

THE NEWS - RECORD

Dinner Meeting Of County Leaders Highly Successful

By JIM STORY
The dinner meeting of chairmen and members of various county boards and agencies as well as invited guests at the Wolf Laurel Restaurant last Friday night was one of the most informative and enjoyable occasions ever held in this county.

Approximately 150 persons attended where they heard reports from chairmen and representatives of the organizations within the county. Past accomplishments, present status and future goals were reviewed by approximately 20 organizations.

Dr. Don Anderson of the Mars Hill College faculty and chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, presided. Reports from the following organizations proved most informative: Bi-Centennial Committee, Library Board, Housing Board, Energy Resources Committee, Health Board, Planning Board, Nursing

Home Board, Hot Springs Health Board, Madison County Development Board, Four-C Board, Education Board, Social Conservation Committee, Resource Conservation Development Board, Comprehensive Health Board, Mental Health Board, County Medical Society, Historic Sites and Buildings, Opportunity Corporation, Agricultural Extension and Department of Social Services.

James T. Ledford, chairman of the Madison County board of commissioners, reviewed past and present activities of the board and spoke of some of the projected plans for the future. Miss Maxine Cauble, Asheville organist, entertained during the dinner and the Bear Waller Gap String Band sang several numbers following the dinner.



W. T. MOORE of the Meadow Fork section of Madison County, is shown holding the plaque presented to him for his many years of devoted service to Madison County. At left is Dr. Don Anderson, of Mars Hill, chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, who presided at the dinner meeting last Friday at the Wolf Laurel Restaurant where Mr. Moore was honored and reports from various county leaders were given. At right is School Superintendent R. L. Edwards who presented the plaque to Mr. Moore. Approximately 150 persons attended the meeting.

Shooting On By-Pass Each Saturday

Skilled and amateur shooters are again invited to demonstrate their talents each Saturday at the sport-shooting on the Marshall by-pass. The popular Saturday event is sponsored by the Madison Boosters Club. Shooting starts about 11 a. m. and lasts until marksmen get tired. Prizes include turkeys, hams, and other "rewards" as well as the fun and competition of shooting clay birds, skeet shooting, etc.

Helping Hands 4-H Club Met

The first meeting of the Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club was held January 16, 1974 at the Methodist Church. Officers and Projects were selected for the coming year. Officers are: Ronnie Brinkley, President; Deborah Brinkley, Vice-President; Lisa Riddle, Secretary; Dawn Clemens, Treasurer.

Selective Service Registration For 18-Year-Olds Compulsory

All young men who reach age 18 during 1974 should plan this year on making their first contact with Selective Service, William H. McCachren, State Director of Selective Service for North Carolina, announced today.

"Even though we are not currently drafting for military service," McCachren said, "registration with Selective Service is still compulsory for all young men at age 18, so each young man should make certain that he complies with the law by registering."

Processing Number will be reclassified into a class available for military service, unless they submit information to their local boards which would qualify them for a deferment or an exemption," McCachren added that all registrants who remain in a class available for service will be subject to induction during the year they reach age 20, provided inductions are resumed.

"If a registrant in a class available for service is not inducted during the year he reaches age 20 - his year of prime vulnerability - he will be placed in a lower category of vulnerability for induction, and reclassified into I-H."

Miss Frances Snelson, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. 28754 or Brenda Cook or Delba Roberts, Tax Collector's Office, Courthouse, Marshall, N. C. 28753 or Area Office No. 3, 16-18 Federal Bldg., Asheville, N. C. 28801

Ramsey To Seek 7th Term In N.C. House

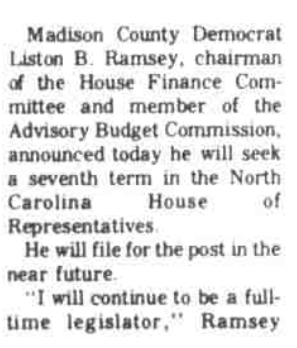
Madison County Democrat Liston B. Ramsey, chairman of the House Finance Committee and member of the Advisory Budget Commission, announced today he will seek a seventh term in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

He will file for the post in the near future. "I will continue to be a full-time legislator," Ramsey said. "I am for providing the essential services that are needed by the taxpayers. I am not for frills."

Ramsey has proposed tax breaks this year for low income taxpayers and elderly taxpayers on fixed incomes as a means of returning state tax surplus to the people. He believes North Carolina will have a budget surplus of more than \$200 million after essential services have been provided.

He is one of two legislators representing the 44th district of Haywood, Jackson, Madison and Swain counties. Ramsey is widely respected by his fellow legislators. He is regarded as a leader in the House and when he speaks, the members listen closely to his views.

