

# THE NEWS - RECORD



## Mars Hill Coed Murder Case In Progress Here

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Publication of this newspaper on Tuesday night prevents latest developments in murder case. Below is story on case as of Tuesday at deadline.

Former Mars Hill College students Wayne Schilling and Sally Moffitt had been dating for about two months before Miss Moffitt was found slain near the campus in October, 1973, a coed testified here Monday.

Schilling, 22, of Mt. Holly, N. J., who was arrested about six months after the incident and charged with murder in Miss Moffitt's death, pleaded not

guilty to the charge here Monday in Madison County Superior Court.

"When you saw Sally, you generally saw Wayne," said Miss Kathrine Canova, 20, of Atlanta, Ga., who was the fourth witness to testify for the state before the close of the opening day of the trial.

Miss Canova, who was a sophomore at the college and a friend of Miss Moffitt's at the time of the incident said she last saw Miss Moffitt, on the evening of October 11, 1973, as she was walking to meet Schilling.

Miss Moffitt, 18, of High Point, was found dead at a

highway construction site at the intersection of Highways U. S. 213 and U. S. 19-23 about 8:30 a.m., Oct. 12, more than a mile north of the campus.

Miss Canova said Miss Moffitt and Schilling had been dating for about two months prior to her death.

On October 11, 1973 Miss Canova said she and Miss Moffitt drove to Asheville in Miss Canova's car and spent several hours together, shopping and drinking beer at a pizza parlor, before returning to the Mars Hill campus about 5:30 p.m. that afternoon.

On their return, Miss Canova said she went to the college cafeteria and that Miss Moffitt went to the student center, where the two rejoined a short while later.

Miss Canova said Miss Moffitt was talking to her mother by telephone in the student center that evening and that Schilling was standing nearby. She said Miss Moffitt appeared "upset about something" and later asked to be driven to Schilling's apartment.

Miss Canova said she was driving Miss Moffitt to Schilling's apartment when they saw Schilling and his roommate, Gene Davis, walking along the road leading to Schilling's apartment.

The last time she saw Miss Moffitt was about 6:45 p.m. that evening when she let her out of the car to join Schilling, Miss Canova said.

Other witnesses testifying for the prosecution Monday included: Dr. Otis Duck, a Mars Hill physician who serves as Madison County medical examiner; Willard J. Ammons, a Mars Hill policeman who investigated the death; and Franklin G. Rice of West Asheville, a fencing contractor who first discovered Miss Moffitt's body.

Dr. Duck said an autopsy of the body revealed that Miss Moffitt had died about midnight the night before she was found and that she had been killed by some "accelerated" blow to her left rear back area which fractured three ribs and drove them into vital internal arteries and organs.

"She actually drowned in her own blood," said Dr. Duck, who testified that it was his opinion that Miss Moffitt

was killed elsewhere and dragged from the road across some fill dirt and over an embankment to where her body was found.

Duck said a toxicology

### Carl Davis Now Manager Family Dollar



CARL DAVIS

Carl Davis, of Asheville, has been named manager of the Family Dollar Store at the Marshall Shopping Center. He assumed his new duties last Thursday.

Mr. Davis, a native of Madison County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Davis, of Spring Creek.

A 1953 graduate of Spring Creek High School, Mr. Davis entered the U. S. Air Force in 1954 and retired as T-Sgt. (E-6) in July, 1974.

He is the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Award, National Defense (with 1 star) and was awarded the Longevity Citation and other honors. He also attended Plattsburgh Community College, Plattsburgh, N. Y., and has completed numerous Air Force correspondence courses and technical schools.

He is a former employee at Enka Corporation and for the past five weeks has had extensive training with the Family Dollar organization in Hendersonville, Marion and Brevard.

He and his wife, the former Miss Tama Ann Hipps, of Spring Creek, reside at the present in Asheville. Mrs. Davis is employed at Sears in Asheville. They have three daughters and two sons.

examination showed evidence of alcohol in Miss Moffitt's blood but no trace of drugs in

### West Madison Communities To Meet

West Madison Association of Communities will meet again on April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Hot Springs Chamber of Com-

merce Building.

The Association met on March 24th for the purpose of election of officers, passage of by laws, and discussion of what the organizations priorities should be. Representation was from the Shut In, Sleepy Valley and Hot Springs areas.

The executive council for the following year was elected as follows: Chairman, Sidney Harrison; Vice Chairman, Bobby Brady; Secretary, Sharon Baker; Treasurer, Wylene Skipper; and Reporter, Linda Tull.

Community Representatives serving on the council are: Marie Osteen, Sleepy Valley; Carter Parks, Shut In; with the Hot Springs representative yet to be appointed.

