

THE NEWS - RECORD

Pool And Recreation Center To Be Improved Here

After many unsuccessful attempts to operate the pool at the recreation center here, Mayor Ponder and town Aldermen have come up with a plan to make it safe and sanitary.

Work will begin shortly to completely rehabilitate the facility. A filtration and chlorination plant will be installed to keep the water sparkling and inviting. The pool will be sandblasted, repaired, painted and modified to accommodate the new equipment. The entire area around the pool will be refacilitated so our youngsters will have a first class swimming area which will be able to pass all the Board of Health requirements.

The area adjoining the pool will get its share of beautification. All the showers are to be tiled. The toilet facility will be modernized and all the interior will be

painted. Hot water will be available in the showers for the first time. Additional lighting will be installed for nighttime swimming. Tables, chairs and sunbathing lounges will be provided for those who wish to take in the sun.

For the little children, swings, slides, monkey bars and other play equipment will be installed. The wading section of the pool will be blocked off with a wall to prevent the tiny tots from going into the deep end. Benches will also be installed so that parents will be able to sit at poolside and watch their youngsters.

This is only part I of a plan to give both young and old a fine recreation facility. The second step in the development will be turning the auditorium into an inside recreation hall. It will be equipped with many interesting forms of

recreational equipment such as ping pong tables, pool tables, badminton and volleyball courts and many more.

Plans are in the works to teach western style square dancing to both young and old. The auditorium will be available for square dancing.

ballroom dancing, art shows, garden shows, craft shows and any other forms of activities.

As more Federal funds become available, more outside areas will be developed. It is hoped that there will be enough room for tennis, badminton and handball courts. Also provided will be picnic tables

and barbecue pits for those who would like to take advantage of the outdoors in the summertime.

Federal funds will be used for this center, but they will be limited. These funds will be used to buy the necessary equipment. It will be up to the Community to provide labor to get this job done. Operation

Mainstream will give all the men they have available at any time they can be spared. The bricklaying classes at the High School will provide the labor to do all the masonry work. The students of Marshall High have volunteered their services to do anything they can to help. This is the kind of Community spirit it

will take to make this project a success.

There is a need for parents and grandparents to become involved. Machinery is needed to clear out all the overgrown weeds and also to remove about 4 inches of soil over the entire area. This can be done by hand, but it would take the whole summer so please help us. If you have this

type of equipment and would like to donate some of your time for a good cause, let us know. We would like to see as many grownups as possible working side by side with the youngsters in a spirit of cooperation for the benefit of all. If you wish to help, please contact Francis Pizzulo at 649-2035 and he will make all necessary arrangements.

"We owe this project to our children and it has been too long in coming. It will also help us get some industry because it will show that we really do care. It definitely will help attract summer tourists which will benefit each and every resident of Marshall. Our aims are safety, sanitation and fun. Please join us," Mr. Pizzulo said.

Massey Home Destroyed By Fire Last Week

A fire of undetermined origin demolished a mobile home valued at \$10,000 on Monday afternoon of last week at the Stoney Knob Trailer Park on the Weaverville Highway north of Asheville. All contents were also destroyed.

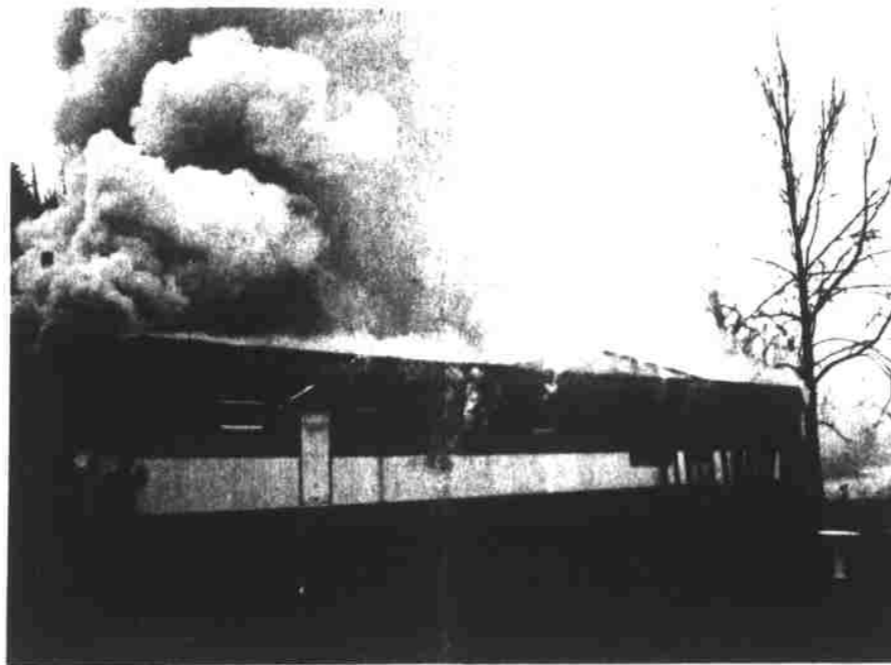
The alarm was answered at 4 p.m. by the Weaverville Fire Department who dispatched two fire engines and 12 men to the scene. No one was injured.

