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## POPULATION LOSS

For many years our county has been losing population to the industrial north and by so doing we have "lost" thousands of our young men and women. During the past 15-20 years our county's population has dwindled from some 23,000 to less than 18,000. This is not good and more serious is the fact that little is being done to get these fine citizens back home. Greater opportunities, larger salaries and industrial growth, especially in Michigan, is the principle reason for the exodus from Madison County.

It is not because they have grown tired of the mountains and the comfortable summer nights and pleasant winters. To the contrary, most of our natives in other states would long to be back in the mountains but where they can they find employment? Save for Hammarlund, Pacific Mills, Mills Mfg. Co., MATO, and a few smaller industries, there is little to offer in employment.

We must, then, think of more industry or some other inducement by which our county will start "growing." We cannot afford to continue to lose our young people. At the present our county is composed primarily of school-age children and adults past 40 years of age.

Fortunately, we have Mars Hill College in our county. This growing institution is a great asset to Madison and Western North Carolina, but most of the Mars Hill College students, when graduated, also leave.

Business and professional men and women and various organizations throughout the county should "mesh" into one united body for careful planning on taking steps to keep our young people here. As it is, we pay to educate them; then lose them during their prime years, and in many instances regain them after they have reached retirement or past productive and useful years. We sorely need this "middle age" group. The picture isn't pleasant but we should continue to strive for more industry, development of our natural resources and make every effort possible to hang out the "Welcome Home" sign to those who would prefer returning to this county.

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

In close relationship to the above editorial, what greater "industry" could we secure in our county than a Baptist Children's Home? Absurd? Maybe not.

In a recent conversation with the Rev. Roger Williams, pastor of the Mills Home Baptist Church at Thomasville, the Rev. Jack Thomas, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church, learned that the long-range plan of the Baptist Children's Homes in North Carolina calls for the establishment of a home in Western North Carolina — in a region referred to by the general superintendent, Dr. W. R. Wagoner, as "the greater Asheville area."

Apparently the first step necessary in the establishment of the facility is the receipt of suitable land by donation or the receipt of funds adequate to enable purchase of suitable land. The acreage required would depend on building and landscaping suitability. The idea now is for the construction of four cottages to house approximately 15 children each for a total plant capacity of about 60 children.

Mills Home at Thomasville has 600 acres; Kennedy Home at Kinston has 1200 acres. However, both of these operations include an extensive farming enterprise. Odum Home at Pembroke is situated on a 50-acre tract (one large building accommodating 24 children and staff).

The point we're trying to make is that WHY NOT OFFER OUR COUNTY as a prospective site for the new Baptist Home?

Our county is primarily composed of Baptists. Our county is the "home" of Mars Hill College. Our county has plenty of available land suitable and adaptable for this project.

Speaking of an added "industry," wouldn't a new home for children be one of the finest and most productive industries we could have?

Shouldn't the leaders of the French Broad Missionary Baptist Association look around and see if some benefactor might donate this property? This may sound fantastic but we believe it bears enough merit to give it considerable thought.

With such a home, hundreds of children would have to leave their mountain and when reaching adulthood they would undoubtedly build homes in the area and make permanent citizens.

## Gifts To High School Library At Mars Hill

Mr. Joe Morgan, librarian of the Mars Hill High School reports two outstanding recent gifts to the library. The most recent gift was 41 books donated by Miss Elizabeth Anderson, a local retired teacher, who for many years was superintendent of the Mount Airy School. More recently she was a teacher in the school here and made this gift because of her love and appreciation of the school and its students.

Mr. Robert Howell, another local teacher, who recently with his wife, moved to Asheboro, made a gift of 96 books to the library before moving.

Mr. Morgan wishes to note also the interest of Mrs. L. L. Vann and Mrs. Roy Wall and their visits to the school and contribution of temperance leaflets and literature for the use of students.

## Revival To Start At Caney Fork Sunday Night

The Rev. Robert Vaughn, pastor of the Caney Fork Baptist Church, announced this week that a revival will begin at the church on Sunday night.

The Rev. Charles Sprinkle will be the visiting minister.

The public is invited to attend the services.

## Blind Aid And Prevention Is Aired By Lions

Blind aid and prevention of blindness programs on the community, county and zone levels were formulated at a Zone Four meeting of Lions Clubs in Buncombe and Madison counties Thursday night in Clyde A. Erwin High School Cafeteria.

Participating in the project planning discussions were seven Lions Clubs presidents, first vice presidents, and secretaries, and members of District 31-A Governor's Advisory Committee of Zone Four.

Clubs represented included: Erwin District, French Broad District, Hot Springs, Marshall, Weaverville, West Asheville and Woodfin.

Erwin District Lions Club was host for the first quarterly Zone Four meeting of the 1964-65 club year.

Presiding was Robert S. Matthews, Jr., of Erwin District, Zone Four chairman.

Major discussion topics were membership development, and retention, new clubs, interclub and zone meetings; club finances, meetings and programs; presidential and secretarial duties; and the objectives for the new club year — membership, attendance, activities.

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## Walnut PTA Met On Monday; Name Committees

Walnut PTA held its first meeting Monday night in the school library with Mrs. Claude Bullman president, presiding. The program was presented by seventh grade students.