The council met on April 7th and appointed members to function on the Recreation, Finance, and Beautification Committees.

Having an Executive Council and Committees are only the beginning of what is necessary for the organization to thrive. Any interested person wanting to make West Madison a better place to live and willing to work at this goal will be welcome to attend the meeting on April 28th.

selecting the panel, which includes two alternate jurors.

Neither the jury or witnesses in the trial will be sequestered, according to Superior Court Judge Harry C. Martin, who is presiding. Martin scheduled the trial to

resume at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second floor courtroom and said he will hold a night session Tuesday night in hopes of completing the trial by Wednesday.

Before the trial began Monday, the district attorney

announced that the state will not attempt to try Schilling on first degree murder but seek, instead, a conviction of second degree murder or manslaughter - voluntary or involuntary - whichever the evidence shows.

Schilling, meanwhile, remains free under \$25,000 bond. He could receive, upon conviction, from two to 30 years imprisonment for charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to second degree murder.

## National Rural Electric Coop Asso. Opposes CWIP Plan

Opposition to proposals which would allow (or encourage) power companies to include "construction work in progress" (CWIP) in rate bases were opposed in different forums in the last few days.

Maryland People's Counsel Gary Alexander, testifying April 15 before the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, said that an Administration plan to prohibit state commissions from excluding CWIP would raise the rates of Maryland power company customers \$85-million.

By including CWIP in the rate base, utilities can earn a return on investment that is not actually providing a benefit to electric consumers. Most states and the FPC do not permit such inclusion.

The FPC, however, has proposed to include it in jurisdictions where it has

jurisdiction. The FPC regulates the wholesale rates of the investor-owned companies, many of which sell power to cooperatives and municipalities. The Ford Administration, in its proposed Utilities Act of 1975, would not only strip state regulatory commissions of authority to prevent companies from loading their rate base with CWIP, it also would prohibit the commissions from refusing to let the companies pass fuel cost increases along to customers and prohibit them from disallowing padding of the rate with income tax costs not actually incurred because of use of the investment tax credit.

FEA Deputy Administrator Eric Zauner told the subcommittee that the Administration bill was needed to help solve the financial problems of utilities.

Sen Edmund Muskie, subcommittee chairman, expressed sympathy for the financial problems of the companies but expressed his disapproval of the Administration cure, which he estimated could increase the nation's power bill 20 percent.

NRECA's corporate counsel, David B. Graham, on April 11, expressed the association's disagreement with FPC's proposed rule-making to allow CWIP in the base (Docket No. RM75-13) in a letter to Kenneth F. Plumb, secretary of the commission. Graham weighed the advantages and disadvantages of such inclusion and wrote that, "On the whole, our comments are weighted against the proposal."

He offered alternatives to the proposed rule, citing a detailed report prepared for NRECA and American Public Power Association last month

by Southern Engineering Company of Atlanta, Ga.

The report showed examples where the rule could result in increases in wholesale power of 50 percent (exclusive of fuel costs) for the year just prior to the placing of large new generating units in service.

Graham wrote that even if CWIP is adopted by the commission, it will not provide significant financial help to the investor-owned companies unless state commissions also include CWIP in rate bases for retail rate purposes. The wholesale sales under FPC regulated rates represent only 7 percent of electric utility revenues nationally.

The consumers of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation would feel the effects in future rate increases should the Federal Power Commission allow wholesale rates to be based on projected Construction Work in Progress (CWIP). The management of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation urges all of its members to contact their elected officials in Washington and request their elected officials to voice opposition to allowing the Federal Power Commission to consider Construction Work in Progress (Docket No. RM75-13) to be adopted or used by FPC.

Pre-School Registration For First Grade

The pre-school registration for first grade students for the 1975-76 school terms has been planned by Madison County School authorities. If your child is not presently enrolled in Kindergarten in the Madison County Schools, then he should report to the school in his district on the following day: (You should bring with you your child's birth certificate and a record of his immunizations.)

Spring Creek School, April 25 at 9 a.m.  
Marshall School, May 2 at 9 a.m.  
Hot Springs School, May 7, at 9 a.m.  
Mars Hill School, May 9 at 9 a.m.  
Walnut School, May 16 at 9 a.m.  
Laurel School, May 23 at 9 a.m.

Rains Slow Down Clean-Up

Weekend rains and inclement weather caused several postponements of plans to clean-up roadsides and other areas during the past week but resumption of clean-up efforts are expected by this weekend.

Fine reports have been received from efforts in the Little Laurel and Shelton Laurel communities with more clean-up plans for the future.

All areas are urged to take advantage of the weather window to make the most of the clean-up efforts.

