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State, County School Bus Statistics Are Announced

2,603 County Students Are Transported 41.6 Miles Daily

Data recently released by the Transportation Division of the State Department of Public Instruction reveals that during the 1968-69 school year some 610,760 Tar Heel school children were transported to school on buses. A. C. Davis, Controller for the State Board of Education, announces. The data, according to D. J. Dark, director of transportation, is compiled yearly. During the 1968-69 school year, 54.9 percent of the total public school population were transported to and from school daily, according to Dark.

Of that number, 70.9 percent of the schools were enrolled in elementary school and 29.1 percent were in high school. The average school bus in the State transported 86 students per day, made 1.57 trips per day — an average of 12 miles in length one way — and transported an average of 48.5 students per bus trip. The total cost of North Carolina's school transportation for 1968-69 was \$14,298,272.80, including replacement of buses.

In Madison County the number of regular school buses operated during the 1968-69 school year were 61. An average of 2,603 students were transported daily, with an average of 74.3 students per bus day. Each bus traveled an average of 41.6 miles a day getting 5,270 miles to the gallon of gasoline. The operating cost per mile was 26.13.

The average cost State-wide — including replacement of buses — for the 1968-69 school year was \$1,561.05 per bus; \$8.51 per bus per day; \$23.40 per pupil for the school year; \$1.202 per pupil per day; and \$2.243 per bus mile of operation.

Youth Is Given Sentences On Traffic Counts

Kenneth Ramsey, of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, was given 32 months in total sentences after pleading guilty to four traffic offenses in Superior Court in Buncombe County Monday.

Judge William T. Grist suspended the sentences on payment of \$500 and costs, with five years probation. One condition is that he report to his probation officer each month.

Ramsey had appealed a 32 months active sentence from General County Court. He pleaded guilty Monday to driving intoxicated, driving after his license was revoked, and driving without liability insurance or registration.

HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY IN JAN.

Dr. Barbara A. Wood, Madison County Health Director, has announced the Health Department Clinic Schedule for the month of January, 1970. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Thurs., Jan. 8, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1:00-4:00 p. m.

Fri., Jan. 9, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, Maternity Clinic, 12 noon.

Fri., Jan. 16, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.; Chest X-Ray Clinic, 9:00 a. m.

Fri., Jan. 23, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.

Tues., Jan. 27, Family Planning Clinic, by appointment only.

Fri., Jan. 30, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment only.

All general immunization clinics protection is available a (Continued To Last Page)

POWELL ISSUES STATEMENT TO COUNTY PUBLIC

Cites Progress In Mars Hill; To Work For Entire District

William P. Powell, former mayor of Mars Hill, who was recently appointed State Senator, issued the following statement this week: "It was with mixed emotions and much thought and prayer that made me decide to take the appointment to the North Carolina Senate. I have enjoyed working for the Town of Mars Hill for the past four years and have assumed the duties as a personal responsibility to do the very best job possible. When we, (Carl Eller, Arthur Wood, Buria Grigg, and I), went into office about four and a half years ago, we made no definite promises, but did pledge to WORK for the betterment of Mars Hill and the Mars Hill Community. We feel that we have accomplished all that has been possible under our budget and physical abilities. Our Housing Project is about 40% completed. All planning and studies required by law are either finished or are near completion, and now are working with the TVA on a proposed 'Open' (Continued To Last Page)

Egg Information Is Revealed By Asst. E. E. Agent

By LINDA HARRELL, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent

In conjunction with National Egg Month (January):

How long an egg will stay fresh — that is of high quality — in the home depends upon the care it receives.

The widespread commercial use of shell treatment by oiling the eggs has extended the storage life of eggs in the home refrigerator. This process seals the eggs and retards loss of carbon dioxide.

At temperatures of 45-55 degrees F, eggs retain their inherent high quality for several weeks. However, even under refrigeration eggs slowly lose carbon dioxide which enlarges the size of the air cell and causes the yolk to flatten, the white to spread and the flavor to become mild or alkaline.

Eggs should be transferred as quickly as possible from store refrigeration to home refrigeration when they are purchased. Eggs kept at 72-80 degrees F (room temperature) will lose more quality in one day than they will lose in one week under refrigeration.

The carton in which they are purchased is an excellent refrigerator container for eggs. It keeps the eggs covered, which reduces the loss of carbon dioxide and moisture. The egg carton also holds them in the preferred position, which is with the large ends up. This helps keep the yolks centered.

Many homemakers who use recipes that call for yolks or whites are at a loss as how to store the "other half of the egg."

Leftover whites and yolks can be stored in covered containers in the refrigerator for a week to 10 days. Unbroken yolks can also be hard-cooked and stored for 4 to 5 days, covered. These yolks can be used for garnish or used in sandwiches, salads and soups.

