. Youngblood.

There will be five age-groups (Continued on Last Page)

Model Madison Meeting Monday

The Annual Meeting of MODEL MADISON will be held Monday, April 28, at 4:30 p. m., in the Memorial Library Conference Room on the Mars Hill College Campus.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Board of Directors and to review the work of the Corporation to date.

Asheville's Most Costly Fire Destroys Buildings

Estimated \$2,000,000 Loss; Dunham's, Bank Building Gutted

A \$2-million fire of unknown origin struck the heart of downtown Asheville Tuesday, gutting two buildings on Patton Avenue which housed the Bank of Asheville and Dunham's Music House.

Asheville's entire fire-fighting force furiously battled the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control and at one point soon after the fire began, three other banks and several adjacent buildings were threatened.

It was the most expensive conflagration in the history of Asheville. There was no loss of life and only six injuries were suffered by fire fighters, most of them minor.

The alarm was turned in at 10:23 a. m. by Emmett Goodwin, chief of Asheville's Traffic Signal and Maintenance Division, who was directing a crew at work on a traffic light in front of the buildings.

One minute later, at 10:24 a. m., the first fire engine arrived from Central Fire Station three blocks away, and a minute after that at 10:25, a "Code Red" alarm was flashed, designating the worst possible fire, and eight engine companies immediately converged on the scene.

Up to 80 firemen fought the blaze and it soon became apparent, according to Fire Chief R. L. Smith, that little could be done to save the buildings and all efforts were concentrated on keeping the blaze from spreading to the rest of the block.

SENATE GROUP FAVORS COUNTY ED. BOARD BILL

Passage Would Put County Under Statewide Setup

A bill to put Madison County under the statewide elective school board law received a favorable report last Thursday from the Senate Education Committee. Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill told the committee he introduced the Madison bill at the request of a school committee there which is working for consolidation of the five county high schools into a single unit.

4 COUNTY MEN ARE INDUCTED LAST TUESDAY

The following county men were inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States on Tuesday, April 22:

Philip Hazen Briggs, P. O. Box 432, Mars Hill.
Donald Charles Caldwell, Rt. 6, Marshall.
Jerry Everett Caldwell, Box 371, Marshall.
Marcus Foy Cody, Jr., Route 1, Mars Hill.

Marshall OES To Meet Monday

The Marshall Eastern Star Chapter will hold a regular meeting Monday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple. Three candidates will be initiated.

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CANDIDATES FILE FOR POSTS IN THREE TOWNS

Municipal Elections To Be Held On Tuesday, May 6

Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs citizens can now start deciding for whom they will vote come Tuesday, May 6, when mayors and aldermen will be elected. Below are candidates who have filed:

MARSHALL:
For Mayor: Lorado Ponder.
For Aldermen: George Penland, Fleet Nix, Roy Wild, incumbents; Garland Brown.

MARS HILL:
For Mayor: William P. Powell, incumbent (unopposed).
Aldermen: Carl Eller, B. W. Grigg, Arthur Wood, incumbents; William A. (Bill) Deans.

HOT SPRINGS:
For Mayor: Charles G. Schaffer, incumbent (unopposed).
For Aldermen: Harold D. Anderson, Bobby Ponder, incumbents; John Lewis Moore, George Kenneth Ramsey.

4-H DRESS REVUE TO BE HELD FRI.

The Madison County 4-H Dress Revue will be held Friday night, April 25 at 7:30 o'clock in the Marshall High School Auditorium. 4-H girls from the various clubs in the county will be modeling the garments and aprons which they have made. There are three divisions in the revue: Junior Apron Revue for girls 9-13; Junior Dress Revue for girls 14-18; and Senior Dress Revue for girls 19-24. Winners will be chosen in each division and the senior winner will go on to represent Madison County in Western District competition June 13.

Girls who plan to enter the Dress Revue should bring their garments or aprons to the Extension Office by 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Construction will be judged during the day. 4-H'ers should arrive at Marshall High School by 7:30 p. m. in order to dress for the revue.

English Elected President Cystic Fibrosis Branch

The Western North Carolina Cystic Fibrosis Branch was formally organized in Asheville at a recent meeting held at Memorial Mission Hospital. Clyde English, a realtor of Mars Hill, was elected president.

The Western North Carolina Branch initially will cover Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Henderson and Transylvania counties. Other officers elected were Dr. L. E. Metcalf of Asheville, 1st vice president; Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville, 2nd vice president; Dr. James Sanders of Brevard, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Bonnie Moore of Hazelwood, recording secretary; and Mrs. Troy Gaddy of Asheville, treasurer.

The local branch will be represented on the North Carolina State Board of Directors by Dr. (Continued on Last Page)

Annual Awards Night On May 2 At Mars Hill

The annual Awards Program for the E. H. Clubs of Madison County will be held in the Mars Hill Moore Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., Friday, May 2. Guides will direct you as you come in. Awards will be made to the club members for achievement, reading programs, and perfect attendance. Installation of new officers will be held. Special speaker for the night will be Miss Margaret Decker, E. H. Club member from Asheville. Plan to attend and bring your family.

Attorney General Issues Answer About Mrs. Lister's Pay

Two Madison County lawmakers, a Republican senator and a Democratic House committee chairman, have squared off for a fight in the General Assembly over pay raises for employees at the courthouse here.

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Annual REA Meeting On Island Here Saturday

HOT SPRINGS TO MEET DOCTOR AT PICNIC SAT.

