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Paul Kelley Sentenced In Superior Court Here

Paul Kelley, of Gastonia, charged with two cases of kidnapping; breaking, entering and larceny, and escape, was sentenced to not less than 25 years nor more than 30 years on kidnapping charges in superior court here Tuesday. Judge William T. Grist, who is presiding, pronounced the sentence.

On Wednesday night, August 4, and when Mr. and Mrs. Wild returned to their home about 10 p. m., Kelley held a pistol on Wild and ordered them to drive him to Gastonia.

After arriving in Gastonia, Wild said that Kelley directed them around several back alleys and then got out of the car. Mr. and Mrs. Wild then returned to Marshall, arriving here about 5 a. m. Thursday morning, August 5.

Results of other cases heard thus far this week, follow: Johnny Cupp, assault with intent to kill, continued; William McKinley Ramsey III, manslaughter, continued; Johnnie Bon Sawyer, manslaughter, continued; James Edward Wallin, assault, not guilty; J. D. Gosnell, assault with intent to kill, dismissed; H. L. (Lane) Ogle, DUI, mistrial; Wade Owen BeBruhl, assault on officer, not guilty.

REAP Help Is Tour Of Homes Yet Available In Mars Hill December 12

Farm operators within Madison County who have pasture or hay land which needs improvement measures may yet secure help through the county's 1971 Rural Environmental Assistance Program, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, County ASCS Director.

The Mars Hill Woman's Club is sponsoring a Tour of Homes on December 12 from 3-5 p. m. The tour will originate at the Town Hall where refreshments will be served and maps will be distributed. Cost of the tour is \$1 per person. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Woman's Club or at the Town Hall on the day of the tour.

Homes included on the tour are those of Dr. and Mrs. H. Page Lee; Mr. and Mrs. George Joyce; and Misses Frances Snelson and Mildred Bingham. Also included will be the Department Open House for the Mars Hill College Home Economics Department. There will be Christmas decorations, Decoupage, refinished furniture and other interesting things displayed in the Home Economics Department.

In making this announcement Ramsey said that Madison County recently received a \$5,000.00 supplement to its 1971 REAP allocation and that these funds would be used to assist farmers in the improvement of vegetative covers of grasses and legumes. The improvement measures involves the application of fertilizer or limestone or both.

In conclusion, Ramsey said that farmers who have a farm need for either of these practices and are interested should visit the ASCS office for the details and the filing of an application within the next two weeks.



White House Christmas Tree
From North Carolina

Local Organizations Sponsor Christmas Lighting Contest

The annual Christmas Decorations and Lighting Contest will be co-sponsored by the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation and the Marshall Garden Club. A total of \$50.00 in prize money will be offered, and the sponsors are urging all residents of the community to enter; a beautifully decorated community will make Christmas more meaningful to all who reside here and all who visit during the holidays. The only requirement necessary to enter the contest is a telephone call to the French Broad Electric Membership office, 649-2051, or to Marshall Garden Club president, Mrs. J. B. Tweed,

649-3647. Calls are being accepted now and will be acceptable until 6 p. m. Dec. 22. No decoration will be considered if official entry has not been made to one of these sponsors before the judging! The area included for eligibility is the area extending out to a two-mile limit beyond the City Limits and the town of Marshall.

The sponsors feel that the following four categories make it possible for all residents living in permanent homes, mobile homes or apartment to be eligible for a prize.

Best decoration using Religious Theme, \$20. (Use of light, such as star or candle;

musical instrument, bells, choir figure, angel or any part or of the Nativity, etc.)

Best Decoration using other than strictly Religious, \$15.

Best Door Decoration, \$7.50. Originality is encouraged, but many excellent and inexpensive ideas come from magazines and Christmas cards. Judging will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, between the hour of 7 and 9 p. m., weather permitting. Out-of-town judges have been selected for this season's contest. Sponsors hope that all residents will take time to join in the spirit of Christmas by decorating homes.

MHS Football Players On All-Conference

Five Marshall High School Tornado football players have made the Appalachian All-Conference first team and one player the second team, it was announced Wednesday.

