



Opening Day Consolidation Reveals Mixed Emotions

Mills Bros. To Open Industry In Marshall

To Be Located At Site Of Cotton Mill; Training To Start

Frank Cox, owner of the building formerly occupied by Sorenson Woodbending Company and generally known as the Marshall Cotton Mill Building, announced this week that leases have been signed paving the way for a new industry in Marshall. Mr. Cox stated that renovation of the building would begin shortly and the building should be ready for occupancy by December 1 or before.

MILLS MFG. CORP.

The new industry will be a subsidiary of Mills Manufacturing Corporation, located on the Asheville-Weaverville Highway. The plant manufactures parachutes and parachute components, according to Ernie Mills, plant manager.

Mr. Mills stated yesterday that he hopes to begin a training program in Marshall in the near future and expects to employ about 75-100 as soon as the building is ready for occupancy. He explained that approximately 85% of the employees will be female and about 15% male. "I am looking forward to coming to Marshall and am anxious to get into the building as soon as possible," Mr. Mills said.

LOCAL AID

The movement to secure this reputable industry has been going on for several months and local businessmen and others have shown their desire to have the industry by contributing toward the cost of a right-of-way and all-

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Cobb Attorney To Ask For Special Term For Retrial

Civil Court To Start Here Monday; Campbell To Preside

Preliminary maneuvering in the re-trial of three \$300,000 libel suits against William E. Cobb of Mroganton will begin here Monday with the opening of a civil term of Madison County Superior Court. Plaintiffs in the separate actions are Zeno Ponder, Oren Rice and Frank Rynnion, Madison County political figures.

The new trial was ordered by the State Supreme Court in June after Cobb appealed a Madison County jury's award of \$40,000 to Ponder and a token \$4 to each of the other plaintiffs.

Attorneys for Cobb, former state Republican chairman, have been granted a pre-trial confer-

COUNTY FOREST INVENTORY TO BE COMPLETED

An inventory of Henderson County forests completed in June by TVA and Champion Papers Inc. shows a forest area of 169,500 acres and an estimated sawtimber volume of 624.9 million board feet. According to this latest forest survey, 69 percent of the county's 344,500 acres is forest land.

R. A. Vogenberger, TVA forestry representative at Asheville, said that Transylvania and Buncombe, two other Upper French Broad watershed counties, had been completed earlier this year. Madison and Haywood will be finished soon.

The 624.9 million board feet of sawtimber in Henderson County forests is 451.5 million hardwoods and 173.4 million softwoods. Average volume per acre is about 3,700 board feet. White oaks account for 23 percent of the total sawtimber volume, red oaks 22 percent, white pine 15 percent, yellow-poplar 13 percent, hickory 6 percent, and all other species 21 percent.

In addition to sawtimber (larger trees) the county also has 54.6 million cubic feet of wood in pole and pulpwood size trees — 46.1 million of hardwoods and 8.5 million of softwoods.

Total growing stock (sound wood in trees 5 inches diameter and larger) is estimated at 147.8 million cubic feet.

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ence which is scheduled for Monday. W. C. Meekins said Tuesday that he would ask that the cases be consolidated; that the jury be drawn from residents of some county other than Madison; that presiding Judge Hugh Campbell request the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to set a special term for trial of the case; and that other matters pertinent to speeding up the trial be considered.

The drawn-out legal battle began in November, 1960, when Ponder filed suit against Cobb in Madison County Superior Court. Rice and Rynnion filed similar suits a short time later.

The suits asked \$75,000 actual and \$75,000 punitive damages for each of two causes of action.

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Walnut Protest Meeting Is Held; Urged To Obey Law

Superior Court Solicitor Robert Swain Tuesday night urged about 500 citizens of the Walnut School District to "obey the law in whatever you carry out" in regard to the consolidation of Marshall and Walnut schools.

A group of irate citizens gathered in the Walnut school to protest the consolidation and to plan ways to block the move when school opened Wednesday morning.

