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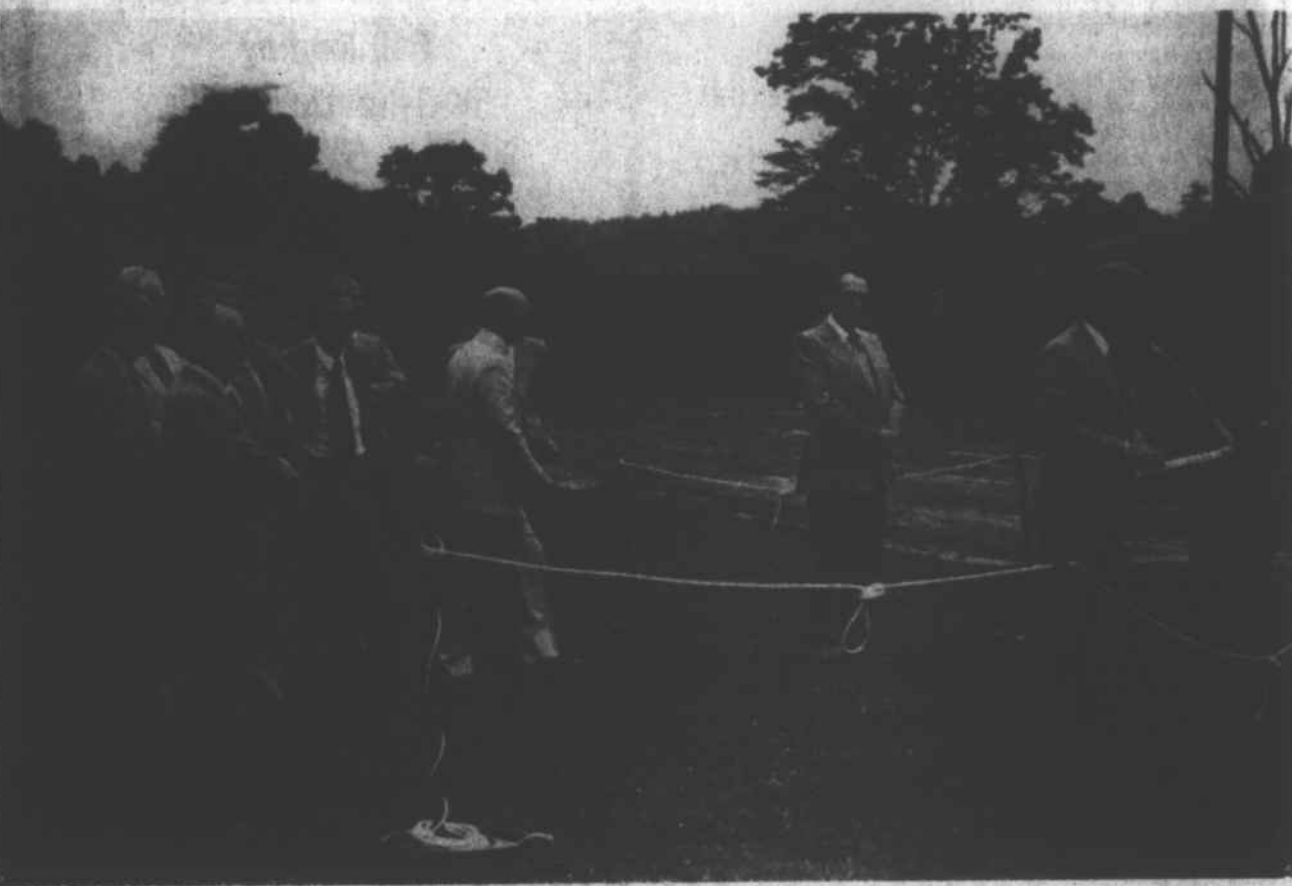
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\$389,500 More For County's Roads



DR. DON ANDERSON of Mars Hill, chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, is shown at the microphone at the ground-

breaking ceremonies July 10 of the Marshall Industrial Park. At left of Anderson is James Ledford.

Industrial Park

Marshall Sets Sights On Future Growth, More Jobs In Groundbreaking Ceremonies For 7-Acre Park

David Freeman, the hardhitting chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, was the featured speaker at ground-breaking ceremonies at the Marshall Industrial Park on Tuesday of last week.

Freeman, who was also in Asheville for water quality discussions, had just returned from Camp Davis where he met with President Carter at the summit meeting on energy. He told the group that it was "gossip" concerning the speculation that he might be asked by President Carter to succeed James Schlesinger as secretary of energy.

Most of Freeman's remarks involved the energy crisis and other national concerns.

