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DEMOLISHED Plymouth Road Runner in which two county youths were killed instantly early Saturday morning. The one-car

wreck occurred at the overpass bridge at the intersection of US 25-70 and NC 213 about a mile from Marshall. (Photo by Jim Story)

Speeding Car Flips, Kills 2 County Youths

Two Madison County youths were instantly killed early last Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding struck the railing of the overpass bridge at the intersection of the Marshall bypass and NC 213 about a mile from Marshall.

The Plymouth Road Runner apparently traveling at a high rate of speed toward Asheville flipped over on its top and slid for approximately 12 feet on top of the railing before crashing downward about 30 feet into a branch and rocks beside the branch about 2:15 a.m.

Killed were Calvin Eugene Reed, 25, of the Walnut Creek

section and Jesse Gordon Duncan, 18 of the Walnut community.

Trooper T.E. Dudley of the State Highway Patrol, investigated the fatal accident.

Highway signs were torn down by the impact and marks on the bridge railing showed how the totally demolished car struck the bridge before dropping into the stream below.

Tech, and was a licensed carpenter.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the wife, Wilma Langley Reed; two daughters, Tracy and Melinda Reed of the home; two sisters, Debra Sprinkle of Marshall and Janet Reed of Weaverville; the maternal grandmother, Flossie Smith of Marshall; and the paternal grandmother, Mae Reed of Asheville. He was also the foster grandson of the late Cloyd and Janie Henderson of Marshall.

Services for Jesse Gordon Duncan were held Monday morning in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home.

The Rev. Jimmy Buckner

officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery.

A native of Mecklenburg County, he had lived in Madison County for the past seven years and was in the landscaping business. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton.

He is survived by his father, Hoyle Duncan of Walnut; his mother, Jonnie Edwards Robertson of Mars Hill; the stepfather, Tommy Robertson of Mars Hill; two brothers, Scott Duncan of Walnut and Ben Duncan of Mars Hill; the paternal grandmother, Stella Dockery of Walnut; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Edwards of Mount Airy.



JESSE GORDON DUNCAN



CALVIN EUGENE REED

FUNERALS MONDAY

Funeral services for the two victims were held Monday.

Services for Reed were held at 2 p.m. in the Long Branch Baptist Church of which he was a member. The Rev. Hansel Hensley, the Rev. Larry Brown and the Rev. Homer Tomberlin officiated. Burial was in Tillery Cemetery. Capps Funeral Home of Mars Hill was in charge of arrangements.

Republican Meet Set

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was formerly employed by Marshall-Mars Hill Housing Authority and was an Army veteran. He was the son of Eugene Henderson Reed and Wanda Smith Reed of Weaverville. Reed attended Marshall and North Buncombe high schools and A-B

The Madison County Republican County Convention will be held March 17 at 2 p.m. in the Madison County courthouse.

All registered Republicans in Madison County are encouraged to attend. Each precinct chairman should bring a list of precinct officers to this meeting, if

requested.

The convention will elect officers of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee and will also select delegates to the 1979 District and State Convention.

"It appears likely that there will be a contest for the district chairmanship this year," an official stated.

Rural Life/ Preserved In Museum

Richard Dillingham, whose roots trace back to the founding fathers of Mars Hill College, was named director of the school's fledgling Rural Life Museum this week. A member of Mars Hill's Class of 1968, Dillingham was the fourth generation of his family to attend the Baptist-related college and has been associated with the school in several official capacities since the early 1970s.

He was a "SALT Fellow" (Southern Appalachian Leadership Training Fellowship), sponsored by the

Ford Foundation in 1976, and was the first chairperson of the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre (SART).

His new appointment culminates five years of planning which started with the establishment of the Southern Appalachian Center in 1974. The center provides a structure through which the resources of the college can be directed to the preservation of the social and cultural traditions as well as renewal efforts of the southern highlands.

The museum, which will be located in the Montague Building, is intended to be a living museum, one that Dillingham calls a "hands on" archive which will not only portray the rural life traditions of the region but will also provide an interpretive framework for the artifacts. There are plans for mobile exhibits which will travel to communities, schools, mall displays, in addition to inviting communities to tell their history and development using the museum's facilities.

The museum already has a sound foundation to begin building its exhibits. Two donations to the college total over 800 items which are

currently being catalogued and made ready for showing. In 1977, Edward W. Stock of Asheville made a gift of his collection of 450 household and farm implements to the college. This constitutes one of the major holdings of primitive artifacts available in the region. Earlier, in 1973, Mrs. Gertrude Ruskin of Atlanta gave the college her 350-item Cherokee Indian collection. The school also has several tons of the various minerals native to the Western North Carolina mountains.

The museum will concentrate its activities to seven main areas, which may in turn, have several sub-headings. These areas are (1) Indian Heritage; (2) Making a Living, which includes lumbering, farming, the drover era, railroads and turnpikes, distilleries and tourism; (3) The Family, including architecture, foods, furnishings and utensils; (4) The Church and the School; (5) Rural Folkways which includes medicine, tall tales and the planting seasons; (6) The Natural Setting, including topography and flora and fauna; and (7) Social Life Activities, which includes secular and sacred music, hunting, games and shooting

events.

Each of the seven main areas was the subject of a paper prepared by Dr. Evelyn Underwood of the college's history department. The papers were submitted to Ron Holland of the Western Regional Office of the N.C. Department of Archives and History, who will work with Dillingham in designing exhibit plans and lighting.

Rural life was chosen as the museum's central theme because, as Dillingham states, "The basic social institutions of our forefathers were of rural, agrarian life. This type of life, which centered basically around the family, shaped the relationships of other forms as time progressed, such as urban life and the industrialization of the region.

