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Toll Free Telephone Service Now Remote

The North Carolina Utilities Commission issued the following response after a study had been made regarding proposed toll free telephone service in Madison County.

October 3, 1968

Mr. Hal Edmonds, Route No. 2, Marshall, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Edmonds: On July 3, 1968, this Commission received a petition bearing many signatures expressing an interest in county wide toll free telephone service for Madison County.

The calling study mentioned above has been received and has been analyzed by the Commission Staff. Following are pertinent facts taken from the report:

Table with columns: (Air-line) Miles, Calls per main station, Percent Making calls, Average Revenue per message. Rows include routes like Mars Hill-Marshall, Marshall-Mars Hill, etc.

Other pertinent information: only 18.7% of total subscribers made any calls, only 2.1% of total subscribers made more than five calls.

The Commission has received the results of this study and is of the opinion that there is not sufficient calling to justify further consideration of this matter at this time.

The Commission is concerned that those signing the petition and other interested parties in your county learn of the results of this study.

Yours very truly, NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION, By H. T. Westcott, Chairman

FARM POLICY PROGRAM FOR '70s IS CITED

To Increase Production Programs May Be Changed

Farm policy proposals for the 1970's will probably include recommendations that will enable the U. S. Department of Agriculture to make use of treasury funds in supplementing farm income.

Robinson said this is the opinion expressed by ASCS Associate Administrator, Carroll G.

SHC REVISES ROAD, STREET REQUIREMENTS

Changes In Secondary Road System Effective January 1

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission has adopted revised secondary road standards, slightly changing the minimum requirements for including roads and subdivision streets on the Secondary Road System.

The Commission took the action by adopting a report from its Secondary Roads Committee, of which David Parnell of Robeson County is chairman.

Under state regulations, roads are added to the secondary system after they meet specified minimum requirements, thus qualified.

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Homecoming At Mars Hill College Set For Saturday

Lions Play Bluefield State College At 2:30 O'clock

Take a college football game, stir in some old grads and their memories, add a dash of youthful beauty queens and rock music, bake on a warm Saturday afternoon in the fall and serve during homecoming.

Mars Hill College is cooking up such a recipe for some 500 alumni this week-end.

The week-end festivities start Friday with a dance at 8 p. m., in Chambers Gymnasium featuring the Tempests.

Saturday will be jammed packed with activities. Saturday morning a parade will wind through Mars Hill and the campus. At 2:30 the Lions will meet Bluefield State College From West Virginia in Meares Stadium.

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A open forum on the college's (Continued To Last Page)

L. M. KELLY, NEW OEO DIRECTOR, BEGINS WORK

Named To Commission



Lawrence M. Kelly, new executive director of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe counties took over the reins of the anti-poverty agency Monday morning.

Kelly will attend a conference of the National Association for Community Development on "New Directions for Community Development" in Washington Monday through Wednesday.

He said that by the end of next week he should have, as a result of the conference, an analysis of the internal situation of the Opportunity Corporation and should

Raleigh — The appointment of Rep. Liston B. Ramsey, D-Madison, to the North Carolina General Assembly's Legislative Research Commission was announced Tuesday.

of the House Phil P. named Ramsey to replace William J. a former Robeson County representative who state purchasing officer. will serve until the session.

COUNTY UNIT OF NEA PLAN FOR MEETING OCT. 21

Allin Is Named Legis Chairman; Commite Named

Plans for a dinner Madison County North Carolina Education Commission were made Tuesday at the Marshall High School by Council of the G. Mrs. Mary A. Nesbitt, former state CEA, will speak to the group at Tuesday evening in the Spring Creek. Robert Lee Edwards speak to the group. Cards will be made by teachers, and Spring Creek students. Entertainment. In other business, Allin, Jr., was named chairman. His co-chairs are Mrs. Carolyn Gillis, Mrs. Eulala Boone, Howard Trimble, Blackwell, Mrs. Miss Nancy Maxine Plummer. Attending the Mrs. Juanita Boone, Harvey Franklin, towards Mr. Gillis, Haynie, Mrs. Talmadge (Continued on Last Page)

HOMECOMING AND FOOTBALL QUEENS CROWNED

Last Friday night on the Island, amid tension and anxiety, before a large crowd the homecoming and football queens were crowned.

The Homecoming Queen was Sharon Henderson, a freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henderson of Marshall. She was escorted by James Lewis, a Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Lewis of Walnut.

