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Laurel VFD Turkey Shoot

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a Christmas Day turkey shoot from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the fire station field.

Optimists Seek Donations

The Madison County Optimist Club is now receiving donations and selling pecans for their Optimist Christmas Cheer Fund to benefit needy Madison County children.

Kingston R.R. On Display

The Marshall Public Library currently has a display featuring electric trains owned by Richard Kingston of Marshall.

News Record Closed On Christmas

The News Record office will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. We will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 26



Scene from Marshall Christmas pageant. Hundreds flocked to Marshall to witness the revival of Marshall Christmas tradition.

District Court Hears DWI Cases

Judge Philip Ginn presided over two sessions of District Court last week in Marshall. Judge Ginn disposed of a number of cases during the Dec. 12 session of the court.

Charges of trespassing and larceny against both Dale Phillips and Clarence Phillips were dismissed, as were charges of larceny against Bruce Massey, Jr. and assault charges against Clarence Massey.

At the request of the prosecution, the court also accepted voluntary dismissal of charges of communicating threats against Dillard Shelton, assault charges against Daniel V. Risher, Robert Jarvis and John DeWeese. The court also accepted a voluntary dismissal of charges of assault with a deadly weapon against Harry Arnold Cantrell.

The court also found probable cause for charges of breaking, entering and larceny against Danny Cutshall of Hot Springs. Cutshall is charged with stealing a stereo and jewelry from the home of Paula Burdick on Oct. 15. Judge Ginn sent Cutshall's case on to Superior Court for trial.

In the only case involving driving under the influence heard on Dec. 12, the court found Ray Fisher of Mars Hill guilty and sentenced him to level 3 punishment. Fisher was fined \$200 and sentenced to serve 72 hours in jail. The court suspended the remainder of the 90-day sentence and ordered Fisher to attend Drug Education Training School (ADETS). He also received two years probation.

to serve ten days in jail for the offenses.

John R. Ray, Jr. pleaded guilty to charges of impaired driving and possession of a controlled substance and was fined \$150. Ray was also ordered to perform 48 hours of community service and received a four-month prison sentence, suspended for two years. He was also ordered to surrender his operator's license.

Terry Lee Roberts entered a guilty plea to a charge of impaired driving and was fined \$100 and ordered to serve 24 hours of community service.

Timothy Leslian English entered guilty pleas to charges of littering and possession of a mail beverage by a minor and was fined \$65 plus court costs.

John Scott Landon pleaded guilty to charges of driving while impaired and speeding. Landon was fined \$150 and was ordered to attend ADETS and serve 48 hours of community service. He also received a 120-day jail sentence which the court suspended for two years. Landon was charged with driving 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Darryl DeVane pleaded guilty to impaired driving and was fined \$100 and ordered to serve 24 hours community service and attend ADETS. DeVane's 60-day jail sentence was suspended for two years.

Jimmy Lee Davis pleaded guilty to impaired driving and was fined \$100 and ordered to serve 24 hours community service. He also received a 60-day suspended sentence.

The court also found Alan Barry Hester and Marvin White guilty of driving while impaired and accepted preliminary judgment of DWI charges against Ricky Keith Cantrell.

The court continued until the January session charges of DWI against other drivers. Court dates are listed on page 25.

Mars Hill Police Scuffle

Patrolman Suspended, Charges Police Chief



WILLIAM LISENBEE

A Thursday night dispute between two Mars Hill police officers has resulted in the suspension of a patrolman and charges of assault against the town's police chief.

Patrolman William Lisenbee and his chief, R.J. Cutshall apparently engaged in a scuffle sometime around midnight Thursday. On Friday, Cutshall suspended Lisenbee from the town police force without pay. Lisenbee charged Cutshall with assault inflicting serious injury following the dispute.

Lisenbee is a former Marshall policeman and ran unsuccessfully against Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder in 1982.

Mars Hill Mayor Bill Powell announced that he would appoint a panel to investigate the incident.



R.J. CUTSHALL

Ponder Outlines County Road Projects Plans

Zeno Ponder, Madison County's representative on the N.C. Dept. of Transportation board is expected to be replaced in January when Gov.-elect Jim Martin takes office. Ponder was appointed to the board by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. in 1980. His four-year term on the board is scheduled to expire on Jan. 15.

Ponder told The News Record Monday that he is looking forward to the end of his term and planning to devote more time to "Marie, traveling and tending the farm." The county Democratic party chairman has no intention of retiring from politics, however. "I'll be involved in politics until I die," he said.

Ponder released a list of Madison County road projects which have received approval and are continuing. The list was compiled by DOT district engineer Earl McEntire.