Making the first team are Harlon Rice, Danny Ball, Ronnie Tipton, Ted Revis, and Boyce Mayhew. James Ponder made the second team.

The MHS Tornadoes finished the season with a fine 6-2-1 record.

Work Starts On Shopping Center On Marshall By-Pass

Harry L. Giezantner announces he has already started work and by late spring will have a larger shopping center on the Marshall By-Pass than he has just completed in Burnsville. Giezantner states he was very happy to be back in Madison County working with such civic minded citizens as C. D. Bowman, D. M. Robinson, Sam Rutsill, Delmar Payne and Zeno Ponder. Giezantner is a local son who has

made good and has built a number of very successful shopping centers in Western North Carolina in recent years. Giezantner states this shopping center will be known as Madison County Plaza and will be occupied by very best merchandising firms in North Carolina. The estimated gross sales will be approximately \$3.5 million during the first years. This volume will increase as roads are completed from

Spring Creek, Hot Springs, Laurel and Mars Hill. Mr. Giezantner points out this volume of business will keep \$36,000 in Madison County each year from the 4 per cent sales tax alone, plus ad valorem tax collected from all the independent business firms operating in the Madison County Plaza.

Giezantner states he has contracted with Zeno Ponder and Everett Ponder to do the

grade work. "We contacted Zeno Ponder about the construction work, and he said he was inexperienced and perhaps talked when he should have been listening." However, he stated he had leased from the County the surplus property equipment and had some equipment of his own and, of course, would be using the bulldozers of Everett Ponder. Ponder stated he would be working on the project before

the paper could get to the press. "Upon contacting the Trustees of the Fore Property, I was informed and advised that negotiations with a very reputable sportswear company were in the final stages and a formal announcement of this industrial development would be made in the very near future," Ponder stated.

4-H Awards To Be Presented Here Sunday

The Annual Madison County 4-H Awards Program will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:30 p. m. in the Mars Hill Community Center. Awards for outstanding achievement, project work, and other 4-H activities will be presented to boys and girls who have demonstrated superior ability during the 1971 4-H year.

Harrell Wood of Mars Hill will be guest speaker. Harlon Rice, president of 4-H County Council, will be presiding. An excellent program has been planned by 4-H members. In addition, there will be recognition of sponsors and other people who helped to make 4-H successful during 1971.

All parents, 4-H members, and other interested people are urged to attend and support the local community 4-H Refreshments will be served immediately following the program. There will also be exhibits featuring items that have been made in conjunction with project records during the year.

4-H'ers, parents and friends are invited to the Annual County-Wide 4-H Achievement Program to be held Sunday, December 5, at 2:30 p. m. in the Mars Hill Community Building. A brief program of awards and exhibits will be followed by a short social period.

24 Pints
Blood Given

24 pints of blood were donated to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on the unit's visit to Marshall last Tuesday.

County Man, Found In Car, Dies Sunday

A young Madison County man died en route to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville after he was found unconscious in his car about a mile from his home Sunday morning.

Anthony Wayne Wallin, 23, of Marshall Rt. 4, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Asheville hospital. The cause of death was not revealed.

Sheriff Ponder said Wallin was found in his car on Rice Cove Road about 9:30 Sunday by his father, Wilburn Wallin.

The sheriff quoted the father as saying the car engine was running, with the doors and windows locked, and that the older Wallin was not able to arouse his son.

The sheriff said rescue workers broke a window and were giving artificial respiration to young Wallin when he arrived, and the young man still had a pulse when he was placed in a Marshall

Rescue Squad ambulance to be taken to Asheville.

Wallin was a native of Tennessee some time before, and had let off two friends some distance away. No one knew why he stopped the car less than five minutes' drive from his home, Ponder said.

Wallin was an employee of Williams-Brownell Division of Hardwood Corporation of America.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Wallin of the home; three brothers, Vernon of the home and James G. and Wilburn C. Wallin, a sister Mrs. Junior Gosnell, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Matilda Chandler, all of Rt. 4, Marshall.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Union Valley Baptist Church.

The Rev. Junior Gosnell officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home was in charge.

