

# WNC Bear Hunting Outlook Good

## Raymond Ramsey Gives Good Advice To Hunters, Fishermen

By LARRY MAYER  
Citizen-Times Outdoor Writer  
With Monday morning starting the open season for bear, boar, grouse, squirrels and racoons, where are some good places to go hunting and what kind of success can hunters expect?

These were the queries directed toward Madison County wildlife protector Raymond Ramsey, who is one of Western North Carolina's most knowledgeable hunters. Although most of Raymond's time afield is spent trying to keep sportsmen honest and apprehend those who cheat on the game and fish laws, this veteran woodsman has done a lot of mountain-type hunting during the past four decades. He sees numerous game and signs of various wildlife species both in his work and his personal hunting. Here's what he says about the upcoming season:

"The grouse are scattered here and there. I've seen and heard several drumming on the ridges and points when I've walked the ridges this fall. I think one of the best areas is around Murphy in Cherokee County. The last two days of last season three of us hunted along Copper Creek and Shoal Creek near Murphy, and we flushed about 25 grouse one day and 15 to 20 the next day. We found birds continuously, but we only killed five. We had four dogs and one time they all went on

point at once. Another time three three of them were on point.

"I never hunt grouse until all the leaves are off the trees. It's pretty warm this time of year for grouse hunting and not too good for bird dogs. It'll be better after the first frost. But the birds are now on the points and ridges and at not too high of elevations.

"If I was going bear hunting and didn't have a place to go, I believe I'd hunt the Forest Service land on what we call the '12-mile Strip.' It's between Harmon Den and the Smoky Mountain Park in Haywood County. There's lots of public land and plenty of room for hunters. It looks good for bear hunting this year. And this area has a good many bear moving through it. There will be a few party hunts with dogs in this area, but there's lots of room."

Raymond predicted boar hunters would have some success in the areas which provide good hog hunting. Among them is the Santeeash Wildlife Management Area.

The forecast for squirrel hunters is dim in Western North Carolina. The veteran game protector said he has only seen one live squirrel and only two dead on the roads this fall.

"There's a world of mast this year, and I can't remember ever seeing so few squirrels," he noted. "I've worked with a few of the East Tennessee game wardens this fall, and they say they don't have any squirrels, either. But

stantly.

"Elbert has caught big catfish, and he says this wasn't a catfish. He believes it was a muskie."

If we get a fishable muskie population back in the French Broad like the oldtimers say the river used to have, broken lines and monosyllabic mutterings will be echoing through the river valley in Madison County.

later in the season we might have a few squirrels move into our area. "I've seen this happen before. It's more than likely we'll have some before the season ends."

Raymond, also a competent fisherman, passed along a good bit of fishing information.

"Friend of mine, Elbert Massey of Madison County, brought home the limit of eight bass the other day from the French Broad River. He caught 'em on wigglers which you find in the leaves along the river bank. These worms are almost as large as nightcrawlers. He fished a section of the river in Madison County, and he drove in by Jeep. He had some nice bass, and he said he was bringing in a 2 or 14-inch largemouth when something grabbed the fish and took off like a streak and snapped his 20-pound-test line almost in-

A LIGHT LUNCH  
The thought in some after dinner speeches wouldn't be enough to make a light lunch.

## Judson A. Bishop Passes Thursday; Funeral Sunday

Services for Judson A. Bishop, 85, of Leicester Rt. 2, who died October 9, 1969 were held at 2 p. m., Sunday in Union Baptist Church, where he had been a member for 55 years.

The Rev. Howard Cable officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Raymond Roberts, John Mundy, Bill Austin, Harry Meadows, Roy Davis and Ernest Teague.

A native of Madison County and a retired farmer, Mr. Bishop had lived in Buncombe County for 65 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Teague Bishop; two daughters, Mrs. Lacey Massey of Leicester and Miss Glada Bishop of the home; a son, Howard of Leicester; a foster-son, Riley Teague of Asheville; three sisters, Miss Bonnie Bishop of the home, Mrs. Zona Roberts of Leicester and Mrs. Lou Mundy of Weaverville; three grandchildren and four foster-grandchildren.

