

DOT Awards \$55,000 To Madison For Streets

Madison County is receiving over \$55,000 from the N.C. Department of Transportation for local street construction and maintenance.

The money is the county's share of the 1979 allocation of state street aid (Powell Bill) funds. The total allocation this year, according to state Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw, is just over \$34.6 million.

Madison County's three municipalities will share the funds, as follows:

—Mars Hill will receive \$27,234.86 based on a population of 2,220 and a total of 7.33 miles of local streets.

—Marshall will receive \$15,633.59 based on a population of 1,090 and a total of 6.72

miles of local streets.

—Hot Springs will receive \$12,156.06 based on a population of 630 and a total of 8.19 miles of local streets.

Each year the Powell Bill returns to qualified municipalities one cent of North Carolina's state motor fuel tax and requires that these funds be disbursed by no later than Oct. 1.

Transportation Secretary Bradshaw said, "Sharing these resources is another example of our partnership with the communities we serve in our joint effort to meet transportation needs locally as well as statewide."

"This year's sum of \$34,649,907.89 is the largest amount ever returned to

North Carolina communities under the Powell Bill provisions. In fact, it is more than \$1.1 million more than last year's record disbursement," Bradshaw added.

From this year's Powell Bill funds, the largest single check went to the city of Charlotte. Charlotte's allocation of \$4,155,095.25 was based on a population figure of 338,250 and a local street mileage figure of 1,124.37.

Of the total amount allocated as part of the Powell Bill funds, 75 percent is proportioned among the municipalities on the basis of population and 25 percent on the basis of non-state system local street mileage. Each

municipality furnished its own certified local street mileage and the population figures are the most recent annual estimates of population as certified by the North Carolina Department of Administration.

The smallest check disbursed under the act went to the municipality of Caswell Beach in Brunswick County, which will receive a check for \$843.45. Caswell Beach will receive its share of the Powell Bill funds based on a population figure of 70 and local street mileage of .21 miles.

Larger North Carolina cities receiving Powell Bill checks include: Greensboro, \$2,046,406.30; Raleigh,

\$1,871,144.10; Winston-Salem, \$849,501.38; and Asheville, \$1,778,013.67; High Point, \$852,472.58.

Forest Service Offering Seedlings

Order forms for tree seedlings from the State Nursery are now available. Tree seedlings go on sale Oct. 15. Anyone wishing to order seedlings such as white pine, poplar, etc., should place an order as soon as possible.

White Pine seedlings are currently in great demand and it is anticipated that the supply will be exhausted by early November. Order forms are

available from the Extension Service and from Tony Webb, county forest ranger. Anyone interested in planting white pines for Christmas trees should contact the county agents office as soon as possible prior to ordering seedlings. A soil sample is very important to determine the phosphorus level of your soil before planting Christmas trees.



KEITH FLYNN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flynn of Marshall, recently finished first place in the state public speaking competition in Laurinburg at the VIC State Leadership Conference. Flynn's speech, entitled "Authority to Respect," was a four-minute talk on the essence of leadership and how to become a respected figure of authority. Keith is president of his school VICA Club and also president of the INS Club. He is a member of the drafting, math, and French clubs, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a letterman for the school basketball team. Last spring Keith won both the district and state contests in extemporaneous speaking and finished sixth nationally.

HONORED

DETROIT (AP) — The late William Knudsen, who was president of General Motors Corp. and production director of the War Department's office of production management during World War II, was honored in his native Copenhagen, Denmark, recently.

Queen Margrethe led her subjects in commemorating the 100th anniversary of Knudsen's birth by opening a special photographic exhibition of his life, times and contributions to Detroit's automobile industry. Knudsen emigrated from Copenhagen in 1900. A bronze plaque commemorates his birthplace here.

VICA Group Elects Officers For Year

The Vocational Industrial Club of Madison High School held its elections on Sept. 25 for officers to serve during the 1979-80 school year, picking seven of its 172 student members.

Madison has the largest chapter of any high school in district eight, which comprises 19 western North Carolina counties. It is also the most effective politically, having captured three of the six district-wide offices during the meeting in March.

The purpose of VICA, according to its motto, is "preparing for leadership in the world of work." Each member is enrolled in at least one trade or industry course, such as drafting (the most popular choice at Madison), cosmetology, machine shop, cabinet making, or auto mechanics.

The March conference is the main event for VICA people each year. A school chapter can elect one delegate for each 10 members to attend the meeting, which is called the Leadership Conference. During the conference are various competitions, including those in prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, and the contest for Miss VICA. Within the conference also is a set of competitions known as the Skill Olympics, where students match abilities in such areas as dentistry, brick

laying, mechanical drafting and architectural drawing.

At the same time there is

considerable politicking among the students for district offices. This is the

skill at which the Madison delegates proved particularly effective last year.



MADISON HIGH VICA LEADERS include half the officers of their 19-county district. Seated, from left, are: district advisor, Bruce Sprinkle; district president, Vera Melvin; vice president, Mark Fox; and parliamentarian, Chris Robinson. Standing behind them are the local chapter's officers, who were

elected on Sept. 25: Keith Flynn, president; Regina Chandler, vice president; Catharine Hensley, secretary; Lonnie Kent, treasurer; Linda Arrington, editor; Charles Swann, parliamentarian; Vickie Anders, student advisor. Harold Baker is faculty advisor.

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