



Civil Court Here Monday Jurors Named

The February term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin here Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Robert D. Lewis will preside.

Cases listed on the docket for the term include: Motions: Jewell J. Church vs. Madison County Board of Education; George K. Ramsey, et al. vs. Hot Springs Board of Elections; Tom L. Merrill, et ux vs. Andrew Bridges.

Trials: State Highway Commission vs. Roscoe Briggs; Board of Transportation vs. Edna Buckner English; Board of Transportation vs. Evelyn Silver, et al.; Richard Leon Lamb vs. George Jackson Ohlman; Donna Mae C. Allison vs. Augusta Ward Grey; Ella Mae Stines vs. George F. Holt; Claude Honeycutt, et ux vs. Board of Transportation; Inez Haynie vs. Louise Griffith and Donald Paul Frisby; Albert Carter vs. Rachel Tillery.

Jurors drawn for the term are: Ernest Holt, Otis Hall, Mrs. Vergie Rice, Raleigh E. Ballard, Swann B. Huff, Mrs. Clyde F. Ramsey, Nola Phillips Clark, Troy L. DeBruhl, Charles M. Deaver, Homer Barnes, Jr., Gertie F. Randall, Mrs. Critt Stamey, Jim W. Jenkins, Glenn M. Landers, E. L. Blankenship, Wilbur Clay Wallin, Carl Wm. Waldroup, Vonnie Lee Thomas, Bill M. Cody, J. D. Thomas, Donna Sue McDevitt Peek, George Curtis Gentry, Jo Anne Hylemon Rice, James Jackson Chandler, Sarilda Poole, Isaac Gunter, Jr., Bruce Whitefield Reavis, Sadie Ramsey Griffin, Andrew J. Gahagan, Marcus Foy Cody, Jr., Burder Hipps, Teresa Metcalf Stern, Eloise

Riddle, Theron Rector, W.J. (Bryan) Teague, Cora Lee Osborne, James Leon Hammit, Creed Shelton, Jr., Polly Gahagan, Irene Gregg Russell, Beatrice Collins, Lesley Darlene Deitz, Zetta Maney, Willard Ray Barnes, Jeter Ramsey, Robert Michael McKinney, Shaffer Rice, Robbie Shelton, Mrs. Joe Case, Dellis Greene, Francis Cassidy Ramsey, Norma Fender Craine, Eria Rosetta Crawford, Verlon

John Davis, Curry Gosnell, J.C. Brazil, John H. Glenn, Wade Freeman, James Robert McMahan, Viola Roberts, Mildred Phillips, Walter Earl Holt, Talmadge John McLean, Polly Ledford, Linda A. Reed, C.N. Willis, Jr., Gail P. Moxley, Jerry Eugene Ramsey, Mary F. Gilbert, Edwin Glenn Phillips, Ruby F. Payne, Linda Sharon Payne, Shirley June Ogle, Earl Shelton, Larry R. Payne.

Public Needs Hearing Here February 17

A public Needs Assessment Hearing for local agencies within the N.C. Department of Human Resources will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. in the courthouse at Marshall.

The hearing, sponsored by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, is designed to get citizen views on what are the major needs in the county in the areas of Health, Mental Health and Social Services. Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey, County Social Services Director; Ed Morton, County Health Director; and Larry Thompson, Director of Blue Ridge Community Mental Health, will chair the meeting.

The annual Title XX hearing to develop a county social service plan for the coming year will be held in conjunction with the Human Resources Needs Assessment Hearing.

All interested agencies, groups and individuals are requested to participate on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m. at the courthouse in Marshall.

For further information, contact Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey at 649-2711, or Ed Morton at 649-3531.

Leroy Griffin Has Accident On Icy Road

Leroy Griffin, prominent realtor and insurance agent in the Marshall area, was to undergo surgery Wednesday morning from injuries suffered Tuesday morning on U.S. 25-70.

A resident of Weaverville, Griffin was enroute to Marshall when his station wagon slipped on a patch of ice at Turkey Neck curve.

The car was completely demolished, and Griffin suffered a fractured left knee as well as minor head injuries. He operates Whitehurst-Griffin Insurance Agency in Marshall.



