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Local Residents Are Now Insured For \$57,458,000

Life Insurance Average Per Family Is Now \$13,700 In County

Residents of Madison County are beginning the decade of the 70's with more financial safeguards in the form of insurance than they ever did.

They are covered for all kinds of hazards. They have health insurance, burglary insurance, automobile insurance, fire insurance, life insurance and various other forms of protection.

Especially have they been adding to their life insurance. Total holdings of this type of coverage in the local area is now estimated at more than \$57,458,000.

The facts and figures on the number of policy holders and the amount of insurance in force are contained in the current Life Insurance Fact Book and in other statistics. The breakdown is on a state-by-state basis.

It shows that the American people have been adding to their insurance in recent years. Their total holdings now add up to \$1.7 trillion and are growing at the rate of more than \$100 million a year.

In the State of North Carolina, according to the figures, the amount in force totals \$26,390,000,000. This compares with the 1960 figure of \$9,965,000,000.

In most families the amount of insurance carried is in direct proportion to their income. The total held by the average family in the state, it is found, is equal to 27.2 months income, after taxes.

Applied to Madison County and to the average income reported for the area, life insurance coverage locally is now estimated at \$13,700 per family.

This is nearly twice as much as the average family had ten years ago. (Continued To Last Page)

CAN SPEED UP FARM PROGRAM PAYMENTS

Farmers within the county who enrolled in this year's feed grain or wheat diversion program can help speed up their program payments by certifying compliance with the program provision as soon as possible after planting is completed, according to Emory Robinson, chairman of the county ASCS Committee. He pointed out that since the Department of Agriculture was not authorized to make advance payments to enrolled producers this year, that plans are to begin issuing lump sum payments in July and complete them in August, if possible. As soon as farmers file their performance certifications the county ASCS office will begin processing papers to the Data Processing Center which will compute and issue producer payments in the form of sight drafts.

Robinson emphasized the fact that only farmers who signed up to take part in this year's program can receive program benefits and that Friday, March 20, was the closing date for enrolling.

When signing up in diversion programs, producers must take into consideration the acreage to be devoted to each crop and land use including the acreage being diverted to conserving uses.

Compliance means limiting crop acreages on the enrolled farms to that indicated in the sign up intentions, Robinson said, as well as complying with the program requirements on other farms in which the farmer has an interest.

HOLY WEEK TO BE OBSERVED HERE NEXT WEEK

Union Holy Week services will be held at the Marshall Methodist Church next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Arthur F. Williams, pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, will speak on Tuesday evening; The Rev. A. A. Peverall, Jr., pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, will be the speaker Wednesday evening; and the Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor of the Marshall Methodist Church, will be the speaker on Thursday evening.

At the concluding service, the churches will observe Maundy Thursday and participate together in the Lord's Supper.

The regular Fifth Sunday Union Service will be held Easter Sunday evening at the Marshall Presbyterian Church. The Rev. J. E. Pedew, pastor of the Ponder's Chapel Baptist Church, will speak.

The public is invited and encouraged to share in these services during this Easter season.

RED CROSS MEET TO BE HELD HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Officials of the Madison County Branch, American Red Cross, announced this week that the annual Red Cross meeting will be held here next Tuesday afternoon in the Library Building on Main Street. The meeting will get underway at 3:30 o'clock and the public is invited.

Election of officers and the adoption of the new budget are included on the agenda.

Officials expressed the need for participation through the county in order to maintain the many services of the American Red Cross.

"We hope to have a large attendance at the meeting," one official stated.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT MARS HILL

Rev. Paul L. Stagg Will Be Guest Minister On March 22-24

The Rev. Paul L. Stagg will be guest minister for special Holy Week services at the Mars Hill Baptist Church, March 22-24. Emphasis for the week will be on the topic, "The Mission of the Church."

Dr. Stagg will speak in the chapel period at Mars Hill College on Tuesday morning in addition to speaking at the church on Sunday morning and evening and Monday and Tuesday nights.

Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Front Royal, Va., from 1947 until 1969, Dr. Stagg is now a member of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, a national agency of the American Baptist Convention with headquarters in Valley Forge, Va. He is an executive minister assigned to the denomination's work in the South.

