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## EDITORIAL

### DRAG RACING IS PUBLIC MENACE

Highly deserving of public alarm, indignation and condemnation is the drag racing that erupted in force on the Leicester Highway in Buncombe County this past week-end.

Drag racing, a national phenomenon and menace that has plagued law-enforcement officers in many states, is dangerous to life, limb and property not only to those who participate in the so-called sport, but to the ordinary users of highways.

It began two months ago in this county, reaching a climax with a five-state gathering early Sunday on Leicester Highway.

Reports indicate that more than 150 cars gathered at a designated place, with more than 200 young people—aged 14 to 25, male and female—present.

The State Highway Patrol sent five men to the area, but lookouts had been stationed at each end of the mile stretch and they were unable to gather sufficient evidence to make more than one arrest. They were jeered and cursed. The investigation is continuing.

Racing on the public highways is unlawful. Capt. D. G. Lewis, commander of Troop E of the State Highway Patrol, is determined to stop the racing. He urges parents to cooperate, noting that many if not all of them are unaware of the use to which their children are putting their cars. He added that a clue for parents as to this is the time the car is returned home, anywhere from 2 to 4 a. m.

Drag racing, stemming from youth's love of cars and excitement, operates like this: Young men compete to see which has the car with the fastest pickup, the greatest speed. They compete to see which person has the most "courage," if such an outrageous spectacle can be dignified by that word. Another so-called thriller is "chicken," in which drivers of two cars race toward each other down the center of the highway. The first to vary from the line is "chicken." It's motorized Russian roulette.

Drag racing has resulted in death. Four died in a recent case near Kings Mountain. Near Warrenton on Easter Sunday, a head-on collision all but wiped out a family. It was the result of two cars racing on the highway. There are many other cases of fatalities in this and other states that are attributed to drag racing.

Law-enforcement officers in this county and elsewhere should have the support of an aroused public opinion in putting a stop to this menace.

—Asheville Citizen, June 19.

### MARS HILL SETS EXAMPLE

Congratulations to the Mars Hill civic clubs for sponsoring the Mars Hill Recreation Department which affords supervised recreation for children and adults. Bill Bennett, director of activities, is at the Junior High School building daily seeing that children and adults of all ages have something worthwhile and entertaining to do. On Saturday mornings and afternoons, baseball games are going to be played and boys and girls who don't like to play baseball can play other games such as softball, volleyball, badminton, miniature golf, horseshoes, basketball, croquet, shuffleboard, table tennis, etc.

A Junior Baseball team has been organized for boys of the 9-13 year age bracket and a local team of men have organized and have entered the Tri-County Baseball League. A summer basketball league is slated to get underway next week and also tennis tournaments for various ages will be held.

This is a splendid example of what can be done if the clubs and individuals of a town get together and work together for a wholesome recreational program.

Marshall has every opportunity to have such a program but for some reason, the older citizens seem reluctant to put forth any effort or sacrifice which would give everyone something to do. The Island is a perfect playground for all ages. The swimming pool is great and is quite popular but the swimming pool alone does not offer all ages a varied recreational program. The community building on the hill is large and adequate for many indoor games . . . but, it has no floor nor equipment. It's a shame to have a \$50,000 project, unfinished, for a lack of a few more thousand dollars. A year-around program could easily be set up in Marshall by the Civitan and Lions Clubs if the people would wake up and get busy. If Mars Hill can do it, why can't Marshall?

It will cost some money, to be sure, but think of the many advantages and the entertainment and good times everyone would have with a finished community building and a recreational program such as Mars Hill now has.

Let's hope that the adults of Marshall will realize the importance of supervised recreation and do something about it soon!

### A FLYING SUBMARINE?

Wilmington, Del. — A patent on an idea for a flying submarine, equipped with water skis and armed with torpedoes, has been issued to Dr. Doolittle, vice president of the American Engineering Company. While it would be "some time before the idea becomes a reality," according to Dr. Doolittle, he added that the difference between flying and "flying" in water is "a question of density."

### MISSSES \$700

Springfield, Mo. — Police who stopped Ed J. White, 22, just an hour after a bank at Republic, Mo., had been robbed of \$2,538, found the full \$2,538 in the car White was driving — but that wasn't all. White had stolen the car from W. A. Sherman, a skating rink official, who had hidden \$700 in it. White, told about the hidden \$700, exclaimed: "No kiddin'. And I had to go rob a bank."