Although eggs can be stored for quite some time, the homemaker will probably be most satisfied with her eggs if she buys only enough for a one week period.

Marshall OES To Meet On Monday

The Marshall Eastern Star Chapter will hold a regular meeting on Monday evening at 7:30.

ACP VENDORS MEETING IS SET FOR JAN. 15 HERE

A meeting of business firms or representatives or individuals who wish to qualify as approved County ACP Vendors for 1970 has been scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p. m., according to announcement by Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Office Manager. The meeting will be held in the ASCS Office at Marshall.

Ramsey explained that an ACP Vendor is a firm or individual who is qualified to furnish conservation materials or services to farmers under the county's agricultural conservation purchase order plan. To qualify as an approved county vendor, a representative of the firm or the individual must annually attend a vendor's meeting at which an ASCS representative explains the current Agricultural Conservation Program, the purchase order plan and the requirements and provisions within the vendor's agreement.

An approved vendor's agreement (contract) must be executed and on file in each ASCS county office in which the firm or individual wishes to furnish conservation materials or services to its farmers. The purchase order plan provides a means for the government to pay its share (about 50%) of the cost on approved ACP practices to the vendor who furnishes the farmer the materials or services as specified on a government purchase order.

In conclusion, Ramsey urged presently approved county vendors and others who wish to become approved ACP vendors under Madison County's 1970 ACP to attend the January 15 meeting.

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE — NEAR ZERO IN COUNTY

Frigid Arctic air, moving into Western North Carolina in the wake of Tuesday's snow, sent temperatures tumbling toward an expected near-zero reading Wednesday night.

Schools throughout most of Western North Carolina were closed Thursday due to hazardous driving conditions on most secondary roads.

Icy roads and deep snow drifts stalled traffic in many sections of Madison County. Temperatures dipped to zero in many sections and a high of two degrees above zero was reported in the county at 7 a. m., today (Thursday).

Near zero temperatures are forecast for tonight although the chance of precipitation is 10%. Light snow is falling this morning.

COURT HERE IS CANCELLED FOR JANUARY 14

Next Term District Criminal Court Will Begin February 2

C. N. Willis, clerk superior court, announced this week that the January 14 term of criminal district court has been cancelled. Willis stated that he had received notification from Chief District Judge J. Ray Braswell of the cancellation.

The next term of district court (Continued to Last Page)

"BILL" SHARPE, STATE EDITOR, DIES TUESDAY

William Pleasant (Bill) Sharpe, 66, editor and publisher of the State magazine, died Tuesday night. He was buried Thursday (today) in Raleigh Memorial Cemetery.

Sharpe, author, former newspaperman and publicist for the State of North Carolina, died in Rex Hospital at Raleigh after suffering injuries in a fall at his home.

According to friends of the family, Sharpe suffered a blackout Tuesday morning and fell, striking his head. He underwent an operation Tuesday afternoon at the hospital.

A native of Spartanburg, S. C., Sharpe formerly worked on two newspapers at Winston-Salem and one in New Orleans, La. At the age of 22, he became managing editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. Later he moved over to the Winston-Salem Sentinel as managing editor.

He was author of two books, *Tar On My Heels*, and *North Carolina: A Study of Counties*, plus numerous booklets promoting North Carolina's industry, agriculture and travel.

The 1937 North Carolina General Assembly set up the state advertising division and Sharpe was named to head it. He later served as state news bureau director.

Sharpe had been editor and publisher of the State magazine since 1951 when he bought it.

Sharpe has visited in Madison County many times and had spent much time in Hot Springs and Marshall.

Beef Cattle Prices To Soar This Year, Fred Boss Says

In South America



Miss Linda Adams

LINDA ADAMS IN S. AMERICA WITH WCU GROUP

Marshall Girl Is Teacher Education Student At WCU

Western Carolina University announced the second of its new international education programs with the inauguration of overseas internships for teacher education students.

Dr. Alex S. Pow, president, said that the University, in co-operation with the Inter-Regional Center for Curriculum and Materials Development and the U. S. Department of State, sent all students and a supervisor to Colombia, South America, for 10 weeks of training and study in bi-national schools.

The group left for South America Monday from the Asheville Airport.

The study, to be conducted under a contract awarded to WCU by the Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools, will explore the possibilities of establishing programs similar to those now operating in the Caribbean area to which the WCU students are going.

The students will spend the entire winter quarter in Colombia. They will do their student teaching in the schools there. While there the students will live with Colombia families and teach in bi-national schools sponsored by Colombians and Americans.

Miss Linda Louise Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Adams, of Marshall, is among the nine students making the trip. She is a graduate of Marshall High School.

