

Speak Out On Trash

Edward Morton, director of the Madison County Health Department, announced today that the department will be conducting a telephone survey of the county residents this and next week to determine their satisfaction with the present system of "green box" roadside containers for household garbage and trash disposal.

The suggestions of county residents for both improvements to the existing system and for possible ways to reduce the cost of the system to county taxpayers will be sought. If you are not contacted by the survey and would like to contribute your

opinions, observations and suggestions, a form for your use appears at the end of this article. Please forward your comments to Mr. Edward Morton, Madison County Health Department, Marshall 28753.

Answers to this survey will be utilized to determine how many Madison County residents now dispose of their household garbage through the roadside container system, how many residents have stopped using the system and how many have never used it. Those county residents not now using the container system will be asked what changes to the

system would be necessary to enable them to use it. Those residents of the county who have participated in using the container system will be asked to comment upon the condition of the containers and the container sites which they regularly use. They will also be asked how often and at what locations do they use the containers and what other places are they going to when they stop to use them.

On the basis of the responses of county residents to the survey questions, a number of improvements to the existing systems will be considered. These improvements include: More frequent collection

and larger containers at heavily used locations. If it is found that a large number of county residents utilize containers located near the county's shopping centers, schools and places of employment - then large containers, which would be emptied more frequently, could be placed at these locations.

Less frequent collection at little used locations. If it is found that few county residents utilize the containers now placed at more remote locations, and if many of the users of these containers are found to be on their

way to the locations of other containers then county funds could be saved by emptying these containers on a less frequent basis.

Elimination of container locations when other containers are available nearby. If it does not create a hardship for individual container users, several container locations might be consolidated to reduce pick up and clean up time thus saving additional county funds.

Coordinating container utilization and pickup. If it is found that most county residents now bring their

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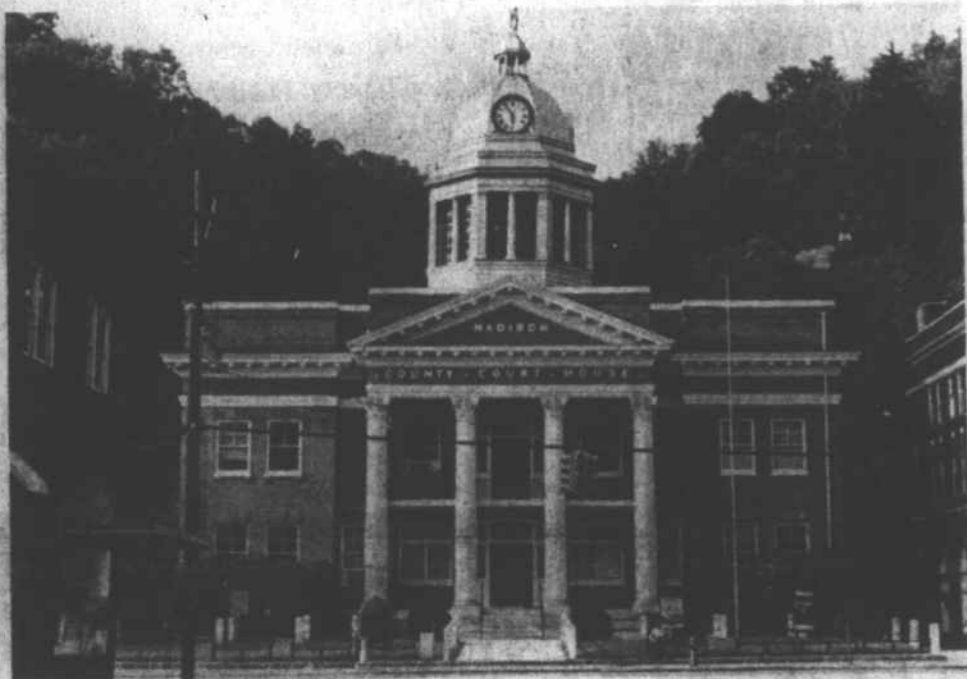
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Secondary Roads Allocated \$236,000



Madison County Courthouse . . . Built In 1907

For the second year, Madison County can look forward to benefits from 1977 highway bond funds that will be used to improve secondary roads.