Dr. Don Anderson of Mars Hill, chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, served as master of ceremonies and introduced Freeman and other speakers.

James Ledford, former chairman of the board of commissioners who was instrumental in the purchase of the industrial site, commended

the various federal, state and local agencies and interests and the TVA for their cooperation and assistance in making the industrial site a reality.

Mayor Lawrence Ponder stated that, "This is a great day for our county" in speaking of the groundbreaking, and added, "This is a vision which has become a reality and a great asset to our county."

Jimmy Childress of Sylva, formerly of Marshall, represented Gov. Jim Hunt at the occasion and complimented local leaders and others working together for the upbuilding of Marshall and Madison County.

Rep. Liston Ramsey also lauded the public and those responsible for the industrial site of some seven acres and stated that grading and leveling will start in the near future. He also said he was confident that an industry will locate on the site.

Others to speak briefly included Rep. Ernest Messer and State Sen. Larry Leake.

The North Carolina Board of Transportation, at its monthly meeting Friday, approved \$24 million for secondary road improvements during the next 12 months.

In allocating the money, the board appropriated these funds for each county, based on a formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relation to the mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state. In January of this year, the board had allocated \$15 million in highway bond funds as a result of the 1977 bond issue for secondary road improvements, making a total of \$39 million for projects for 1979-1980.

Board members met this spring with the 100 county boards of commissioners in public meetings across the state to review and approve projects to utilize these funds. Work began on these projects earlier this year with funds from the bond issue and will continue with the monies approved today.

Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw

commended the Madison County Commissioners and Chairman Erwin Adams for their role in developing the plan as representatives of the citizens of their county.

According to Bradshaw as of Jan. 1, 1979, the county has 192 miles of paved secondary roads. The number of unpaved miles is 315 while the total unpaved state-maintained secondary system contains 19,673 miles of unpaved roads. Madison County's share of secondary road monies is \$236,161 from the bonds funds. The latest allocation is approximately \$389,500.

Bradshaw noted that the entire 59,413 miles of secondary roads are "important home-to-work routes for all North Carolinians as the board strives to build and maintain an all-weather secondary road network."

"The active partnership between state and local officials and the participation by the public has been extremely valuable in developing our transportation system as a key part of Governor Jim Hunt's balanced growth and economic development policy," he said.

World Globe Is Presented To Library

A beautiful globe of the world was presented to the Madison County Library on Wednesday of last week as a memorial to Dr. Harry B. Ditmore, beloved county physician, who died in Lucerne, Switzerland, on Oct. 14, 1978.

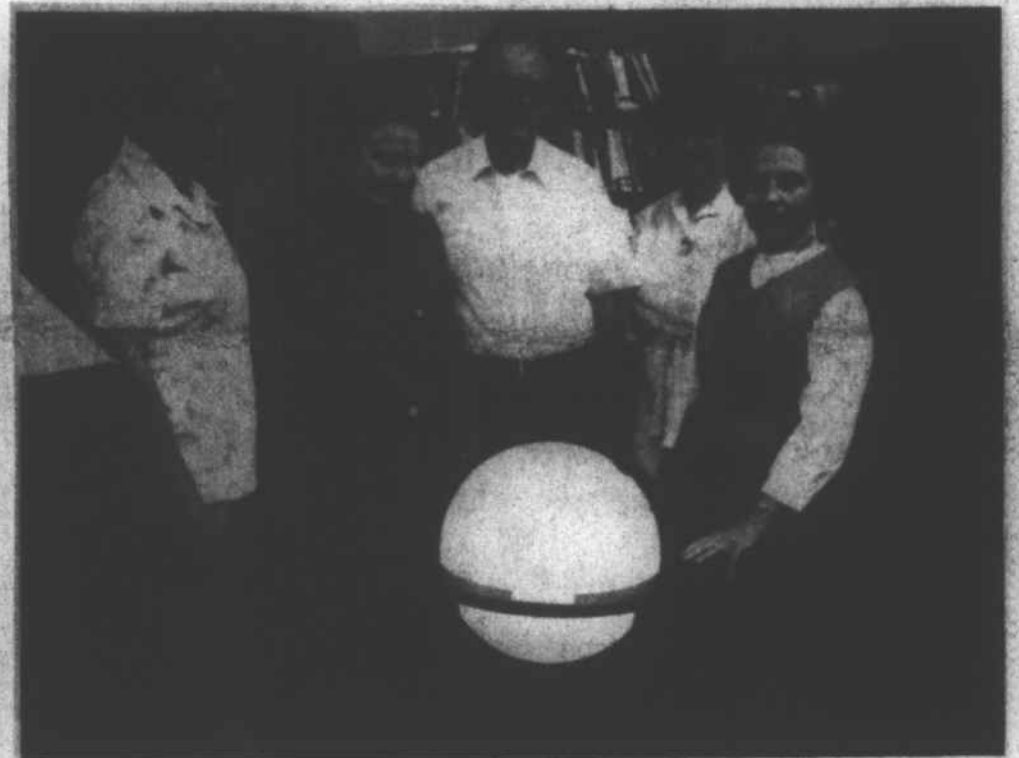
The addition to the library was made possible by his many friends, patients, and admirers who gave monetary gifts to perpetuate his memory.

