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Eight Men Arrested On Drug, Theft Charges

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Sheriff Tom Morrissey of Buncombe County and Sheriff E. Y. Ponder of Madison County led over 30 deputies in pre-dawn raids Wednesday, arresting eight men on drug and theft charges.

The raids and subsequent arrests were the results of an intensive investigation conducted for several months by Morrissey, Ponder and Yancey County Sheriff Kermit Banks in the three Western North Carolina counties.

Morrissey and Ponder said the investigation will continue in an attempt to break up what they believe to be an organized ring of breaking, entering and larceny artists which has apparently been working "shifts" to break into residential and commercial buildings in the three counties.

Jerry Cassida, 22, of Bent Creek and Eugene Garren, 23, of Montford Avenue were charged with breaking, entering and larceny. Their bonds were set at \$2,500 each.

Ralph Massey, 39, of Hillcrest Road, Harvey Morrow, 32, of Macon Avenue, Forest Beachboard, 38, of 23 Harmony Lane, Adolphus Cook, 41, of 12 Melody Lane, and Bill Revis, 27, of H. E. Indiana Ave were all charged with receiving

stolen property. Their bonds were set at \$1,000 each.

Also arrested at Massey's residence was Nicky Bolinger, 29, formerly of Asheville, whose address was listed as Rt. 2 Newport, Tenn. Bolinger was arrested by one of the two narcotics agents of the Interagency Narcotics Squad who assisted deputies in the raid.

Bolinger was charged with possession of marijuana for resale after Sheriff Ponder found 24 bags in what was alleged to be Bolinger's travel bag in Massey's house. An INS agent said the agent said the 24 bags and another bag found later in Bolinger's car all weighed about a pound and would sell on the street for about \$500.

Morrissey said an additional charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon was brought against Bolinger after deputies found a .38 caliber revolver in his car with the 25th bag of marijuana. Bolinger's total bond was raised to \$7,500, according to the report.

"The Sheriff's Department said property recovered in the raids included an assortment of television sets, stereo equipment, watches, shotguns, rifles, pistols and knives. Earlier reports claiming the recovery of "several rental trailer loads" of merchandise

were apparently unfounded and were denied by law enforcement officials Wednesday afternoon.

The raids, which began around 5 a. m., were conducted at each house by a team of men split from the pool of deputies, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Department said.

An officer knocked on each door with a search warrant while armed officers covered the front and rear of each house.

A spokesman said there were no incidents of resistance in connection with the raids.

Ponder said the arrests Wednesday were connected with previous arrests of four men charged with breaking, entering and larceny early in February in Madison County.

In those arrests, Gerald and Danny Miller, brothers, 19 and 24, of Burnsville, were in Madison County Jail under \$5,000 bond each on 11 counts of breaking, entering and larceny involving as many houses in Madison County. Ponder said.

Also arrested in early February were Dean Chandler, 22, of Enka and Gary Dewitt Holder, 26, of Hendersonville Road, Asheville. Authorities also are looking for Dean Chandler's brother, Roger Chandler, 26, of Burnsville, in connection with the investigation, a spokesman said.



THE MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL TORNADOES, shown above, defeated Robbinsonville, 68-66, Friday night in the consolation game of District Eight-1-A tourney held at Sylva. The victory earned the Marshall team third-place honors in the District. Rosman defeated Cullowhee in the championship game, 55-47.

Mars Hill Girls Defeated In Playoffs

North Buncombe and Robbinsonville captured semifinals Thursday in the District Eight Girls Basketball Tournament at the Erwin gym. The North Buncombe quint ripped Tuscola, 35-35, and Robbinsonville pushed its unbeaten streak to 24 with a 46-34 win over Mars Hill.

Robbinsonville capitalized on quickness, steals, strong inside play, and a good fast break to end Mars Hill's winning streak at 23.

The Robbinsonville squad

jumped out to a 15-9 first quarter lead on strong inside play of Margaret Jenkins and Shirley Jackson, as Mars Hill was unable to penetrate the Robbinsonville 1-3-1 zone.

Linda Robinson hit six quick points and Barbara English four to pull Mars Hill to within three, 36-33, with 2:15 remaining, but Robbinsonville pulled away for the win.

