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Court Order Unlocks Door For Solicitor In Courthouse

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Clyde M. Roberts, 24th Judicial District solicitor, was reinstated in his office here by 3 p.m. Tuesday at least temporarily.

Roberts, who was locked out of his office Jan. 4 by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, filed a petition with Clerk of Court Judson Edwards last Friday asking for reinstatement.

The four-page petition then went to Superior Court Judge Frank W. Snapp of Charlotte, who signed a temporary restraining order which was served by Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder Tuesday morning on the three members of the board.

Roberts and the courthouse janitor, along with other helpers, put the solicitor's office furniture, equipment and files back in the second floor two-room office. The office had been assigned Roberts by the previous Republican board of commissioners last fall before going out of office Dec. 7. Roberts' things had been moved from the office and stored temporarily in the adjacent board of elections office.

The petition, which also served as an affidavit, stated that the solicitor's "official equipment, files and records were summarily removed from his office in the Madison County Courthouse" and that said materials are "essential to the proper administration of justice."

It asked that the board of commissioners "be restrained and enjoined from interfering with the solicitor in the performance of his duties," "ordered to open the two rooms previously assigned to him" and to "return any and all furniture, equipment, supplies and files removed by the board as a body, or by

either member of the board, or by the board's servants."

The board was ordered to appear Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in Watauga County Superior Court in Boone before Judge Snapp to show cause why the order should not be made

permanent.

The board can now just let things drop and Roberts will keep his office; or, it can appear in Boone with arguments that another office would do just as well for the solicitor and that the board

needs his office for other purposes. Commissioners initiated remodeling on a third floor office for Roberts last week.

Late Tuesday night, board members had not decided what to do. Dr. R. Bruce Sams

of Mars Hill is chairman, and the other two members are Irvin Adams and W. T. Moore. They had attempted since

OEO Unit Is Authorized To Borrow

The Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe counties has been authorized to borrow up to \$100,000 if expected funds for its 1971 program year are delayed by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Lawrence M. Kelly, executive director of the anti-poverty agency, said the directors approved the precautionary measure at a special meeting last Thursday night at the Mars Hill Town Hall.

Kelly said the agency expects to be funded by OEO later this month, and will not use the authority to borrow the money unless there is an unexpected delay.

In other action, the directors approved the transfer of \$2,000 from the agency's housing development project and the same amount from its urban youth program to pay the cost of moving the agency from the old Stephens-Lee School building to the Livingston Street School.

taking office in December to persuade Roberts to give up his office, acquired in November, on the grounds that the rooms had been used for years for the commission's meeting room and as a room for driver's license examinations.

Doug McClure of Burnsville, license examiner, who came to Marshall the first week in December and found his usual office now being occupied by Roberts, moved his equipment to Mars Hill City Hall. He said there was not another office in the Madison Courthouse suitable for the examinations.

Rice Home Is Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

The one-story home of Lawson Rice, 75, of the Bee Tree section about 12 miles from Mars Hill, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. In addition to the house, a barn, filled with hay, corn and machinery was also destroyed.

Fire Chief Don Cox, of Mars Hill, stated that when the volunteer firemen arrived at the scene, the barn and home were engulfed in flames. Cox stated that the fire started in the barn where children were playing. All household furniture was lost.

Chief Cox said that the firemen were able to save two structures near the home, one a trailer and the other a house. Rice lived alone in the house which burned but members of the family resided in the two buildings which were saved. No one was injured by the fire.

Loss was estimated at \$10,000 and there was no insurance, Cox stated.

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Housing

By LINDA HARRELL

According to W. C. Warrick, extension specialist in Housing, nationally apartments make up 40 percent of new housing, mobile homes 20 per cent, and single family dwellings the remaining 40 per cent. "The 'little house with the white picket fence' may never completely disappear from our landscape, Warrick stated, but in another decade or so it may be increasingly hard to find."

Mass produced, mass mechanized housing being developed by private enterprise and under the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs "Operation Breakthrough" program will

significantly influence housing in the future. Breakthrough is HUD's attempt to meet the nation's housing needs by developing new techniques in production, land use, financing, and merchandising.

HUD is moving many regional office functions to area offices in the various states. State office directors will be named by early 1971 with the change completed by Sept. 1971. All functions relating to HUD's housing programs will be shifted to these offices to reduce processing time and improve coordination.