Job Aid Funds Being Received

Three Western North Carolina counties with unemployment rates greater than six per cent will receive funds under the Federal Emergency Employment Act of 1970 to expand public service jobs, according to State Secretary of Administration W. I. Turner.

The counties and their allocations are Cherokee, \$26,000; Graham, \$53,100 and Madison, \$49,200.

Turner said North Carolina received a total of \$32,000 to distribute to selected counties under a formula that gives equal weight to the amount of unemployment and the severity of it.

All jobs established with the funds will come under city and county governments, he said rather than state government.

Drama Slated At Mars Hill

The contemporary dilemmas of economic development versus environment and the power of the majority versus the rights of the individual come together in Henrik Ibsen's drama, "An Enemy of the People," which will be given here at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8, 10, 11, in the Owen Building theater.

Theater director James Thomas said he chose the play because of its relevancy to the area. "It deals in a dramatic way with the same issues raised at the public hearings on the Tennessee Valley Authority dam project and raised after the government had labeled Asheville City water as 'hazardous.'"

Basically the plot revolves around a doctor who discovers the water of a newly built health spa is teeming with infectious bacteria. When he attempts to publicize the hazard he is labeled "an enemy of the people" for trying to destroy the economic well-being of the community.

Thomas will direct two members of the Mars Hill faculty in the lead roles of the 1950 Arthur Miller adaptation of the play. George Peery, political science professor, will play Dr. Thomas Stockman and U. Earl Leininger, religion professor, will play the brother, Mayor Peter Stockman.

The performances will be open to the public without charge, but Thomas said the limited capacity of the theater requires advance reservations.

Edwards Named To WCU Board

Boyce A. Whitmire of Hendersonville and Ted Jordan of Robbinville were reappointed to the board of trustees of Western Carolina University Wednesday by Gov. Bob Scott, who also named Robert Edwards of Mars Hill to the board. Also included in appointments and reappointments to boards of state-supported universities was M. E. Robinson of Fannin City, named to the board of Winston-Salem State University.

ASCS Continues

Madison County residents can get official information on Phase II of President Nixon's Economic Stabilization Program at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office, says Ralph W. Ramsey, the County Executive Director.

"As the Nation enters Phase II, ASCS County Offices along with the Internal Revenue Service will continue to provide public information at the local level," Ramsey said.

The County ASCS Office will receive regular updated information from the President's Cost of Living Council, Price Commission, and Pay Board. Residents calling or visiting the County Office about a wage-price problem, will get answers on the spot if the questions fall within existing guidelines. More complex questions will be forwarded by County Office Personnel to the nearest IRS Office for reply.

"We are not authorized to handle complaints, violations, and requests for exemptions, but we will forward them to the IRS District Headquarters Office, Mr. Ramsey explained. He also said that the name of anyone filing a complaint or violation will be kept confidential.

And questions that cannot be answered by ASCS or interpreted by the IRS District Office will be forwarded for higher level action. The person making the inquiry will be informed if this action is taken. Details on procedures for appealing decisions also are available upon request.

The County ASCS Office located at Marshall is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. The telephone number is 649-2712.

HONORED AT UNC-G

A student from Marshall was the 200 sophomores honored at a special reception at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Nov. 18.

She is Linda R. Revis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Revis, Rt. 2, Box 12, Marshall.



VERNON H. RANKIN, (right) assistant county supervisor for the Madison County Office of Farmers Home Administration was recently presented a Length of Service Award by the agency's State Director, James T. Johnson, (left) in ceremonies at the State FHA Program Meeting. State Director Johnson in presenting the certificate thanked Rankin for his 25 years of service with the agency and for the valuable assistance he has rendered to the rural people of Madison County and to Farmers Home Administration. The Madison County FHA office in Marshall this past fiscal year loaned seven hundred thousand dollars to the rural people of Madison County including four hundred fifty thousand dollars for rural housing. The agency presently has over 1-1/2 million dollars principal outstanding.



THE BEAUTIFUL PITCHER collection belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Wood, of Mars Hill, is pictured in the window of the library in Marshall. More than 400 pitchers of every description have

thrilled hundreds of viewers. Mrs. Wood has more than 100 pitchers in her collection which she didn't bring for display here but may be seen at her home.