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## Mars Hill News

MRS. J. W. HUFF, Correspondent

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN TENNESSEE

Friends of the I. N. Carr family, who lived here for some twenty years, will regret to learn of the death of the eldest son of the family, J. Clyde Carr. He died in the Sweetwater Hospital last Wednesday, Oct. 8 after an illness of about six weeks.

He lived at Madisonville, Tenn., where he was a teacher. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church there last Saturday at 10:30 a. m.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Georgia Humphrey Carr; and two daughters, Nancy Sue and Sarah Margaret; also his father and step-mother, Dr. and Mrs. I. N. Carr, and three brothers: Dr. W. L. Carr, of Greenville, S. C.; Glen F. Carr, of Winter Park, Fla., and Dr. Marion T. Carr, of Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Clota Lippard and sister, Mrs. M. H. Terrell left last Friday for a two weeks visit to Mrs. Lippard's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lippard, and family in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Lawrence Kimbrell, of Detroit, visited his sister, Mrs. N. S. Whitaker, here last week.

Mrs. Arthur Duck spent last week in Lexington, Ky., with Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Mosley.

Mrs. Ralph Gregory has returned to Detroit after a visit here to her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Gardner, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Jarvis and family of Glen Burnie, Md.,

expect to visit here this Thursday to Sunday.

All the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Mary Lee Rice gathered here at her home last Saturday and Sunday for their annual family reunion. Those coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stines and family from Camden, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin and family from Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Griffin and family from Macon, Ga. There were also two sisters and families from Asheville and a brother here. More than twenty were present. Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Johnson went home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Griffin for a few weeks visit with them in Macon, Ga.

### MARSHBANKS REUNION

A reunion of the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Marshbanks was held at the Community Center here last Sunday. A large number attended — not only from this area, but from Charlotte, places in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The oldest member there was Mrs. Gregg Metcalf, who is in her 100th year. She was the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Marshbanks, having married their son, Dudley. She is now the only living member of that generation. It is reported that over eighty persons attended.

### BETHEL CHURCH COMMUNITY

The men of the Bethel Church are now working every Saturday morning cleaning off a plot of

## With Our Boys In Service

A local Marshall resident, Gary Truman Wilde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Henry Wilde of Rt. 6, Marshall, enlisted in the Marine Corps on 6 Oct. 1969, for a period of two years. He will begin recruit training on 6 November 1969, at Parris Island, S. C.

According to Sergeant Parrott, the local Marine Recruiter Gary will receive 8 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, then travel to the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, N. C., where he will undergo four weeks of advanced infantry training.

Upon completion of basic training and advanced infantry training, Wilde will return home on a 20-day leave of absence. At this time he will also receive orders directing him to a formal school for further technical training or to one of the Corps many posts or stations to receive on the job training. More than 400 job specialties are available to Marines.

Gary is a graduate of Marshall High School and Mars Hill College.

(AHTNC) — Army Private First Class Clarence Chandler, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Chandler, Marshall, was assigned as an ammunition storage specialist with the 1st Logistical Command in Vietnam September 4.

(AHTNC) — Army Private 1st Class Edward Crain, 20, whose mother, Mrs. Edna F. Crain, and wife, Murle, live at 20B Mount View Homes, Greenville, S. C., was assigned as an engineer in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, Sept. 27. His father, Merritt Crain, lives on Rt. 1, Marshall.

ground that has been given to the church for a cemetery. The women of the church then serve them dinner. Rev. W. M. Henaley is pastor of the church.