Born into a pioneer missionary family serving among French-speaking people in Eunice, La., Dr. Stagg attended Louisiana College and received his theological training at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

A minister who believes that Christians should be active in the important areas of everyday life as well as in the institutional life of the church, he has worked for better race relations, open neighborhoods and better housing.

J. B. Reid In Race For County Sheriff In Demo Primary

J. B. Reid, of Route 7, Marshall, this week announces that he is a candidate for sheriff subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic Primary on May 2, 1970.

Mr. Reid stated, "If nominated and elected I will represent all the people and will enforce the laws fairly and impartially and I will not attempt to run the courts."

Mr. Reid is a graduate of Dorland Bell School, class of 1915 and two years ago completed a course in law enforcement at Asheville-Biltmore College.

He is also a well-known veterinarian and has doctored livestock throughout the county.

He is a member of Marshall Masonic Lodge 292, a 32d degree Mason and a member of the Marshall Baptist Church.

He is married to the former Frances Smith and they have two sons, J. B., Jr., of Charlotte and Harold, of Marshall.

Sawyer Injured

Dolan Sawyer, of Ammons Branch, who is employed by Penland Construction Company, and stationed at present in Central, S. C., suffered a broken leg below the knee Tuesday when a tree fell on him. He and others were working on a right-of-way at the time of the mishap.

Sawyer is recuperating in a hospital in Central, S. C.

Harmony, Unity Prevails At Highway Hearing Here Tues.

OFFICIALS ARE APPOINTED BY ELECTION BOARD

The Madison County Board of Elections met at the Court House on March 16, 1970, as required by GS 163-41, to appoint precinct registrar and judges of elections.

The following precinct election officials were appointed:

No. 1 — Marshall: Ed Gentry, Registrar; John Hensley, Judge; Sherman Ramsey, Judge.

No. 2 — Laurel: Floyd Wallin, Registrar; June Plemmons, Judge; C. M. Cutshall, Judge.

No. 3 — Mars Hill: Irma Sprinkle, Registrar; Dick Anderson, Judge; Zeno McMahan, Judge.

No. 4 — Beech Glen: Gus Robinson, Registrar; James Carter, Judge; V. J. Willis, Judge.

No. 5 — Walnut: Glenwood Wallin, Registrar; Wayne Adams, Judge; Ralph Baker, Judge.

No. 6 — Hot Springs: Ray Gardin, Registrar; Sidney Harrison, Judge; Troy Self, Judge.

No. 7 — Ebbs Chapel: Porter Wallin, Registrar; Betty Whitt, Judge; George Davis, Judge.

No. 8 — Spring Creek: Joe Justice, Registrar; Dale Keener, Judge; Toney Plemmons, Judge.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Monday night, March 23, in the courthouse here at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Loy P. Roberts, president of the club, will preside.

It was announced that all Republican candidates will be recognized and final plans made for the fund-raising dinner which will be held on Saturday, April 11.

14 DELEGATES TO NCEA NOW IN CHARLOTTE

Fourteen delegates have been selected to represent the Madison County unit of the North Carolina Education Association at the annual convention to be held in Charlotte beginning today (Thursday), according to Mrs. George B. Shupe, president. The meeting ends Saturday with divisional meetings for all fields of education.

Bruce Phillips, principal of Hot Springs High School, will serve as chairman of the delegates. Others going are Miss Billie Jean Redmon, Miss Eloise Ward and Miss Marie Willis of Marshall; Miss Kathryn Anderson, Dennis McCurry and Fred Dickerson of Mars Hill; John Barnes and Jeff Burton of Spring Creek; James Joe Shelton and Elmer Chandler of Laurel; Mrs. Lucille Burnette of Walnut; Vernon Ponder of Ebbs Chapel; and the Rev. Jeter Sherlin of Hot Springs.

The delegates will make reports to the Madison County members at a special meeting March 26 at Marshall High School at 2:00 o'clock.

Open House Sun. At A-B Tech Institute

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute is having "Open House" this Sunday, March 22, from two until five in the afternoon. There will be displays and demonstrations in all areas in instruction.

Students, faculty, and staff will be available for consultation.

The public is cordially invited and public school personnel are especially urged to attend.