### Revival To Begin At Baptist Church Sunday

A series of revival services will begin at the Marshall Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it has been announced by the Rev. Spencer LeGrand, pastor. Nightly services will continue through Wednesday beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Joseph Dewey Hobbs, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marion, will be the visiting evangelist.

Mr. Hobbs comes to Marshall highly recommended as an outstanding minister. A graduate of New Hanover High School, he received his B.A. Degree from Wake Forest College in 1947; a B.D. Degree in 1950 from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; took the six-weeks pastoral care clinical course at the Baptist Hospital in 1959 and an advanced course in 1974.

Mr. Hobbs was ordained in 1948 and has held pastorates in Crestwood, Ky., Kershaw, S. C., Wingate, N. C., and has been pastor at Marion since 1964. He has also served on numerous committees and is a past vice president, N. C. Baptist State Convention, served a four-year term as trustee, Wake Forest University, served four years on State Convention's General



REV. JOSEPH DEWEY HOBBS, JR.

Board and was president of that board. He is also a trustee of Wingate College.

He is married to the former Miss Virginia Gilley of Eden, N. C. They have three children, Cathy, Alice, and Warren.

Special music is planned each night and a nursery is provided.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Those desiring transportation to any or all of the services are asked to telephone 649-2258 or 649-3151.

### Sunday Proclaimed "Cancer Sunday"

The Madison County Board of County Commissioners has proclaimed Sunday April 27, 1975 as Cancer Sunday. An intensive fund raising drive will be launched at this time.

60 percent of funds collected by the Madison County Unit of the American Cancer Society will remain in the local treasury. While this money cannot be used for doctors' fees, it will be used to buy bandages, some medicines, or help with transportation to

doctor's offices or hospitals for treatments.

40 percent of this money will go to the Cancer Society's National Unit to be used for research in finding a cure for cancer.

The American Cancer Society's slogan this year is "Let's Wipe Out Cancer In Your Lifetime." With cooperation and work, this slogan could become a reality before this decade ends.

## FmHA Loans Available To Increase Farmers' Income

Farmers seeking ways to supplement their farm incomes in these days of the "price-cost squeeze" are beginning to take advantage of recreation facilities loans available through Farmers Home Administration.

"The State of North Carolina with its abundance of natural beauty lends itself to income-producing outdoor recreation enterprises," FmHA State Director James T. Johnson pointed out.

Only 15 farmers have taken advantage of this opportunity since the inception of the program several years ago. Most of these farms are in the mountains of western North Carolina except for three farmers in Hyde County who have developed marinas and camping facilities.

The loans made to develop land and water resources; repair and con-

struct buildings; buy land, equipment, livestock and other recreation items and pay necessary operating expenses.

Recreation enterprises that may be financed include camp grounds and equipment, horseback riding stables, swimming facilities, tennis courts, shooting preserves, vacation cottages, lodges and rooms for visitors, lakes and ponds for fishing and hunting, nature trails, golf courses, hunting facilities, winter sports areas, target ranges, trailer parks, etc.

Andy Cope, in Macon County, is an excellent example of what a farmer can do with this FmHA financing. His farm of several hundred acres, in one of the most beautiful sections of North Carolina, had never been developed to its full in-

come-producing resources. Taking advantage of the "lay of the land," its proximity to National Forest land, the abundance of clear mountain streams, and Farmers Home Administration financing and technical help, Cope has developed one of the busiest recreation enterprises in the State. From small beginnings this development has become very profitable and provides cabins, fishing lakes, nature trails, and camping facilities for the traveling public.

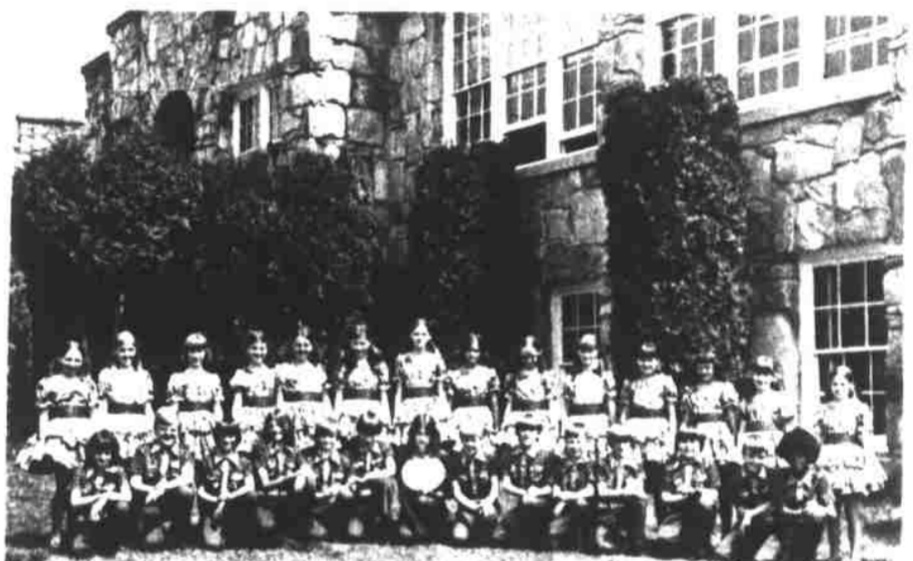
To qualify for recreation-type loans, Johnson added, the applicant must be engaged in farming at the time he applies for the loans and manage and operate the recreation enterprise after the loan is made.