Dr. Ditmore was born in Bryson City, in 1902. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He came to Madison County in 1927. He practiced medicine for 51 years.

He was an elder of the Marshall Presbyterian Church where he taught the Men's Bible Class.

Dr. Ditmore married Pauline Ramsey in December of 1928. They resided in Marshall.

Their sons are Dr. Harry B. Ditmore, Jr., Coast Guard Academy of New London, Conn., and Dr. Dan Allan Ditmore, of Norton Health Center, Norton, Mass.



THE PRESENTATION of the world globe shown above to the Madison County Public Library on July 11 is a memorial to Dr. Harry B. Ditmore, beloved county physician, left to right, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Pauline Ditmore,

Dr. Grover L. Angel, Mrs. Helen Ponder, and Mrs. Lucile Roberts. Mrs. Anderson, Dr. Angel and Mrs. Ponder are members of the Library Board; Mrs. Roberts is Librarian. (Photo by Jim Story)

\$1,044,827.39 Collected In Taxes During Year

Harold Wallin, Madison County Tax Collector, announced this week that the tax collector's office had collected \$1,044,827.39 for the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

Wallin said that 1978 current year's taxes collected were \$985,766.74, which represents

over 93 percent of taxes levied. Of the \$985,766.74 collected for 1978, \$8,943.32 were collected for the Marshall Fire District. The remaining \$976,823.42 were for county levied tax, Wallin said.

Total breakdown for the past 10 years' taxes collected for fiscal year '78-'79 is as follows:

1978, \$985,766.74; 1977, \$30,385.85; 1976, \$5,772.02; 1975, \$2,716.37; 1974, \$801.67; 1973, \$1,341.12; 1972, \$673.06; 1971, \$474.79; 1970, \$386.22; 1969, \$209.72; 1968, \$189.31. Penalties, interest and costs, \$16,250.50. Total: \$1,044,827.39. Wallin explained.

On Fixing - Up Marshall

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Marshall recognizes the need to improve and enhance the natural beauty of the area and to improve the physical quality of community life; and

WHEREAS, a clean environment contributes to the emotional, physical, and economic well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, civic organizations and volunteers are participating in the clean-up of the town of Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the grass roots efforts of town residents and the Marshall Town Board of Aldermen are to be commended and encouraged.

THEREFORE, I proclaim the week of July 22nd-28th, 1979, as

The Town of Marshall's Clean-Up, Fix-Up Week and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Mayor
Lawrence Ponder
July 19, 1979



MAKING PLANS for the upcoming Marshall Clean-Up, Fix-Up Week July 22-29 are members of the steering committee, shown above. Left to right: Faye Reid,

chairman; Mayor Lawrence Ponder, industrial committee chairman; and Jean Taylor, scrapbook chairman.

Laurel Medical Center

\$15,670 Contributed By Residents For Building

By VANDA COOK

As the dream of our new Laurel Medical Center grows nearer to a reality, the families of the Laurel communities deserve much praise for their wonderful attitude by giving and sharing in the fund-raising campaign.

When one speaks of Laurel, people may have a tendency to think of Big Laurel, Shelton Laurel or Little Laurel. The Laurels consist of other communities, which do not carry the Laurel name such as Bevere (Bodens), Site Cove,

Cutshall Town, Spilcorna, Guntertown, Belva and White Rock. Although the communities may vary in size each is a part of the Laurel community and has done a great job in the fund-raising drive.

Working as a community volunteer in the campaign and knowing many of the families from all the areas it has been a pleasure and heart warming experience to be involved in the "common goal" of all the people. To the Big Springs Health Program and the 33 members

of the board, who have been very instrumental in helping get the Laurel Medical Center organized and on the way; to Michael Norris, the director, who has worked very hard on the project; to Taylor Barnhill, our architect; a special thanks to all of you.

We are very happy Dr. F. B. Jones chose to come to our community not only to join the staff to serve the Laurel Medical Center and the two other medical centers, but to make his home in the Laurel

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