PROPOSAL MADE TO EXTEND 213 TO SPRING CREEK

New Road Would Open Up Wide Area; Would Aid Consolidation

Following the regular public hearing on NC 213 and US 25-70 in the school auditorium Tuesday, Zeno H. Ponder, president of the Madison County Development Board, submitted the following proposal, which is self-explanatory:

March 6, 1970
Honorable Roy A. Taylor
United States Congressman
New House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Roy:
This letter confirms my telephone conversation with you relative to the State Highway hearing to be held in the Madison County Court-house commencing at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, March 17, 1970. Of course, the subjects to be discussed at the hearing will be only matters relating to the Weaverville to Marshall Road Project, 25-70.

The other project will be the two corridors surveyed from Mars Hill to Marshall relocating and rebuilding Highway 213.

My proposal, which I hope to make immediately after the official hearing has been concluded, will be to extend Highway 213 in a northerly direction along the present Highway 25-70 to a point South of Walnut and North of Marshall which point is to be located by State Highway Engineers, and from this point in a Westwardly direction to the new bridge which is to be built near Redmon and up and with the secondary road known as the Little Pine Road, continuing in a Westwardly direction, crossing the Spring Cree-Little Pine Mountain at the most economical and feasible location, and intersecting with Highway 209 as near the Spring Creek High School as is practical.

This proposed extension of Highway 213 would facilitate the consolidation of all of the five high schools in Madison County into one high school, thereby saving the State a tremendous amount of money in maintaining a

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In favoring the alternate route, it was pointed out that it would "open up" a vast area conducive for industry and would serve more than 255 families. In addition to this, the alternate route would be .5 miles shorter from Marshall to Mars Hill than the other route and the cost is estimated to be about the same. It was also pointed out that the shorter route would be more desirable if and when consolidation of high schools becomes a reality.

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Alternate Route Of NC 213, Ivy Entrance US 25-70 Favored

More than 200 persons were present Tuesday afternoon for the public hearing regarding the proposed corridor for the relocation of US 25-70 from Marshall to Weaverville and NC 213, from Marshall to Mars Hill. The meeting was held in the Marshall school auditorium.

Large detailed maps of the two routes from Marshall to Mars Hill and the proposed two routes from the Marshall by-pass to Weaverville were on display and both maps were thoroughly explained to the audience.

Highway Commissioner Novile Hawkins opened the meeting and introduced R. W. McGowan, assistant chief engineer, who presided at the meeting. Other Highway officials present included F. L. Hutchinson, division engineer; J. H. Prince, advance planning official; and W. A. Garrett, administrative assistant.

Following the necessary procedures for such a hearing, the floor was opened for comments by interested citizens.

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This County's Schools Served 431,106 Meals Last Year

192,220 Meals Served Free Or At Reduced Price To Needy

Raleigh — Public schools in Madison County served 431,106 meals to students during the 1968-69 school year. The figures were released recently by the Division of School Food Service of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Madison County served 192,220 free or reduced price meals to needy children during 1968-69. The school unit was reimbursed a total of \$60,134.20. Funds for reimbursement come from various federal sources, according to Ralph Eaton, director of School Food Services.

"Reimbursement for 1968-69 was variable throughout the State," said Eaton. Schools were reimbursed on the basis of their average daily attendance, the sale price of the meals, the percentage of free and reduced price meals served, the percentage of children participating in the school's food service program, the sale of supplementary food items, and the type of school (junior or senior high, for example).

The reimbursement schedule for 1969-70 has been changed and is based on the percentage of free or reduced price meals served. "The new schedule is based strictly on need," said Eaton.

The total reimbursement for the State for 1968-69, was more than \$14 million. Total school food service funds for this year will exceed those of last year by some \$4 and a half million, according to Eaton.

I DIDN'T EAT ONE

"Pardon me, sir," said the waiter as he picked up the check and money, "but this doesn't include anything for the waiter."

"I didn't eat one, did I?" said the professor, glancing up from his book.

Penland Announces For Bd. Education In Demo. Primary

Joe W. Penland, of Marshall, announces this week that he is a candidate for the board of education subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic Primary.

Joe is a well-known merchant in Marshall and is co-owner of Penland & Sons department store.

He is a graduate of Marshall High School and Blanton's Business College; also a veteran of World War II.

Joe has three children, Joe, Jr., of the U. S. Navy; Linda and Jeann, of the home.

Mr. Penland is the son Mrs. Bessie Lee Penland of Marshall and the late Jim Penland. A member of the Marshall Baptist Church, his wife is the former Vencil Wright, of Walnut.