Jackson hit 14 to pace Robbinsonville's scoring, while Jenkins added 11. Linda

Robinson had 14 for Mars Hill. Robbinsonville (46)—S. Jackson 14, Calonehuskie 8, Walsh 6, Jenkins 11, E. Jackson 7, Brown.

Mars Hill (34)—English 6, Wood 2, Wallin 8, Griffin 4, Robinson 14, Bowens.

Halftime: 26-15, Robbinsonville.

YDC To Meet At Courthouse Next Monday

The Madison County Young Democratic Club will meet next Monday night at the courthouse. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and all members are urged to attend.



Feed Grain Signup Ends March 10

Farmers who intend to sign up in the 1972 Feed Grain or Wheat Set-Aside Programs must do so no later than March 10 according to Ralph Ramsey, ASCS Director for Madison County.

Ramsey went on to say that during the first three weeks of the sign-up farmers have been somewhat slow in enrolling in this year's programs. He says this is probably due in part to changes which give farmers several options and they have been studying these options before making a final decision.

According to Ramsey, producers have more alternatives under this year's programs than they have had in the past and naturally each farmer wants to take the option which will best fit his particular farm. Regardless of the option a producer selects for his farm, he can expect to reap greater program benefits than were provided under the 1971 Program in that the set-aside will cover a greater portion of his corn base or wheat allotment and the payment rates per acre are also higher on the feed grain set-aside acreage.

Ramsey urged producers who desire additional information on the provisions of this year's programs to contact the ASCS Office where an employee will explain in detail the various options which he may choose from in taking part in the program. He concluded by saying the farmer's decision

Mars Hill 4-H Club Met

The Mars Hill 4-H Club had the meeting February 21, in the Mars Hill Community Center. Raffle and Talent Show tickets were given out. Participation in the Talent Show was discussed.

Miss Cynthia Berban gave a program on "Macrame—The Art of Tying Knots."

Duties assigned for the March meeting include: refreshments, Curtis and Terry Garrison; pledges, Steve Fox and Sandy Feldman; devotions, Tammy Gody.

STI slates fourth annual art show

Southwestern Technical Institute has announced its Fourth Annual Art Contest, now open to any high school senior or high school graduate in Western North Carolina.

All entries must be submitted on or before Saturday, April 15. Works may be photography, sculpture, or 2-D work, and of any size. Frames are optional, but works should be matted if possible. There is no restriction on subject matter, but works must be original.

Judging will be based on one or all of the following: (1)

Book Club Met With Mrs. Tweed

The Marshall Book Club met with Mrs. J. B. Tweed on Monday afternoon, Feb. 21, at five o'clock. Mrs. Walter Ramsey reviewed "The Closing Circle" by Barry Commoner, faculty member of Washington University located in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Commoner writes of the origins of the environmental crisis and of the possibilities of its cure. Mrs. Ramsey cited such facts from the book proving that all things in the earth are so inter-related that survival of man depends on his making sure that the balance is not disturbed. Man has now literally broken out of the circle himself and unless he disciplines himself, and makes use of the technology he now has developed, within the next 20 to 50 years he cannot survive.

Causes of the crisis relate directly to man's misuse of the environment. Causes suggested in the book are well within the control of man and the book makes excellent reading. (It is available at the County Library.)

Members present were Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Mrs. J. L. Baker, Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Mrs. John Corbett, Mrs. Paul Dinwiddie, Mrs. J. L. McElroy, Mrs. James Story, Mrs. Overton Gregory, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Tweed. Following the review members traveled to Mars Hill College for the Douglas Edwards lecture at 8 o'clock.

Robinson said that under the REAP farmers may earn approximately one-half of the out-of-pocket costs of carrying out approved soil and water conservation practices. He stated that a variety of conservation measures are available to all farmers within the county who have a need for them. Included in the list of approved practices are: (1) the establishment of a permanent cover of grasses and legumes to prevent soil erosion; (2) the planting of trees; (3) timber stand improvement; (4) improving vegetative covers; (5) practices to enhance wildlife habitat and (6) measures to combat pollution.

