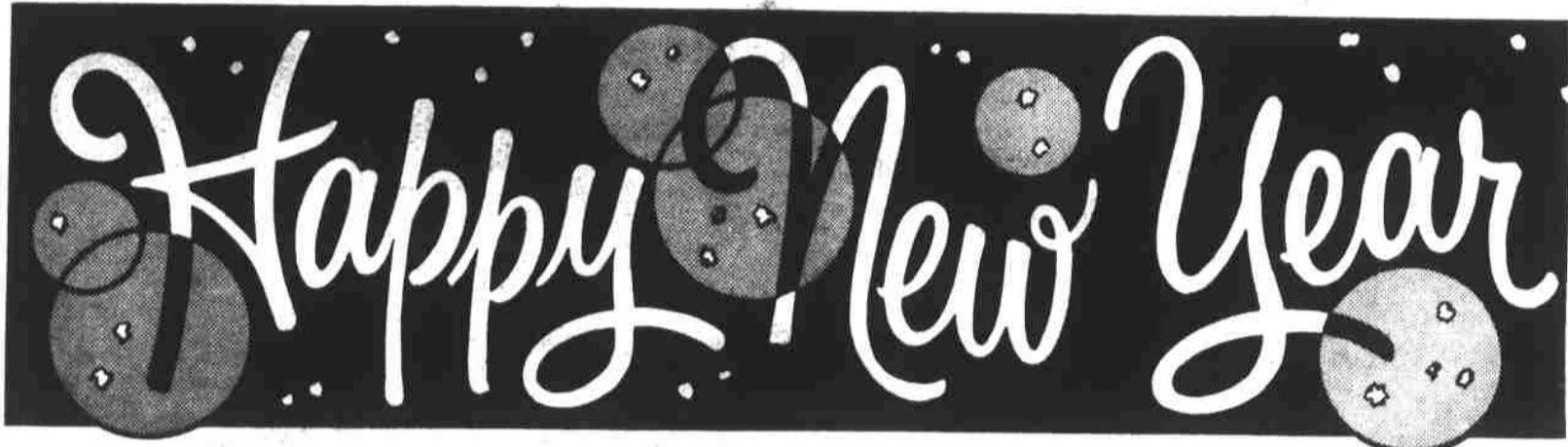


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Happenings In County During Past Year

Scanning the front pages of The News-Record during 1970, the following headlines appeared. Space prohibits more headings but below are a few of the happenings since last January 1:

JANUARY

6-inch snow falls on Christmas Day, 1969.
Madison County designated for Rural Housing Development.
Worst ice jam since 1958 causes concern here. (15-foot high pillars of ice on French Broad River threatens Marshall.)
Old W. C. Sprinkle home destroyed by flames at Marshall-Mars Hill intersection; owned and occupied by Robert Metcalfe.
Sleepy Valley enjoying flowing water supply.
Terry Sanford leads off Symposium at Mars Hill Collee Feb. 23.
Marshall downs Laurel, 109-105 in two overtimes in county's highest scoring basketball game.
Courthouse remodelled with new furnishings; complete inside improved and modernized.
Ray Caldwell and Earl Ramsey honored by Lions for heroism at car wreck in river at Ivy Bridge.
Marshall boys, Spring Creek girls win county basketball tourney.
65 per cent Public Funds

used for schools locally.
NC 213 and US 25-70 road plans discussed.
31 candidates file for May 2 Primary.

APRIL

Property on by-pass chosen for consolidated school.
Bank of French Broad at Weaverville robbed of \$20,000.
Taylor replaces Shealy as Mars Hill College football coach.
French Broad EMC extends services yearly to over 300.
One killed, three injured in head-on crash on Mashburn Hill April 4.
Wolf Laurel Development acquired by Florida Corp.
Jim Graham speaks at annual REA meeting here.
Liquid fertilizer plant at Zinina Farms.
Harry Silver District Supervisor; Wise succeeds Silver.
Marshall officials order new fire truck. Two county men robbed of \$6,000.
Wayne Boone is state Burley tobacco winner.
Fire damages "Bird Cage", Hot Springs Landmark.

MAY

Voters approve school bond issue, 2,563 to 1,340.
1,557 county children immunized against Rubella
Recreation center opens on Main Street here.
227 diplomas awarded at Mars Hill College.
171 students to graduate from county schools.

JUNE

Lions horse show successful.
Judge declares mistrial in murder case here.
Mars Hill Lions horse show successful.
Body of Nancy Morgan, VISTA worker, found in wooded area on Hot Springs mountain June 17.
County 4-H steers win blue ribbons.
Investigation continues in Nancy Morgan mystery.

JULY

Gov. Scott offers \$5,000 in Morgan case.
Briscoe, Cox, Lee, Powell honored by Mars Hill Civitans.
William Powell reelected Opportunity Corp. Bd. Chairman.
Change in ownership of The News-Record announced; Story to remain as editor.
Mato shed opens here.
Peggy Dotterer retires as librarian.
Sheriff Roy Roberts resigns.
John Reid named to

Development post.
Citizens Bank buys county school notes.
VISTA program to be terminated in county.