## REMEMBER WHEN

From the Files of THE NEWS-RECORD

By EMMA THOMAS

### THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH

"A writer does not have to be obscure to be brilliant," the editor of "The Spectator" announced. "The day will come when the authors who openly and flagrantly violate the accepted standards of decency will not be honored as men of genius, but will be scorned and ridiculed as bearing the marks of a fool," he continued. And to prove his point, Joseph Addison (1672-1719) sat down at his desk in 1713 and wrote a brilliant play against a background of Imperial Rome, entitled "Cato." Little did this English man-of-letters dream, as he hammered out his lines, that his words would inspire two of the noblest patriotic utterances in the history of the United States of America. Nor did he apologize for "preaching and getting away with it" in his essays, news stories, poems and plays. After all, he was the son of an honored clergyman of the Church of England, and had himself seriously considered taking Holy Orders before plunging into the comparatively new fields of literature and politics.

Sixty-three years after "Cato" was first published, a twenty-one year old Captain in George Washington's Continental Army was sentenced by the British to be hung as a spy at 11 o'clock on the morning of September 22, 1776. As young Nathan Hale prepared to pay with his life for his devotion to his country, these lines from Act 4, Scene 4 of "Cato" flashed into his mind, "What pity it is that we can die but once to save our country." Captain John Montresor, aide-de-camp to British General Howe, reported that Hale's last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

Eighteen months earlier, Virginia lawyer and legislator Patrick Henry, had made the rafters of Richmond's St. John's Church ring with his impassioned words of defiance, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" To those who knew "Cato," three quotations immediately came to mind: "Chains or Conquest; liberty or death," "Do thou Great Liberty inspire our souls and make our lives in thy possession happy, or our death glorious in thy just defense;" and "Gods! can a Roman Senate long debate which of the two to choose, slavery or death?"

But Addison's fame was not made as a playwright, but in collaboration with a college classmate, Richard Steele, as editor and publisher of one of the first newspapers in the English language. Steele had tried his hand at it when he brought out "The Tatler," Addison being one of the main contributors to its columns. Later, Addison took the lead in editing "The Spectator," and, with Steele's assistance, made literary history from March 1711 through December 1714. Through the mouth of his literary creation, Sir Roger de Coverley, the editor poked fun at the foibles and vices of the upper classes of the day, and set a standard for journalists that few have equalled and none excelled.

The Rev. John Wesley, founder of The Methodist Church, was so much pleased with Addison's labors that he said of the newspaper, "The Spectator, written with all the simplicity, elegance and force of the English language, were everywhere read and were the first instruments in the hands of God to check the mighty and growing profanity, and to call men back to religion and decency and common sense." He praised Addison as a man "raise up of God to lash the prevailing vices and ridiculous and profane customs of the country, and to show the excellence of Christianity and Christian institutions." What a far cry from the sensational tabloid news-sheets of today!

While a newspaper is usually the last place one would expect to find a noble Christian hymn printed today, Addison was not the least bit hesitant about printing some of his own original hymns in his paper. In fact, four of his finest appeared in the columns of "The Spectator" within the space of eight weeks in 1712. It was more than a century and a half later that Ira D. Sankey discovered Elizabeth Clephane's poem, "The Ninety and Nine" in an English newspaper, set it to music, and gave the Christian world one of its most effective gospel songs.

The issue of August 23, 1712, carried what Addison called "an essay on the proper means of strengthening and confirming faith in the mind of man." He argued that the Supreme Being makes the best argument for his own existence, the

## Remember When

### ONE YEAR AGO

Arthur Eldridge Leake, prominent Marshall attorney, received the highest honor ever given a Madison County lawyer when he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. The ceremony took place in the Supreme Court Building, one of the most imposing buildings in Washington, D. C.

The Madison Drive-In Theatre opened on Saturday night, June 18.

Two pages of the July issue of The Progressive Farmer were devoted to Madison County.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

John O. Corbett of Marshall, Lieutenant Governor of Civitan for this zone, installed new officers of the Canton Civitan Club at a dinner meeting held Thursday night of last week.

Pvt. Worley Cutshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gertha Cutshall and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bishop, was reported missing in action in Korea since May 18.

Kermit Cody left on Sunday, June 17 for WCTC, Cullowhee, where he attended summer school.