In conclusion, Robinson said that all farmers are encouraged to take inventory of their needs and visit their ASCS Office for the program details and the filing of their request for assistance.

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County Man Injured In Hayes Run Wreck Monday

Roger Talton, 18, of Route 4, Marshall, a passenger in a 1970 Mustang driven by his brother, Donnie Lee Talton, 23, was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock, after the car struck a taxi, a bridge and then overturned into the Hayes Run branch.

State Patrolman Jerry Hall, who investigated, stated that the Mustang was traveling at a high rate of speed and swerved

to the left side of the highway (NC 213) where it crashed into the taxi driven by Tommie Rector. After striking the taxi, the Mustang traveled some 340 feet where it struck the bridge at the City Limits. After striking the bridge, the car overturned into the branch.

Passersby who saw the wreck helped get the two Talton men and two teenage girls out of the demolished Mustang. An ambulance was called and Roger Talton was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital. The other occupants in the car miraculously escaped serious injury.

Rector's taxi was damaged about \$400 and about \$100 damage was done to the bridge, Patrolman Hall said. Rector was uninjured.

Talton has been charged with driving on wrong side of highway, Hall stated.

Latest reports reveal that the injured Talton man is in satisfactory condition.

Music Festival At Hot Springs Saturday

The Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its second Country-Gospel Music festival this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Times Theater located on Main Street in Hot Springs. Much planning has gone into the festival by the Recreation and Entertainment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

A special feature of the evening will be the door prizes to be awarded throughout the evening by Goose Gosnell, the emcee. These prizes have been donated by the merchants of Hot Springs and Newport, Tenn. The program will include Carl Chandler and the Asheville Blue Grass Boys, the Happy Valley Boys from Spring Creek, and the Glee Club from the Spring Creek High School. Variety Music will be played by Terry Thomas, Dave Robertson and Jeff Burton. There will be plenty of reasonable refreshments on sale. The tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and students

and 50 cents for children under 12. Tickets are now available at the Carolina Grocery Store in Hot Springs or from the individual members of the Chamber of Commerce.

"It is hoped that everyone will come and enjoy an evening of good music with all their friends." Fr. Jeff Burton stated.

Tax Listers At Courthouse Here Friday

It has been announced that all tax listers in Madison County would be at the courthouse here this Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the final listing of taxes.

Those who have not yet listed may do so on this date, it was explained.

Plant A Tree For Tomorrow

First Union National Bank of North Carolina, Weyerhaeuser Company, and hundreds of North Carolina Boy Scouts are joining forces to distribute 150 thousand pine seedlings on the

100th anniversary of Arbor Day. The state-wide project, called "Plant a Tree for Tomorrow," was developed by First Union National Bank and will be carried out March 16-17 in 160

First Union banking offices across the state.

The year-old seedlings will come from Weyerhaeuser's seventy acre seedling nursery near Washington, N. C. and will

be given to the public, one to a person. Weyerhaeuser, an international forest products company is furnishing the North Carolina grown seedlings free of charge.

Lytton Is Coach Of Year

By RICHARD MOPRIS
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Jack Lytton, in his second year as coach of the Mars Hill basketball team, has led his charges to a berth in the NAIA District Six playoffs and has been elected district Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches.

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week earlier in Asheville, 88-27, to preserve its playoff hopes.

"This is quite an honor," said Lytton. "I am very happy anytime you win an honor like this most of the credit, no all the credit, belongs to the boys."

"We were real fortunate to win two games from UNC-A. Bob Hartman had a very good team. If we can continue to play like we have in the last few weeks we can win at Greenville."

"I have a super group of boys at Mars Hill. They deserve the credit. A coach is

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Taylor Supports Development Act Of 1972

Congressman Roy A. Taylor Wednesday gave strong support to the Rural Development Act of 1972, which passed the House.

In a floor speech, Rep. Taylor said the bill "offers a strong promise for improving the quality of life in our rural areas and at the same time gives rural citizens an alternative to migrating to our nation's large metropolitan centers."

The bill, District Congressman explained, would extend the authority of the Farmers Home Administration to make rural business loans and loans to small towns and communities for water and sewer projects and other community facility improvements.