"I am a newcomer in the political field and my main and only concern is for a better educational system for our children in all parts of the county," Mr. Penland said.

Mars Hill PTSA To Meet Tuesday At Lunchroom

A meeting of the Mars Hill PTSA will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p. m., in the school lunchroom. The program will be:

A brief business meeting; a report from our nominating committee and we will be introduced to our student teachers and our tutors who work in our school, followed by music from the choral group, led by Mr. R. D. Hunt.

"We urge all parents, teachers and students to attend," Jean Robinson, reporter, stated.

LYTTON IS NOW BASKETBALL COACH AT MHC

Former Lees-McRae Coach; Wood To Remain As P. E. Instructor

Jack Lytton, 27, head basketball coach at Lees-McRae Junior College in Banner Elk, has switched schools and will lead the cage efforts at Mars Hill College next season.

The announcement was made Saturday in a press conference held in the office of Mars Hill's athletic director, Don Henderson.

Lytton will replace Harrell Wood, who has stepped down after 11 years as head coach of the Lions and who has been assigned (Continued To Last Page)

MARSHALL TEAM LOSES IN CLYDE CAGE TOURNNEY

Basketball came to an end in this county Monday night when the Marshall All-Stars were eliminated in the Clyde Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Clyde school gymnasium. The local stars lost to the Metropolitan Life Insurance team, 87-67.

Robert Black had 26 and Carlo Mapp 20 for Metropolitan Life Insurance in its easy victory over Marshall. David Caldwell netted 8 to pace the losers' offense.

Metropolitan Life Insurance (87) — Earwood, Black 26, Mapp 20, Caldwell 8, Brazil 12, Duckworth 5, Blue 5, Woodbury, West 11.

Marshall (67) — Rhinehart 8, Caldwell 18, Allen 13, Rogers 6, Brazil 10, McDevitt 8, Nix, Haynie 4.

Halftime: 39-33, Metropolitan Life.

Larry Leake On UNC Dean's List

Larry Bruce Leake, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leake, of Raleigh, formerly of Marshall, has attained the average required for Honor Roll status and has been placed on the Dean's List of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Requirements for making the Dean's List are a B average with individual grades of C or better on a minimum of 15 hours' work. Larry has far surpassed the average, as he had a grade of A on 12 semester hours, a grade of B on four semester hours, and no grade lower than a B.

The obvious is that which is never seen until someone expresses it simply.

Mixed Term Superior Court Starts Monday

Gudger, Crawford For State Senate In 31st District

Lamar Gudger, Asheville attorney and former state representative, has filed as a Democratic candidate for the State Senate from the 31st Senatorial District.

I. C. Crawford, an Asheville attorney who served in the N. C. House 10 years, said he will seek the Democratic nomination to represent the four-county 31st Senatorial District in the 1971 General Assembly.

The two senatorial seat in the 31st District, which includes Buncombe, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell counties, are presently held by R. T. Dent of Asheville and William Powell of Mars Hill. Both are Republicans.

GUDGER

Gudger, 51, most recently served as a member of the State Ports Authority. He was a representative from Buncombe County to the General Assembly in 1961 and served as Superior Court solicitor in the 19th Solicitorial (Continued on Last Page)

Two Manslaughter, Three Murder Cases; Jurors Are Listed

A one-week term of superior court for the trial of criminal and civil cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge W. K. McLean presiding. Clyde M. Roberts is the solicitor.

Cases listed on the docket for trial include:

Edward Gentry, violation election laws; Emmett Ernest Crough, driving drunk; Fred L. Phillips, larceny of automobile; Clinton Shelton, driving under influence; Clarence L. Massey, driving with suspended license; Bill Willie Buckner, driving drunk; William E. Lewis, reckless driving; Doris Metcalf, murder; Wm. McKinley Ramsey, manslaughter; Johnnie Don Sawyer, manslaughter; Orbie Jack Hemley, speeding, failure to stop for blue light; Lester M. Lunsford, murder; Tim Lunsford, murder; Hue Reese, larceny; Walter Gentry, larceny; Thomas Burwell Riddle, ADWI.

A list of jurors for the term follows:

Albert Jeter Thomas, Joe Graf, (Continued on Last Page)