

first grade next August from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible to attend. Parents must fill out a registration form which certifies the child's eligibility to participate in the Head Start Program, Mr. Walkin stated.

YOU CAN HELP

Dr. Donald C. Coffman, who re cently visited Hot Springer, still considering the Hot Spring area for medical practice.

If you want to encourage him to locate in Hot Springs, a little note from you might help.

Address your letter to:

Dr. Donald C. Coffman

Getting old is merely a matter 218 E. Whipp Road of feeling your corns more than Dayton, Ohio 43440 you do your oats.

Clothes Needed For 6-Year-Olds

college.

J. C. Wallin, Head Start Director, stated this week that several boys and girls, six-years-old, were in need of suitable clothes to st-tend Head Start.

Anyone having clothes they ald donate for 6-year-olds are need to contact Mr. Wallin, Welfare Department, or any of the Head Start teachers.

GETTING OLD

Ronald King At

Board of Education, the Superintendent, principal, teacher, and the food service personnel. You are to be congratulated." Congratulations to Spring Creek for receiving the red seal award - 93 to 96% and to Walnut school for receiving the black seal award - 89 to 92% participa-

All county school graduating classes of '70, '71, and '72 are will receive an award in the coming year for their lunchroom. It will take a combined effort on

the part of all. The year 1969-1970 could receive an award in the year 1971.

The Madison soil and water con-

Conservation Meet During Last Week Whosevver Will May Come."

In addition to Anthur Smith's well known musical group from Charlotte which will present its To Assume New Duties As own selections and provide musical background for featured soloist George Beverly Shea, the

Southland Trio from Auburndale, Florida will furniah gospel music as it has done for several years. Dr. Leighton Ford is vice pres-

dent of the Billy Graham Evan (Continued on Last Page)

Bible School Is Successful At

Madison Seminary

Vacation Bible School was conluded with commencement exerises at the Madison Seminary Baptist Church Sunday night af-

quests for information on subversion, especially since the Students for a Democratic Society dustry this summer, a spokesman man of the House Local Governsaid Wednesday.

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About 40,000 gallons of oil spread 15 miles down the upper Mississippi River Wednesday

maybe a little wetter. A high in the middle 80s

predicted with a 40 per cent has obtained a ruling from the atchance of rainfall. Wednesday's high was 85 with a low of 63 and only a trace of

sembly will apparently accomplish a pay master task for Mrs. Christine Lister in which the Madison County Superior Court has so far

A bill to force the Republican Board of Commissioners in Madison to hand over Mrs. Lister's back pay as deputy register of deed and to put her on the payroll was sent on its way through

The bill was sent to the floor Committee after the Senate Local Government Committee de-

Har measure over protests from Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars

had in hand was a measure introduced by Briggs to pay secretarial personnel in the Madison County Courthouse, but bore little resemblance to the original legislation when it was returned there from the House.

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of announced plans to infiltrate in- Marshall, a Democrat and chairment Committee, had gutted the bill and rewritten it to put Mrs. Lister on the county payroll and

award her back pay to Jan. 1. The Senate committee, reluctfrom the site where a abree tests of the apparent introduce and obviounty intent on set that Mirs. Lister's allory is per voted Monther sight to perport ant to pass the bill over the proabout the same as Wednesday's, its hands.

Briggs, a Republican, sides with the county commissioners in their refusal to pay Mrs. Lister. He torney general which says the Democratic register of deeds is compelled to pay the deputy from (Continued on Last Page)

which the college will generate its annual support. The newly created position will Rural Council To Sponsor

ment at Mars Hill College. He will assume the new duties in July, shortly before the college initiates a \$3 million fund drive. He will have major responsibilities in the drive.

In the new post Cox will have esponsibility, under the president of the college, for the design and implementation of a permanent precipitation. program of development through

Director Development

In July

James R. Cox, 45, supervisor of salesmanship, marketing and management in the general adult education program of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute, has been numed director of develop-

Gallup Poll Says Religion Is Losing Its Influence

Survey Reveals Trend Of Students And Adults

Princeton, N. J. - Seven adulta in every ten (70 percent) think religion is losing its influence on life in this country, while only one person in seven (14 per cent) believes religion is increasing its influence.