Jerry A. Rice Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rice, of Marshall, Route 2, who graduated from the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, on June 4, accepted a position as Recreational Director at Lowell High School.

The names of five students from Madison County appear on the Dean's List at Mars Hill College for the spring semester.

These are: Aileen Ammons, Mars Hill; Sarah Louise Anderson, Mars Hill; Janet Hilda Hall, Flag Pond, Tenn.; George Douglas Kimberly, Bluff; James D. Reeves, Walnut; John Kimberly Reeves, Hot Springs.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Miss Jane Hyde, returned missionary from China, spoke to the members of Y.W.A. of the Marshall Baptist Church, June 18. Miss Hyde spent about 38 years in China.

Harold Laster conducted a tent revival at Rollins.

Marshall nosed out Pine Creek on Island Saturday, 11-10. John Self pitches French Broad to 4-3 victory over Mica, allowing only 4 hits and fanning 13. Mars Hill tops White Rock, 11-5. Walnut defeated Petersburg, 5-4, and Flat Creek defeated Beech Glen, 8-6.

American Legion announces that it will sponsor a week of entertainment on Island, July 1-6, where there will be 8 rides, 30 concessions, 15 shows and free acts and fireworks every night.

### Walter P. English, 66, Passes; Rites Today

Walter P. English, 66, of Swannanoa, died Tuesday night, June 19, 1976 in a veteran's hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home on Eastwood Avenue, G. G. G. G.

The Rev. Charles Smith and the Rev. John Goforth will officiate. Burial will be in the English cemetery in the Upper Laurel section of Madison County.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Zella Ferguson; a daughter, Mrs. Scott Hensley; two sons, Louis and Tommy, all of Swannanoa; three sisters, Mrs. Tommy Howell of Mars Hill, and Mrs. Garrett Robinson and Mrs. Pender Boone of Marshall; and six grandchildren.

Nieces will be flower bearers and nephews will be pallbearers. Holcomb Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

formation of the heavens and the earth being an argument a man of intelligence cannot forbear attending to. Praising the poet, who in Psalm Nineteen (The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork) extolls this purpose in exalted strains, he concluded, "As such a bold and sublime manner of thinking furnishes very noble matter for an ode, the reader may see it wrought into the following ode." And there followed his majestic version of the Psalm, beginning with these lines:

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



MR. AND MRS. LOY P. ROBERTS of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Lee, to William Harter Lashley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lashley of Royal Pines. The wedding is planned in August.

—Cut courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

### Mrs. Bill Stines Is Honored With Shower At Beech Glen Sat.

Mrs. Bill Stines, the former Betty Honeycutt, was honored Saturday night with a household shower, given by Mrs. Bill Carter at Beech Glen Community Center.

A color scheme of lavender and white was carried out. The tables were covered with lavender and white and centered with arrangements of pink roses and matching candles.

Contest-type games were played and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Eddie McPheters, Miss Louise Whitt and Mrs. Stines.

After the games, Mrs. Stines was presented with many beautiful gifts. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cake, punch and assorted nuts and candies, were served. Thirty-two people were present.

The spacious firmament on high, and all the blue thereal sky And spangled heavens, a shining frame, their Great Original proclaim.

The last stanza closed with these words: In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice, Forever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

While he wrote of Reason as a gateway to God, he himself was a man of great faith as well as scintillating intellect. Lord McCaulay praised his "cheerful piety" and remarked that "gratitude seems to

### Book Club Met Monday Night With Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts

The Marshall Book Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts with seven members present.

Mrs. Roberts, president, presided and introduced Mrs. C. R. Stuart, substitute program chairman, who gave brief sketches of six of the current Best Sellers.

Mrs. Stuart then presented Mrs. R. R. Ramsey who reviewed "Dead and Gone," by Manley Wade Wellman, which deals with classic crimes in North Carolina from 1808 to 1914.

permeate all his writings." The day before his death at the age of forty-seven, Addison called his profligate stepson to his bedside and said, "See in what peace a Christian can die." He may well have quoted from another original hymn published in his paper the same year, 1712, that gave "The spacious firmament to the Christian world, under the caption, "When all thy mercies, O my God," and concluding with these lines: Through every period of life, Thy goodness I'll pursue, And after death, in distant worlds, The glorious theme review.

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