Farmers Should Increase Stock; Sale Schedule Given

The annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Feeder Calf and Yearling Steer Sale was held Monday, January 5, in Asheville. The sale schedule for 1970 is as follows: The Spring Stocker Sale will be held at the Cattlemen's Yard in Canton, on April 14, 1970. The Yearling Steer Sale will be held on September 15, 1970 at the Cattlemen's Yard, Sept. 22 at Western Carolina Yard in Asheville, October 6 at Western Carolina Yard, October 13 at the Cattlemen's Yard, and October 20 at the Western Carolina Yard.

The Feeder Calf Sale will be held on September 29 at the Western Carolina Yard and October 27 at the Cattlemen's Yard. The only significant rule change which was passed this time is that common calves will now be accepted in the calf sale. They still must be predominantly beef breeding.

Madison County increased its number of spring stockers sold from 57 to 80 head in 1968, but there was a decrease in the number of yearlings and calves sold from 2,588 to 1,884, a decrease of 704 head. With beef cattle bringing the prices that they did in 1969, it is forecasted that they will be even higher in 1970. Madison County farmers should be increasing the number of beef cattle instead of decreasing.

The outlook for stockers in April of '70 is for higher prices than in '69, so anyone with enough feed to feed animals through the winter should be planning to market some stockers next year.

ACTIVITIES OF OUR RED CROSS IN DECEMBER

Four cases involving Madison County servicemen were serviced by the American Red Cross Service to Military Families during December. One case involved a health and welfare report, two emergency leaves and one reporting.

County residents used 18 pints of blood during the month while 26 were donated at the Red Cross Center in Asheville.

A Red Cross advanced first aid course is in progress in Hot Springs. It is being taught by Red Cross volunteer instructor Neal Barnett.

WORK BREAKS

A coffee break is worth the most to one who makes good use of his work breaks.

WHAT IS A FLAG?

Flags are everywhere—on public buildings—in private homes—pictured in stores—fluttering and billowing in the soft, summer breeze — flags everywhere — American flags!

Passers-by, on the busy streets of the city, hurry on their way, minds intent on their own small affairs. They look idly at the flags—but do they really see them?

That oblong piece of cloth, with its bright dyes, is the visible symbol of America today — an America more precious, more wonderful than ever before, because the gifts it has given us are threatened, as never before, with loss and destruction! It is the thrilling heart of America — the sign of our inheritance — the presence of all we hold most dear!

The courage and strength of the pioneers — the pathfinders who met trial and hardship dauntlessly, in the days when we were beginning to be a nation — are in the red of its stripes!

The high and stainless purity of mind and motive — the whiteness of the souls of great men—Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and many others, who strove selflessly to hold their beliefs in the greatness of this nation, and who dedicated their lives to its service— are in the white of its stripes!

The truth that will not stoop to lie—the integrity of the principles that underlie our commonwealth, the unshakable faith and trust in God, that has come down to us from those long gone before, who have held high the light, that we might walk safely—are in the blue of its field of stars!

And every one of those stars shines with a new splendor of meaning—the symbol of a free people, living their lives in the blessings of freedom—freedom to worship God as they choose, freedom to work, to laugh, to love, to live—God's most precious gift to man, to be guarded sacredly forever!

What is a Flag?

It is the soul of America—and it shall never die!

Grace Bush

Eller Succeeds Powell As Mars Hill Mayor

Mrs. J. B. Huff To Replace Eller On Town Board

William P. Powell, of Mars Hill, has resigned as mayor of Mars Hill due to his appointment as State Senator.

"Although I am no longer mayor of Mars Hill, I still plan to take a very active part in the happenings of our town and county," the former mayor stated.

By unanimous vote of the town board, Carl M. Eller was elected mayor to complete Powell's unexpired term.

Mr. Eller has been town treasurer for Mars Hill for the past four years and has taken an active and progressive part in everything that Mars Hill has accomplished in this period of time.

Eller automatically assumed the duties of mayor and took the oath of office on December 15.

Also, by unanimous vote of the

board, Mrs. Joseph B. (Helen) Huff was elected to serve on the town board for the remainder of Mr. Eller's term.

Mrs. Huff has always been noted for her community spirit and efforts in many fields. She is a member of the Committee of 100; has worked with many projects connected with the youth of the Mars Hill area; was president of the Mars Hill PTSA for two years; has served as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; is adult advisor to the Madison-Buncombe Rural Youth Council; secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees of the Mars Hill Community Center; and on the South committee for the Cadets Club Scouts. Mrs. Huff is the first lady who has been a member of the Mars Hill town board.

Present Mars Hill officials are: Carl Eller, mayor; E. W. Goggins, vice-mayor; Arthur Wood, town clerk; Mrs. J. B. Huff, town board.