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OUTSIDE MADISON COUNTY		SUBSCRIPTION RATES IN MADISON - BUNCOMBE COUNTIES	
15 Months	\$5.00	15 Months	\$3.00
One Year	\$4.00	One Year	\$2.50
Six Months	\$3.00	Six Months	\$2.00
Three Months	\$2.00	Three Months	\$1.50
Airmail	30c Per Week		



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

The tragic school bus accident which took the life of a pretty 13-year-old North Buncombe High School freshman last Thursday has saddened the entire area. Several students were injured as they miraculously escaped death or serious injury when the school bus, driven by a 16-year-old North Buncombe student, struck the soft shoulder on the narrow and dangerous Sproutstown Road and overturned down a 50-foot embankment. The accident occurred in Madison County at the edge of the Buncombe-Madison county line. It was the young driver's first trip driving the school bus on this particular road.

According to reports, the young driver's attention was momentarily distracted when students on the bus screamed and he looked around to see what was going on. In a matter of seconds, a loaded school bus of happy students was turned into a nightmare of painful groans, bloodstained clothes, injured bodies, shock, and sadness.

We are not placing complete blame on an irresponsible operator of the bus. Perhaps an adult driver would have done just as he did. Surely, students, although young and full of energy, should be cautioned about screaming or distracting the driver. Unthoughtedly, it is only natural for a driver to look around when such an incident occurs.

There were several causes for this accident. First, the road is too narrow for the modern wide school bus. There is barely enough width for two cars to pass. Secondly, the operator's attention was distracted by other students. Thirdly, this happened, unfortunately, where there was a soft shoulder and once the tires struck this soft shoulder there was no cutting the wheels back into the road. Fourthly, a 16-year-old boy was driving the bus.

We are not condemning young drivers. Perhaps many 16-year-old drivers are better and safer drivers than older men. However, percentages would not agree with this statement.

To our thinking, school buses should be operated by adult men (or women).

The most precious possession on earth is a child. We pay our teachers adequate salaries so that our children can obtain an education. We make our schools as comfortable as possible for the children. Our lunchrooms are adequately staffed and graded. But for some reason, we allow practically any youngster we can find to operate a school bus which transports these precious possessions to and from the schools.

The principal reason adults cannot be enticed to drive school buses is that there isn't enough pay to justify the adult's time. It's almost a full-time responsibility and it's understandable why adult drivers are at a premium.

Changes MUST be made. If a county cannot afford adequate salaries for competent adult school bus drivers, then the state should assist the counties. It's high time more attention be given the transportation of students.

Much has been said about installing seat belts on all school buses. This is a fine idea and should be done.

However, seat belts are not the answer, alone.

An operator of a school bus should be of sufficient age to be respected by students. He should demand proper behavior on the bus. It is hard for a driver — a fellow student — to command and get proper conduct from young people his own age.

One of the primary needs in our educational system, in our opinion, is ADULT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

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MRS. RICHARD SHELTON

Correspondent

The Rev. Frank Wimp, pastor and director of the Madison County Larger Parish, preached his first sermon at White Rock last Sunday morning.

Mr. Odus Chandler, of Glen Lee, attended church at White Rock last Sunday. We welcome and invite all to our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Birchard Shelton, Mrs. Dorothy Cook, Terry Lynn Cook, Mrs. Rosa Thorpe, Miss Betty Thorpe and Mrs. Alice Renner visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon Payne of Cedar Creek last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Barbara Cutshall and Mrs. Lois Morgan visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Greene last Tuesday morning.

Dorothy Mae Gosnell is on the sick list this week and unable to attend school. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Bonnie Gabagan and Mrs. Gilbert Stackhouse were in Marshall shopping last Saturday.

Mrs. Glen Landers and daughters of Walnut spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Polly Gabagan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gabagan visited Mr. and Mrs. Lattie Barnett last Saturday. Mr. Barnett is still on the sick list with no change in his condition.