Intermediate-term loans are made to finance recreation equipment and operating expenses. Such

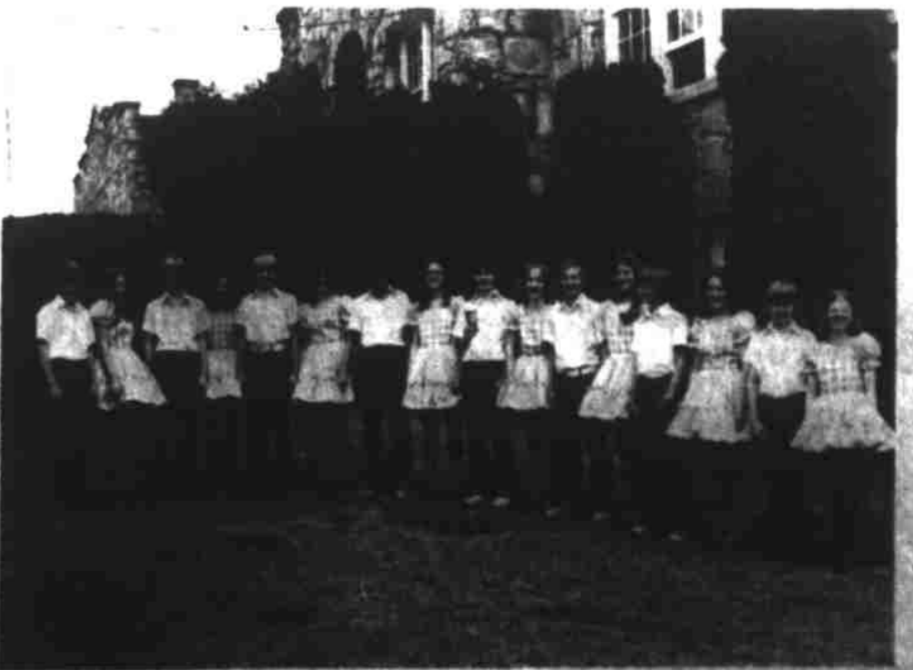
loans are secured by liens on chattel property, including livestock, equipment and fixtures. Larger, long-term loans are also available and are generally secured by a mortgage on the farm. Unlike other Farmers Home Administration loans made to farmers, the recreation loans are not limited to a family-type operation. Also, the farmer can retain nonresidential real estate.

Farmers all over the State are encouraged to visit their local office of FmHA to get the facts on these loans program that may benefit them. Funds are available now for this special purpose.

The Farmers Home Administration office in Marshall is located over the Wachovia Bank and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



RECENTLY, the Bald Mountain Cloggers from Mars Hill Elementary School won the Exhibition Award at the Asheville Jaycees Mountain Youth Festival. Members of the team are front row: Karen Brown, David Phillips, Chris Wilde, Sonya Cody, Ricky English, Robert Murray, Sherry Slagle, Jimmy Revis, Alex Filiss, Dana Fox, Doug Bucy, Edward Ray, Randy Robinson and Stuart Griffith. Second row: Deanna Fox, Kellye Smith, Robin Hough, Tamara Flowers, Debra Bungardner, Paula Chandler, Sybil Cody, Lisa Sitton, Jessica Newton, Rachel Ammons, Laura Melvin, Loretta Shelton, Lisa Whitt and Marjorie Eller. The team is directed by Mrs. Harold Wallin and Mrs. Raleigh English. (Photo by Walter P. Smith)



THE MARS HILL CLOGGERS of Mars Hill Elementary School were recent winners at the Asheville Jaycees Mountain Youth Festival. They were first place winners in Clog competition without taps - Class II. Team members pictured with the trophy they won from left to right are: Kelvin Rice (caller), Robin Holcombe, Charles Forester, Lisa Gehring, Roger Tyeed, Connie Rice, Greg Barnette, Gwen Mayh, Paul Babely, Holly Hough, Lee Hoffman, Lynn Gibson, Tim Wilde, Cathy Gaddy, Travis Smith, Tammy Cody. They are under the direction of Mrs. Betty Wallin.