THE HUGH L. SELF FAMILY shown above representing Madison County, won the Farmers Home Administration 1975 Farm Family of the Year Award for District 1. This District includes 17 Western North Carolina Counties. The objective of the FmHA Farm Family of the Year Award is to: (1) Recognize outstanding FmHA farm families, (2) To encourage greater accomplishments, (3) Emphasize outstanding FmHA farm family contribution to agriculture and rural development. The Farmers Home Administration congratulates the Hugh L. Self family for their outstanding accomplishments and for their leadership in the Shut In community of Madison County as depicted by the receiving the recognition as winner of both the Farmers Home Administration County and District 1 Farm Family of the Year Award.

Bicentennial Plans Are Announced

The Marshall Bicentennial Sub-Committee is completing plans for the final months of the country's birthday celebration and will adhere closely to the guidelines for communities suggested by the county Steering Committee. At monthly meetings for completing plans, a short time will be given for "sampling" some of the traditions of earlier days. Brief glances at every-day happenings of the past by some older residents; examples of foods may be served; school and church programs typical of past will be described; a review of some of our records and documents which have sustained America through two centuries will be considered; a recall of the 1916 flood by some who experienced this disaster; and live exhibitions of music and dance, that are strictly American, are in the plans for the next few meetings.

Local projects include completing evaluation and setting up the self-perpetuating committee for the Marshall Christmas Pageant, seek ways to

motivate residents to clean up premises and fight litter; plant seeds for flowers, providing plants free of charge to all who will cooperate, submit suitable name for the housing unit on Main Street to the Marshall Housing Authority, and encourage all families to inform and invite former residents to Madison celebration in July. Returning Madisonians will be recognized in ceremonies at Madison High School on Saturday, July 10, designated "Homecoming Day".

The Marshall district is cooperating in the following county-wide plans: (1) Encourage support of the

Southern Appalachian Theatre (2) Continue to promote sale of the History of Madison County (3) Encourage advertising and support for the special Bicentennial issue of The News Record (4) Prepare contribution box for the Time Capsule (5) Cooperate in planning three social events during the birthday week in July: party for adults on Tuesday, July 6, for Senior Citizens on Wednesday, July 7, and for Youth on Thursday, July 8. Guidelines suggest that these parties by the type of entertainment and fun most likely to attract all in each group; that plans be in-

expensive to carry out and effort should be made to carry out activities that reflect early American traditions. (6) Launch a strong beautification and improvement activity for the spring which will have a permanent effect on habits for the future. Try for all property improvement and removal of any buildings that may be useless or untenable. During the month of February a quilt which was made and donated by Mrs. Orla Ponder will be sold to raise funds for use in local projects.

Burley Quota Cut

WASHINGTON — The 1976 national marketing quota for burley tobacco has been cut 5 per cent from last year, but the reduction for producers will average only about 3 per cent, Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz announced Wednesday.

Officials said the 1976 national quota will be 537 million pounds, compared with 570 million for the 1975 burley crop. However, the law provides that if farmers sell less than their annual quotas

the difference in marketing dropoffs can be carried forward to the next year.

Thus, the department said, the "effective farm quota" for 1976 burley will be about 727 million pounds, down about 3 per cent from last year's farm allocation of 750 million.

"These provisions allow the total actual farm quotas in effect in a given year to be

greater or smaller than the announced national marketing quota," the department said.

Notices of individual farm production quotas for 1976 will be mailed to producers about March 15, officials said. Burley tobacco is grown principally in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

Motorists Urged To Get License Stickers

Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, today urged North Carolina motorists who have not obtained their 1976 license plate validation stickers or license plates to do so before the February 16th deadline.

The Commissioner also reminded owners of private automobiles that this year they keep their 1975 license plates and must purchase a validation sticker to update it. The sticker must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the license plate by law.

Powell said "This year the deadline for displaying 1976 validation stickers and license plates has been extended to midnight, February 16th because the 19th falls on a Sunday. Since there is no legal authority to extend the deadline further, we urge all motorists to purchase their stickers or plates as soon as possible. The first four weeks of this registration renewal

period indicate that less than one-third of all North Carolina vehicle registrations have been renewed. By obtaining the license tag stickers and plates early, the inconvenience of waiting in long lines at the last minute will be avoided."

