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## Flea Market Opening Set Saturday



Lincoln Davis      Posey V. Wilde



John Randall



Tom Donahey



Tina Shade

### Back Street To Feature Swapping, Buying, Selling

A trader's "flea" market and farmer's market will open on Back Street in Marshall Saturday morning, and boosters of the project have asked that anyone wishing to open and operate a booth call 649-3009 for reservations.

The opening of the market is the first tangible move in the direction of an announced plan to re-awaken interest in Marshall as the prime shopping area in Madison County.

Downtown merchants and other interested citizens have lent assistance in the push to establish a flea-market, and everyone canvassed so far agrees that it is probably the effort required to bring some life back downtown on the weekends.

The possibility has also been raised that the flea-market will also open on Sunday afternoons after churches have let out.

Further in the future are plans to build cookout and camping areas along the riverfront, as well as other recreational activities which will bring people to town.

The people boosting the market plans say they hope that farmers will choose to sell their produce, eggs, dairy products, etc. in stalls along Back Street.

Stall-space will also be available for traders, antique dealers, vendors of assorted new and used merchandise.

Word has spread generally through the Madison County area. A misprint in last week's News Record had the operation located in Mars Hill. One merchant said it needed to be underscored that the market would begin Saturday in the American Legion Parking Lot on Back Street in Marshall.

Project boosters began spreading handbills out to every country store and area of population Monday.

The sponsors say that booth space will be free for the first

three weeks. After that, a small fee will be charged to help pay for the clean-up and administrative detail that must go with such an operation.

"We need this in the worst possible way," a merchant said Monday. "It is also something that the people in the county need. This is a bunch of swappers in Madison County. They wheel-and-deal and trade from the time they hit the first grade in school right on up until they get old."

"We expect a lot of antique dealers to show up here and begin looking because there is a lot of old things left in this county that have not been taken to any flea market. I myself need to look over some of this stuff I've heard people say they were going to bring."

Some of the merchants hope to operate flea-market stalls as an outlet for some of the goods they normally sell in their stores.

"I think, on a limited basis, we can sell a number of new items at discount prices as part of an effort to draw people downtown," a merchant said.

George Penland, one of the operators of Penland and Sons Department Store, said a representative from the Buck Stove Co. in Buncombe County had offered one of the stoves to be raffled or auctioned off to help in paying the early clean-up and administrative costs.

"We will announce by next week when we will raffle or auction it," Penland said.

People on the street were given handbills Monday and asked their opinions about the feasibility of such a move. Those interviewed were unanimous in their approval of the idea.

Posey V. Wildes of Walnut Creek said "It's a very good idea. I'll be right there Saturday, I hope. We've been needing a place like that to go to."

Lincoln Davis -- "Yes, it's time it happened. I'll be there."

John Paden of Big Pine -- "I was glad to hear about it. I'd like to be there to buy some things."

Tom Donahey, also of Big Pine -- "It's a very good idea. I can't make it there this Saturday but I will be there later. I hope it works out. It'll be a good place to go."

Lewis Thomas, who lives upstairs over the Rock Cafe. "It is a real good idea and it's time we had people waking up around here and doing something. It'll liven up Saturdays and we sure need something."

John Randall of Walnut --

"I don't see anything wrong with it. I'll help any way I can. We can all do something to get a thing like this started. They go good everywhere else."

George Ogle -- "I think it's a tremendous idea. I think it'll grow too big for Back Street right away. Maybe it can go on the island. It'll be a place where we can trade and traffic and enjoy ourselves. They come from all over the place to that one at the Dreamland Drive-In in Asheville. This ought to go too."

Tina Shade, 14, of Marshall -- "It's a good idea. I want to come. I live right nearby."

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Melvin Melton



John Paden



George Ogle

## Leake Dies In Crash

### Out-Of-Control Car Rams Tree On NC 208

A young man from Route 4, Marshall apparently died instantly Friday night from a broken neck when the car he was driving left NC 208 and struck a tree.

State Highway Patrolman W.C. Swanson identified the dead youth as James Alvin

Leake, 21, of Route 4. Swanson said his investigation revealed that a car operated by Leake, who was apparently alone in the car, was traveling north at a rate of speed too high for road conditions, ran off the right shoulder, lost control, veered back across the road to the left shoulder, then down an embankment where it struck a walnut tree broadside.

A native of Madison County, he was a farmer.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike Minnix officiated. Burial followed in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Survivors include the father, James Leake of Wilmington, Delaware; the mother, Nellie Gosnell Leake of Asheville; two sisters, Vickie Ann McGuinn of San Diego, Calif., and Kathy Petrey of Asheville; the paternal grandmother, Fannie Leake of Marshall; and the maternal grandparents, Capp and Nola Morton Gosnell of Asheville.



OUT-OF-CONTROL, this is the car in which young James Leake died Friday night. (Photo by Lewis W. Green)

### Safety Awards

### Meeting Re-set

### For June 24

The Madison County Safety Awards Committee has rescheduled the second annual safety awards meeting for June 24 at the Madison High School cafeteria.

The banquet will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8. Tickets may be purchased from members of the safety committee, Hal Johnson, Teresa Zimmerman, Howard Ogle, Richard Hoffman, Larry Burda and O.A. Gregory at \$4.50 per person. Door prizes will be donated by the businessmen in the county.

Howard Ogle is urging all businesses, industries, and interested individuals to support the safety awards banquet.

## Hot Springs Getting Touch Tone Dialing

Touch Tone pushbutton dialing soon will be available to Westco Telephone Company's Hot Springs customers as an optional new service.

Jack Gouge, customer service superintendent for Westco in this area, said today that, by the end of June, Touch Tone will be available in Hot Springs.

New tone-generating equipment is being installed in Hot Springs this month, Gouge said.

When the conversion is completed, customers will notice a new sound or pitch of the telephone tones -- dial tones, busy tones and ringing tones -- that is characteristic of the new equipment.

"The new sound will signal completion of the new system, and our offering of the pushbutton service," Gouge said.

Hot Springs customers can contact the Westco business office at 1-800-328-3228, a toll-free number, for additional information.

"We are pleased to offer this improvement as part of Westco Telephone's continuing effort to provide its customers with the most modern service available."

## Mars Hill Meet To Focus On Energy

The Mars Hill Community Development Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

"Energy" will be the focus of the program, which will be given by Charles Tolly, manager of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

Tolly will open with a short talk, but he plans to leave most of the evening's time open to questions from the audience.

The Community Development Committee has arranged this particular program for Mars Hill area residents because of the increased interest and concern about energy related matters. The committee invites the public to attend.