Today in its monthly meeting here, the North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated \$15 million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's 58,378-mile secondary road system.

Madison County's share of the \$15 million allocation is \$236,161 based on a formula prescribed by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Madison County has 316 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,058.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw commented, "Again, we are glad to be able to put the highway funds to work for the people. It was the people's overwhelming support of the 1977 bond issue at the polls that made these funds a reality. It is such continued participation and support that will enable us to make much needed improvements to our highway and transportation systems and complement Gov. Jim Hunt's balanced growth and economic development program for the benefit of the entire state," he added.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved in November 1977, directs that, over a five-year period, \$75 million will be used to improve the state's secondary road system, while \$175 million is for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million is for the state's urban road system.

The highway bond funds allocated for secondary roads will be used for improvements to the system such as new paving, widening existing paved roads, improving unpaved roadways to an "all weather" standard, repairing and replacing substandard bridges and strengthening paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions.

"In order to utilize the \$15 million allocation most effectively," Board of Transportation member John M. Gilkey of Marion explained, "board members and NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) staff are in the process of reviewing secondary road needs in each county. Once we have compiled an improvement

program by county, we will present it to each respective county board of commissioners on a publicized date. They, in turn, will have the opportunity of examining the program for their county and making recommendations to finalize it.

"These public meetings will also give the citizens of each

county the opportunity to express their views on secondary road needs. Once priorities are established, the final program will be presented to the full transportation board for formal approval," Gilkey added.

In February 1978, the transportation board approved an initial allocation of

\$30 million from the bond issue for secondary road improvements. An additional \$23 million from the state's gasoline tax was approved in July 1978 for improvements to the system. Another allocation from the same fund to improve the state-maintained secondary roads is expected later this year.

During 1979

Work Slated On 2 Highways

By ANN STOWE
Madison County has two major projects in the works for 1979, according to Earle Wise, county extension chairman.

A contract has been let on the Madison County end of the four-lane U.S. 25-70 highway connecting Marshall with Weaverville, Wise said. He added that work has already begun on the right of way. Completion of the project is expected in November of 1981.

Wise also said that a public hearing was to be held in January at the Mars Hill Elementary School to discuss the continuation of the Appalachian Highway, Highway 19-23, from Mars Hill to the Tennessee line. No contracts have been let on that project, Wise said.

In terms of manufacturing production for 1979, it is not surprising that it is one of the newest of the four companies in Madison County — the

Marshall Glove Co. in Marshall — that plans the biggest production increase for 1979.

According to plant manager Marshall Fisher, the Marshall Glove Co. plans to add about 40 more people.

"When we started operation here in Marshall last April, we had 15 people," Fisher said. "We now have about 115 and hope to add 40 more."

The plant manager added that he foresees the possibility of relocating the plant as production and personnel increase, probably close to its present location.

Located in the old Mills Manufacturing building in Marshall, the company makes mostly brown jersey industrial gloves, along with some leather and cotton gloves.

The Marshall plant is one of five plants owned by Conover Industries, a division of National Service Industries.

Two additional plants are

located in Conover, with two more in North Wilkesboro, Fisher said.

Another Madison County industrial company, the Micro Switch plant in Mars Hill, plans a leveling off of production during 1979.

"Production will probably remain the same this year, possibly with some slight upturn and downturns," said Tom Bodvig, plant manager.

Bodvig added, however, that beginning in 1979, Micro Switch would be starting the process of moving another product line down the Freeport, Ill., plant to Mars Hill.

He said there probably would be some additional personnel needed, but that no more space would be required. "We have adequate space here for the equipment that will be moved down," he explained.

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Historic Place

Madison Courthouse Nominated For Inclusion

In National Register; Decision To Take 6 Months

The Madison County Courthouse, built in 1907, has been nominated for inclusion

in the National Register of Historic Places by Larry E. Tise, state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

The nomination was submitted as part of the long range program of the Division of Archives and History to identify, document and recognize historic properties in North Carolina.