Powell reminds motorists that there are 102 branch offices across North Carolina in which license plates and stickers may be obtained or in Raleigh at the Motor Vehicles Building on New Bern Avenue.

Howell Relocated

Ronald W. Howell, Attorney at Law, announces that his law office has been relocated on the second floor of the Hodson - Wooley Building (previously occupied by the Denture Corp.) and now the First Department.

CP&L Files For Wholesale Rate Increase

Carolina Power & Light Co. has filed with the Federal Power Commission a request to increase rates and charges to its wholesale customers by approximately 34.5 percent effective March 1.

According to James M. Davis, Jr., assistant director of rates and regulation for CP&L, the proposed rate adjustment would increase the company's annual revenue from its 44 municipal and electric cooperative customers by \$33.7 million based on 1976 projected sales.

The filing also includes a request for a temporary 12-month surcharge of .088 cents per kilowatt hour to enable the company to recover deferred expenses for fuel that it will have burned, but not billed to wholesale customers at the time the new rates become effective. This is the same type of charge presently in effect on North Carolina retail sales.

Davis said the purpose of the wholesale rate filing is to bring rates in line with the company's operating costs. "With the exception of fuel, we currently are charging our wholesale customers rates based on 1974 operating costs. With this filing," he said, "we are asking for an adjustment in rates to more nearly reflect today's cost of doing business."

The company has stated that it expects to realize a rate of return in 1976 of only 4.59

percent from sales to wholesale customers under the rates and fuel clause presently in effect. Davis said the filing "seeks a more just and reasonable rate of return of 9.88 percent so that the company will be able to attract the amounts of capital that are required if it is to continue its construction program and provide adequate and reliable service

to its customers." The company placed its Brunswick nuclear unit No. 2 into service last November, representing an investment of over \$400 million. Davis said wholesale customers are now benefiting from lower fuel costs and improved efficiency of the Brunswick plant without paying their share of the fixed costs of the plant.

Ramsey Announces For Re-election

Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall announced today that he will be a candidate for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives. If re-elected it will be his eighth term.

Representative Ramsey, along with Ernest Messer of Canton, presently represents Haywood, Jackson, Madison and Swain Counties in the North Carolina General Assembly. During the last few sessions of the General Assembly, Ramsey has served as Chairman of several important committees. In 1969 Ramsey was Chairman of the Local Government Committee. In 1971 he served as Chairman of the Legislative Redistricting Committee and was successful in drafting a bill that realigned the House Districts throughout the State. This was one of the few bills pertaining to legislative districts realignment in the entire nation that was never challenged in court.

Representative Ramsey served as Chairman of the House Finance Committee during the 1973, 1974 and 1975 Sessions. Since being a Member of the House of Representatives, Ramsey has sponsored or cosponsored many appropriations bills, such as the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, the Western North Carolina Farmers Market, Beef Cattle Specialists for the Test Farm in Haywood County, Tomato Research, funds to aid the Cherokee Boys Home, new equipment at Haywood Technical Institute, extra funds for the Southwestern Technical Institute, extra funds for Western Carolina University, a \$250,000 grant plus a \$100,000 loan for the Cherokee Historical



Association, to secure funds for promotion of tourism in Western North Carolina and many others. Ramsey is well known for his support of workman's compensation benefits, minimum wage increase and the expansion and upgrading of the retirement system for all former and present state employees.

Representative Ramsey during the period when the General Assembly is not in session, serves on several committees and commissions. He is a Member of the Advisory Budget Commission, the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Research Commission, Governmental Operations Committee, and he serves as Chairman of the Committee on State Property Matters.

Ramsey served in the Army Air Force during World War II and is a Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is a Mason, a member of the Elks Club, a Trustee of the Cherokee Historical Association, and a Baptist. Representative Ramsey is married to the former Florence McDevitt and they have a daughter, Martha Ramsey, residing in Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Phenia Metcalf Observes 106th Birthday

Mrs. Phenia Dodd Metcalf of Weaverville observed her 106th birthday on January 29, 1976 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie M. Chandler, with whom she makes her home.