These survey results represent one of the most dramatic reversals in opinion in the history of polling. When the issue was first presented to the public in 1957, only 14 per cent of all persons said religion was losing influence while 69 per cent held the opposite opinion.

For the first time since 1957, For the first time since 1967, a larger proportion of Catholics than the Protestants believe re-ligion is on the wane. Man y Catholics are disturbed about Pope Paul's birth control edict and the growing cleavage between liber-al and conservative factions with-in the Church.

change in the views of the between 1957 and today or past of religion, charted in fional surveys during this parted, parallels a declin

Ralph E. Neill, Jr. **Gets Promotion On**

Mecklenburg Board

Ralph E. Neill Jr., 45, has been named to direct auxiliary business services for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board.

Neill's nomination was approved at the board's regular meeting. He will replace Ralph W. Eaton who resigned last winter to become director of the state school food service division.

In addition to Neill's food direction for Mecklenburg schools, his position will be widened to include transportation and security. He has served as a teacher and principal in county schools since

He is a former principal of Mars Hill High School.

County Students Make Deans List At Warren Wilson

servation district sponsored Ronald King's trip to the 1969 Resource Conservation Workshop attendance of 38. Mrs. Earle Wise was principal held on the N. C. State University campus in Raleigh during the of the VBS and the Rev. Willard

Coffey is pastor of the church. week of June 9-13. Ronald is a rising senior at Laurel High School.

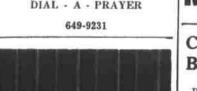
There were 93 boys representng 85 counties from across North Carolina attending the workshop. The boys hved in a dormitory with their counselors. The days were filled with classes and field trips. Some of the subject areas covered were: Soils and soil management; Research; Wildlife and wildlife management; Forestry and Woodland management and Soil and Water conservation as it relates to farms and to urban development.

There was ample time in the afternoons for fellowship and recreation.

On Thursday night the boys, ounselors, instructors and their counselors, instructors and their wives were prests at a banquet. Romald returned home late Fri-day afternoon. Upon his return he said, "I would encourage any boy interested in capservation, forestry, wildlife or any other phase of outdoor life to apply to go next year. In fact I would like to go again."

ter a successful 10-day school. 44 children were enrolled and (Continued To Page Three) the school had an average daily

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Madison County Health Fair

Capital Punishment Bills Are Killed

Raleigh - House committees Tuesday killed three bills aimed at modifying capital punishment laws in North Carolina. The House Judiciary II Committee rejected two measures which would have taken away the

mercy or life imprisonment in cases of rape, first degree burglary and arson. A conviction would bring a mandatory death sentence.

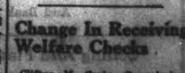
The bills had been buried in committee for months. Rep. James Ramsey, D-Person, their sponsor, said when he introduced them that some courts had found that juries should not be able to recmmend mercy since there are no gral guidelines for them to use a deciding the question.

The third bill killed also y possored by Ramsey. It y mined down by the House Cal tee. The bill llowed a district Case. Then

Entertainment, Medical Services To Start On July 6 The Madison-Buncombe Rural

Development Council has announced that it will be the local sponsor of a health education and service project this summer called the Madison County Health Fair. The Health Fair, sponsored nationally power of a jury to recommend by the United Prtabyterian Church, U.S.A., and the Council of the Southern Mountain will arrive in the Hot Springs area on July 6 to bring six days of concentrated work in health educa

tion and medical services to th Spring Creek, Mendow Fork, Hot Springs, Sleepy Valley and Laurel sections of Madison County. Most of the Health Fair's pro-gram will be presented by a vo-unteer Health Team lad by Dotor Maleon Rubin, and Der Ralph Blasiele, nurses and workers. The Reverend I (Continued on Last Page)



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