

7 Persons Charged In Madison Raids

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Seventeen Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents staged a series of raids in Madison County Monday. Seven persons were charged with a variety of violations, including the supervisor of the Hot Springs ABC Store and a police officer here. All seven were released by Magistrate Jackie Ball on personal recognizance bond to appear at hearings April 26 in District Court in Marshall.

W. G. Maupin of Raleigh, director of enforcement for the State ABC Board who had personal charge of the raids,

said the raids are connected with the lingering dispute between the State and local ABC Board over some aspects of the liquor sale operation in Hot Springs.

He said the following charges have been made:

—Carroll E. Anderson, ABC Store supervisor in Hot Springs, charged with selling more than the legal limit of one gallon to one person on the basis, Maupin said, of a prior undercover investigation.

—George K. Ramsey, the police officer (also a candidate for the County Board of Commissioners in the upcoming Democratic primary),

charged with "obstructing justice" by what Maupin said was "interfering with two State ABC officers while conducting an investigation in Madison County several weeks ago."

—Odell Cook, operator of a rural store in the Laurel section, Rt. 4 Marshall, charged with the possession of liquor and beer for the purpose of sale and for allowing gambling in his place of business. Seized as evidence in support of this warrant, Maupin said, were 44 cases and some loose bottles of beer and 22 pints of tax-paid liquor.

—Wilson Payne of Rt. 2 Hot

Springs, charged with sale and possession of non-taxpaid whisky for possession of beer for sale. Evidence was said to include 83 cans of beer and five pints of whisky.

—Orvil Gunter of Rt. 4 Marshall, charged with possession of beer for sale and the sale of beer; with 46 cans of beer and one pint of taxpaid whisky seized.

—Carl Williams of Rt. 4 Marshall, charged with selling non-taxpaid whisky. No seized evidence listed.

Doris Carroll of Rt. 4 Marshall, charged with possession of non-taxpaid whisky and possession of beer

and taxpaid whisky for sale, and sale of same; with nine pints and one gallon of moonshine seized along with three pints of taxpaid whiskey, 24 cans of beer and three quarts of wine.

Maupin said the defiant attitude of the Hot Springs ABC Board, as stated last July 20 in a letter from the Hot Springs chairman, R. W. Ponder, to the state board following the May 1973 investigation of an alleged conflict of interest situation, was the basis for special attention to the Madison County operation since last fall.

Ponder's letter said in part: "Our house is completely in

order and if other innuendoes are forthcoming, we are prepared to go to court."

The ABC agents, including a certified public accountant from Charlotte, came to the Hot Springs store soon after it opened for business Monday. Anderson said a complete inventory of bottled goods was made and records examined in detail.

Maupin said "a number of discrepancies" in store operation were found. However, the store was open for business by mid-afternoon, with Carol and his brother, Fred Anderson, serving customers.

Carol Anderson said the day

before, on Sunday, two black men came to his home while he was away during the afternoon, and asked to buy some whisky. His wife refused them, he said, and when he came home that evening the two men returned and asked him to sell them some whisky, and he refused, saying it was against state law to sell on Sunday.

He said the two men were among the agents making the raids Monday, adding that he didn't like the idea of what had happened, terming it "an attempt to set me up" for arrest.

Maupin declared later, when asked about the in-

cident, that this is standard undercover agent tactics and does not constitute entrapment.

Anderson also said the charge against Police Officer Ramsey grew out of two ABC agents observing his store operations. He said that Ramsey had reason to be suspicious of strangers that day, because of a bank robbery in East Tennessee, and had questioned the two strange men for some time before they identified themselves as ABC agents.

At last May's hearing, it was alleged that Harold Anderson,

a member of the Hot Springs town board, had been influential in the appointment of his brother, Carol, to the chairmanship of the local ABC board. Carol led the board to hire himself as supervisor; being paid \$2,400 a year as chairman and \$10,200 as supervisor; then hired Fred to work as a clerk in the store, at \$10,200.

The store building is partly owned by Harold.

The State ABC Board then recommended that one brother resign as an employee of the store and that salaries be brought into line. Carol Anderson resigned as chairman of the board, remaining as supervisor.

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Election Officials Are Named For County

The following election officials were elected last Saturday in an open meeting in the courthouse in accordance with G.S. 163-33, as amended, of the election laws of North Carolina.

Perry G. Willis, chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections, presided. He called on Mayor William P. Powell and Mr. Zeno H. Ponder for a brief expression of views and each party chairman made appropriate extemporaneous remarks relative to free and honest elections.

25 citizens interested in the political process were present in the courtroom.

The Executive Committees of the Democratic and Republican Parties were commended by Joe L. Morgan, Election Board Secretary, for making good selections for Registrars and Judges for the ten precincts of

the county. The persons chosen are listed below by precinct and party:

MARSHALL (1) — Lucretia Freeman, Registrar (R), Fred Payne, Judge (R); Wayne McDewitt, Judge (D).

