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Health Fair Volunteers

HEALTH FAIR



THE HEALTH FAIR volunteers held a workshop recently to train for the event to be held April 14 through 23 at locations throughout Western North Carolina. Pictured here are volunteers Fay Uffleman, Myra Zeller, Shirley Ledford, Livia Edwards, Carmen Payne, Joyce Ledford and Gabby Johansen.

Mrs. Uffleman is the site coordinator for the Health Fair activities to be held at the Madison Manor Nursing Center in Mars Hill on April 23. Myra Zeller is the site coordinator of activities to be held at the Spring Creek School on April 22. The girls are all members of the Spring Creek Girl Scout Troop.

DUI Conviction Brings 2 Year Prison Sentence

By ROBERT KOENIG

Judge Alexander Lyerly found Eddie McClaine Bowens guilty of driving under the influence and driving with a permanently revoked license in a non-jury trial heard in district court Friday. Lyerly sentenced the 28-year-old Weaverville man to two years in prison for the offenses.

Bowens' attorney, A.E. Leake, informed the court that the defendant would appeal the verdict. Bowens was released on bond pending a hearing in superior court on June 6.

The court also conducted a probable cause hearing on charges of manslaughter against Bowens stemming from the Jan. 1 death of Ella Wanda Norton Brown. Mrs. Brown was a passenger in a Ford Bronco which ran off a bridge on Grapevine Rd. Prosecutors have charged Bowens with driving the truck at the time of the fatal accident.

State Highway Patrol Trooper Jerry Tapp testified at the Friday hearing that it appeared Mrs. Brown was dead when

he arrived at the scene of the accident.

Two witnesses, Linda and Lynn Mace, testified that they saw the truck on Grapevine Rd. just minutes before the fatal accident. Both witnesses said Eddie Bowens, his cousin, Leslie Bowens, and Mrs. Brown were seated in the front seat. Neither witness could say which of the men in the car was behind the wheel.

Following the fatal accident, Eddie Bowens was taken by ambulance to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where he was treated and released. Bonetta Richards, director of records for the hospital, testified that Bowens was given a blood test to determine his blood alcohol level several hours after the accident and that the test indicated a level of .31 percent.

Trooper Tapp testified that Eddie Bowens did not recall being in an accident when questioned at Memorial Mission Hospital. Bowens was admitted to the hospital complaining of chest pains.

The defense presented no witness at the probable cause hearing. Judge Lyerly found probable cause for the charges

and sent the case to superior court where it will be heard June 6.

Judge Lyerly sentenced Stuart Griffith, convicted of DUI. Griffith was sentenced to four months in prison, ordered to surrender his drivers' license, pay a \$100 fine, plus court costs and attend the Alcohol Drug Education School and pay the school's \$100 tuition fee. The court suspended the four-month jail sentence for one year and gave Griffith until April 11 to pay the fines.

Randy Cody, charged with speeding and DUI, was allowed to plead guilty to a charge of reckless driving. The court also sentenced Cody to four months in jail, suspended for one year, and ordered him to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

In other cases heard Friday, the court dismissed charges of communicating threats against Cathleen Coates. Judge Lyerly ordered Coates and Helen Plemons, the plaintiff in the case, to refrain from contacting each other.

The court continued, at the request of

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Madison To Host GOP District Convention

Republicans from 17 Western North Carolina counties will converge on Madison County April 16 for their 11th Congressional District convention. The announcement was made by Dr. Larry Stern at a meeting of the county Republican executive committee held Saturday in the Madison County Courthouse.

The April 16 convention at Madison High School marks the first time the western Republicans have held their district convention in the county.

At the county convention last month, it was announced that the district convention was to be held in Hendersonville. No explanation was given for the change in convention sites.

According to Dr. Stern, the district convention is expected to attract a number of Republican candidates for office. Among those expected to attend are gubernatorial candidates Beverly Lake and

Howard Cauble, State Republican chairman. Pete Flaherty is also expected to attend.