The trailer was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Massey of Weaverville.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey have five children, the oldest being eight years of age.

Those wishing to make donations to the Masseys may leave the donations at the jail here.

Mr. Massey is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Massey.



THE ATTRACTIVE MOBILE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davis of the Rollins section of Marshall was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon of last week. Practically all contents were also destroyed. Origin of the fire is believed to have started in the furnace. Marshall firemen tried desperately to save the structure but were unable to do so.

Livestock Association Annual Meeting Held

Forty-five people were in attendance at the first Annual Meeting of the Madison Livestock Association at the Marshall High School Vo-Ag Department last Thursday. After enjoying a steak supper, the group was entertained by the Marshall FFA Quartet. Members of the quartet are: Tim Barnett, Terry Davis, Mike Norton, Ricky Griffin. They were accompanied by Miss Debbie Treadway on the piano.

Mr. Fred Myers of Allied Mills, Asheville, spoke to the group about the importance of a balanced nutritional program and making the cattle business more productive.

The group was reminded of several important dates to remember, February 18 and

19, the State Cattleman's Conference and February 27 and 28, the Performance Tested Bull Sales at Rocky Mount and Salisbury.

Mr. Choice Plemmons was recognized as the membership chairman for the N. C. Cattleman's Association. Anyone wishing to join the State Association should contact Mr. Plemmons.

Mr. Roy Ammons, newly elected president of the County Association, has ap-

pointed a membership committee. These committee members are: Claude Cody, Kenneth Buckner, Hilliard Teague, Robert Johnson, Louie Zimmerman, Jackie Ball and Burder Reeves.

Interested persons should contact these people to join the County Cattleman's Association. Plans are already underway for the next meeting which will be held during the Spring quarter of 1974.



OFFICERS of the Madison Livestock Association were elected at the annual meeting last Thursday. Left to right, Roy Ammons, president; Howard Higgins, vice-president; Maurice McAllister, secretary-treasurer.

Mulligan Stew



A typical scene from the television series where the boys are learning the importance of a balanced diet. The 4532 Way leads to good health (4 vegetables and fruits, 4 breads and cereals, 3 servings of milk, and 2 meat sources every day).

Basketball Reporting Difficult

Due to the early Tuesday noon deadline it is most difficult to publish basketball results or upcoming games. The News-Record is actually printed on Tuesday nights, before games are played. For instance, this issue is already printed when the Madison girls play Tuscola Tuesday night in the Haywood Invitational Tournament at Pisgah. Some readers wonder why that game's results will not be in this Thursday's issue. This may explain why the coverage is not better. This has been the case throughout the season but it could not be avoided.

Results of the Tournament (both girls and boys) will be in next week's issue. Naturally, it is impossible to publish pairings sooner. "We regret this situation, one which cannot be avoided," Jim Story, editor, said.

17 Democrats, 3 Republicans File For May 7 Primary

17 Democrats and three Republicans have filed as candidates in the May 7th Primary election in Madison County. The deadline for filing is 12 o'clock noon on February

25 and more candidates are expected to file before the deadline.

It was also announced by the board of elections that Monday, April 8, is

registration deadline for voters.