D. C. Coffman, Prospective Doctor, To Meet People At Picnic

Mayor Charles G. Schaffer, of Hot Springs, announced this week that Donald C. Coffman, a graduate of the University of Indiana School of Medicine and currently completing his post-graduate training in Dayton, Ohio, will visit Hot Springs this week-end.

Dr. Coffman is considering the possibility of engaging in medical practice in Madison County, and the purpose of his visit this week-end is to inspect the clinic at Hot Springs and to meet the people in this area.

On Saturday evening, April 26, beginning about five o'clock, the Town of Hot Springs is sponsoring a general basket picnic on the grounds of the Hot Springs High School (or in the building, in case of rain) and all the people of this area are invited and urged to attend this picnic for Dr. Coffman. Each family or group should bring their own picnic supper.

Since one of the main purposes of Dr. Coffman's visit is to meet the people of this area, everyone who can possibly do so is urged to attend this picnic at Hot Springs this Saturday.

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GOSPEL SINGING AT MARS HILL THIS SATURDAY

The Mars Hill Lions Club is sponsoring a gospel singing program at the high school auditorium at Mars Hill this Saturday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by Paul Tugman, president of the club.

Dennis Parris, well-known song leader and instructor, will be in charge of the event. Among the featured singers expected will be The Joyfulaires, The Asheville Harmony Boys, Laurel Branch Trio, and the Peacemakers.

PISTOL SHOT FATAL TO OC SUPERVISOR

Woodrow Ricker, Of Hot Springs, Dies En Route To Hospital

Woodrow Ricker, 30, of Hot Springs, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Memorial Mission Hospital Wednesday afternoon following an accidental discharge of a 22-caliber pistol at the Opportunity Corporation building here, about 3:00 o'clock.

Sheriff Roy Roberts stated that witnesses said that Ricker was inspecting the German-made revolver when it discharged, the bullet entering his stomach. He was rushed to the Asheville hospital but died en route.

Ricker was field supervisor of Mainstream at the Opportunity Corporation here. He had been associated with the corporation for 14 months. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home.

Frederick Marler Is New Rescue Squad Driver Here

Frederick Marler, of Route 4, Marshall, has assumed the duties of night driver at the Rescue Squad here. He succeeds Jack Davis, who recently resigned.

It was announced that when an emergency arises between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m., dial 649-2303. At other times, dial 649-8900. If no answer, dial 649-3221 (jail).

REA Speaker



Dr. Fred B. Bentley

ROAD TERRIBLE

The present condition of Highway 26-70 near Alexander where highway workmen are widening road for the new bridge is, by all accounts, deplorable.

While work was actually going on it was understandable that the section was rough and almost impassable. However, actual work has been suspended for the past several weeks and the workmen have left the highway in terrible condition. Several cars and trucks have experienced broken wheels and burst tires.

Just why the highway workmen didn't make the short section adequate for vehicles is beyond us. We plead with them to correct this situation immediately, or give us a valid reason why this rough and dangerous section was left in its present condition. The entire highway from Asheville (Continued To Last Page)

Open House To Be Held At Library Here Sat.

READ THE LABEL. URGES SILVER

Farmers throughout Madison County use more pesticides each year. Insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides make farming easier and more profitable for the farmer who uses these pesticides. Most of the insecticides can be dangerous to people, to wildlife and to fish. The failure of farmers to read the label and the precautions on the use of insecticides can result in loss of life to the user, to people working with them or to fish and other game.

The North Carolina law makes the person responsible for damages they may cause to wildlife or fish by negligence in the use of pesticides.

Precautions which every farmer should use are as follows:

1. Read the label on the pesticide used and obey the caution.
2. Store all pesticides in a safe place away from children.
3. Destroy the empty containers by burning or burying them.
4. Do not fill the spray drum a stream along any overflow of the spray may contaminate the stream.

Last September a farmer employee operating an insecticide spray in Eastern North Carolina sprayed the spray on a large tree in the yard of a home. The man suddenly became ill and died. (Continued on Last Page)

Bentley To Speak; Prizes To Be Given; Kingsmen Quartet To Sing

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, will deliver the principal address at the annual meeting of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation to be held in Marshall High School Auditorium this Saturday.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m., and lunch will be served by the Marshall Boosters Club in the school lunchroom, with proceeds from the lunch going to the Boosters Club.

The business session of the meeting will begin at 1:00 p. m. At that time there will be reports by the officers and directors of the cooperative and the election of four directors. The following members have been nominated by the committee on nominations appointed by the board of directors of the cooperative pursuant to the by-laws:

Madison County: M. J. Ball; Buncombe County, O. H. Tilson; Yancey County, Paul Higgins, C. L. Proffitt.

At the beginning and also during the program, entertainment will be furnished by the Kingsmen Quartet of Asheville. This quartet is well-known throughout the area and always receives a hearty reception.

Valuable prizes will also be given away at the conclusion of the program.

GOP Women's Club Will Meet May 1

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Thursday, May 1, at Mrs. Charles Crocco's home in Mars Hill, at 7:30 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Briggs, Ramsey Continue At Odds Over Salary Disputes

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Mars Hill Branch Of County Library To Be Opened Soon

Mrs. Alfred Huff reports that the Library committee hopes to have the Mars Hill branch of the County Library open and ready for service again on Thursday afternoon of next week, May 1 at the regular hours, 1:30 to 4:30. This library which had been located on the main floor of the same building for the past several years, had to be moved a few weeks ago. It is now situated in a room of the Town Hall, but the opening there has had to be delayed until the major cleaning could be completed.