## Financial Statement -- Madison County

July 1, 1969

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1969

FUNDS	Bank Balance July 1, 1968	Income from 1968 Taxes	Income from Del. Taxes	State & Federal Aid	Other Incomes	Total Incomes	Expenditures	Bank Balance July 1, 1969	Tax Rate
General	\$ 2,799.11	\$ 34,718.53	\$11,111.50	\$ 4,172.66	\$36,054.36	\$ 88,856.16	\$ 64,513.23	\$ 24,342.93	.20
Poor	5,132.21	8,679.62	574.62	4,191.06	761.00	19,338.51	11,671.37	7,667.14	.05
Accountants	6,861.35	17,359.26				24,220.61	15,782.17	8,438.44	.10
Farm & Home Agents	3,351.11	17,359.26				20,710.37	15,787.90	4,922.47	.10
Ambulance Service	199.23	17,359.27	97.55		547.78	17,656.06	13,577.10	4,078.95	.10
Building Maintenance	1,106.99	17,359.27	631.12			19,645.16	12,080.75	7,564.41	.10
Industrial Promotion	3,496.31					3,496.31	1,763.00	1,733.31	
Revaluation for 1973	9,594.03	3,473.27	265.90		546.00	13,879.20		13,879.20	.02
Rural Fire	440.19	868.32	96.50		62.33	1,467.34	1,200.00	267.34	.005
Workmen's Compensation	2,940.09					2,940.09	848.00	2,092.09	
Civil Service	1,574.81		96.50		62.33	1,733.64	95.25	1,638.39	
Forest Service	1,249.30	3,476.83	375.73		249.32	5,351.18	4,018.07	1,333.11	.02
Library Service	4,749.97	6,943.00	541.80	6,263.00	479.18	18,976.95	15,507.99	3,468.96	.04
Health Department	6,642.57	22,565.63	2,060.68	18,574.67	1,304.88	51,148.43	46,741.54	4,406.89	.13
Welfare Administration	1,438.02	21,697.32	1,690.06	51,277.00	1,149.10	77,251.50	70,515.42	6,736.08	.125
MAA	1,376.29		106.78	2,806.36	62.33	4,351.76	3,253.43	1,098.33	
AFDC	6,716.12	8,679.62	764.59	292,875.58	1,239.68	310,275.59	309,697.88	577.71	.05
OAA	13,183.31		1,143.14	209,372.22	4,204.76	227,903.43	222,641.50	5,261.93	
APTD	23,677.17		2,417.62	152,489.07	3,021.15	181,605.01	177,376.81	4,228.20	
Aid for Blind	3,109.84	1,736.64	343.88		207.77	5,398.13	4,783.74	614.39	.01
School Cap. Outlay	43,201.61	64,227.16	3,534.45		2,035.27	112,998.49	87,489.33	25,509.16	.37
School Expense	23,089.38	100,809.24	7,980.90	93,041.45	39,867.22	264,738.14	232,424.25	32,313.89	.57
School Cap. Reserve		10,416.28				10,416.28		10,416.28	.06
Dog	4,746.74	1,903.00	805.00			6,954.74	2,020.00	4,934.74	
Prepaid Tax	9,892.42				3,561.20	13,453.62	9,892.42	3,561.20	
Marshall School District	4,465.54	5,229.06	380.66			10,025.26	3,420.00	6,605.26	
Hot Springs School District	1,172.29	3,438.22	179.57			4,790.08	2,835.00	1,955.08	
TOTAL	\$186,205.95	\$368,298.80	\$34,598.55	\$835,063.07	\$95,415.66	\$1,519,582.03	\$1,329,936.15	\$189,645.88	\$2.05

The Bank Balance shows \$30,826.64 which is on Certificate of Deposits drawing interest at the rate of 4% per annum

## Statement Of Bonded Debt

June 30, 1969

Marshall School District Bonds Outstanding	\$11,000
Hot Springs School District Bonds Outstanding	\$16,000

## Statement Of Tax Levies And Collections

June 30, 1969

Rate	Tax Levy	Uncollected
1968	\$428,106.03	\$57,005.32
1967	\$428,059.77	\$27,303.67
1966	\$393,817.65	\$22,597.29

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