Formal opening ceremonies for the museum are tentatively scheduled to coincide with the opening of the 1979-80 school year in late August. Further information on exhibits or particular artifacts may be obtained by writing Richard Dillingham, director, Rural Life Museum, Mars Hill College.

Recreation Discussion At Mars Hill

People of all ages are urged to attend a discussion of recreation. The second of eight meetings around the county will be held at the Mars Hill Elementary school lunch room on March 8, at 7 p.m. Kevin Morley, recreation director, has planned the meetings to give citizens a chance to express their views on recreation in Madison County.

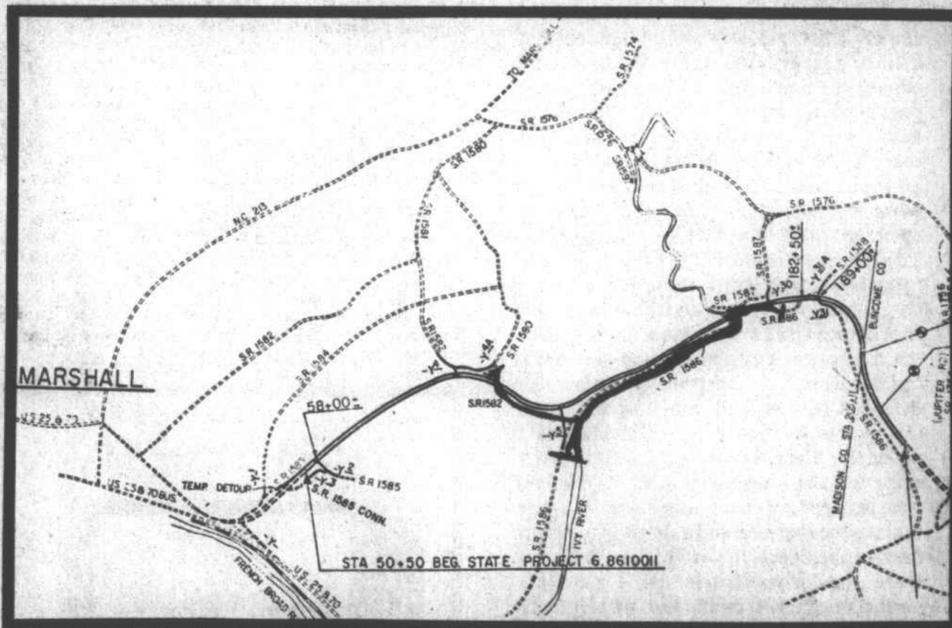
The new modern facility will be located at Belva on property sold by H.W. Cook at the junction of N.C. Highways 208, 212 and 1219. The deed for this property is to be transferred March 7. Construction is scheduled to start July 1, and the center is to be operational in early 1980.

Laurel Fund Drive Gets In Full Swing

The drive to raise the \$10,000 matching share for the new Laurel Medical Center is progressing rapidly with approximately 50 percent of the goal receipted. The prospects are very encouraging with almost total participation by the residents of the community. Several room memorials have been secured by donations of \$500 or more. Residents of the Laurel Community are urged to support this worthy project until our goal has been achieved. Donations may be made to a community volunteer or sent directly to Mrs. Helen W. Shelton, Route 3, Marshall. There will be a mass meeting March 12 at Laurel School at 7 p.m. to review our progress.

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CLOSED — construction of the new four-lane highway between Marshall and Weaverville has started and portions of existing roads, shown on map above by black lines, are closed to all traffic and will remain closed for at least two years, DOT officials stated. Due to machinery, blasting, slides and other dangers, it is necessary that all vehicles must detour from the area of construction.

Officials stated that they regret the hardships and extra miles but it is necessary while the highway is being built. Note: SR 1586 (Ivy Creek), SR 1582 (Long Branch Ridge) and SR 1587 (Sugar Camp) are the roads now closed. The public is warned not to walk, or drive any type of vehicle along the roads specified.

County Spruce-Up Starts In April

Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham of the Carson community of Macon County were guests of the Madison County Council of organized community clubs at the bi-monthly meeting on Thursday evening. The Cunninghams, leaders for more than 20 years in their award-winning club, told of the activities, ways of work and varied experiences throughout the years. Mrs. Cunningham is a member of the board of directors of the WNC Community Development Association. They were accompanied by Macon County Extension Home Agent, Mrs. Marilyn Cole.

The Madison County Council will 'spearhead' a county-wide clean-up campaign during the month of April. A coordinating committee will firm up plans at a meeting on Wednesday of this

week. The eight organized clubs of the county will encourage areas of the county to join in the general clean-up effort and will offer any assistance needed to people in communities who

are interested in organizing on a permanent basis to improve conditions in the county. Schools and many agencies have expressed a willingness to support the clean-up drive.

Bloodmobile Needs 100 Units Here

The bloodmobile from the Asheville Regional Red Cross Blood Center will be at the Marshall Community Center March 9 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The bloodmobile last came to Marshall in September of 1978 at which time 87 units of blood were collected. The goal

for the Marshall visit is 100 units. "This figure is based on an estimation of potential donors in local industries and businesses, Madison County High School and the community-at-large."

The Red Cross Blood Center in Asheville serves the blood needs of patients in 20 hospitals in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Northwestern Georgia.



LUTHER EDWARDS AND CLIFFORD WALDRUP, shown holding life membership certificates which they received at ceremonies Monday at the French Broad Masonic Lodge meeting

here. This is the highest honor which a lodge can bestow. On left is Carol Edwards and on right is Elwood Waldrup, sons of the recipients, who presented the certificates to their fathers.