Explaining that consolidation would bring increased educational opportunities for their children, Swain said, "I was hoping

that everyone wanted their children to have a better education than they had."

According to reports, Mr. Swain's remarks were greeted by boos by the partisan audience who opposes the consolidation. One person attending the meeting said that "Swain was in the wrong crowd." It was also reported that when Swain compared the present status of education to some in the audience, his remarks proved most unpopular. "He left the meeting before it was over," another person reported.

GRANGERS ELECT CLYDE ENGLISH

Clyde L. English was reelected grange master of the Mars Hill Grange Tuesday night of last week at a meeting in the community center.

Other officers are Billy Chandler, overseer; Kenneth Buckner, lecturer; Larry McLaughlin, steward; Dal Peek, assistant steward; Ray Carter, chaplain; Jay Edwards, treasurer; Glenn Whitte, secretary; Mrs. Lucille English, Ceres; Mrs. Jay Edwards, Pomona; Mrs. Roland Peek, Flora; Tony Ponder, chairman of youth committee; V. D. Carter, chairman of community center committee.

A benefit supper was held in the town hall Saturday from 5 to 7 p. m. Sponsoring organizations were the Grange, Civitans and Woman's Club.

SIX INJURED IN WRECK NEAR MARS HILL SAT.

Six persons were hurt in a car-truck collision near Mars Hill Saturday night; none of them critically.

The accident occurred about 2 miles north of Mars Hill at Forks of Ivy when a car driven by Edd Joe Briscoe, 28, of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, struck a truck driven by John Nolan Mitchell of Rt. 2, Weaverville. Mitchell was unhurt.

State Trooper J. E. Richards said all the occupants of the car received numerous bruises and abrasions. Admitted were the car's owner, Eugene Jones, 30, of Asheville, who was discharged Sunday; and Billy Briscoe, 20, of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, who was admitted for observation and treatment. His condition was listed as fair Sunday.

Also injured were the driver, who suffered chest and throat injuries; Le Roy Ray, 27, Albert Ray, 30, and Kelly Coon, 20, all of Rt. 1, Mars Hill. All suffered minor injuries.

Richards said the Mitchell truck pulled from a service station directly into the path of the car driven by Briscoe. Mitchell was charged with failure to observe traffic properly.

Music Heads At MHC Achieve Status In AGO

Two members of the Department of Music at Mars Hill College, Dr. Robert E. Hopkins and Mrs. Donna Nagey Robertson, have achieved associate status in the American Guild of Organists.

Both members of the Western North Carolina Chapter of the Guild, they recently passed extensive examinations to test their practical and theoretical knowledge as musicians and their skill as organists.

Associateship rating is the first of two levels of ranking within the Guild and is considered a high honor.

A member of the faculty since 1954, Dr. Hopkins became head of the music department in 1960. Teacher of organ, piano and music theory, Mrs. Robertson has been a member of the faculty since 1958. Her husband, Joe Chris, is head of the art department.

ASCS ELECTION MAIL VOTING EXPLAINED

County and community committees will be elected during September, to 1-year terms beginning October 1, 1962. These are annual elections and this year the voting will be by mail, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, Madison County ASCS Office Manager. On or before August 31, the county office will mail ballots to all eligible voters on record. Any farmer who does not receive his ballot promptly should contact the county office and obtain one.

Full instructions will be furnished along with the ballot. Voters will be asked to vote for 5 persons. After voting, the ballot will first be sealed in a blank envelope.

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MARSHALL TO LAUNCH GRID SEASON AUG. 31

Schedule Incomplete; First Game At East Henderson

Although the Marshall high school football schedule is incomplete, J. C. Wallin, assistant coach, announced this week that the Tornadoes will open the season August 31 when they meet East Henderson at East Henderson. Kickoff is scheduled at 8:00 o'clock.

The first home game for the locals will be on September 7 when they host the gridders from Tryon.