Name, affiliation, and position sought of those who have filed with the Madison County Board of Elections to run as candidates in the May 7, 1974 primary election are as follows:

Liston B. Ramsey (D) - North Carolina State House of Representatives - District 44
James W. (Jim) Cody (D) - Clerk of Superior Court, Judson Edwards (D) - Clerk of Superior Court; and C. N. Willis (R) - Clerk of Superior Court. Ervin Adams (D) - Madison County Board of Commissioners; C. Manson Holt (D) - Madison County Board of Commissioners; and James T. Ledford (D) - Madison County Board of Commissioners.

Harold Wallin (D) - Madison County Tax Collector.
Donald N. Anderson (D) - Madison County Board of Education - District I.
Roy Freeman (D) - Madison County Board of Education -

District II; John R. (Ray) Gardin (D) - Madison County Board of Education - District II; Joe W. Penland (D) - Madison County Board of

Education - District II; R. Z. (Bobby) Ponder (D) - Madison County Board of Education - District II; and W. M. (Bill) Roberts (D) - Madison County Board of Education - District II.

FILE THIS WEEK
The following candidates have filed during the past week.

Eddie English, Jr. (R) Madison County Clerk Superior Court.

Dedrick Cody (D) Madison County Board of Education, District I.

Blanche Houston (D) Madison County Board of Education, District II.
James B. (Jim) Long Jr., (R) Madison County Board of Education, District I.

Albert Jeter Thomas (D) Madison County Board of Education, District II.
Emery Wallin (D) Madison County Board of Education, District II.

ASCS Official Cites Fertilizer Facts

"Some fertilizers are in short supply, but shortfalls are slight," said Nila Mann, Acting County Executive Director for the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. "Transportation and proper distribution, rather than

supply, may become the real problems."

Farmers already have more winter wheat (acres) planted than last year. They also intend to plant more corn, cotton, spring wheat, and other crops, and they will likely use record tonnages of fertilizer on them. Shipping record amounts will strain already overloaded transportation facilities, causing tight supplies and spot shortages.

She outlined the supply situation in light of the latest preliminary estimates.

"Farmers are expected to use all available nitrogen fertilizers this spring," she said. "Supplies are larger than in 1973, but many more acres will be planted to corn, wheat, cotton, and other nitrogen users." Preliminary estimates are that the nitrogen available will fall 5 percent under what farmers want.

"Nitrogen prices have skyrocketed lately—a factor that may curb overuse," Mrs. Mann added. "For example, anhydrous ammonia prices jumped 71 percent nationally between October 25 and January 21. Urea, because of its dual use as a feed and as an ingredient in mixed fertilizers, rose 69 percent nationally in the same time. In North Carolina prices jumped 69 percent for anhydrous ammonia and almost 100 percent for urea."

Phosphate rock supplies are tight, and in light of expected plantings a 10 percent phosphate shortfall could be in sight. Again, recent price jumps may cut into use—reducing shortfalls. Prices for concentrated superphosphate and diammonium phosphate jumped 41 and 41 percent,

respectively, between October 25 and January 21.

Potash is in adequate supply. Any shortages on farms are due to transportation difficulties. Potash prices paid by farmers increased 26 percent nationally between October 25 and January 21; in North Carolina they went up to 26 percent.

"Many fertilizers will bring record prices. Because of high prices and the tight supply situation, fertilizer conservation management is essential," she advised.

Rep. Ramsey Commended By State Merchants Asso.

Merchants in Madison County as well as in other counties have received the following letter from Thompson Greenwood, executive vice president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, Raleigh, commending Representative Liston B. Ramsey for his part in the passage of HB 721.

Mr. Greenwood's letter, dated February 6, 1974, follows:

Dear Merchant Friend: A lot of time we take things to much for granted. I don't want this to happen in the case of Hon. Liston Ramsey, one of your representatives to the House here.

You have heard and read the merchants' success in the House with HB 721. We won—or rather you won—a tremendous victory there.

Had it not been for your own Liston Ramsey, chairman of the powerful House Finance Committee, it could have have

happened. These are the facts of the case.

HB 721 is the bill which will let you subtract (bottom line) from your State Income Tax the amount you pay locally in inventory taxes.

