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## Commissioners Set March 29 For Sales Tax Public Hearing

The Madison County Board of Commissioners Tuesday set Monday, March 29, as the date for a public hearing on the proposal to levy a countywide local-government sales tax of one per cent.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room in the

courthouse here. The sales tax bill ratified by the N. C. General Assembly requires at least 10 days public notice of such a hearing. (Notice appears elsewhere in this issue).

The bill gives commissioners in all 100 counties the authority to levy the tax, with or without a vote of the

people, or the option not to levy the tax.

Madison County was among the 25 counties which favored the one per cent sales tax overwhelmingly when it was voted upon earlier. The N. C. Supreme Court in January struck down that tax as unconstitutional.

## Honor Students At Marshall Are Named

Ten girls and three boys have been named honor students for the 1971 graduating class of Marshall High School by Principal Clive M. Whitt. There are 79 candidates for graduation in the class.

Top student is Catherine Lucille Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reese of Walnut Creek and second is Lynne Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Baker of Walnut. In third place is Clementine Morrow Sawyer, daughter of Mrs. Richard Duckett of Leicester. All three girls have averaged above 95 for three and one half year in high school.

Others averaging 90 or above, in order, are Audrey Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman of Tillery Branch; Sanford Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Graham of Piney Grove; Shirley Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fisher of Hayes Run; Pamela Robinson Allison, granddaughter of the Rev. and



CATHERINE REESE



LYNNE BAKER

Mrs. Hobert Bullman of Stackhouse; Linda Faye Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball of Hayes Run.

Also, Sharon Thomas Eatnon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thomas of Brush Creek; Anita Ramsey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ramsey; of Marshall; Joe West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solon West of Grapevine; Wallace Ponder, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Zeno Ponder of Ivy Hill; and Carol Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vader Shelton of Marshall.

Marshals for graduation exercises, chosen on academic standing are Edna Ann Silver who will be chief marshal, Jim Baker, Ted Revis, Audrey Hunter, Cathy Frady, Debra Hunter, Larry Ledford, Janet Cooper, Walda Harrell, Ila Ball and Verlan Davis.

## Marney To Be

### At Mars Hill

### Church Sunday

Internationally known theologian Dr. Carlyle Marney will be guest of the Mars Hill Baptist Church this weekend (March 20-21) for special services.

Former pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, Dr. Marney is now affiliated with Interpreter's House, an ecumenical center of study and work at Lake Junaluska.

The two-day special emphasis at the church here will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday with a dinner in the college cafeteria. Anyone who is interested may attend. Dr. Marney will speak after dinner.

Sunday the Tennessee-born preacher will fill the Mars Hill pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship and at the 6:45 p.m. vesper service. After the vespers he will talk with interested college students in a special gathering sponsored by the Baptist Student Fellowship.

"We are fortunate," Mars Hill pastor the Rev. Richard Price writes in the current issue of his church paper, "to have Dr. Marney with us. He is a great preacher and a pastor who deeply cares for his people. I hope every member of our church and anyone else who is interested will let Dr. Marney's life touch theirs during these special services."

Dr. Marney is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Prior to accepting the ministry of the Myers Park Church he was for 10 years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Tex. He has lectured at Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Union Seminary and other great universities and schools of theology throughout the world. He has written numerous books, the latest of which was published by Abingdon Press in 1970. It is entitled "The Coming Faith."



LION L. B. LEATHERWOOD

## Leatherwood Speaks At Mars Hill Lions Club

Approximately 100 Lions, Lionesses and guests attended "Educators' Night" in the Mars Hill High School cafeteria Monday night.

The occasion brought together members of the elementary and high school faculties in Madison County and several of the Mars Hill College professors with the Mars Hill Lions so that the educators could learn more

about the work of and meaning of Lionism.

The dinner meeting was presided over by Lion Hughey Ray, president of the Mars Hill Club.

Special music was enjoyed when a member of the Mars Hill College Music Department sang several solos. She was accompanied at the piano by John Adams, director.

In addition to the Mars Hill Lions and Lionesses, other guests recognized included members of the faculties of Mars Hill, Beech Glen and Ebbs Chapel schools, several of the college faculty, and Lion Jim Story, of the Marshall club, and his wife. Novil Hawkins, highway commissioner, and his wife, were also recognized. Also present was Dr. Frank Hendricks, of Waynesville, Deputy District Governor, Region 2, Lions International.

Prof. Harley Jolley, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Hon. L. B. Leatherwood, Past District Governor, of Waynesville.

Lion Leatherwood, school principal in Waynesville, and Lion official, stressed the fine work of Lions International in aiding the visually handicapped and stated that Lionism was so important to him that he had not missed a meeting in 28 years. He explained what a Lions Club actually is, and briefly reviewed the history and growth of Lions International.

He urged those men present who were not Lions to consider becoming members. He also pointed out the close relationship of Lionism and the work of educators.



MRS. GERTRUDE (Quincy) BALL, of Route 1, Mars Hill, was honored by the Calvary Baptist Church in Mars Hill on Feb. 28, for not missing Sunday School for 15 years. Mrs. Ball is 74 years old and is the mother of seven children. She is a native of Bladen County but has made her home in Madison County for 54 years. She began going to Sunday School back in the ex and cart days in Bladen County. Ralph L. Hogan is pastor of Calvary and Don Hall is Sunday School superintendent.

## Housing Study Committee Met Last Thursday

The Madison County Agricultural Extension Housing Study Committee met March 11 in Marshall to review the housing situation in Madison County. The group stated that the county people are not taking advantage of the various government programs that are available to help communities and individuals in the area of housing. Low income was named as one of the reasons for the 70 per cent of sub-standard housing in the county. The lack of available financing for low income families to build homes was also mentioned as another reason.

The study committee agreed wholeheartedly that an educational program on all phases of housing administered by the Extension Service and other related agencies would contribute greatly to improving housing conditions in the county.

Mr. Robert Winston of the Upper French Broad Development Commission discussed the advantages of a

centralized housing agency and the various federal housing programs that are applicable to Madison County.

Linda Harrell, Assistant Home Economics Agent, in Charge of Housing, gave a program of housing slides and explained the various phases of Extension's housing program.

In a survey taken by the group, it was found that they felt that roads, solid waste disposal system, medical care and housing were the four major problems confronting

our county. Better educational facilities were mentioned, but the committee felt that these improvements were forthcoming.

The members present at this meeting included: Mrs. Gay Merrill, Howard Riddle, Ed Mortaon, Mrs. Lela Peek, Miss Gwen Peterson, Mrs. Jack Buckner, Mrs. Livi Hunter, and Ralph McCormick. Mrs. Bert Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Wayne Adams, Mrs. Hughes Treadway, and Wayne Gosnell were unable to attend due to illness.

## Liquor-By-Drink Bill Defeated

A bill to authorize local elections on the sale of mixed beverages was rejected by the North Carolina House Tuesday.

The liquor by the drink legislation was defeated by an 11-vote margin after debate that lasted more than 2½ hours.

Entanglement of the issue with a move to double the tax

on cigarettes sold in the state apparently had little effect on the outcome, however.

The vote Tuesday was 59 to 48 against the mixed beverage bill. An almost identical measure was defeated 68 to 42 two years ago.

Representatives Liston B. Ramsey and Ernest Messer were among those voting against the bill.