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REP. LISTON B. RAMSEY



REP. ERNEST MESSER

Ramsey, Wyatt New Personnel Rescue Squad

Celola Ramsey and Truman Wyatt are now directing the Rescue Squad quartered here having started their duties last Friday.

The two Madison County men were named by the county commissioners at their January meeting. They succeed Vernon Ramsey who had been in charge of the squad. The two men have passed the necessary examinations and are now operating the two units here.

For emergency, phone 649-8800 during the day and for night calls, phone 649-6532 (Ramsey's residence) or 689-5525 (Wyatt's residence).

"We will be glad to be of service to anyone at anytime," Ramsey and Wyatt commented this week.



WALTER SMITH, director of public information at Mars Hill College, photographed his son, Travis, trying out the waving-size of a window in one of two "stretch" vans recently acquired by the college. The college bought the vans, along with a 25-passenger bus, from Smoky Mountain Tours in Asheville. Smith said the new wheels will be used by various campus groups such as athletic teams, classes conducting field trips and the student tutor corps.

Messer, Ramsey Given Key House Assignments

Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton was appointed

chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health, Welfare and Institutional Care by House Speaker Phil Godwin Tuesday.

This is one of four subcommittees of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Messer is a Haywood County Democrat.

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall was named vice chairman of the House Finance Committee by Godwin.

Messer and Ramsey are the representatives from the three-county 47th House District of Haywood, Madison and Yancey counties.

Among the 16 members on Messer's appropriations subcommittee are Rep. Robert Z. Falls of Shelby, James E. Holshouser Jr. of Boone and Robert A. Jones of Forest City.

Others on the Finance Committee with Ramsey are Reps. Hugh Beam of Marion, William M. Fulton of Morganton, Herschel S. Harkins of Asheville, Donald R. Kincaid of Lenoir, James T. Mayfield of East Flat Rock and John S. Stevens of Asheville.

Important Red Cross Meeting Tues.

The American Red Cross meeting, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, was postponed until next Tuesday afternoon due to frigid weather. The meeting next Tuesday will start at 3:30 o'clock in the library building on Main Street here.

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 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.

Civil Term District Court Starts Monday

A jury term of civil cases will begin in district court here Monday morning with Judge J. Ray Braswell presiding.

Jurors drawn for the term include:

Billy A. Holt, Nellie Edna Mae Gosnell, Roy Chandler, Lee Hamlin, W. L. Bell, Grant McDarris, Rose Leta Thomas, James H. Griffin, Dorothy R. McGaha, Carol Ann Bailey, Mrs. Christine R. Ricker, Glenn W. Hensley, Ruth B. Rainey, Bill Burnice Franklin, Roxie Martin Massey, Joseph P. Rice, Toby K. Babelay, Garland Brown, Mary Margaret Wilde, T. R. Worley, Bobby Jean Honeycutt, Carl Shook, Jerlee Norton, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Lucille Cantrell, Kate Thomas, Mrs. Ava Edith Fairchild, Mae Griffin Price, W. Eldridge Hill, Mrs. J. R. Nelson, W. M. Bishop, Edith Carver, Fred Studer, Mary Ruth Clark, Orin Samuel Driggers, Jr.

License Examiner On Bridge St.

In answer to several inquiries concerning the location of the License Examiner here on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Doug McClure, the examiner, is now located on Lower Bridge Street in the building across the street from the county jail.

The change of location was made following the dispute over the Solicitor's office in the courthouse where the License Examiner used to be. The Solicitor, Clyde M. Roberts, is now occupying the double-room offices back of the courtroom.

Mr. McClure's new office is in the Plemmons Building and is ground level.

Mars Hill Group To Study Pollution In This County

A group of students at Mars Hill College plan to begin a study May 31 on pesticidal pollution and solid waste and sewage disposal in Madison County, if funds for the project are approved.

The 10-week project, to be carried out by 8 students under the direction of Dr.

Republican Women's Club To Meet Mon.

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Monday night, Jan. 25, at the home of Mrs. Paul Briggs in Mars Hill. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and all members are urged to be present.

Fred Holtkamp, assistant professor and head of the department of chemistry, will cost approximately \$28,500 to be financed jointly by the college and hopefully, the National Science Foundation NSF has not yet approved the project.