The courthouse is nominated as part of an innovative type of nomination to the National Register — a thematic nomination. This one is entitled "Courthouses in North Carolina." Thematic nominations include many individual properties related through their common history, through being examples of a significant aspect of history or ar-

chitecture, or as varied components of an important whole. The thematic type nomination has been suggested by the National Register of Historic Places, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, to provide National Register recognition, protection, and preservation incentives to a wider range of historic resources.

The courthouse thematic nomination includes 57 North Carolina courthouses, ranging in dates from the 1820s to the 1930s. These represent those historically significant courthouses not previously listed in the National Register. They vary from Federal and Greek Revival style structures of the early and mid-nineteenth century to the ornate Victorian buildings of the postwar era, to the grand, often opulent Neoclassical ones of the early 20th century, and some WPA buildings of the 1930s.

Whatever their period and style, these courthouses share powerful architectural symbolism to communicate the importance of the court, justice, and government in the county. The size of the building in the community, the high quality of materials, the frequent use of a cupola or dome, the usual reliance on classical architectural elements such as figures of blind justice — these declare the purpose and importance of the courthouses. Some of the courthouses are the county's first; others are the third or fourth building, reflecting growth of the community. But each holds a pivotal place in the history of the county, where the actions of government, justice, and official changes in the lives of citizens

have occurred.

The inventory of all the state's courthouses, from which the nomination was taken, was conducted in 1976-1977 by the Division of Archives and History as a part of a broader study of the state's courthouse facilities in cooperation with the North Carolina State University School of Design and the administrative offices of the Courts.

Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually takes about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.

WNCDA Board / Mars Hill Residents Bill Clark, Gerald Young Elected



BILL N. CLARK, left, and Gerald Young, both of Mars Hill, have been elected to the board of directors of the 18-county WNC Development Association. Included among directors serving carry-over terms is Mrs. O.A. Gregory of Marshall.



Richard B. Wynne, president and publisher of the Asheville Citizens Times Co. was elected president of the 18-county Western North Carolina Development Association at the organization's annual meeting in Asheville this week. He succeeds J.D. Cooley of Forest City.

The development association, an agricultural promotion and community improvement organization which is recognized as one of the nation's pioneer "self-help" rural development programs, is starting its 36th year.

It is financed by local county governments in the western area, along with business and industry. One of its major activities is sponsorship of the Western North Carolina Community Development Program in conjunction with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, other

agricultural agencies and local sponsors. Approximately 100 organized areas take part in this program annually.

Sam McGuirt Jr., manager of Duke Power Co. at Hendersonville, was elected first vice president and former Congressman Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain was named second vice president. Frank H. Dunn Jr. of Asheville, regional vice president of First Union National Bank, was elected secretary and Sarguel Blythe, president of Western Carolina Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, treasurer.

Among those elected to the board of directors of the regional organization were Gerald Young and Bill N. Clark of Mars Hill.

Included among directors of the organization who are serving carry-over terms is Mrs. O.A. Gregory of Marshall.

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Western North Carolina Development Association, which completed 29 years of operation in 1978, continues to make significant contribution to the farm and rural progress of the western region. Its outstanding success is due to the support from hundreds of volunteer leaders of the area and from the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, other agencies and western legislators, along with outstanding financial support from business, industry, local governments and farm interests.

"The WNC Community Development Program, continued to spark great interest among the organized communities in this self-help improvement program and stimulated a multitude of projects and programs resulting in better communities in which to live."

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Hearing Here Monday On Fire Protection

An important meeting and public hearing will be held next Monday night at 7:30 at Madison High School to help determine the method of providing fire protection to the residents of both the town of Marshall and the Smoky Mountain Fire District.

It is necessary for all interested persons to attend this meeting, ask questions regarding the Smoky Mountain Fire District, learn of proposals from the town board, the fire district commission, members of the fire department and voice their own opinions as to improving this vital service. Make plans to attend this meeting.