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County Woman Held In Attack Of Husband, Stepdaughter

A Mars Hill woman is in Madison County jail charged in connection with a knife attack on four persons, including her husband and three-year-old stepdaughter. Only the husband, Charles Kermit Thomas, required

hospitalization, and he was released from Memorial Mission in Asheville on Friday.

Mrs. Joyce Thomas, 40, an outpatient of Broughton Hospital in Morganton, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and inflicting serious injuries on his mother Mrs. Nina Thomas, Ballard of Mars Hill and little Georgia Ann

Ballard according to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

The latter two had been treated and released at the hospital for cuts on the arms.

A man who lived close by, Hobart Edwards, also was reportedly attacked by Mrs. Thomas, Sheriff Ponder said, but defended himself successfully with his walking stick.

French Broad EMC Directors Attend Meeting

Six directors of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation attended a special statewide conference for rural electric cooperative directors in Greensboro, September 5-6.

They were Elmer Buchanan, Albert Freeman, Novile Hawkins, Watsell Plemmons, Jess Rice, and Ernest Teague.

The meeting featured sessions on selecting and keeping effective co-op managers, on the duties and responsibilities of co-op directors, and on problems facing co-ops today and in the future.

Speakers included John Doinger, vice president of the Board of Directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA); Bob Cleveland, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (N. C. EMC); William T. Crisp, N. C. EMC legal counsel; and two NRECA staff members.

N. C. EMC, the state association of rural electric cooperatives, sponsored the conference which was attended by 126 directors from across the state.

Rothschild Is Recaptured

Charles P. "Rocky" Rothschild, ex-cop, con artist and killer who got permission from Henderson County Prison officials to "see his son" at a nearby motel on Aug. 4 and disappeared, had been recaptured in Indianapolis, Ind., according to Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

Ponder said Friday he was told that Rothschild, 49, had been arrested in Indiana while making a telephone call, and had signed a waiver of extradition to return to North Carolina.

In a long and colorful criminal career, Rothschild received a life sentence in 1961 as one of three men convicted of first degree burglary of merchant Carson Lawson of the Shut-in section of Madison County in 1955. Lawson had died of a heart attack while being robbed.

One of Rothschild's most publicized episodes was his confession while serving time in South Carolina, to a Georgia murder in 1958 which saved

the life of a man twice convicted of the killing.

Born in Missouri and college educated, Rothschild once served as youth director for the state of Illinois and was a Cairo, Ill. policeman. He was termed "a model prisoner" in Henderson County and arranged to leave the prison unit with a citizen of the community for a motel where his son was expected.

Camp Supt. J. E. Blaine reported that a man drove up, identified himself as Rothschild's son, Rickey, and the pair left.

Sometime later the real Ricky Rothschild appeared and was surprised to learn of his father's disappearance.

First Union Offers New Services

First Union National Bank has introduced a new package of banking services at no charge to North Carolina consumers.

R. Bryce Hall, Vice President, said the new service is called "The Advantage."

"This package is revolutionary for North Carolina consumers and for the State's banking industry," Hall said. "It is aimed at benefitting our customers, who are faced with increased costs for goods and services for just about everything in this period of unprecedented inflation."

For further information, contact Mr. Hall at the bank in Marshall.

Democrats To Meet At Walnut Saturday

The Democrats of Walnut Precinct No. 5, will meet this Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Walnut school lunchroom.

All Democrats are urged to attend.

Attention Voters

Persons who have not voted in the last six years may have had their names removed from the records. In order to vote it is necessary for them to contact the board of elections at 649-3751, the board announced this week.



TOP PICTURE SHOWS group at J.C. and Charlie Boone's test field with Wiley DuVall interviewing Charlie Boone as Furney Todd, Burley Disease Specialist, looks on. Bottom picture shows J.C. Boone, left, Charlie Boone, center, and Wiley DuVall, Agricultural Extension Agent.

Burley Group Tours Madison

The Research-On-Wheels burley tobacco tour group composed of approximately fifty farmers, educators, and researchers from over the tobacco area toured two test fields in Madison on Thursday, September 5.

Fields visited were those of Vance Edwards at Bull Creek and J.C. and Charlie Boone on

Turkey Branch. The tour was kicked off the night before with an awards banquet at Holiday Inn West.

Those present from Madison were J.C. Boone, Charlie and Mrs. Boone and daughter Ethelene, O'Neal Shelton, and Wiley DuVall, Agricultural Extension Agent. Not present,

but also receiving awards were Bobby Gunter, John Dedrick Ray, Larry Peek, Walter Gosnell, Charlie Gunter, Dedrick Cody, and Wayne Boone. These farmers were honored for their fine cooperation in growing tobacco for test purposes in 1973.

Clean Water In Area To Be Discussed Saturday

What can a citizen do to ensure clean water? This will be the subject of a Western North Carolina Water Quality Workshop to be held in Asheville on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at the Rhoades Science Building, University of North Carolina at Asheville from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, the Western

Regional Health Services, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Management, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Upper French Broad Defense Association. It is designed to show how, through the Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, citizens can work to restore and maintain the integrity of the Nation's waters. This law requires the Environmental

Protection Agency and the states to "provide for", "encourage", and "assist" public participation in virtually every aspect of water quality decision making.