A native of Madison County, she was first married to Dudley Marshbanks in 1888 who was the father of her children. They are: Mrs. Lizzie M. Briggs of Mars Hill, Willard Marshbanks of Farmington, Mich., Joe Marshbanks of Charlotte, Fred Marshbanks of Biltmore,

Pearl M. Boone of Burnsville, Verdie M. Holt of Galax, Va. and Mrs. Chandler. A son, Robert Marshbanks; and a daughter, Julia M. Gardner's stepson, Marion Marshbanks and a stepdaughter, Fannie Evans, are deceased. Mr. Marshbanks died in 1934, and in 1933 she was married to Greg Metcalf of Mars Hill who died in 1949.

Mrs. Metcalf has 25 grand-children, 66 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Dentistry Committee Organized

The Madison County Preventive Dentistry Committee was organized by persons from the Division of Dental Health of the North Carolina Dept. of Human Resources.

Dr. Bobby Rice, Nancy Wilds, Burton Craig and Dr. Renee Breen will plan and coordinate programs in Dental Health Education in Madison County.

Criminal Court

Among the cases tried in last week's superior court at which Judge Robert D. Lewis presided, were: Robert G. Hester, charged with multiple counts of rape, was found not guilty.



MARS HILL WINNERS — Pictured above are the winners in the Mars Hill Children's Dental Health Poster Contest, conducted by the Mars Hill dentists. Left to right, Bailey Melvin, Cynthia Anglin and Amelia McClellan. Not pictured is Heidi Worley, also a winner. Dental Health Week is being observed this week.

Messer Seeks 8th Term In N.C. Assembly

Ernest Messer of Canton, veteran Democratic member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, announced today as a candidate for an 8th term in the North Carolina General Assembly.

He will run for one of the two seats in the 44th House District composed of Haywood, Jackson, Madison, and Swain counties. Liston Ramsey of Marshall is the other incumbent representative.

Messer was recently appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve on the North Carolina Professional Liability Insurance Study Commission of which he was elected chairman.

During the 1975 session of the General Assembly, he was Chairman of the House Insurance Committee and was Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He also served on the Economy, Election Laws, Employment Security, Child Personnel, University Board of Governance, Non-Profit Organizations, and Water and Air Resources

Committees. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Messer assisted in passing bills to establish Tomato and Christmas Tree Research for the mountain counties, to secure a beef cattle specialist for the Waynesville Test Farm, to secure funds for promotion of tourism, to aid the Cherokee Boys Home, to upgrade the sawmill at Haywood Technical Institute, and to secure a \$100,000 loan for the Cherokee Historical Association.

Messer has supported the establishment and expansion of the State Kindergarten System and has helped to pass legislation to improve and expand the retirement system for teachers and state employees. He has both introduced and supported legislation to increase North Carolina's minimum wage and to increase the benefits provided for by Workman's Compensation.

With a new governor coming in next year, Messer thinks it is important to have experienced legislators remain

in office. "Many changes will take place, and the Mountain Counties need experience and know-how in the General Assembly to see that they don't lose their shirts in the shuffle."

Messer is a member of the State Board of Mental Health Services and a trustee of Haywood Technical Institute. He is a member of the Canton Lions Club and of the Canton First Baptist Church. He served in the navy during World War II and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American

Legion. Messer is married to the former Jincy Owen. They have one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Poovey, of Atlanta, Ga.

Rich Mountain Road Closed Temporarily

District Ranger Bobby Brady announced today that Forest Service Road No. 467, which goes from U.S. Highway 25-70 to Hurricane Gap, will be temporarily closed. This action was made necessary by damage caused to the road by vehicular traffic during the severe weather conditions that have recently occurred. Brady said that the road would be reopened as soon as weather conditions become favorable.

District personnel are keeping check on other Forest Service roads and to date they are not being adversely damaged. Hopefully, no more road closures will be needed.

Snow Blankets County Sunay

Rain turned to snow last Sunday afternoon and flurries continued Sunday night. Early Monday morning snow measured from one inch to five inches in the county with even deeper snow on the higher elevations.

Snow and icy roads caused motorists to drive slow and carefully. Fortunately the sun melted most of the snow and ice but rural roads remained dangerous throughout Monday and Monday night.

County schools were closed due to hazardous roads and due to teachers' workday.

Strong winds Sunday night caused concern but no damage was reported.

Another blanket of snow covered the county Monday night and again forced postponement of schools on Tuesday. Weather predictions call for clearing skies Tuesday.