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President Outlines Plan For Vietnam Peace

Nixon Proposes A Gradual Withdrawal Of Troops From South Vietnam

President Nixon proposed Wednesday night that American and North Vietnamese troops stop fighting in South Vietnam after a gradual, 12-month withdrawal of most of their forces.

Stating his political future on his quest for peace, Nixon recalled a campaign pledge to end the war with honor, and he told the nation:

"If I fail to do so, I expect the American people to hold me accountable for that failure."

The chief executive outlined what he termed new initiatives for peace in a major policy address carried live from the White House by radio and television.

As a first step, he proposed that as soon as formal agreement or credible understanding can be reached, there should begin a mutual withdrawal from South Vietnam of major portions of outside troops—American, U. S. allies and North Vietnamese.

This would continue by agreed-upon stages over a period of a year, after which the remaining non-South Vietnamese forces would move into designated base areas and would cease combat operations.

Under Nixon's proposal, this mutual withdrawal would be supervised by an international body acceptable to both sides. He suggested that the step be followed by internationally guaranteed free elections in the South.

County Softball Results

TUESDAY
Laurel, 6; Davis Chapel, 4.
Davis Chapel, 9; Laurel, 6.
Hopewell, 16; Red Oak, 9.

Marshall Alumni Banquet On Island Saturday Night

Starts 7:30 O'clock; Eads Says "Program Is Different"

The annual Marshall High School Alumni Banquet will be held this Saturday night, May 17, in the school cafeteria on the island beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Jim Eads, president of the association, has stated that the program is, in a way, a "mystery" but should be different and entertaining.

In addition to the supper and

PLEMMONS NEW PRESIDENT OF LOCAL LIONS

Other Officers Named; To Be Installed In June

Officers were elected at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Marshall Lions Club at the Rock Cafe Monday night.

The new officers to be installed in June are as follows:

President, Jerry Plemmons; First Vice-President, Ed Morton; Second Vice-President, George Shupe; Third Vice-President, E. C. Teague; Secretary, Wiley DuVall; Assistant Secretary, Tommy Nix; Treasurer, Walter Ramsey; Lion Tamer, Larry Corn; Tail Twister, Robert Davis.

New directors named were Ed Gentry and Harry Silver.

Weldon Hensley Of Buncombe—Not Madison

There seems to be two Weldon Hensleys.

In district court judgments published last week, one judgment read: Weldon Hensley, aiding and abetting larceny, \$200 fine and costs. This was correct—but—Weldon Hensley of Bear Creek, Route 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hensley, was NOT the Hensley who was sentenced.

The Weldon Hensley who was fined, lives on Reems Creek in Buncombe County.

QUOTABLE

A doctor can bury his mistakes, but an architect can only advise his client to plant large trees.

G. W. SHOOK, 81, PEDESTRIAN, KILLED MONDAY

The death of a Madison County pedestrian Monday night has resulted in the filing of an involuntary manslaughter charge against a Tennessee man.

George Wade Shook, 81, of Mars Hill Rt. 3, was struck and killed about 6:45 p. m., Monday, May 12, 1969 on Smith's Creek Road, about 12 miles north of Mars Hill.

State Highway Patrolman E. K. Bumgardner reported that the car was driven by Donald Howard Ledford, 34, of Johnson City.

Shook was a lifelong resident of Madison County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sue Emma Hensley Shook; four daughters, Mrs. Bruce Metcalf and Mrs. Carter Metcalf, both of Mars Hill Rt. 3, Mrs. Ruby Short of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. H. T. Pine of Baltimore, Md.; two sons, G. L. and Temple Shook, both of Mars Hill Rt. 3; three sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Thomas of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Kennie Ray of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Mont Ray of Asheville; a brother, Mont Shook of Mars Hill Rt. 3; twenty-four grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in Little Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. H. L. Wilson and the Rev. Ebb Jenkins officiated. Burial was in Smith Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers. Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

12 FROM COUNTY GRADUATE FROM M.H.C. LAST SUN.

Among the 257 students awarded degrees at Mars Hill College Sunday were a dozen from Madison County.

Selma Elizabeth Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Price of Rt. 3, Hot Springs, BA degree in elementary education. Jewell Anne Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball of Rt. 5, Marshall, BA degree in elementary education.

Rev. Charles Wesley Pike, Rt. 2, Marshall (Bull Creek), BA degree in religion and classics.

Donna Jean Wild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Claude Wild, Rt. 7, Marshall, BA degree in elementary education.

Joseph Harry Hawk of Mars Hill, BA degree in religion.

