

THE NEWS - RECORD

4.5 Degrees Normal In January

The month of January, usually the coldest in Western North Carolina (although not the snowiest, as a rule), was more like a spring than a winter month this year.

But there were touches of real winter, when the temperatures went tumbling.

The average temperature during January, based on data compiled by the National Weather Service, was 42.1 degrees, 4.5 degrees above normal. The temperature range between maximum high and minimum low was 67 degrees—the low point being zero on the 16th, and the high on the 21st. Mostly, though, the mercury ranged up into the 50s and 60s during the day, and the low zig-zagged up and down, mostly between 25 and 50.

Sky cover was above average for the month, with nine clear days, five partly cloudy days and the remainder cloudy.

Rain and fog occurred frequently, although the month's precipitation added up to 3.57 inches, a little below the normal 4.17 inches.

There was little snow, it falling on only two days, the 5th and 15th.

Four Men Arrested In Break-Ins

Four young men are being held in Madison County Jail on charges of breaking and entering and larceny after an intensive investigation by the sheriff's department that involved the aid of county citizens and law enforcement officers in Yancey County.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said the men are charged in connection with an incident at the James Robinson home in the Beech Glen section.

In jail in lieu of \$3,500 bond each are Dean Chandler of Enka, 22, Gary Dewitt Holder of Asheville; and Danny and Gerald Miller of Burnsville, 24 and 19. He said the men had been under surveillance for some time, that various people around the county had been provided with descriptions and were on the lookout for them in connection with several burglaries in Madison, Yancey and Buncombe counties.

Ponder said he had received descriptions in several breaking and entering incidents of the same vehicles being used and had circulated these reports to selected observers around the county.

George Wilson of the Beech Glen section spotted one of the cars at the Robinson home when he knew the family was gone. He went to the store where the Robinsons were and accompanied them back to the house in time to see the young men coming out with guns and other items in their hands, Ponder said.

Wilson and Robinson grabbed Holder and held a gun on him until Ponder arrived, but the others fled on foot and in the car. Ponder said he then got bloodhounds from the Craggy unit of the N. C. Department of Corrections and caught one of them very shortly. A third one of the group was caught when he returned in the car to pick up the others.

The fourth suspect was picked up in Yancey County by Sheriff Kermik Banks and returned to Madison, Ponder said.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS AT HOT SPRINGS PLANT

EMPLOYEES of the Burlington Worsteds Plant at Hot Springs were recently recognized for perfect attendance of one or more years. Joe "Luke" Moore, Overhauler, Spinning Department, with 13 years, and Jerry Ramsey, Sectionman, Spinning Department, with 10 years, hold the Perfect Attendance record. They were presented their certificates by Truman Melton, Plant Manager and Joe King, their supervisor.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Truman Melton, Plant Manager, Jerry Ramsey—10 years. Luke Moore—13 years, Joe King, Supervisor.



THE ABOVE employees were presented their Perfect Attendance Awards by their Supervisor. Front Row, left to right; Rosa Garrett—2 years, Viola Moore—2 years, Calude Sawyer—1 year, Max Osteen—2 years. Back Row, Left to Right; Hugh Rathbone—2 years, Floyd Waldroup 2 years, Doug Ramsey—3 years and Willard Norton—3 years.

New Option Offered Producers

As sign-up opened in the 1972 voluntary programs for feed grain, wheat, and cotton producers, a new set-aside option was offered to corn and grain sorghum producers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A higher set-aside payment rate can be earned by producers who agree to reduce their farm's corn-sorghum acreage below last year's planting.

At the same time, all previously-announced options remain open to feed grain producers, according to Emory Robinson, Chairman of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. Provisions of the wheat set-aside program are unchanged. Additional set-aside options for wheat were announced in January.

Producer sign-up in the 1972 farm set-aside programs opened February 3, and will continue through March 10 at ASCS county offices throughout the nation.

Under the new option for feed grain producers with corn or sorghum bases, the payment rate for up to at least 10 percent and possibly 15 percent voluntary additional set-aside will be the same as the qualifying set-aside rate—80 cents a bushel for corn and 76 cents a bushel for grain sorghum. USDA will accept up to 10 percent of this voluntary set-aside when offered by the producer at sign-up. The remaining 5 percent will be at the option of the Secretary of Agriculture, with a later announcement on whether it will be accepted.

If he chooses this new option, a producer will hold his 1972 corn-sorghum acreage at not more than last year's acreage minus twice the additional set-aside acreage.

Producers who choose the



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Willett, Supervisor, James Lawson—3 years, Billy Ellison—2 years, Frank James, Supervisor.



THIRD SHIFT: Pansy Roberts—1 year, Charles Sawyer—1 year.

Mars Hill Students Receive High Honor

Mars Hill High School students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1972, according to Fred Dickerson, principal.

Selection for the Outstanding Teenagers awards program automatically qualifies these students for further state, regional, and national honors and scholarships totaling \$7,000.

Local nominees are: John David Roberts, son of Mrs. Dorothy Roberts; Pamela Diane Wallin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wallin; Louise Shelton, daughter of Mrs. Viola Shelton; Charles Stanley McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee.

Nominated by their principals, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in community service and academic achievement.

The local students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by the state's governor. Similar trophies will be presented to winners in other states. The state winners are selected by the Outstanding Teenager Awards Selection Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Advisors.

Advertising, Subscription Rates To Increase

Advertising rates in The News-Record will be increased effective March 1.