It will save you over the years a good little bit of money! The House has done its part. Now it is up to the Senate.

If ever a man proved himself a friend of business, Mr. Ramsey did in this important matter.

Let's give him a round of applause — by telephone, letter, and telegram.

Thank you!
Sincerely yours,
Thompson Greenwood
P. S. Liston Ramsey's Raleigh telephone number is 619-529-7064.
Liston Ramsey's Marshall telephone number is 704-649-3051.
For telegram: Legislative Building, Office 143A, Raleigh.

324 Families Start Using Food Stamps

Food Stamps were sold in Madison County for the first time in January of this year. Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey, Director of the Madison

County Department of Social Services, says 324 families totaling 851 persons purchased stamps amounting to \$2,782.00 during the month. The cost to these needy families was \$8,881.00, which means there were bonus coupons issued amounting to \$16,901.00.

Applications continue to be taken and processed as quickly as possible. Applicants can help to speed up the processing by bringing with them the Social Security numbers of both husband and wife, rent or tax receipts, receipts for wood, coal or oil used for heating, receipts for electricity, water and telephone. If crops were raised, receipts from sale of these crops and receipts for fertilizer, seed, labor, etc. are needed to verify cost of making the crops. Wage slips for any members of the household who work are also needed. Verification of all income, such as Social Security benefits, V. A. Pensions, Railroad Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, etc. must be submitted.

Appointments are being given to applicants so that they will not have to make unnecessary trips to the office. Persons wishing appointments may telephone 649-3426 between 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., Mondays through Fridays.



WILLIAM POWELL of Mars Hill was re-elected chairman of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison - Buncombe Counties at the community action agency's annual meeting Thursday night. Elected vice chairman for Buncombe County was Ronald McElrath, executive director of the Asheville - Buncombe County Community Relations Council, who recently joined the board of directors. Other re-elected officers are: Donald Brice, vice chairman for Madison County; Mrs. Mary Richardson, treasurer; and Louis Barton, executive director, as secretary.

Resolution Honoring Dr. W.A. Sams

A joint Resolution honoring the life and memory of Dr. William Albert Sams was passed in the House of Representatives last week. The Resolution, sponsored by Representatives Ernest Messer and Liston B. Ramsey, follows:

Whereas, Dr. William Albert Sams, a Madison County physician since 1919 and a former member of the General Assembly died on November 17, 1971, at the age of 83 years after a lifetime of distinguished service to the citizens of the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, in the death of Dr. William Albert Sams, the state has lost a highly capable doctor who fulfilled the needs of his patients in the rugged mountain area stretching westward to the Tennessee border, eastward to Petersburg and Bull Creek, southward toward Asheville and Canton, and in every remote and inaccessible area within traveling distance from his office in Marshall; and

Whereas, the accomplishments of Dr. William Albert Sams and the honors bestowed upon him were quite numerous and noteworthy and included such positions as: public school teacher and store clerk (1908); Acting Sheriff and Coroner of Union County, Tennessee (1914); examining physician for Union County, Tennessee Draft Board (1917); First Lieutenant United States Army, World War I; organizer and president of the Madison County Medical Society (1922); president of the South Carolina Medical Society (1926); member of the South Carolina Medical Society (1927); president and

president of the North Carolina Academy of General Practice (1948); North Carolina delegate to the American Academy of General Practice (1950); Worshipful Master of the French Broad Masonic Lodge Number 292 (1923); thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner joining the Oasis Temple of Shrine in 1923; Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge Number 1401; Asheville (1942); president of North Carolina State Elks Association (1943); organizer of the North Carolina Elks Boys Camp; member of the Board of Deacons and Sunday School teacher for Marshall Baptist Church; former mayor of Town of Marshall; Madison County Health Officer; Madison County Coroner; and Member of the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly (1951); and

Whereas, the General Assembly desires to honor the memory of Dr. William Albert Sams and to express its sympathy to the surviving members of his family;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. That the General Assembly recognize and express its appreciation for the public service rendered by Dr. William Albert Sams, which has contributed so greatly to the health and well-being of the citizens of the State of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Secretary of State's report to the General Assembly for the year 1974.