The average home loan by Savings and Loan
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Quilt Display Draws Attention At Library

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When we think of American customs and the past we remember many things. Fireplaces, high poster beds and beautiful handmade quilts. We may not think of the library as a resource for quilting and patterns for quilts but there are several good books on quilting in our public library here in Madison County. Some of these books are "Quilts and Coverlets," a history of a charming nature art, together with a manual of instructions for beginners, by Florence Peto. "A Book of Arts and Crafts," by Marguerite Ickis and Reba Selden Esh. "Woman's Day of American Needlework," by Rose Welder Lane. These offer much information on quilting and various patterns we have handed down through the years. In conjunction with this information a collection of some favorite quilts by homemakers in Madison County has been made and the Extension agents have displayed these for your enjoyment in the two large windows of the Madison County Library. The following is a list of the quilt patterns with the homemakers name who made the quilts: Puff Quilt, Mrs. Bill Metcalf; Popcorn Spread, Mrs. Trula Harrell; Double Wedding Ring, Mrs. H. E. Wallin, Sr.; and Miss Helen Penland; Rising Sun, The Carter Family; Tulip, Crazy Quilt, Friendship, Flower Garden and Dresden Place, Mrs. H. E. Wallin, Sr.; Dutch Doll, the late Mrs. Henry Ball; Tiny Squares, Mrs. Frank Maney; Basket Quilt, the late Aunt Lucinda Metcalf; Lemon Star, Mrs. Thomas Tipton and the Granny Afghan, Mrs. Sue Gibbs.

Some interesting history on the Rising Sun quilt is that it was a pre-Civil War quilt and was buried with other household items to keep it from being taken by the Union soldiers. This quilt was owned by the Carter family in the Beech Glen community. It now belongs to Mrs. Sue Gibbs of Beech Glen. It certainly has withstood wear and aging and is still beautiful. The other quilts have interesting stories behind them too. I am sure



many people will see quilts that will bring back fond memories and we hope will make us take more pride in this very complicated, but beautiful skill. You may have some beautiful quilts of your own that you will want to get out and enjoy too. Our thanks go to these homemakers who

have so willingly shared their talents with us. They certainly have a talent to be proud of. This is an art that is slowly disappearing and we need to see that it is not lost in our busy world of today. If you haven't seen the exhibit I suggest you go by the library and enjoy it with us.

Rural Environmental Program (REAP) For '71

The new Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) for 1971, emphasizing a broad attack on the environmental problems created by the nation's farming operations, was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin.

Announcement of the new program, formerly known as the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), permits resumption of the Federal cost-sharing of various beneficial conservation practices with farmers, but under a restructured program in line with modern day needs to better both the on and off-farm environment. It makes farmers partners in the venture between the Federal Government and state, city and local governments to deal with the pressing problem of pollution.

"The restructured program will be used to help preserve our environment, demonstrate good environmental enhancement practices, and return more public benefits less public cost," Secretary Hardin pointed out.

Although the specific level of funding for 1971 has not

been determined, the 1971 program will be funded, and the Congress will be requested by the Administration to provide funds for the 1973 program, the Secretary said.

Emphasis on the farm side will be on those practices contributing the most to the improvement of conditions for both the general public and farmers. Major considerations in authorizing cost-sharing of any practice installation will be the resulting public benefits, such as pollution abatement, enduring oil and water conservation, recreation, wildlife, and open space as well as the degree of permanency achieved. As a result, the practices offered under the program have been structured to provide enduring benefits, significant pollution control, and enhancement of the environment for all.

A major thrust will be to reduce water pollution which results in large part from agricultural, industrial, and municipal wastes. Water retaining and retarding measures on farms, such as dams and ponds, permanent grass cover, water ways,

Important Red Cross Meeting Tues.

An important Red Cross meeting will be held at the library in Marshall next Tuesday at 3:30 o'clock.

Jerry Plemmons, chairman of the Madison County Branch, Asheville Area, American Red Cross, stressed the importance of the meeting by stating that unless the local Red Cross organization is not strengthened the county could lose some of the Red Cross services in the county.

Everyone interested in the continuance of the Red Cross programs are urged to attend this meeting.