SANDY MUSH (1-2) — Mallie Brown, Registrar (R), Marshall Duckett, Judge (R), Mrs. Blanche Walker, Judge (D).

LAUREL (2) — Walter Gosnell, Registrar (R), Clarence Cuthall, Judge (R), Willie Rice, Judge (D).

MARS HILL (3) — C. William Briggs, Registrar (R), Mrs. Cecelia C. Powell, Judge (R), Woody Ammons, Judge (D).

GRAPEVINE (3-2) — A. Harold Payne, Registrar (R), Kerfman Clark, Judge (R), Bruce H. Sprinkle, Judge (D).

BEECH GLEN (4) — Don Hall, Registrar (R), Ronnie Jarvis, Judge (R), Joe Fowler, Judge (R), Wayne Adams, Judge (D).

HOT SPRINGS (6) — Curtis Roberts, Registrar (R), Roy L. Roberts, Judge (R), Larry

J. Phillips, Judge (D). **EBBS CHAPEL (7)** — Clarence Cody, Registrar (R), George Davis, Judge (R), Porter Wallin, Judge (D).

SPRING CREEK (8) — Eddie Lankford, Jr., Registrar (R), Larry Ferguson, Judge (R), Larry Plemmons, Judge (D).

Dr. Larry N. Stern was appointed Republican precinct chairman in Mars Hill replacing Mayor William Powell who resigned to become county GOP chairman.



LINDA ROBINSON is pictured above receiving a trophy from Cecil Hannah after being named to the All-Tournament team following the final game of the Clyde Invitational Tourney last Saturday night at Clyde. Linda, outstanding Madison Patriot player, was cited for her outstanding play during the tournament for the Mars Hill team. (Photo by Robert Green)

Men Arrested For Armed Robbery, Cattle Rustling

A 20-month search for two men charged with armed robbery and cattle rustling ended Thursday night in Unicoi, Tenn., with the arrests of Freddie Tilson, 26, and Bobby Eugene Edwards, both of Unicoi.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who had assisted in the long search, said that Tilson was being held in an Erwin, Tenn., jail in default of a \$25,000 bond and that Edwards is being held in the Madison County jail. The arrests were made by Euret Fender, Bob Whitson, John Calhoun and Gary Ed-

wards of the Unicoi County Sheriff's Department.

Tilson has been charged with armed robbery in connection with a break-in at the store of Mr. and Mrs. Zesto Ingle in July, 1972. The Ingle store is located on U. S. 23, two-miles from the North Carolina and Tennessee state line.

Edwards and Tilson were jointly charged with cattle rustling on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Wallen of the Smith Creek section of Madison County near Bald Mountain in August, 1973.

Marshall Native Accepts Award

The Garden State Paper Company, Inc., of Garfield, N. J., a subsidiary of Media

General, Inc., received the first annual Environmental Improvement Award for Solid Waste Management from the American Paper Institute.

Garden State's award came in recognition of its organization of a unique coalition of environmentalists, industries and citizens in New Jersey and California to foster recovery of paper and other resources through recycling. Both groups are named Committee for Resource Recovery.

Announcement was made at API's annual Paper Week luncheon, attended by 1,300 persons in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz was the main speaker.

The award was accepted by Mrs. Sarah P. Miller, Garden State public relations director, who in 1972 originated the concept of the committee and has since coordinated their activities. Together they include 1,300 New Jersey and California environmental and other groups, governmental agencies and industries which recycle.

Mrs. Miller is the former Sarah Pritchard who was born in Marshall and reared here and in Asheville. She's the daughter of Mrs. George M. Pritchard and the late Mr. Pritchard.

1974 Burley Referendum

According to information released by the USDA burley growers have approved quotas for 1974, 1975 and 1976 marketing years.

Preliminary results indicate that 89.5 percent of the 22,000 growers voting approved the continuation of the program. In North Carolina a total of 13,200 growers voted and only 10,000 approved the program. The USDA officials said they have longer marketing years for burley.

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Reinstatement Of 1973 REAP Announced By USDA

Washington, March 12 — The 1973 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) which was terminated in December 1972 will be reinstated, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today. The announcement was made as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) was notifying farmers that they can now sign up for cost-sharing assistance under the new Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP) announced last

December. RECP, which carries forward some features of the old REAP, was authorized by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973.

Kenneth E. Frick, Administrator of ASCS, said operational details of the reinstated 1973 REAP, are under study and will be announced later. He said reinstatement of the 1973 REAP Program resulted from a U. S. District Court decision reversing the termination

action.

Meanwhile, sign-up dates are being announced for farmers to request annual and long-term Federal cost-share agreement provided by the 1974 RECP. For Madison County sign-up will begin April 8, 1974 and for the long-term agreements will end May 3, 1974. Additional information and program details will be mailed from the ASCS Office relative to the programs, stated Mrs. Nila Mann, Acting CED.