Early indications reveal that the local team will be light but it is hoped that what it lacks in weight will be made up with speed. Of the 30 boys reporting, 11 are lettermen. Six backs — Clyde Candler, Danny Henderson, Ralph Candler, Ray Caldwell, Jack Marlor and James Hensley — are returning and five linemen — Tommy Nix, Ralph Lovin, Bob Fisher and Cole Bishop — are expected to start the season.

Clyde Candler and Danny Henderson are the co-captains.

Marshall 7th-8th Graders Adhere; Most Walnut H. S. Students Balk

At Walnut This Morning

Six Arrested For Conspiracy; 3 Bus Drivers Arrested For Carrying Concealed Weapons

Bench Warrants Served; Men Placed In County Jail This Morning; Bus Drivers Arrested; Students Attending Classes

Turmoil and bitter feelings prevailed at the Walnut school this (Thursday) morning for the second day in a row. Hundreds of irate adults again gathered at the school in protest to the Walnut high school students coming to Marshall school.

In the midst of the excitement, six leaders of the opposition group were arrested for conspiracy on a bench warrant signed by Judge Hugh B. Campbell and served by Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

The six men arrested are Joe Fowler, Paul Ballard, Jack Guthrie, Jack Davis, Gene Thomas and Jeter Roberts. The men were brought to the jail here about 9 o'clock and immediately requested a "conference" among themselves in a cell where they were placed.

In part, the bench warrant read: "... Conspiring to and interrupting the public school and injuring, damaging and interrupting a public school in violation of G. S. 14-273."

The defendants were ordered in the warrant to appear before Judge Campbell at superior court here on August 27 at four o'clock.

THREE DRIVERS ARRESTED

During the arresting of the six men, three school bus drivers, assigned to drive the buses from Walnut to Marshall this morning, were arrested and charged with carrying concealed weapons.

The three drivers arrested were Rube Gosnell, Gene Roberts and Leroy Gosnell.

The three drivers were also brought to the local jail about 9 o'clock.

STUDENTS ENTER

For the second day, the 7th and 8th grade students from Marshall entered the Walnut school without incident, according to Grover C. Gillis, acting principal.

It was also announced that the Walnut high school students who are attending the Marshall school came by car this morning just as they did Wednesday morning. The buses assigned to bring high school students from Walnut to Marshall did not run for the second day.

No Violence But Feelings Are Tense At Walnut Wednesday

An estimated crowd of 600 persons, both adults and school children, gathered at the Walnut school building Wednesday morning—the first day of the new school term and also the first day since partial consolidation of the two schools had been ordered.

Three bus loads of youngsters from Marshall arrived at Walnut without incident to begin classes at Walnut School—but irate parents of Walnut children who appeared at the school to protest the arrangement insisted their children would not switch to Marshall High School.

First bus load of Marshall students from the seventh and eighth grades arrived shortly before 9 a. m.—and was stopped at the entrance of the school by a crowd of protesting Walnut residents.

For a few minutes it looked as if the Marshall parents who accompanied the bus might be persuaded to turn the vehicle around and return to Marshall.

The protest group, which marched in a body from in front of Walnut school to meet the bus at the entrance to the driveway, told a local woman who came with the bus that "Everything will be much better if you will just take them back to Marshall."

The woman replied that "I don't want my kid here any more than you want to send yours back to Marshall." Another woman from Marshall said "We're going to take them back, and stay there, too."

By that time leaders of the protest committee had arrived at the scene and assured Marshall parents that their children would "have safe conduct" at all times in the Walnut school. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder also appeared as the last of the three buses from Marshall arrived, and the children—all from the seventh and eighth grades—filed into the school.

The buses which had been assigned to take the Walnut high school students to Marshall re-

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Shown above is a group of Walnut High School seniors demonstrating with placards their determination to remain at Walnut instead of attending school at Marshall. The picture was taken Wednesday morning on the steps of the Walnut school. Although several Walnut high school students entered

Marshall, the vast majority remained at Walnut awaiting further developments. About 150 seventh and eighth grade students of Marshall entered the Walnut school Wednesday and were assigned classrooms.

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