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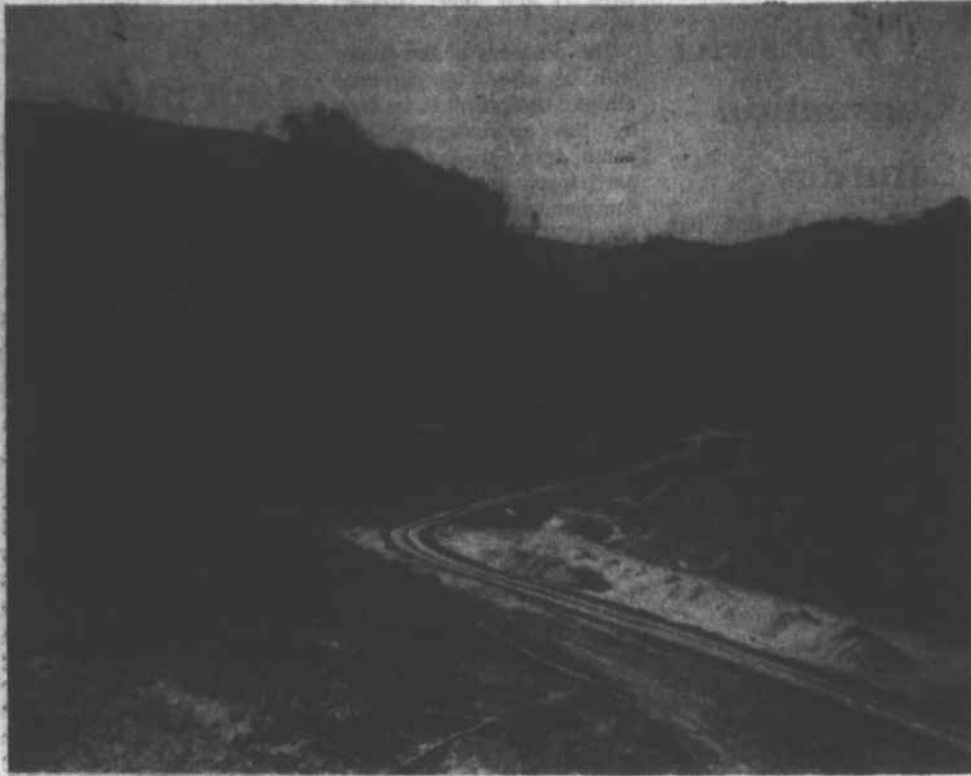
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CONSTRUCTION of the future four lane highway from Marshall to Weaverville is well underway as shown by pictures taken last

Sunday. Clearing and grading is part of the first phase of the improved US 25-70. (Photos by Jim Story)

Beer At Forks Of Ivy Awaits Monday Hearing

Beer sales began Friday and halted Saturday at Peabody's Discount Center in the Forks of Ivy community. The beer sales began Friday under protection of a court order that Madison County not interfere with the licensed sales of beer in Buncombe County. The order was obtained from the Buncombe County judicial district by attorneys representing the owners of the center.

Peabody's that was obtained from the Madison County judicial district and that restrains Peabody's from selling any beer in Madison County. At issue is whether Peabody's is located in Buncombe County or Madison County. The property was recognized by the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as being located in Buncombe and the board issued Peabody's a license to sell beer.

But residents of the Forks of Ivy community insist Peabody's is located in Madison County and Madison County is legally dry. Besides selling beer in Madison County is against the law, the residents say another reason they are against the center is that it sits in full view of the Forks of Ivy Baptist Church. Ponder sides with the residents at least in terms of the law. "They won't be selling

beer," he said, "because, while they contend they're in Buncombe, they are located in Madison County, and it would be against the law because we are a dry county." Ponder obtained his restraining order from Madison County judicial district Judge Ronald Howell. A hearing has been scheduled for May 7. The owners of the center, Edward Kilpatrick and Robert Sofield, obtained

their order from Buncombe County Superior Court Judge William T. Grist. That hearing is scheduled for May 21. What is needed, said Jim Buckner, a Forks of Ivy opponent of the center, is for a survey to be run to establish exactly where the county line is. Taxes on the property, he said, have been paid in both counties over the years.

Walnut Creek Drive Looks Much Improved After Effort Saturday

An enthusiastic and congenial group of residents and property owners of Walnut Creek Drive joined forces Saturday morning in a general clean up of roadside litter and debris. It was

evident that most residents had already been busy picking up bottles and cans from the front of their premises, but a surprising amount of litter and trash was collected from the roadside and hauled away to the landfill in trucks provided by the town. Trash bags were provided by the highway department. Mrs. Sam Rudisill generously provided hot coffee and doughnuts to the chilled workers. City policeman Bill Lisenbee directed traffic and provided protection for the working

group. City Mayor Lawrence Ponder, along with Stephen and Laura, joined the labor force and encouraged the community to continue its enthusiastic pursuit of the goals of safety, cleanliness and beautification. In the final phase of the clean up, efforts were concentrated at the intersection of Marshall Business 25-70 and Walnut Creek Drive in a plot owned by the C.E. Mashburns where, with their permission, identification signs and plantings are planned. Power saws were buzzing, rakes were being

wielded, busy hands were "grubbing" when Jim Story, editor of the News Record, recorded the efforts with camera.