* **Your Social Security** *
* By D. C. NICHOLS *
* Field Representative *

Health insurance protection for people 65 and over is now a reality. On July 1, 1966, this program will start paying benefits. The basic hospital insurance will substantially help pay hospital bills and related services. Medical insurance, which you can buy for \$3.00 a month will substantially help pay your physicians' and surgeons' bills. For more information about the new health insurance protection, phone or write the Asheville social security office. Ask for Medicare Pamphlet No. 2. People age 65 or over who have never worked under Social Security, or have never worked enough to qualify for monthly benefits, should contact the Asheville district office, or a representative from that office, to file the necessary application for the medicare protection.

Used Cars & Trucks

- 65 FORD Fastback; Solid Black Less than 5000 miles.
- 65 MUSTANG H. T.; R&H; Automatic; V-8. Sharp.
- 65 MUSTANG H. T.; S. D.; 6 cyl.; Yellow. Sharp.
- 64 FORD Fastback. Red. R&H; Automatic.
- 64 BUICK Special; S. D.; V-6
- 64 PONTIAC Bonneville 4-dr.; H. T.; Loaded.
- 63 FORD Fastback; R&H; Automatic; Champagne & White.
- 63 FORD Fastback; Vinyl Top; Burgundy; Sharp.
- 64 INTERNATIONAL Scout; 4-Wheel Drive.
- 63 CHEVROLET Impala 4-dr. H. T.; 4-speed; V-8.
- 63 FORD Galaxie 4-dr. Small V-8.
- 63 RAMBLER 550 Station Wagon; Straight Drive.
- 63 CHEVROLET Belair Station Wagon; 4-dr.; V-8; Automatic.
- 63 FORD 2-dr. H. T.; R&H; S. D.; Black.
- 62 CHEVROLET 4-dr. Belair; 6-cylinders; S. D.
- 62 CHEVROLET Belair 2-dr. H. T.; R&H; S. D.
- 62 FORD Galaxie 500; 4-dr.; R&H.
- 61 FORD 4-dr. Fairlane 500; R&H.

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A GROUND BREAKING ceremony for the new Mars Hill Methodist Church was held Sunday at the site of the proposed structure. Taking part in the turning of the first shovelful of earth were (L to R) Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College; Dr. Embree H. Blackard, district superintendent of the Asheville District; Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference; Raleigh English, chairman of the building committee and the Rev. Durward Hoffer, pastor of the church.

Ground-Breaking Ceremony For Mars Hill Methodist Church Is Held Sunday

Methodist Officials, Others Attend Impressive Ceremonies

John C. Wright, Lee Andrews and the Rev. John H. Carper. Mr. Raleigh English extended a welcome to visiting officials and members of the Mars Hill College administration and faculty, and to others present. Dr. Ernest Powell gave a historical resume of the church and Dr. Charles Powell spoke of the mission of the church as seen by the members. Dr. Blackard spoke of the service of the church and commented favorably on the church library to be in the new church. Dr. Blackwell stated that he

Vote Hearing— (Continued from Page One)

ing places. The board of commissioners abolished 15 of the county's 23 townships on Sept. 13 and the board of elections joined in the action by reducing the number of voting places to conform to the new precincts.

Huff declared Tuesday morning that due and proper notice of the action was given in Madison County. He said that the new election for the November election begins this Saturday. He further contended it would be impossible before that date to give proper notice of a further change from the eight precincts now established.

"We want to see a road bond vote," Huff said, "because we need roads in Madison County."

Huff said that the distance to be traveled is no longer a primary consideration for voters in Madison County. Ninety-nine per cent of them come by motor vehicles, he said. Attorneys A. E. Leake of Marshall and Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, are opposing Attorney Joseph B. Huff and Clyde M. Roberts in the case. Leake and Redden contend that the commissioners have no legal authority to eliminate townships and thus the board of elections had no legal authority to change the voting precincts. Both cases are related although separate. They are asking that the restraining order be upheld while Huff and Roberts are asking that they be dissolved.