AUGUST

Two major highway projects approved for county.
Three escape from jail; one apprehended.
J. D. Brown appointed sheriff to succeed Roberts.
\$99,620 given for consolidated school property on by-pass.
Dorland-Bell Alumni Reunion enjoyed at Hot Springs.
Governor Scott honored on Island here.
George Treadway home destroyed by fire.

SEPTEMBER

Steam locomotive passes through Hot Springs and Marshall for last time.
\$1,045,435 construction loan made for housing here.
\$640,000 Appalachian grant for consolidated school here.
Historical Society organized

for county.
Citizens Bank first to use color advertising in News-Record.

OCTOBER

County schools first in state to conduct Occupational Education.
Cutshall found guilty of murder.
Food vouchers suspended; lack of funds.
County Burley team outstanding at State Fair.
Republicans greet Pres. Nixon in Asheville.
Mrs. Ethel Wallin receives coveted award in Wisconsin.
County College-Career Day successful at Walnut school.

NOVEMBER

Democrats win county election.
Franksters cause damage to power line.
LeRoy Shelton retires as fire warden after 41 years.
ASCS banquet enjoyable; Carter speaks.
MATO gives 5 per cent of net sales to growers.
Ronnie Edwards killed by hit-and-run driver near Mars Hill.

DECEMBER

Burwell is new director of health department here.
Boy's Home progressing in Hot Springs.
Officials take oaths, offices here.
Library board signs contract to join regional system.
William Reeves named county attorney.
Airport Is Possibility for county; meeting held.
Christmas Pageant successful for eighth consecutive year.
Marshall gets new fire truck.
Mars Hill Lions honor wives and blind at dinner.

Huey, Wilson Winners In Lions Event

Charles Huey, of Marshall, was the winner of the color television set in the Marshall Lions Club drawing here on Dec. 24.
Dave Wilson, also of Marshall, was the winner of the 22-caliber rifle, the second prize.
Proceeds from the annual donations sale by the Lions are used to furnish Christmas baskets for the blind and also are used to aid the blind and visually handicapped.
"We wish to express our appreciation to everyone who donated to this worthy cause," Lions President Wiley DuVall stated.

Marshall PTA To Meet Next Monday Night

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Monday night in the school cafeteria at 7:30 o'clock.
All members are urged to attend.

Helping Hands 4-H Club To Meet January 9

The Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club will meet Saturday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Marshall United Methodist Church. New officers for 1971 will be elected and plans for the year will be discussed. Mrs. Ethel Wallin and Gary Ealey will present a program on new projects and opportunities in 4-H. Everyone interested in 4-H should plan to attend.

2,413 Receive Donated Food In Oct

A total of 265,040 needy Western North Carolina people received family food assistance through the U. S. Department of Agriculture programs in October.
The figure compares with the 24,160 who received aid in October of 1969, an increase of more than 46 per cent.
More than a quarter million people in North Carolina

received aid during the month of October, a 31 per cent statewide increase over a year ago.
Of the WNC total, 23,387 received donated foods and 2,653 received food stamps.
In 1969, a total of 24,160 received donated foods and 703 received food stamps.
In Madison County, 2,413 persons received donated food in October.

Welcome, 1971 (Editorial)

We look forward to the New Year which should be a giant turning point for Madison County.
1970 has been a "mixed" year of activity in our county—some good, some bad. On the plus side, the overwhelming approval for a consolidated high school for the county must rate as one of the most progressive steps during the year. On the distressing side, the murder of Nancy Morgan, VISTA worker, whose body was found in a wooded area on the Hot Springs Mountain, was perhaps the most sensational incident of the past year. As yet, no suspects have been apprehended in what now would seem like a "perfect murder."
As you read the various happenings during 1970 in a separate article in this issue, you will realize that many interesting incidents have occurred. With this issue, however, we bade farewell to 1970 and look forward to 1971.
Anticipating what could well take place in our county includes the start on actual construction of the consolidated high school. The actual start on erecting the low-rent housing for Marshall, the improvement and relocation of NC 213 between Marshall and Mars Hill. The extension of NC 213 from Marshall to Spring Creek; and the work started on the Marshall-Weaverville highway from Tillery Branch to the Appalachian Highway. And of course, it is hopeful that the highway from Hot Springs to the Tennessee state line can be improved.
There are many more changes which should be made in 1971 but these are certainly most important.

Hearing On Weaverville-Mars Hill Bus Route January 28

On Oct. 9, 1970, the service of Mars Hills-Weaverville Bus Line, Inc., was suspended by the Utilities Commission by reason of the failure of said company to keep on file with the Commission appropriate evidence of insurance. The service formerly provided by said company is now being operated by Ralph Young, d-b-a Asheville-Elk Mountain Bus Line, pursuant to emergency authority issued by this Commission.
There is now pending before the Commission an application for a franchise over certain routes between Mars Hill and Asheville filed by

Lawrence C. Stoker, d-b-a Suburban Coach Lines of Asheville. In addition, Mr. Stoker, has applied to purchase the Mars Hill-Weaverville franchise. Ralph Young of Asheville-Elk Mountain Bus Line has filed an application for a franchise over the same routes and has also filed a former protest to Mr. Stoker's application.
A public hearing on these matters will be held in Room 207, Buncombe County Courthouse, Asheville, North Carolina, at 10:00 A.M., on January 28, 1971. Any person having an interest in the matter may, of course, attend the hearing and state their views for the record.