At "breathing points," options available for increased traffic safety as reported from preliminary investigation and interviews with state highway (DOT) and city officials were reviewed. It was with a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment that weary workers "called it a day," predicting an unprecedented call for poison ivy lotion by Monday morning. The next meeting of the group will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Marshall Housing Authority meeting room.



WALNUT CREEK DRIVE residents and property owners, along with other individuals, are shown above hard at work last Saturday cleaning up the roadside

litter and debris from the Mashburn intersection to the Marshall bypass. Can you identify the five ladies? (Photo by Jim Story)

Safety Achievement Awards Presented

N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks presented the labor department's "Certificate of Safety Achievement" to employees and management of 115 firms from a 15-county area at a dinner program at the Inn on the Plaza last Friday night. Presiding at the program was J. Herbert Coman, industrial relations manager of Beacon Manufacturing Co.,

Swannanoa. Madison County firms and organizations included in the safety honors included: Fifth consecutive year: Micro Switch, Mars Hill; Sprinkle-Shelton Co., Marshall; First year: Deringer Manufacturing Co., Marshall; County of Madison, Marshall; Madison County Schools, Marshall; Town of Mars Hill; and Town of Marshall.

COOPERATION Not only did the residents of Walnut Creek Drive assist in the clean-up effort, but other interested citizens pitched in and helped. Those working included Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Candler, Mrs. Roy Wild, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Connor, Mrs. P. Cloffi, Jim Cody, Ed Morton, Donald Ramsey, Mrs. C.E. Mashburn, Mrs. John Corbett and many of the youngsters.



MARS HILL youth organization officers for the annual baseball program were recently elected. Shown above are, left to right,

Gary Phillips, secretary; Mack Boone Jr., president; Bill Clark, vice president; A.W. "Bill" Hollifield, treasurer.

Clean-up Progress Is Made In County

Progress reports on the April clean-up activities in Madison County show countywide efforts and total awareness — according to the coordinating committee for the campaign in a meeting this week. Two communities have newly organized for the purpose of clean up and are now setting goals for permanent community improvements and programs: Hot Springs announced a clean-up, fix-up week; lower Walnut Creek Road residents conducted a roadside clean up and are considering plans to identify the area from the bypass to Business Hwy. 25 and 70 with a slight change in name to Walnut Creek Drive.

A check with the landfill shows that many residents are now complying with the Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. hours. An appeal is made to everyone to get to the landfill in time for the men on duty to complete the clean up of the area before closing time. There is considerable abuse of green box areas at county line sites, especially Sandy Mush and Ivy Bridges. The overflow is not merited according to county surveys, and violators should be warned that littering at these boxes after they are full violates both state and county anti-litter ordinances. Community people are again asked to assist in reporting people who need to be given

at least one personal warning before arrest. Call the county sheriff, landfill or health department. The Department of Transportation reports that ditchline clean up operations are in full swing. Presently they are working on Hwys. 25 and 70 including business routes. Mowing schedules have started and the "long arms" will probably begin operating this week. One new mower is expected soon, and if all machinery holds up mechanically, the county can expect better roadside care than in past seasons. County extension services have been requested during the month. A church in Mars Hill community, the Hot Springs Health Clinic, the county courthouse grounds, and Marshall Day Care Center have received services. French Broad Electric Corp. continues to offer assistance in tree-trimming and cutting when power lines have any chance at all of being too near for safety. The State Highway Patrol offers support. Re-assignments have been made recently in a move to improve service to Madison County. Troopers Cooper, Dudley, Robinson and Swanson cover the county which is divided into three areas. In the matter of safety they suggest that bright clothing be worn

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French Broad Races Planned

With the purpose of promoting the French Broad as a recreational facility and to make area residents more aware of the need for improving the river, the second French Broad River Races are scheduled May 26 and 27. On May 26, downriver races will be held in the morning and early afternoon for the expert and novice division. Novice kayak slalom competition will also be held Saturday afternoon.

May 27 will be the day for two organized cruising trips. A flat water cruise for all classes of paddlers will start at Bent Creek Access Area (Brevard Road) and run to Amboy Road. The trip will take approximately four hours.

For the advanced and expert paddlers there is an all day white water cruise planned from Barnard to Hot Springs.

Registration forms for the Saturday races are available at the Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Department, located in the courthouse annex.

Deadline for entry is May 22. A \$5 fee must accompany the form with \$1 refunded when the numbered bibs are turned in at the end of the race.

All registered race participants are eligible for a drawing for one of three prizes — a guided trip down the Nolichucky River, a backpacking trip in Shining Rock Wilderness, and a life vest. Trophies will also be awarded in all categories.

Mars Hill 'Community Day' Set For Saturday

The Mars Hill Town Planning Board and the Mars Hill Community Development Organization — with the cooperation of civic clubs and local merchants — are sponsoring a "Community Day" this Saturday. It is hoped that a large number of citizens will turn out to work side by side with their neighbors and friends in a day devoted to cleaning, painting,

planting, weed-cutting and a general "sprucing-up" of Mars Hill and community. All clubs, churches, businesses, and the college are being asked to cooperate. Everyone will meet at the Mars Hill United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. to receive work assignments. Women are asked to bring a large covered dish of food for the

lunch to be served all the workers at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. "This can be a fun day as well as a work day if everyone will pitch in with the right spirit, and we will all benefit by having a more beautiful and clean environment in which to live and work," Mrs. Barbara Bennett, publicity chairman, stated.