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BEAR WALLER GAP String Band is pictured above which entertained at the meeting of county leaders at Wolf Laurel Restaurant last Friday night. Left to right: Wayne Roberts, bass; Sam Parker, mandolin; Kirk Randleman, Dobro; Robert Holthouser, guitar; Gene Holdway, guitar; Gary Spence, banjo.

Is Your Church Tax Exempt?

Of great interest to the trustees of the various churches in Madison County is the law claiming tax exemption from property. Below is published the law:

INSTRUCTIONS
Under the provisions of G. S. 105-282, every owner of property claiming exemption or exclusion from property taxes must demonstrate that the property meets the statutory requirements for exemption or classification. Claims for exemption or exclusion must be filed with the tax supervisor of the county in which the property is located during the statutory listing period. A separate claim must be filed with the tax office of any city or town in which property is located unless the city or town has entered into an agreement with the county to have the

county accept and process the claims in the city or town's behalf. Except as herein provided, a separate claim for exemption must be filed for each parcel of real estate. It should include all improvements and personal property situated thereon. In lieu of filing a separate application each parcel, the applicant may file one claim for all property claimed as exempt along with a schedule listing each parcel of real property and each article or group of articles of personal property. The schedule must contain a full description of all of the property and complete information regarding its use.



Bicentennial Plans Being Made For County

A Madison County Bicentennial Committee has been set up by the County Board of Commissioners to initiate and coordinate activities and projects for the county Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. This committee is made up of the following members: the Rev. George Moore, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Mrs. Doris Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh English, Mrs. Ruth Gregory, Mrs. Mary Ruth Roberts, Mrs. Pauline Dismore, Miss Jinnie Underwood, Robert Edwards, Owen Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trimble, Mrs. Lucille Burnette, and Bruce Phillips.

Funds have been allocated by the state to give some financial support to planned projects. Grist will distribute these funds to this southwest region, which consists of twenty-five counties, on a first-come-first-serve basis. Our county projects should reflect the three goals of the National Bicentennial Commission as outlined by Grist. These goals are: (1) Heritage - projects conserving our history, (2) Festivals U.S.A. - activities stimulating travel and encouraging citizens to expand their knowledge of our county and extend a welcome to visitors, and (3) Horizon '76 - projects providing for the future.

Planting Materials For Wildlife Now Available

Planting materials are now available from the North Carolina Wildlife Commission for establishing habitat for wildlife on private owned lands. The materials are made available free of charge on a first come first served basis. Money for the materials is made available through the sale of hunting license and tax on purchase of firearms.

There are several choices of seed mixtures available this year. Of particular interest in our county should be the annual and reseeding annual mixtures. These contain a mixture of buckwheat, sorghum cane, millet, soybean, cowpeas, and partridge pea. The reseeding mixture contains annual lespedeza seed which will reseed itself annually. Also, available is a perennial mixture which contains the same seed as the annual mixture with shrub lespedeza added. Services lespedeza seed is also available for planting on road banks, gullies, etc. to control erosion and provide nesting places.

The seed is packaged in 3 lb. bags which will sow 1/4 acre. It is recommended that the seed be planted in small plots near good cover such as fence rows, along stream banks, and wood lots. Plots should be scattered about, so as to avoid concentrating the game in one area. To obtain some of this seed, you must fill out an application form which is available at the Extension Office. The seed will be delivered to your farm or residence by your local wildlife protector. If you would like assistance in planning a wildlife habitat program for your farm, you may contact the Extension Office or Wildlife Protector in your area.



HAL JOHNSON, manager of the new Northwestern Bank branch on the Marshall by-pass, presents Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, a check for \$1,000 as an unrestricted gift by the bank to the college's development campaign.

Workshop For Teachers Held

Consultants from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction met with Madison County school teachers at an In-Service Workshop program at the Marshall school on Thursday of last week.

Following the workshop the high school teachers toured the site and buildings of the new Madison consolidated school on the Marshall by-pass.

Dr. Larry Iggett, project director, reported that the meeting was beneficial and successful and that the teachers now have the amount of work that needs to be done before the opening of the new school next fall.



THE MARSHALL A&P STORE was officially phased out last Saturday after serving the people of this area for nearly 47 years. There was a feeling of sadness knowing that the store was permanently closed. W. H. "Dub" Deal, who has served as manager of the store for the past eight years, expressed his appreciation for the patronage given him and his predecessors.

Magazines On Sale By MHS Junior Class

Starting January 24, the Junior class of Marshall High School will be selling magazine subscriptions to raise money for the Junior-Senior Banquet. Our goal is \$2400. We guarantee you that we have some very good magazines and we will see to it that you get them promptly. We sincerely hope that you will subscribe for these magazines. We need your help!!!

Hearing Site Is Changed

The water and sewer bond hearing, scheduled to be held in the City Hall, here, will be held, instead, in the French Broad EMC Building at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1974. The reason for change of location for hearing is to provide more space for interested persons. Mayor Lorida Ponder stated.