The Republican district convention will begin at 3 p.m. on April 16. Madison County Republicans have also scheduled their annual Lincoln Day dinner for April 16. Former North Carolina governor Jim Holshouser will be the keynote speaker. The county Republican dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and will also be held at Madison High School.

Newly elected county chairman Bob Phillips did not attend Saturday's executive committee meeting. There was some speculation at the meeting that Phillips would resign the chairmanship position to which he was elected at last month's county convention.

In a telephone interview with The News Record Monday, Phillips ended the speculation by announcing that he would resign the coun-

ty chairmanship to devote more time to his business.

Phillips said, "As you know, I was not at the meeting when I was elected. It's a great honor, and I would love to have the job, but I have too many obligations at work to devote time to it." Phillips indicated that he would remain active in county politics.

When the Western North Carolina Republicans convene on April 16, Dr. Stern of Mars Hill will serve as the temporary convention chairman. The convention will elect a permanent chairman as one of its first orders of business.

Stern also told the executive committee that the state Republican committee is considering the purchase of a building on Hillsborough St. in Raleigh as a state headquarters. The estimated cost of the building will be \$200,000. Stern estimated that the Madison County share of the costs would be approximately \$500.



STATE SENATOR DENNIS WINNER, left, takes the oath of office as a member of the N.C. Courts Commission in ceremonies held in the Governor's Western Office in Asheville. Administering the oath is senior Superior Court Judge

Robert D. Lewis. Winner, a former District and Superior Court judge before his election to the state house, was appointed to the commission by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Jury Selection Completed For Welch Trial

Jury selection was completed Monday afternoon for the Superior Court trial of Isaac Welch of Mars Hill. Welch is charged with kidnapping and raping a 19-year-old student at Mars Hill College.

Judge John R. Friday excused the jury of seven women and five men at 4 p.m. Monday. Opening statements in the case were heard when the trial resumed Tuesday morning.

The Monday session of the court was used to select the jurors for the case. The prosecution excused two jurors from serving on the panel. Attorneys for Welch, A.E. Leake and Lamar Gudger, excused six prospective jurors before agreeing to the panel. A male alternate juror was also chosen during Monday's session.

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On 50th Anniversary

New Stamp Commemorates Civilian Conservation Corps



MEMBERS OF COMPANY 407 of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Hot Springs posed for this group photo on October 1, 1933. The photo was taken by the Plateau Studios in Asheville.

By CHERYL KOENIG

There were soup kitchens and bread lines. Hundreds of thousands of young men were without jobs and many thousands more were without hope. The year was 1933. Franklin Roosevelt was the nation's newly elected president. Times were hard and Madison County reflected the times.

Barely a month after taking office, on April 5, 1933, Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) by executive order. One of the first of Roosevelt's "alphabet programs" for recovery, the CCC was created to give work to

the nations unemployed and preserve the nation's natural resources.

Less than two months later, on May 25, 1933, Frank Moore of Mecklenburg County stepped off a train in Hot Springs to become the first member of the corps to set foot in Madison County. A month after this first arrival, the CCC boasted a well-disciplined membership of 220 young men.

According to Dr. Harley Jolley of Mars Hill College, the concept behind the CCC was to salvage man, boy and soil. Workers at the Hot Springs camp were in the service of the Na-

tional Forestry Service and under the auspices of the U.S. Army.

The CCC was never calculated to provide the military a ready reserve force. It operated under the auspices of the military because only they could mobilize the many men who joined the corps. The arrangement provided the pragmatic Roosevelt with a way to satisfy the departments of War, Labor, Interior and Agriculture.

Dr. Jolley says the CCC provided a superb solution to problems facing the nation in 1933. It provided a means to salvage minds and people.

A second CCC camp, Camp Alex, was established in Mars Hill later in 1933 and operated by the military. Members there worked in the service of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The last remaining building from Camp Alex is now used as a community center.

Except for two small buildings which stand near the Southern Railway tracks, nothing is left of the camp at Hot Springs. However, evidence of the work done by the young men of the CCC is abundant in Madison County. The road leading up Rich Mountain is the work of

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