Judge Fronsberger adjourned the hearing after about 90 minutes deliberation by ordering attorneys from both sides to file briefs by noon Wednesday setting forth all statutes relating to the case.

LACK INITIATIVE

Many golden opportunities are lost because men lack the initiative to throw the switch.



Miss Patricia Lunsford Gets Promotion In Washington

Miss Patricia Lunsford of Washington, D. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lunsford of Marshall, was recently promoted to Administrative Assistant in the office of Dr. R. Lomax Wells, General Medical Director for The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies, which operates in the District of Columbia, and the states of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. She reports to Mrs. Mabel C. Zachary, R. N., Supervisor, Nursing service. Pat will be Conference secretary for the 1965 four-company Nurses' Conference to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, in October. She is a graduate of Walnut High School, attended Strayer Junior College and is now enrolled in Washington School for Secretaries.

Fore Body Shop Damaged By Fire Saturday Morning

A blaze from a torch caused a fire in the Billy Fore Body Shop on the Marshall-Walnut highway last Saturday morning resulting in an estimated damage of \$150. Marshall firemen extinguished the blaze before further damage could be done. "I wish to thank the firemen for their prompt and efficient service," Mr. Fore said.

At Revival

The Rev. and Mrs. David Roberts and Mrs. Clara Fagan of Marshall left Sunday for Fayetteville where Mr. Roberts will conduct a ten-day revival at Mount Gilead Baptist Church. The Rev. Glenn Whitley, former pastor of Bull Creek Baptist Church, is pastor of the Mount Gilead church.

RA Meeting

Lee Sluder announced a Royal Ambassador meeting will be held at Piney Mountain Baptist Church Saturday night, October 9 at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be on the associational level. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. F. D. Wimp— (Continued from Page One)

ter, Shirley. Their daughter is married and lives in Trenton, Ohio where her husband, Mr. Ronald Robison, teaches in the local schools. The Wimps also have two grandchildren, Ronald Jr., and Rhonda.

Mr. Wimp attended college at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind., where he received his B.A. degree. He also attended Randolph Macon Men's College in Ashland, Va. He attended Seminary at Westminster in Westminster, Md., where he received a B. Th. degree. He also has his D.D. from Pioneer Seminary of Chicago, Ill., which is connected with Moody Bible School. The Wimps will live in Hot Springs.

A Commission of the Presbytery will install the Rev. Mr. Wimp. The Commission is composed of the following people: Mr. C. Edington, Asheville; Mr. Robert Ely, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mr. Fred Tilson, Marshall; Mr. Frank Elje, Hot Springs; the Rev. Daniel Force, Marshall; the Rev. Harry Crews, Greenville, Tenn.; and the Rev. G. Gordon Maly of Swannanoa.

was well pleased to see the work of the church and said it was an "asset to the community."

Bishop Hunt recognized the fellowship there is between Christians of all denominations and said such fellowship and cooperation is good. He also praised the work of Mars Hill College and its administration.

In speaking of the work among students, Bishop Hunt remarked, "the most strategic of the enterprises in which the Christian movement now engages is the work among students. There is nothing quite as important as serving the impressionable minds of serious young people with the truth of the Christian message, and this is the greatest task to which the church can address itself."

"We must always work diligently with the members of the community who belong to the Methodist fellowship and must always remember the most important thing you can provide for a college student is a local church atmosphere," Bishop Hunt said.

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It Helps To Cure Homesickness

OH, BOY JUST LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

F. B. Brotherhood Study Course At Camp Caraway

Messrs. Theodore Robinson, Zeb Whitt and Lee Sluder attended a Baptist Brotherhood Study Course on October 1-2 at Camp Caraway near Asheboro, N. C. Each officer, president, vice president, and R. A. Leader had courses taught them to cover their jobs in the Association. The men expressed much satisfaction regarding the study course which was taught by State Brotherhood officers.

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