



THE REMODELLED COURTROOM



Top picture shows the official section of the remodeled courtroom, with the new tables, chairs, jury box and new ceiling with new overhead lighting fixtures.

Center picture shows courtroom from the rear looking toward the front.

Bottom picture is how the courtroom looks from the Judge's chair.

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Everyone seems proud of the "new look" of the Madison County courtroom. The remodeling started in earnest the first of the year and today, the courtroom has new furnishings, tile, two enclosed jury boxes, new jury seats, acoustical ceiling, flooring, new lighting system, and even the two stairways leading from the lobby to the second story have been enclosed. The cost of the entire project was approximately \$16,000.

H. M. Rice & Sons, Inc., of Weaverville, were supervisors; Asheville Electrical Company was in charge of all electrical fixtures; Benitz Insulation Co., of Asheville, installed the acoustical ceiling; Smit's Floor Covering Co., of Weaverville, furnished the flooring, tile and sanding; Everett Barnett, of Marshall, did the painting and other equipment was purchased from Southeastern Equipment Co., of Siler City.

The courtroom furniture is of oil-finished walnut. (See Editorial)

Caldwell, Ramsey Honored At Lions Steak-Dog Dinner

Marshall Men Cited For Heroism In Saving Four Lives

Ray Caldwell and Earl Ramsey both of Marshall and employees of French Broad Electric Membership Corp., were guests of honor at the Marshall Lions Club Steak-Hot Dog dinner at The Mountaineer Restaurant at Tunnel Road Tuesday night.

The two men were cited for their quick action and heroism in leaping into the French Broad River last November 12 and saving the lives of four persons, including an infant. The incident occurred opposite Riverview Base Station when the brakes of a car gave way while coming down the steep Ivy Hill highway. The car, at terrific speed, crossed the double-line highway and plunged into the river. The two men rushed to the scene and pulled the

occupants to safety. Lion President Jerry Plennon presented the men with beautiful golden plaques and also presented them with letters of commendation from Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

Following the presentation, the Lions and guests settled back and enjoyed the annual steak-hot dog dinner. Eleven Lions ate delicious 22-ounce steaks while six of the Lions present had to settle for hot dogs. The steak-eaters were winners in the annual Christmas baskets for the blind contest while the losers in the contest had to eat hot dogs. However, the hot dogs were about a foot long and deliciously prepared.

Enjoying the steaks, in addition to the guests, were Lions Ed Morton, Jerry Plennon, Pegy Brigman, George Shupe, Larry Oern, Ralph McCormick, Roy Reeves. (Continued To Last Page)

4-H TALENT SET FOR A TICKETS OF

The annual 4-H Talent Show will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the College Auditorium. The county will be showcasing a variety of talent and entertainment of the county. Everyone is invited to attend this special 4-H activity.

A small admission will be charged for the Talent Show. The public may buy tickets in advance or at the door. Members beginning in March. Money from the sale of tickets will go into the individual club treasuries. Tickets also be purchased at the door on the night of the Talent Show. Money collected at that time will be deposited in the county fund. An entertaining evening is promised for all those who attend.

BAPTISTS TO RESUME STUDY IN EXTENSIVE

The combined thrust of the Southern Baptist Seminaries are providing a program of study to develop church leaders, provide instructions in Bible, doctrine, church history, preaching, religious education, and church administration. The overall curriculum program for thirty-four courses is set.

The French Broad Baptist Association joins with these seminaries in providing four courses of study: Upper Laurel Missionary Baptist Church - Miss Fitzgerald teaching religious education, "The Dynamic Church." This course is designed for Sunday School superintendents, teachers and church workers; Forks of Ivy Missionary Baptist Church - M. H. Kendall teaching New Testament, a detailed study of the Book of Romans; Vernon Wood teaching at Mars Hill Baptist Church, comparative religions "The Religions of Mankind;" and Rev. A. A. Peverall teaching at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in the Newfound Association, Old Testament, "The Heart of Hebrew History."

There is no basic charge for these courses. (Continued To Last Page)

WARNING! DON'T LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE ECLIPSE

Permanent Eye Damage Could Be Caused, County Lions State

Members of the Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs Lions Clubs this week issued a stern warning concerning the eclipse of the sun on Saturday, March 7 about 1:30 p. m., (EST). The warning states:

DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN. You can damage the inside of the eye permanently by looking at the sun and the use of smoked glass, exposed film, or sunglasses only makes it worse. THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO LOOK AT THE ECLIPSE DIRECTLY! The infra-red rays of the sun (Continued To Last Page)

Marshall PTA Will Meet Here Next Monday Night

The Marshall PTA will meet at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, March 2, in the school lunchroom. The Title I staff will present a program on the purpose and accomplishments of ESEA.

The third grades will have the devotion. All parents and teachers are urged to attend. The Executive Committee will meet at 7:00 p. m., prior to the PTA meeting.

INCORRECT DATE
Correct Date FEBRUARY 26 1970

Is Still In Progress

Two More Announce As Candidates For Board Of Education

Two more Madison County men have announced their candidates for the nomination on the Madison County Board of Education, subject to the will of the voters in the May 2, 1970 Primary.

EMERY WALLIN
In last week's issue, Emery Wallin, of the Big Laurel community announced and this week, Robert Z. "Bobby" Ponder, of Hot Springs, is also announcing. Mr. Wallin is a former member of the board of education where he served for four years. Mr. Wallin is a member of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church where he is a deacon.

A prominent farmer, he is also a director of the Farm Bureau of Madison County.

He is married to the former Miss Flo Cunniff and they have (Continued To Last Page)

Manslaughter Case Taken Most Of Term Thus Far

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases started here Monday morning with Judge W. K. McLean presiding. Clyde M. Roberts is the solicitor.

