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## Shopping Center, Airport Favored By Commissioners

The Madison County Board of Commissioners took long term action to solve the problem caused by the loss of the one cent sales tax revenues at its January meeting here Monday.

Commissioners approved a resolution to solicit long term investment funds to promote a \$2 to \$2.5 million shopping

center to be built on new Highway 213 between Mars Hill and Marshall.

Dr. Bruce Sams of Mars Hill, chairman, said "Madison County residents now go outside of the county for over half of their shopping."

Dr. Sams said a shopping center in the county would keep the revenue at home. He

said he hopes this center would be built within the next two years.

Dr. Sams said the board was counting on the General Assembly for short term action to take care of the immediate loss of funds.

In other action, the board asked the town boards of Mars

Hill, Weaverville and Marshall to each name a representative to meet with the president of Wolf Laurel Inc. to discuss plans for an airport in Madison County.

Dr. Sams said if a genuine interest is shown, Madison County will cooperate in securing funds and will act as

sponsoring agency for the airport.

He said the board would not tax county residents for the airport construction but would serve as a functioning agency in order to obtain state and federal funds.

The board agreed an airport is badly needed to help industrialize Madison County.

## Commissioners Approve Solid Waste Proposal

The Madison County Board of Commissioners, in this week's meeting, approved a study plan for a solid waste disposal system in the county. This study proposal will be developed by the Department of Sanitation and the Department of Engineering of the N. C. State Board of Health. A survey will be made to determine the nature and extent of refuse disposal problems in the county and a proposal will be developed with plans to alleviate conditions contributing to the situation. Once the study proposal has been completed, it will have to be adopted by the local government before funds at State and Federal levels can be sought to support a project.

The request for this study proposal was initiated by the Madison County Health Department through its health director, Lawrence Burwell. During a recent meeting in Marshall, interest for such a study proposal was expressed by many of the county's community leaders and by officials from the State Department of Local Affairs, Upper French Broad Economic Development Commission, TVA, and students from Mars Hill College soon to be engaged in a pollution study of their own

at the meeting. Jim Fulp, of the State Board of Health, who will conduct the study, stated that projects for solid waste disposal had already been adopted and funded by several counties in Western North Carolina. Some projects had been developed on a regional basis, where three or four counties were cooperating together in such a system.

The commissioners stressed the importance of taking steps now to develop such plans with respect to increasing emphasis on pollution control by State and Federal officials. It was pointed out that if the trend towards pollution control as provided by legislation continues, states and counties will be required within the next few years to develop and implement an approved plan to manage all waste currently being dumped into the environment.

The plans for such projects usually consist of locating containerized units (Dempster Dumpsters) at various points throughout the county. Location and number of such units depend upon level of population and intensity of traffic in a given area. The units are placed in such a fashion that most people would not be more than four miles from the nearest unit.

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MRS. R. V. RAMSEY (center) was honored on her 90th birthday Sunday with a party at the home of Mrs. R. R. Ramsey in Walnut. Pictured above are, left to right, Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Mrs. J. Bates Henderson, sister-in-law; Mrs. J. C. Eubanks, a daughter; Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Thomas J. Barr, a daughter; and Col. Thomas J. Barr, son-in-law.

## Mrs. R.V. Ramsey Honored On 90th Birthday

Mrs. R. V. Ramsey of Walnut was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday at the home of Mrs. R. R. Ramsey. The occasion marked the 90th birthday of the beloved Walnut resident. The occasion was planned by Mrs. J. Bates Henderson and

Mrs. J. C. Eubanks.

Mrs. Ramsey, the former Miss Carrie Henderson, was born Feb. 4, 1881 in Madison County. She attended Asheville Normal and taught school in the county.

Unusually active for her age, Mrs. Ramsey attends the

Walnut United Methodist Church and Sunday School and is able to do her own work, makes her garden, does needle work and enjoys television. Her husband, Robert Vance Ramsey, died in January, 1957.

Those attending the birthday party included two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Eubanks of Knoxville; and Mrs. Thomas J. Barr and husband, Col. Barr; two brothers, Dr. and Mrs. J. Bates Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Henderson, of Walnut; a sister, Mrs. Lloyd Honeycutt, and the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. Cloice Plemmons and sons, Joey and Mark; Mrs. R. J. Plemmons and children, Steve and Gina; the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stackhouse, Robert McClure, all of Walnut; and Mrs. Ada Waldroup of Knoxville.

Unable to attend were two daughters, Mrs. Lee Lunsford, Tallassee, Fla., and Mrs. Edna Massengell, Nashville, Tenn.; one son, Vernon Ramsey, Tampa, Fla., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Bulletin

Quorum Fabrics, Inc., of New York, manufacturers and distributors of double-knit men's and women's outerwear fabrics, have leased the Frank Coxe Building, formerly occupied by Mills Manufacturing Co., in Marshall.

Officials state that applications will be taken within the next two weeks.

Watch this newspaper for future information.

## Poverty Agency Director Resigns

The resignation of Lawrence M. Kelly as executive director of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe counties was accepted by the agency's board of directors at a meeting Thursday night of last week in the YWCA building.

Kelly said his reasons for submitting his resignation at this time are "strictly personal and strictly familiar."

In a controversial two and a half hour session in which resignations of the assistant director, urban projects director and others were demanded, the board seated Zeno Ponder, Robert Edwards and Harold Anderson of Madison County as members of the board.

They replace former Sen. William Powell, chairman of the board; William Zink and Walter Harrell, whose terms of office were terminated by the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Powell who asked for a motion on minutes of past meeting. At this juncture, Ponder rose to a point of order and advised the board that he was in possession of all credentials and evidence that he had been

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## REAP Being Developed For State

The new Rural Environmental Assistance Program is now in the process of being developed for North Carolina, according to Ralph Ramsey, executive director for Madison County ASCS. He explained that this program takes the place of the former (ACP) Agricultural Conservation Program which has been in effect since 1933.

The REAP will place emphasis on farm practices that will contribute more to the prevention or abatement of air and water pollution, provide more benefits to the general public as well as conserving the land and related natural resources. Federal funding of this program for 1971 will be at a level of \$150 million. The

Congress authorized \$195.5 million for the program which shares the cost of conservation measures with participating farmers on about a 50-50 basis. The level of Federal funding for 1971 will be at close to 75 per cent of that under the former Agricultural Conservation Program which means that states, counties and individual farms will receive approximately 25 per cent less funds for use under this program for 1971.

Ramsey said that our State REAP Development Group was now in the process of drawing up the 1971 program for North Carolina and that as soon as the State program is passed down to the county that

the County Development Group would meet and develop a program to best meet the needs of the county and submit it for approval by the state officials. Most counties hope to be in position to announce their program by late February.

Ramsey further explained that the new program will carry quite a few changes from that of the old ACP. One of these changes will be in the use of soil tests to determine the amount of mineral elements needed to establish or improve protective vegetative covers in fields devoted to grasses and legumes. Since these practices have been of primary importance to farmers of

Madison County, farmers who are anticipating filing application for liming materials or commercial fertilizer to establish or improve a vegetative cover should take and submit soil samples from such fields now. By taking early action on this requirement, the farmer will have the results of his soil test by the time he gets ready to make application for assistance on the practice.

Farmers within the county who wish to take and submit soil samples can secure boxes and instructions for taking samples from the following Agricultural Agencies: County Extension Service, ASCS Office or SCS Office at Marshall.