Beverly Jane Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollins Jarvis, Rt. 1, Mars Hill, BA degree in (Continued on Last Page)

GOSPEL SINGING WILL BENEFIT CANCER DRIVE

Mrs. Retha Ward, chairman of the County Cancer Society, stated this week that a program of gospel music would be held in the school auditorium on Saturday night, May 24, beginning at eight o'clock.

Among the featured singers will be the Asheville Harmony Boys, The Skylanders and the Peek Family.

Mrs. Ward stated that admission would be free but a free will offering will be taken during the entertainment.

Proceeds will go to the Madison County Cancer Drive.

TRANSPORTING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Opportunity Corporation is seeking volunteers to assist in transporting needy persons to vital service agencies in Madison, Buncombe and Greene counties. OEO funds are limited to serving the neediest of the needy. However, there are many sick and elderly persons in the county who need transportation to medical clinics, social security, and health foods.

Relatives are urged to make every possible effort to arrange for the transportation needs of the elderly in their families. Churches and other groups are encouraged to form a transportation corps which would serve the needy in their area.

The Opportunity Corporation will assist in the formation of such service groups and help arrange a transportation schedule.

Persons interested in forming a volunteer group, or in volunteering their services may contact Mrs. Dorothy Arrington at The Opportunity Corporation, 649-4903

Two Initiated Into OES Monday

Mrs. Paul Edwards and Mrs. Ted Hunter were initiated into Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, during a regular meeting held Monday evening.

Mrs. Charlie Leake, worthy matron, presided.

A social hour was held at the close of the meeting. Twenty-four members of the Chapter and one visitor, Mrs. Dorothy Cody, of Mars Hill, attended.

HAVE FAITH

The future of any nation is assured only as long as its citizens have faith in it.

Burglars Take \$18,142 At Weaverville Branch Bank

BRUCE BRIGGS TO SPEAK TO PUBLIC SAT.

Announcement has been made that State Senator Bruce Briggs would speak at a public meeting at the courthouse here Saturday night at eight o'clock.

It was stated that Briggs will discuss the recent education bills introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly. He will also give an opportunity to those present to advance any other matters of interest to the county.

Everyone is cordially invited.

HOT SPRINGS WINS PENNANT IN APPALACHIAN

Hot Springs High School baseball team clinched the 1-A Division pennant in the Appalachian Conference with 7-3 and 8-3 victories over Mars Hill in games played at Hot Springs Wednesday afternoon.

The wins gave Hot Springs a 3-1 conference record and sent them into the state playoffs.

Tommy Padgett and Loyd Willis were the winning pitchers for Hot Springs while their hitting was led by Padgett, David Whitten and Kenny Haney.

In the second game every player in the Hot Springs lineup hit safely and they scored all their runs in the fourth inning.

Home runs were hit by David Thomas for Mars Hill and Johnny Watkins for Hot Springs.

Vandalism Along Marshall - Mars Hill Highway

Reports have reached this office that several yard lights have been shot out along the Marshall-Mars Hill highway in recent weeks. Investigation is continuing.

Advice to the guilty person or persons: According to reports there is increasing evidence as to who is doing it . . . so, it might be wise to stop such foolishness now before arrests are made.

HOUSE VOTING

Those from Western North Carolina in the roll call vote in which the House approved the bill to increase the gasoline tax in North Carolina follows:

Among those voting "aye" were, Hugh Beam of McDowell, Claude DeBruhl of Buncombe, Herschel Harkins of Buncombe, Ernest B. Messer of Haywood, Lister B. Ramsey of Madison and John S. Stevens of Buncombe.

Among those voting "no" were, William P. Bradley of Clay, William F. Fulton of Burke, James E. Holshouser of Wake, Robert A. Jones of Rutherford and Charles H. Taylor of Transylvania.

In the roll call in which the House killed a bill to allow votes on mixed drinks in North Carolina:

Among those voting "aye" were, Beam, DeBruhl, Harkins and Stevens.

Among those voting "no" were, Fulton, Holshouser, Jones, Messer, Ramsey and Taylor.

INCENTIVE

If a girl can remember that she won't be a lot easier to sleep on a diet.

FARM PROGRAMS IMPORTANT NOW, CAMPBELL SAYS

Addressing a regional farm organization convention in April in his native Georgia, Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell made comments of interest to farmers over the nation.

"We must face the fact that agriculture's capacity to produce surpluses is going to continue," Mr. Campbell said. "And that means we are going to need programs to deal with this people. It still has not been decided what specific programs we are going to propose."

"We are going to proceed as the President has directed 'with prudence and deliberation toward improved programs that will promote agriculture's vigor, strength, and prosperity."