A roster of distinguished speakers will include George Harlow from the Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, Dr. David H. Howells, Director of Water Resources Research Institute of North Carolina State University, Secretary James E. Harrington of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Management, Dr. David T. Luria, Professor of Environmental Sciences of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Dr. John Callahan, Professor of Geology at Appalachian State University, and John Williams, attorney and environmentalist from the East Tennessee Resources Corporation. Members of local governments and governmental agencies in Western North Carolina will participate in panel discussions and small group meetings. Community leaders, civic, social, and governmental organizations from the entire Western North Carolina area have been invited to participate in the workshop and in follow-up activities in their respective localities.



BURLINGTON INDUSTRIES, Hot Springs, recognizes Josie Ramsey for twenty years service in ceremony at plant. Josie was presented her service pin and certificate by Frank Blue, Plant Manager, Jim Prevette, Department Head and Terry Baker, her supervisor in recognition and appreciation of her long and loyal service. Pictured left to right: Jim Prevette, Josie Ramsey, and Terry Baker.

Students Plan Walk For Band September 28

Approximately 100 Madison County high school students will walk 10 miles Saturday, September 28, to make money to pay for band uniforms for their high school which opened this year.

The walk-a-thon is sponsored by the Beta Omega, chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, headed by Mrs. Stanley Boone. Mrs. Jerry Plemmons is chairman of the event.

The students from all areas of the county will walk from

Marshall School, over Mashburn Hill, the complete span of the highway 25-70 by-pass, and then back to the Blannahasset Island. Starting time is 9 a.m.

Teenagers walking have been soliciting sponsors who will pay a minimum of 10 cents for each mile walked. The student getting the most contributions will receive \$15.00 cash. The student getting the second most contributions will receive \$5.00 cash.

The sorority has already donated \$3,000.00 for the band uniforms.

Fashion Show At Mars Hill Wednesday

A Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Belk Auditorium of the Student Union Building at Mars Hill College.

Admission \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for students. Fashions by - Robinson's Four Season's Shop in Mars Hill.

Shoes - TOPS of Asheville. Sponsored by - Epsilon Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Mars Hill.

Elections Board To Meet

The Madison County Board of Elections will meet to select precinct election assistants on Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m.

Rocky Bluff Closed Monday

District Ranger Bobby Brady said today that Rocky Bluff Recreation Area will be closed on Monday Sept. 23. The area will be reopened on March 28, 1975.

Meet The Candidates

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the next few weeks this newspaper will publish pictures and brief writeups of Democratic and Republican candidates who are seeking

election in the November 5, 1974 general election. This is being done so that voters in Madison County may better get "acquainted" with the candidates.



J. DEDRICK BROWN
Republican Candidate
Sheriff

J. Dedrick Brown of the Burnard section is 34 years of age. He seeks the important post of sheriff of Madison County. He is a former sheriff of Madison County.

Brown attended Marshall High School and served two years at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Brown is a former timberman and owner of Brown's general merchandise store in Burnard. He is a member of Shad Hill Baptist Church and French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 102. He has served two terms as Chairman of the Walnut Precinct and has been active in Young Republicans.

Brown is married to the former Susan Chandler of Walnut. They have two daughters and live in Burnard overlooking the French Broad River.



E. Y. PONDER
Democratic Candidate
Sheriff

E. Y. Ponder, of Marshall, is perhaps the most widely-known person in Madison County, having served as sheriff for a total of 20 years and was a member of the Board of Education for 10 years.

Ponder is seeking reelection in the general election in November.

The 63-year-old Democrat is also a former member of the Madison County Board of Health and is a graduate of Marshall High School.

When asked what was his favorite hobby, he replied, "working."

He is married to the former Miss Orla Ponder. They have one son, Warren, who operates Ponder Auto Supply in Marshall.



PICTURED ABOVE is a mother "Spreading Adder" snake killed by Andrew Worley, of Brevard, Monday morning. He discovered the snake hidden in a wood pile at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shelton, of Big Pine. After further observation he discovered that the reptile contained 44 unborn baby snakes, 46 of which are pictured here with the mother snake. The "Spreading Adder", is properly known as the Eastern Hog Nose snake and is not poisonous. (Picture by Gary Ealey)

Use Cost-Sharing For Fall Conservation Practices

Farmers having conservation problems should contact their local ASCS county office to discuss their conservation needs.

Livestock farmers can help reduce any feed shortage a great deal by using winter cover crops for supplementary grazing.

We are losing farmland each year to such things as urban expansion, highways,

airports, reservoirs, recreational areas, and many other uses that mean we must care for the farmland we have left, and especially so, since our population is increasing so rapidly.

We should all be thankful for the foresighted people in this country who see enough into the future so that they are providing care for our soil, water, woodland, and wildlife

now so there will be something left for future generations.

The ISM RECP offers an opportunity for producers to carry out needed soil and water conservation measures.

All farmers are urged to take inventory of their needs and to request cost-sharing under one of the practices to assist in completing conservation work this fall.

Patriots Vs. Roberson At Roberson Friday Night