Delores Bradley was chosen Football Queen. She is a senior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bradley of Marshall. She was escorted by Denny Go (Continued to Last Page)

Asheville Hospitals Increase Room Rates

Hikes Necessary To Cover Costs During Coming Year

Asheville's three general hospitals increased room rates an average of \$2 to \$8 per day on October 1.

Hospital officials termed the new hikes "inflationary," claiming they were necessary to cover the anticipated cost of hospital operation during the coming year.

Memorial Mission Hospital, which last increased room rates Aug. 10, 1968, has put into effect a \$6 increase, with some exceptions.

Private room charges are now \$42 to \$48 (they were \$36 to \$42); semi-private rooms now are \$37 to \$39 (they were \$31 to \$32.50); and wards from \$32 to \$36 (they were \$28.50 to \$27.50).

Beds in Memorial Mission's special coronary care and intensive care units are now \$85 per day, a \$10 per day increase.

Ralph E. Jennings, executive director of the non-profit community hospital, said that other charges at Memorial Mission, such as operating room or lab fees, have not been increased.

Aston Park Hospital has raised room rates an average of \$3 per day.

Aston Park business manager Paul Egan said, "we're going up (Continued To Last Page)

District Court Here Next Monday

District court will begin here next Monday with Judge J. E. Holshouser presiding. Approximately 50 cases are on the docket for trial.

Squirrel Season To Open Monday

Squirrel hunters in Madison County are anxiously awaiting the opening of the hunting season on Monday, Oct. 13, following the report that there is a scarcity of bushy-tails this season.

NO SUBSTITUTE There is no substitute for intelligence applied to whatever is before you. So use what you have.

ASSISTANT D. A. TAKES OATH



Federal Judge Woodrow Jones administered the oath Friday that changed the title of Bruce B. Briggs from senator to assistant U. S. attorney. When he accepted the \$16,000-a-year post in North Carolina's Western District of the U. S. Court system, Briggs vacated his Senate seat from the four-county first District. However, his term was over for all practical purposes unless a special session of the General Assembly is called before the elections in 1970, and most observers believe this is unlikely. A number of well-wishers were in the judge's chamber as witness at the party. Madison County judges, photographed after the ceremony were (left) Judge James M. Boone, Judge James H. Boone and U. S. Attorney Woodrow Jones. Among those in attendance were James H. Boone Jr., Asheville attorney, who served as U. S. District Attorney during the President's Administration.

Tax Collector's Office To Open Saturday Mornings

For the benefit of persons wishing to pay their taxes or to transact business with the county tax collector, the county commissioner has voted last Monday to reopen the tax collector's office on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

The office will be open every Saturday morning from next week through January, it was stated.

It was explained that all other offices will remain closed.

Marshall Tornados Defeat Blue Devils, 44-0 Mars Hill Wildcats Trample Cane River, 48-8 MHC Lions Hand ASTU Freshmen 21-2 Loss

Hot Springs - Marshall The Marshall High Tornados led on a varied offensive show for the homefolk here Friday night, scoring on a punt return, a short run, two passes, the "Flare Kick," and an end-around in a 40-0 victory over Madison County at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs held the Tornados off the goal line in the first quarter, but Marshall least loss for the homeboys in the second quarter and a 12-0 halftime lead.

John Ralston opened the scoring with a 36-yard punt return in the first quarter.

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Mars Hill - Cane River Mars Hill spotted Cane River some roaring back to score a 48-8 Appalachian Conference victory at Cane River.

Dean Norton scored three touchdowns for Mars Hill and David Thomas scored two and passed for another. Ripston Dink also scored and passed for another.

Don Mackery scored for Cane River on a 30-yard run and Orlan Parker ran the two-point conversion for an 8-8 lead that was closed lived.

Mars Hill had a lead in the first quarter, but it was closed by the Cane River in the second quarter.

MHC - ASTU The Mars Hill Lions made it three in a row Friday afternoon by downing a determined Appalachian Conference team, 21-5, at Mars Hill.

On the second series of downs quarterback Marvin Parris engineered a 56-yard drive which resulted in a Robert Griffin touchdown with 2:41 remaining in the second quarter. In that drive Griffin gained 55 yards on the ground while Parris and Phillip Dink threw for the 56 and 19 yards respectively. David Dink of Mars Hill caught the ball at the line of scrimmage and the drive was over.