Vietnam Veterans Day Friday

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., has proclaimed Friday, March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in North Carolina. The Governor said this special day is being set aside Nationwide as an expression of gratitude to the more than 145,000 North Carolinians who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam conflict.

Governor Holshouser urged all Tar Heels to participate in ceremonies and observances that will be held in commemoration of the personal sacrifices and distinctive service of North Carolina's veterans during ten years of conflict. This day will also serve as a reminder that the Nation is entering its second year of peace following the hostilities in Southeast Asia.

The Governor said, "According to President Nixon, it is our duty to place in subsequent years, as it is in the future, the honor of the traditional Veterans Day in the fall."

County Schools To Go On Daylight Savings Time Monday, April 1st

Superintendent Robert L. Edwards announced this week that Madison County schools will change their schedule to daylight savings time, effective Monday, April 1, 1974. On this date, the county schools will start one hour earlier.

The county schools have been operating on (sun time) since daylight savings time was implemented in January. The Madison County Board of Education changed the county school operating

schedule to (Sun time) so that students would not have to stand on highways in total darkness and extreme cold waiting for school buses.

Superintendent R. L. Edwards indicated that he realized that many parents and school personnel have been inconvenienced by the (Sun time schedule) and wishes to express his appreciation to all for their cooperation and understanding.

Rocky Bluff Opens Friday

District Ranger Bobby Brady announced today that the Rocky Bluff Recreation Area will be opened Friday, March 29. Crews have been working for about two weeks replacing gravel, painting and doing other maintenance jobs so that the area will be in excellent condition on opening day.

Brady also said that individual garbage cans have been removed from the camping areas and campers will now carry their garbage to central depositories which are conveniently located throughout the area. This change was based on economics and with the cooperation of campers could mean that the area will be left open for a longer period this year.

Revival To Start At Bradburn Chapel Sunday

A series of revival services will begin at the Bradburn Chapel Church of God (Sandy Mush Road) this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The visiting minister will be the Rev. J. Morgan Davis, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Marshall. Special singing for the afternoon service will be by the Cedar Mountain Baptist Church Choir of Fairview. It was announced that there will be no night service this Sunday.

Mr. Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis, of the Brush Creek section, was pastor of two churches in Tennessee which he served a total of 18 years. He is now State Coordinator, the Church



REV. J. MORGAN DAVIS

Election Bd. Attends Meet In Raleigh

The three members of the Madison County board of elections and the executive secretary attended a statewide elections seminar at the Royal Villa in Raleigh last Friday.

The seminar included instructions in election law and procedure. Participants included Mr. Jerry A. Alvis, chairman of the state board of elections; Mr. Alex K. Brock, executive director of the state board of elections; Mrs. Rutherford Turnbull III of the Institute of Government and Mr. James F. Bullock from the Attorney General's Office.

Gov. James Holshouser, Jr., received a standing ovation by honoring the group with a surprise (and dramatic) appearance at the afternoon session. He made a strong plea for free and honest elections throughout North Carolina.

Matters covered in the seminar ranged from changes in the election laws to assistance to voters.

Selective Service Ruling

"The sixth annual Selective Service System Lottery Drawing was held Wednesday, March 20th, in Washington, D. C., underscoring the role the System continues to play by law in the Nation's defense posture," William H. McCachren, State Director of the North Carolina Selective Service System, said today.

"Registrants born in 1955 will be assigned lottery numbers based upon Wednesday's drawing, and these registrants will comprise the available pool during calendar year 1975. Even though no one is being inducted at the present time, a pool is necessary in the event Congress restores induction authority to the President," McCachren stated.

"Even though our country is now at peace with all nations," McCachren added, "the Selective Service System, under the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act, continues to serve the will of Congress as a vital part of the national defense. Every male citizen of the country is still required by law to register with the Selective Service System within the 45-day period beginning 30 days prior to his 18th birthday. Registration and classification helps to provide 'insurance' for quick mobilization in the event of an emergency."

church, cordially invites the public to attend the night services beginning Monday at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special singing each night. On Thursday night the West Asheville First Church of God will be in charge and on Saturday night the Shelton Trio, of Greenville, Tenn., will sing.

Union Service At Ponders Chapel Sunday

The Fifth Sunday Union Service will be held this Sunday night at Ponders Chapel beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Arthur F. Williams, pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon using as his topic, "After Easter, What?" This sermon deals with some of the events which foreshadow the second return of Christ.

Also taking part in the service will be the Rev. Spencer LeGrand, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church; the Rev. Mike Anderson, pastor of the Marshall United Methodist Church; and the Rev. J. E. Pender, pastor of the host church, Ponders Chapel.

The public is cordially invited to attend.