Rates have not been increased since April, 1968, although costs of producing a newspaper have soared. Postal rates have increased as well as newsprint, labor, etc.

Local advertising rates will be 75c per column inch to regular monthly customers of the newspaper. The new rates for all other advertisements (not regular monthly advertisers) will be 90c per column inch.

All legal and political advertising rates will be 90c per column inch, it was announced.

Administrator's notices will be \$10 for the four insertions and divorce notices will be \$12.00 for the four insertions.

Classified advertising will remain \$1.00 per column inch per insertion.

It was noted that these increases are necessary to maintain a newspaper in Madison County.

Mail Call Can Make The Day

Mail call has been known to make or break the day for many an anxious soldier in Vietnam. That's why a fast, efficient postal operation is so essential to morale in an unaccompanied tour like Vietnam.

There are several Army postal units in Vietnam, but none handles as large a volume of mail as the 38th base post office (BPO) with headquarters at Long Binh. Working in the post office at Long Binh is Army Specialist Four Gary S. Hollifield, 24, son of Mrs. Maggie E. Hollifield, Route 1, Leicester.

Approximately 100 men conduct the whole operation, which covers a multitude of jobs ranging from sorting letters to selling money orders.

The receipt and dispatch of mail goes on seven days a week and is handled by two working shifts each day. The first shift works from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The second shift begins at 4 p.m. and works until all the mail is sorted out, which is usually around midnight.

The soldier's wife, Mary, lives at 20 Cumberland Ave., Asheville.

Basketball Tournament Begins Friday In Marshall Gym

The 1972 Madison County high school varsity and junior varsity basketball tournament is scheduled to start in the Marshall gymnasium Friday night.

Defending champions are the Marshall girls and the Mars Hill Wildcats in the varsity and the Mars Hill girls and boys in the Junior Varsity competition.

The opening game of the tournament will pit the Marshall JV boys against the Laurel JV boys at 6:45 o'clock Friday. At 8:00 o'clock the Hot Springs

varsity girls will battle Spring Creek varsity girls and Laurel varsity boys and Spring Creek varsity boys oppose each other in the finals of opening night competition. Drawing byes on opening night were Mars Hill, Marshall and Laurel varsity girls, and Mars Hill, Marshall and Hot Springs boys.

In Junior Varsity brackets, the Spring Creek, Mars Hill and Hot Springs boys drew byes on opening night.

In the Junior Varsity girls competition there were no byes

GOP Chairman To Cancel Registration In Robeson

The chairman of the Madison County Republican Party said Thursday he had never attached any importance to the fact that he is registered and has been voting in two counties.

Joe Lee Morgan of Marshall, Rt. 2, in a telephone interview from Johnson City, Tenn., said he would take immediate steps to cancel his registration in Robeson County, however.

"I hadn't considered it so important, but I will certainly take appropriate action," Morgan said.

Morgan had been registered

as a voter in the Grapevine Precinct of Madison County at least since April 6, 1968, when the looseleaf registration system was started there.

He registered March 2, 1970, in Robeson County. Since that time, he has voted once in Madison and twice in Robeson County. The Madison votes were cast by absentee ballot.

Although Morgan has apparently never voted twice in the same election, it is a violation of state law to maintain a voting residence in more than one location.

"I never intended to register

Young GOP Club Elects Briggs

The Madison County Young Republican Club met at the Mars Hill Community Center, Monday night, Feb. 7th at 7:30 p. m. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, William Briggs; Co-Chairman, Marsha Payne; Secretary, Sherry Smith; Treasurer, Allen Briggs; and Reporter, Frank Morgan, Jr.

A resolution affirming the Club's complete faith and absolute confidence in the leadership of Joe L. Morgan as Madison County Republican Chairman was unanimously passed by the members.

Marshall, Hot Springs Lions To Play Cage Game Tuesday

The "game of games" will be played in the Hot Springs gymnasium next Tuesday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock when members of the Marshall Lions Club play members of the Hot Springs Lions Club in a benefit basketball game.

Proceeds will be used for blind activities of the Hot Springs Lions Club.

Many super stars of yesteryear will see action in a battle which offers plenty of excitement and laughter.

Some of the Marshall stars expected to see action include Roy "Dynamite" Reeves, "Jumping Jack" Cole, J. C. "Dribbler" Wallin, "Tumbling Tom" Wallin, Robert "Roughneup" Davis, Jerry "Sink 'em" Plemmons, Ed "Lightning" Morton, Ed "Foul-out" Niles, Charles "Snowbird" Huey, and many others.



Jim McIntyre Promoted

ELECTION BOARD HOURS...

The Madison County board of elections announces that the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 4:30 for those wishing to register.

For the accommodation of young voters, and others, who cannot visit the office on the regular hours, the board office will be open on March 8 and 15 from 8:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. and on March 11 and 18 from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

It is also urged that all voters who have moved to visit the office on Main Street and execute transfers.

Candidates File

Up to noon Wednesday, the following candidates have filed for Madison County Offices:

Auditors: Emory Metcalf; Register: G. Deed, Hillard Teague; Tax Collector, Harold Wallin; Commissioners, R. Bruce Sims, W. T. Moore, Ervin Adams; Incumbents: Jim Ody, and William Chandler. L. B. Ramsey, representative, has also filed for reelection.

ABOVE IS THE picturesque scene of Hot Springs. Few towns in Western North Carolina can match the beauty of Hot Springs, located near the French Broad River and a wide valley surrounded by towering mountains.