Ponder said there are currently nine county projects approved in which federal highway funds will be used. Of these, only one, the resurfacing of U.S. 25-70 from Marshall to Walnut, is currently under construction. Ponder said that the DOT board has also approved letting bids for a \$400,000 project to add a third lane to U.S. 19 East from Upper California Creek to the Yancey County line.

Other major projects which have received approval include:

Improvements to U.S. 25-70 from Walnut to Hot Springs and construction of a Walnut Bypass. The Walnut-to-Hot Springs projects are broken into three segments. Rights-of-way are

currently being purchased and construction is scheduled for next springs. Right of way for the section from N.C. 206 to Hot Springs will be purchased next fall, with construction planned for the fall of 1986.

The final step in upgrading U.S. 25-70 from Hot Springs to the Tennessee state line is scheduled to begin in 1986, with right of way being purchased in Jan., 1986 and construction contracts to be let in Nov., 1986.

The long-awaited road linking Marshall and the Spring Creek section is scheduled to begin next year. Right of way for the road from Little Pine to N.C. 63 is planned for April, 1985, with construction contracts to be awarded in June.

Replacement of the Redmon Bridge over the French Broad River, a portion of the Marshall-Spring Creek link, is also scheduled to begin in May of next year.

A final major project, to make U.S. 23 a four-lane highway from Mars Hill to the Tennessee state line, has also been approved by the present DOT board, Ponder said. The U.S. 23 North project is scheduled to begin right of way acquisition in June, 1987, with construction planned for July, 1988.

A number of county road construction projects have also received approval. Those included in current plans include: Relocation of Sweetwater Rd. from U.S. 25-70 to Sweetwater Gap.

Grading, draining and paving of Bend of Ivy Rd. (State Road 1576).

Grading, draining and paving of Ramsey Creek Rd. (SR 1115).

Grading, draining and paving Grandview Rd. (SR 1568) from county line to Riverview Dr.

Grading, draining and paving of Piney Grove Baptist Church Rd. (SR 1111).

Work on the above six projects is nearing completion. Other county road projects and their current status are as follows:

Spot improvements to Sandy Bottom Rd. (SR 1150) will require funding in the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Grading, draining and paving a .1-mile section of Laurel Branch Rd. (SR 1118) is scheduled for paving next summer.

Surveys and right of way for a 1.5-mile section of Holland Creek (SR 1509) have been approved. Funding for construction on the project has not yet been approved.

Grading, draining and paving a section of Walker Branch Rd. has been approved and is scheduled to begin in July of next year.

The DOT has also given approval to funds to make surveys and right of way acquisitions for portions of Long Branch Rd. (SR 1500), Tillery Branch (SR 1584) and Laurel Branch Rd. (SR 1118). Construction funding for these improvement projects will have to be made in the 1985-86 budget.

Ponder also said that \$20,000 has been approved to study a possible road linking Revere and Walnut. When completed, Ponder said, the

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Students Escape Injury

Thirteen Buncombe County students, most from North Buncombe H.S., escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon when the bus they were riding slipped off Mundy Cove Rd. in Weaverville. One student passenger, Michael Cabe, suffered a broken finger as a result of the 4 p.m. mishap.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper M.T. Murphy, the bus, driven by Brian Scott Dodd of Weaverville, slipped off the side of the road in a sharp curve when it encountered freshly spread gravel. The bus was going about 10 m.h.p. at the time of the accident. Dodd, 16, was not charged in connection with the accident.

Three Buncombe County Emergency Medical Service ambulances transported the 13 injured students to Memorial Mission Hospital where they were treated and released.

Among the students riding the bus at the time of the wreck were Shawn Bowden, Becky Rice, Becky Grooms, Missey Bradley, Beth Zita, Mollie Easter, Russell Bradley, Roger Riddle, Robin Medford, Jeanny Ballard, Rachel Edmondston and Donald Cantrell.

Max Patch Volunteers Celebrate



Max Patch volunteers and workers gather to celebrate the completion of improvements to the area. District Ranger Charles N. Miller thanked the workers and volunteers for what he called "their extraordinary efforts" in completing the work projects. Nearly 100 local volunteers donated approximately four man-years in labor to work in the Max Patch area.

Forest Service workers and volunteers gathered recently at Max Patch to celebrate the completion of improvements to the area. District Ranger Charles N. Miller thanked the workers and volunteers for what he called "their extraordinary efforts" in completing the work projects.

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The workers completed the construction of six miles of the Appalachian Trail across Max Patch to tie into the original location of the trail at Lanes Gap. The trail relocation eliminated a 1.3-mile section of the trail that followed a public road. The new route is considered a better scenic route.

The volunteers also assisted in an effort to reestablish golden eagles in the Pisgah National Forest. Two of the eagles were recently released at Max Patch after being cared for by the volunteers and Forest Service workers for a full week. The eagles received protection from the construction workers.