"We certainly are not going to be a wrecking crew, because, and again I am quoting the President, it would be 'irresponsible to junk everything in an impatience to reach the millennium overnight.'"

A political independent, the Under Secretary addressed his thoughts to the ultimate problem of obtaining farm legislation. He said:

"The Nation now has roughly 3 million farms. About one-third are commercial farms with annual sales of \$10,000 or more. Another one-third are commercial farms with sales under \$10,000. The rest are residential farms. The first group accounts for over 80 percent of farm marketings—the second for about 15 percent—and the residential farms for less than 5 percent. The fact that our (Continued To Last Page)

Robbery Takes Place On Monday Night; No Arrests Yet

Officials of the Bank of French Broad in Weaverville said Tuesday afternoon \$18,142.50 was missing from the bank vault which was burglarized sometime Monday night.

FBI and Buncombe County Sheriff's Department officers continued their investigation into the burglary and robbery Tuesday night, tracing "new leads" in the case.

Sheriff Harry P. Clay said, "We do have something to go on now, but I'm not at liberty to discuss it."

Both Clay and Robert S. Moore, senior agent in the Asheville office of the FBI, said Tuesday's investigation had turned up new evidence.

Clay said the serial numbers on an acetylene torch and other welding equipment used to cut a hole in the vault door and left behind by the burglars, matched the serial numbers of equipment taken during a burglary at Pioneer Welding Supply, Inc., the week-end of May 2-4.

Clay said the job was "definitely not the work of amateurs," adding that the burglars knew exactly what they were doing when they entered the bank.

He said the entry to the bank building was gained via a bathroom window on the north side of the building. A rear door had been opened from the inside he said apparently to bring in the welding and cutting torch equipment.

"The entire job took less than two hours," Clay said. "A night policeman checks the bank building every two hours throughout the night."

A hole, one by two feet square, (Continued on Last Page)

Marshall Girls Win Track Meet At Mars Hill Saturday

SERVICEMEN'S JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAM CITED

The armed forces veteran has a ready made job placement service waiting for him when he's released from active duty.

By the time the serviceman steps out of uniform into civilian clothes again, his name and hometown address have been sent to the public employment office nearest his residence. In a short while after arriving home, he receives a personal visit or phone call from the veteran employment representative in his area who offers to help the veteran find a job.

This "personal contact" program is a relatively new veteran benefit plan, according to Jack D. Edwards, Manager of the Employment Security Commission in Asheville. "It's a system set up by the U. S. Department of Labor and the Veterans Employment Service to make sure all returning ex-servicemen and women are aware of their employment rights."

"Veterans have always received employment preference by federal law. He has first choice over the non-veteran if he's qualified for the job, and there are 3000 federal-state public employment offices across the nation staffed with veteran employment representatives."

"We estimated that some 100,000 men and women were released from the armed forces last year. Most of them have job skills which are very much in demand by civilian industry," says Mr. Edwards. "and they have an obligation to the nation."

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Kathy McCormick Named Outstanding Athlete At Meet

The Marshall girls track team and the Harris High cindermen of Spruce Pine won the Appalachian Conference Championship Track Meet at Mars Hill last Wednesday on the Mars Hill College track.

Marshall scored a team total of 49 1/2 points while Mars Hill placed second at 44 1/2. East Yancey third at 16 and Harris High fourth at 8 in the girls division.

In the boys division Harris High scored 76 points while Mars Hill had 46 and Cane River 3.

Outstanding girl athlete was Kathy McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCormick. The talented MHS junior won the 100 yard dash in 12.5 seconds to set a new record. Mars Hill was second and Carolyn Graham, of Marshall, was third in the event.

In the 60-yard dash, Kathy McCormick set another record with an amazing 7.6 seconds. Glenda Bryan, Marshall, was second and Marshall third.

Marshall's athletes placed first in all of the shuttle races. Members of each team were 200 yard (Continued on Last Page)

Mars Hill College Board Of Trustees Officers Named

Officers of the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College were named last Wednesday at the annual meeting. The officers are: President, Robert W. Wynn, of Charlotte, chairman; Dr. Fred Stone, of Asheville, vice-chairman; Dr. W. H. Stone, of Mars Hill, secretary; and Dr. W. H. Stone, of Mars Hill, treasurer.



Guest winds played havoc with eggs and gowns at Mars Hill College commencement exercises Monday, and brilliant sunshine accompanied with (front) of roll, taking the celebratory academic procession. The largest crowd of the school's

History—nearly 2,000 persons—was on hand for the Mars Hill degree-conferring ceremony since the Baptist school became a senior college. The 197 graduates included twelve from Madison County.

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