The following committees were appointed; membership: Mrs. Obrey Ramsey, Mrs. Ralph McCormick; clothing: Mrs. Eera Burnette; hospitality: Miss Ruth Guthrie, Mrs. Otis Fox; public relations: Mrs. Carroll Tweed, Mrs. Clyde Roberts; Program: Mr. Glenn Whitt, Mr. Jimmy Shelton; publicity: Mrs. Hartford Tweed, Mrs. Roy Ramsey; reporters: Mrs. Lloyd Slagle, Mrs. Charles Maaburn; budget and finance: Mrs. Jim McIntyre, Mrs. Noland Adams; legislation: Mrs. Earl Robinson, Mrs. Ted Hunter; room representatives: Mrs. Leonard Baker, Mrs. Roy Cantrell; by-laws: Mrs. Wayne Adams, Mrs. Otto McDevitt.

As PTA projects, plans were made to put shrubbery on the school grounds and to buy a mixer to be used in the school lunchroom. Mrs. Overton Gregory, Mr. Auburn Wyatt, Mrs. Leonard Baker, Mrs. Lloyd Lewis and Mrs. James Allen were appointed as committee members for these projects.

Mrs. Overton Gregory was chosen as a delegate to go to the district PTA Conference to be held October 13 at Franklin.

## H. A. Tillery Is Honored On 89th Birthday Sunday

H. A. Tillery of Lexington, Ky., was honored on his 89th birthday with an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Chandler, of Rt. 3, Weaverville on Sunday, Sept. 13. Hostesses for the occasion were nieces. In addition to Mrs. Chandler they were Miss Genevieve Fox, Mrs. Conley Buckner, and Mrs. Riley Smith, all of Asheville. Mrs. Smith presided at the punch bowl and Miss Fox served the cake.

Approximately 65 people called during the afternoon. Those from out of town who attended were: Miss Ila Tillery of Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Gwendolyn Kowalsky of Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd of Morristown, Tenn.

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## At Warren Wilson

Miss Carolyn Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howell, Rt. 2, Marshall, and Edward Goforth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goforth, R-4, Marshall, are enrolled as members of the Freshman Class at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa.

Miss Howell and Goforth are graduates of Marshall High School, Class of 1964.

Warren Wilson College is owned and operated by the Board of National Missions, the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

## Mrs. Dittmore Is Guidance Director At Marshall School

This year for the first time, Marshall High School has a full time Guidance Director, Mrs. Harry B. Dittmore.

Since guidance and counseling are recognized today as a vital part of education, North Carolina is adding more professionally trained personnel to this program.

Mrs. Dittmore will be located at Marshall High School where her work will be. She will work with other county officials and departments coordinating records and programs. Most of her time will be spent counseling, testing, registering, doing transcripts of credits, public relations, home visits, and working on follow-ups of former students.

Mrs. Dittmore received her training in guidance and counseling at Western Carolina College and Ohio University. She is a member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, The American School Counselor Association, The North Carolina Personnel Guidance Association, The National Education Association, and the North Carolina Education Association.

## Vota Vita Class Has Mrs. White As Special Guest

Members of the Vota Vita Sunday School Class of the Marshall Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Liston B. Ramsey. Mrs. Ed Niles, class president, presided; and the devotions were given by Mrs. Guy White.

Although not a member of the class, Mrs. Alice White, mother of Mrs. James Story, was a special guest and a surprise program in honor of her 91st birthday was presented, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Teague. A corsage of white carnations was presented to Mrs. White by Mrs. Teague, who then read "This Is Your Life." Mrs. Wade Huey sang "My Cathedral," accompanied by Mrs. John Corbett. Contests were also enjoyed and prizes awarded to Mrs. E. Y. Ponder and Mrs. Eva Sams. Following the program, gifts were presented to Mrs. White by the members.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Those attending were Mrs. E. Y. Ponder, Mrs. Eva Sams, Mrs. Jack Thomas, Mrs. Clara Fagan, Mrs. Rellie Allman, Mrs. Hettie Blankenship, Mrs. Waide Huey, Mrs. W. F. Holland, Mrs. Guy White, Mrs. Kermit Cody, Mrs. Ron Sprinkle, Mrs. E. C. Teague, Mrs. Ed Niles, Mrs. John Corbett, Mrs. James Story, and Mrs. Liston B. Ramsey, class members; and Mrs. Alice White and her great-granddaughter, Miss Janice Sawyer, guests.

If we make the best of little opportunities, we find ourselves more able to accept larger ones.

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## Miss Wanda Jean Hylemon Is Bride Of V. J. Willis

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hylemon of Mars Hill, Rt. 3, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Wanda Jean Hylemon to V. J. Willis, son of Mrs. C. N. Willis of Mars Hill and the late Mr. Willis.

The couple was married by the Rev. Harlon Ramsey at his home near Mars Hill, Saturday evening, Sept. 5, 1964.

The bride and groom are both

graduates of Mars Hill High School and the bridegroom attended Mars Hill College. He has completed two years service with the U. S. Infantry.

After a brief wedding trip the couple plan to live with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grindstaff were the only attendants.

## Football Team, Cheerleaders Guests At Church

Several members of the Marshall football team and several cheerleaders were guests at the Marshall Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning, where they had received a special invitation.

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