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PICTURED ABOVE, left to right, Representative Ernest Messer, Highway Commissioner Novile Hawkins and Representative Liston Ramsey looking over a portion of US 25-70 from Hot Springs to the Tennessee State Line.

Two Major Highway Projects To Be Approved For County

Two major highway projects in Madison County are due to be adopted by the State Highway Commission at its monthly meeting in Raleigh today (Thursday).

Highway Commissioner Novile Hawkins of Madison County announced this week that US 25-70 from Hot Springs to the Tennessee line

would be improved and relocated in many sections. The project will cover 6 miles and will cost in the vicinity of \$3.5 million. Hawkins said the second project will be to begin preliminary engineering on an extension of NC 213 from the vicinity of Marshall to NC 209 near Trust. Both projects have received the approval of the Commission's Primary Roads Committee and will be recommended for adoption at the full commission meeting this week.

Commissioner Hawkins said much of the credit for the adoption of the projects must be given to State Representatives Liston Ramsey and Ernest Messer. Just last month Hawkins, Ramsey and Messer conducted Commission Chairman Lauch Faircloth through Haywood, Madison and Yancey counties. They pointed out the many highway needs in Commissioner Hawkins area to the highway chairman.

It will be over a year before actual construction will start on the two projects, and Hawkins pointed out that a public hearing will be held on each project before it is let to contract.

Hawkins also noted that the

actual work on the projects the current highway revenue will depend on adequate sources remaining at their financing being available with present level.

One Killed, 3 Injured In Wreck Friday

David Ray Parham, 20, of Leicester, was killed when the car he was driving left N. C. 63, 15 miles south of Hot Springs and struck a tree, Trooper E. K. Bumgardner, reported, adding that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. The accident occurred at 11:30 p.m. Friday.

Three others were injured in the wreck. They were identified as Roy Meadow, 18; John Raymond Jones, 19; and Martin Joseph Plemmons, 15; all of Marshall Rt. 1. Meadows was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital for lacerations of the forehead. The other two were treated and released.

Three Escape From Jail; One Apprehended

Three prisoners escaped from the Marshall jail Monday night, according to Sheriff Dedrick Brown.

One of the three, Kenneth Roland, 40, of Mars Hill, was recaptured Tuesday in Asheville, as he had the week before after a previous escape. Sheriff Brown said Roland, charged with forgery, "is going to stay locked up this time."

The three-man breakout took place on the first day Brown took over from Sheriff Ray Roberts, who resigned.

The two other men who fled the jail with Roland still at large early Thursday are Champ Junior Rice, also of Mars Hill, charged with assault with intent, and Henry Sharpe, of Hot Springs, also charged with assault with intent.

Brown stated that the three men used a back saw which they used to saw through the lock on their cell. They then went to another cell where they escaped to the roof from a light fixture opening. Long blankets tied together, the three men lowered themselves to the ground.

Sheriff Brown said that repair of the light fixture opening was in progress at the time and that final repairs were made Tuesday.

"I don't believe prisoners will get out again," the newly appointed sheriff said.



SHERIFF BROWN

J. D. Brown Appointed As County Sheriff

Madison County Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed James Dedrick Brown, sheriff Monday morning to replace Sheriff Ray Roberts, whose resignation became effective Monday.

Brown was sworn in by an official of the clerk of court's office at noon.

His appointment came during a regular meeting of the commissioners in the Courthouse.

Brown, the Republican nominee for sheriff in the Nov. 3 general election, will serve until Dec. 7 when the person elected will take over the office.

Brown owns and operates a general merchandise store in Barnard.

In announcing his resignation in July, Sheriff Roberts, a Republican who was elected to a four-year term in 1966, attributed his resignation to a need for more time for his trout farming business and other interests.

MRC Broken Into Over Week-End

Mitch Shepherd, manager of the Marshall Recreation Center located on Main Street here, stated this week that an estimated \$1,000 damage was done over the past week-end to the equipment and money taken at the Center.

The coin boxes on the pin ball machines and also the pool tables were smashed, Shepherd said.

He stated that the building was closed about 9 p.m. Saturday night and when he opened up for business about 10:45 a.m. Monday he discovered that the building had been entered.



THREE MARSHALL FIREMAN, James Penland, Floyd Davis, Jr., and Eugene Worley and several volunteers came to the rescue of a pretty black and white cat which was stranded on the porch roof of the Marshall Presbyterian Church on Main Street Friday afternoon. When Penland climbed the ladder he discovered the cat was "Spot", his own pet. He carefully lured the pet from his precarious position until he could get hold of him. Holding on to the ladder with one hand and the cat with the other, Penland carefully came down from 30 feet above the sidewalk and the rescue had been a success. Many interested persons, including the personnel of the French Broad EMC, across the street, witnessed the rescue.