Rep. Taylor said the bill would also provide financial aid to farmers who are required by federal regulations to spend money in eliminating pollution produced on the farm by cattle, poultry and other livestock.

"Some 20 million Americans have been forced from rural to urban areas since 1946. This migration has left in its wake a crushed rural America with a countryside that provides too few economic and social opportunities for too few people," declared Taylor.

The other side of the coin, he said, has been the creation of new, often overwhelming problems in the cities—which most cannot adequately handle.

Rep. Taylor asserted that while the bill will not cure all ills, "it is a serious, important effort to change the migration pattern through a careful new investment in the future of our rural regions."

STI and winners will be expected to meet all general admissions requirements. Awards are: first, full tuition for one year (3 quarters); second, full tuition for first two quarters; third, full tuition for the first quarter; fourth, ten dollar deduction from first quarter tuition.

Further information may be obtained by writing or telephoning Southwestern Technical Institute, Box 26, Sylva; telephone, 586-4081.

Johnny Cupp Gets Suspended 5-Year Sentence

Johnny Cupp of Madison County was sentenced to not less than five years nor more than seven, suspended for five years, in Superior Court here last week.

Cupp, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in connection with the shooting of Wayne McDevitt in February, 1971, was found guilty Wednesday by a Madison County jury.

Judge Fred Hasty of Charlotte included in the conditions for sentence suspension

the payment of \$1,000 to McDevitt for medical expenses and the payment of \$500 in court costs.

In other cases, the charge of manslaughter against William McKinley Ramsey III was not prosessed. He was given a fine of \$50 and costs for driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Several driving under influence and other minor cases were disposed of.

Court adjourned last Thursday afternoon.



Mrs. Guthrie Is Promoted At Florida Bank

Shirley R. Guthrie has been promoted to assistant cashier at Pine Hills First National Bank, Orlando, Fla. according to Thomas Mundy, president.

Mrs. Guthrie joined the bank in March, 1960, after being employed by the Citizens Bank in Marshall, for five years. She started as a teller, and has worked her way up through the bank and is now supervisor in the loan and discount department, as well as an assistant cashier.

Mrs. Guthrie is married to Billy Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guthrie of Walnut. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Ramsey of Marshall.

Nutrition Should Start Early

Children in low-income families need to drink more milk and eat more fruits, vegetables and enriched grain products that would provide more iron and ascorbic acid. These are the findings in a U. S. Department of Agriculture survey of 715 children in low-income families under four years of age. The survey showed that infants in such families have the greatest need for additional iron, while more calcium and ascorbic acid is needed in the diets of the older children.

The survey was conducted by the Consumer and Food Economics Research Division of USDA. Forty-four percent of the children lived in the South, and two-thirds of them lived in urban areas. Average diets of infants under one year met the National Academy of Science's Recommended Dietary Allowance.

On the basis of average diets of infants under 4 years of age in low-income families, the major problem was the low intake of iron. Average intakes of ascorbic acid were also below recommended levels for all children 1 to 4 years old. Infants except the 3 to 5 months old, average

intakes of calcium were below recommendations for the 3 year old and approached the recommendations for the 2 year old children.

Average diets were above the recommended allowance for protein and vitamin A value for all infants and children under four years.

Infants in the U. S. as a whole, consumed more fresh milk than evaporated milk or concentrated liquid formulas.

World Day Of Prayer Friday

The annual World Day of Prayer of Church Women United will be observed Friday afternoon, with a service at the Marshall Baptist Church beginning at 2 o'clock.

Ladies of all the Marshall churches will lead the service, and the public is invited.

The offering goes into a fund called Intercontinental Mission and will be used to assist women in rehabilitation work in war-torn countries. One Hundred Sixty-Nine countries will celebrate World Day of Prayer and contribute to the Intercontinental Mission work. Marshall

Girl Scout Cookies Have Now Arrived

Mrs. Brittan Pack, of Mars Hill, Neighborhood Coordinator of Girl Scouts in Madison County, announces that the Girl Scout cookies have arrived.

Soups of the 13 Troops in Madison County or their leaders can be contacted if you desire to purchase a box of the delicious cookies.

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