The trial of Donald Howard Ledford, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of G. W. Shook last May, is still in progress as this paper goes to press.

Shook, 81-year-old citizen and retired farmer of Mars Hill Route 3, was struck and killed about 6:45 p. m., on Monday, May 11, 1969 on Smith's Creek Road about 12 miles north of Mars Hill. Ledford, 34-year-old resident of Johnson, City, Tenn., was reported as the driver of the car which struck Mr. Shook.

Other cases heard thus far resulted in the following judgments: William Press Peters, breaking (Continued To Last Page)

\$1,400 In Deductions For County Taxpayers

Below Figures Only Guide; Accurate Records Must Be Kept

How large are the tax deductions claimed by Madison County residents in their Federal income tax reports, compared with those taken by people in other parts of the country?

What are the typical deductions at each income level, for contributions, taxes, medical expenses and interest payments?

These questions of importance to taxpayers who are putting such figures together for the 1969 reports, are answered in a study made by the Commerce Clearing House, specialist in taxes and business law, on the basis of data obtained from the Treasury Department.

It shows that, in general, families throughout the United States that have income equal to the Madison County average (about \$4,000) (Continued To Last Page)

deductions of about \$1,400, equivalent to 21 percent of their total earnings.

The percentages vary with income, it is found. They range from 14 percent to 22 percent. The deductions taken by low-income families represent a larger proportion of their earnings than in the case in high-income families.

For Madison County families above or below the local average, the deductions will vary accordingly.

Those who are in the \$9,000 class, for example, will be deducting approximately \$1,700 if they have normal outlays. For those at the \$5,000 level the deduction will be about \$1,200.

A breakdown of the deductions ordinarily taken by families with income equal to the Madison County average shows that \$425 represents contributions, \$460 in (Continued To Last Page)

\$8.50 A Year In Madison and Adjoining Counties \$4.00 A Year Outside These Counties

In Tournament Saturday Night

CLINIC FOR IN MAR.

Wood, Madison County Health Department Director, has announced for the month of March clinics listed as follows:

- March 2 - General Clinic - Hot Springs 8:30 - 12:00 p. m.
- March 3 - Eye Clinic - Hot Springs 8:30 - 12:00 p. m.
- March 4 - Pediatric Clinic, by appointment
- March 5 - General Clinic - Mars Hill 4:00 - 8:00 p. m.
- March 6 - General Clinic, 8:30 - 12:00 p. m.
- March 10 - Maternity Clinic, by appointment
- March 13 - General Clinic, 8:30 - 12:00 p. m.
- March 20 - General Clinic, 8:30 - 12:00 p. m.
- March 24 - Family Clinic, by appointment
- March 27 - General Clinic, by appointment (Page Four)

Marshall - Hot Springs J.V. Boys To Meet At 6:15 O'clock

The Madison County high school basketball tournament will resume in the local gym tonight (Thursday) with one junior varsity game (Marshall-Hot Springs boys) starting at 6:15 o'clock. In the varsity division, the Marshall girls will meet the Laurel girls at 7:30 o'clock and the Laurel-Marshall boys will collide at 9:00 p. m.

The tourney, which started last Friday night saw the Laurel girls eke out a 27-25 victory over the Hot Springs sextet. The win advanced Laurel girls to the semi-finals against Marshall which drew a bye in the opening round.

The Spring Creek girls advanced to the finals by defeating Mars Hill last Saturday, 31-19. Spring Creek will meet the winner of the Marshall-Laurel game for the championship and the two losers will meet for third place honors Saturday night at 6:15 o'clock.

The Mars Hill Wildcats advanced to the finals by handing Spring Creek boys a 72-48 defeat last Saturday night. Mars Hill will meet the winner of the Marshall-Laurel game in the finals at 9:00 p. m. Saturday. Spring Creek will meet the loser of the Marshall-Laurel game at 6:15 o'clock Friday for third place. (Continued To Last Page)



C. O. Stafford, Jr.



C. R. Allen

WC-Westco Telephone Co. Makes Changes In Set-Up

LUNCHROOMS IN COUNTY GIVEN HIGH HONORS

"Feed All Students In All Schools Daily" Is County Goal

Word has just been received that four lunchrooms in Madison County have been awarded very high honors. Each of these schools was presented an Award of Merit for Exceptionally High Student Participation for the 1968-1969 school year.

Spring Creek and Hot Springs awards contain a red seal designating 93-94% participation. Walnut and Beech Glen awards contain a black seal designating 90-92%.

"Our goal is to feed all students in every school every day. Let's continue to work for awards of merit in all lunchrooms and no hungry students in any classroom. It can be done if we put all our shoulders to the wheel and push together." Mrs. Lorraine Robinson, school nutritionist, stated.

JUDGE AND JURY
Many people set up their own standards of right and wrong and judge others accordingly.

Change To Result In Better Customer Service, James Armstrong Says

More than 19,000 telephones will be served by 14 exchanges in a new district of the Western Telephone Company and the Westco Telephone Company which will have its headquarters in Weaverville, it was announced by James Armstrong, president of the two companies.

The new district began operations February 1, 1970 and is headed by C. O. Stafford, Jr., vice president and Eastern District plant operations manager. C. R. Allen, is Eastern District Commercial Manager. The new service area includes the counties of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Yancey, Mitchell, and Davie.

"This change," Armstrong said, "is being implemented to provide improved customer service in the eastern part of our eleven-county service area in North Carolina."

Mr. Stafford's responsibilities will be the overall supervision of plant construction, installation of switchgear services and maintenance.

Mr. Allen will have under his supervision all commercial functions of the business including the handling of requests for service, billing and collection, and the completion of customer demands.

Mr. Stafford is a native of Palestine, West Virginia, where (Continued To Last Page)