The students are from the fields of biology, business, chemistry, education, English and sociology.

Information will be gathered on the levels of agricultural pollutants and degrees of waste material produced by individual households in the county.

The group proposed the study because "most people in the county are unaware of the danger of the pollution in their area and have little knowledge of measures that the individual may take to ameliorate domestic pollution and waste."

Their grant proposal said, "The combination of the geographic configuration of the Upper French Broad Drainage Basin and the lack of normal atmospheric ventilation isolate and concentrate an already high daily level of industrial and domestic pollution, making this an exceptionally dangerous area."

"This situation is further aggravated by being an agricultural base in rural Appalachia...because of the inadequate sanitary facilities and inadequate sites for garbage disposal, an increasing amount of refuse is finding its way into the streams and along the roadsides."

The pesticidal pollution phase of the project will be to study the effects of pesticides on plant and animal tissues, to trace the origin of pesticidal pollution, and to collect representative samples for

quantitative analysis of
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District Court To Resume Here Friday

Criminal District Court with Judge J. E. Holshouser, Sr., presiding will continue here on Friday at 9:30 o'clock. The term started on Wednesday of last week and court was adjourned Thursday of last week.

Henry Sharpe was bound to superior court where he will be tried on four charges, including breaking & entering, larceny, and two charges of assault.

Douglas Wallin, bastardy, continued for child's blood test.

Roy Wayne Shook, non-support of family, continued and Shook ordered to take treatment.

Harlon Shelton, assault on female, 90-day suspended sentence on conditions.

Isaac Nevo Rich, three traffic charges, 60-day suspended sentence, conditions.

Homer Brooks, poss. non-tax paid liquor, fine and costs.

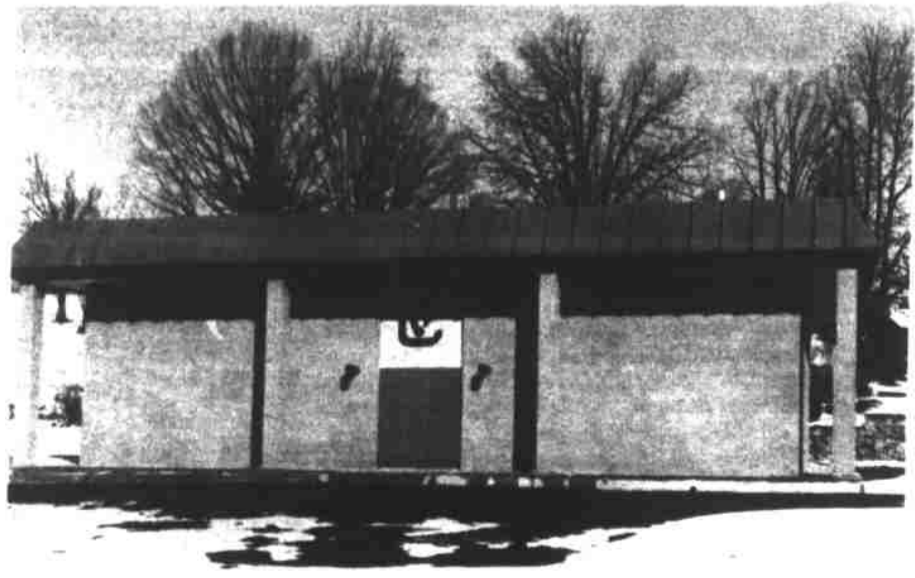
Walter Crowe, trespassing, 30-day suspended sentence.

Cecil Gunter, B.E.&L., bound to superior court.

Dem. Club To Meet Here Wednesday

The French Broad Young Democratic Club will meet next Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m., it was announced this week.

All members are asked to attend.



WESTCO has begun installation of a new "north crossbar" at its recently completed Mars Hill facility on the corner of Ivy and Chestnut. The automatic equipment, according to C. O. Stafford, district plant manager, will allow calls to be completed faster and will enable subscribers to keep their telephone numbers as they move in the area. The facility is larger than the one currently in use. Stafford said, and will be in operation in August. A similar central office facility has been built in Marshall and will be in operation in June he said. (Photo by Walter Smith)