

The News-Record

Letters To Editor

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The Asheville Citizen-Times
Attention: Editor
Asheville, North Carolina

As president and immediate past president of the Madison County Chapter of NCAE, we wish to make clear to the readers of the Asheville Citizen that the teachers down here in Madison County are just about average. By average, we mean we can and do exercise our voting privileges. We vote as we please. We are not bought and neither do we buy a job. We are not coerced and we do not fear Dr. Bates Henderson. The Asheville Citizen-Times or any political machine. We vote by machine and to our knowledge, after doing considerable research, no teacher in Madison County has ever failed to master the art of manipulating the electronic gadget and thereby exercising their right of franchise. On behalf of the teachers in the Public School System here in Madison County, we wish to take exception to any editor, editor's assistant, newsbutcher or jarator who would be responsible for publishing and circulating the low grade tripe purportedly signed by Dr. Bates Henderson on August 8, 1971 in Back Talk.

We have four Gentlemen and one Lady duly elected to the Board of Education; one college mathematics professor at Mars Hill College, another former dean of Mars Hill College, a very successful merchant from Hot Springs, a successful beef cattle and tobacco farmer from Laurel, and the chairman of the board of education is a very successful general farmer of Marshall. They are completely independent of any political machine or individual. We, as teachers, deeply resent the printing of any innuendo attempting to make it appear we have puppets rather than people operating our Public School Program.

We feel certain that this letter will not be published since it does not in any way degrade Madison County and from an experience of a lifetime, we have learned quite well that The Asheville Citizen has for a long, long time been dedicated to the proposition of using Madison County as a whipping boy.

Just in case we are wrong in our judgment and this should be published, let us ask a simple question of the editor. Who is to decide whether Madison County is to be given to Georgia?

Respectfully,
Vernon J. Ponder
President, Madison County Chapter NCAE
J. Bruce Phillips
Immediate Past President
Madison County Chapter NCAE

cc: The News-Record
Mr. William M. (Bill) Roberts
Mr. Robert L. Edwards



Phillips - Riddle

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Riddle, of Route 1, Hot Springs, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rita Ann Riddle, to Claude Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Waynesville. They are residing in Swannanoa where he is employed with the Lewis O. Barlett Plumbing Co.

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Miss Alice Kay St. John Personal Bride Of William Silver

Miss Alice Kay St. John became the bride of William E. Silver, Saturday, Aug. 14, at 3 p.m. in the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. The Rev. John Shanks conducted the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length white taffeta Victorian gown. Bands of daisies and ribbons held her full length illusion veil. She carried a small family Bible topped with a cluster of blue carnations, pearls and ribbon streamers.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Dr. I. St. John, brother of the bride and James J. Vanderpool, fraternity brother of the groom. Ushers were Walt Davis of Greenville, Tex. and Dean Clark of Asheville.

Miss Trudy Butsch of Dallas, Tex. was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Walt Davis of Greenville, Tex. and Miss Polly Silver, sister of the groom. They wore blue taffeta gowns in the Victorian style and headpieces matching the bride's.

They carried arrangements of blue, white and pink carnations. Miss Christie Randolph and Master Paul Herbur, niece and nephew of the bride, were junior attendants.

A reception followed the ceremony in the church



reception hall. The bride's table was draped in white satin, centered with a candle and floral arrangement and graced with the three tiered wedding cake and silver punch bowl.

Guests attending from Asheville were: Miss Deborah Dych, Miss Dean Herbs, Miss Connie Silver, Dennis Silver, Dean Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Conley W. Silver.

The Silvers are formerly of Madison County. The couple is residing in Commerce, Tex. where they are attending East Texas State University.

Mars Hill Classes To Begin Mon.

After two years of preparation Mars Hill College will launch its innovative "4-1-4-1-2" curricular experiment next week as some 1,400 students and over 100 teachers gather on campus for the start of the Baptist school's 116th year.

Mars Hill will be among a handful of colleges in the state, and the only one in Western North Carolina, trying the 4-1-4-1-2 academic schedule and calendar, which refers to the maximum course loads for students: four courses per two 17-week semesters, one course per two "mini-esters" and two courses for the seven-week summer session.

The curricula revision was an outgrowth of the college's four-year experience with service-learning and independent studies programming, according to Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president.

The new curriculum will implement this belief by emphasizing courses instead of credit hours, by inaugurating freshmen seminars designed by students themselves, by reducing the number of required courses and increasing the number of electives and by the concentrated studies in the three-week short terms. "What we are after," Bentley said, "is a curriculum which neither stifles imaginative students and faculty nor hinders those traditionally oriented."

This weekend the college's 107 faculty members will begin a three-day workshop on learning potentials by Dr. Daniel Jordan, director of the Center for the Study of Human Potential at the University of Massachusetts. The faculty also will discuss other changes such as a new instructor-student advisory system, modified class attendance requirements, an altered grading system (some courses will be graded merely "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory") and the new courses created for the freshmen "Inquiry" seminars, the mini-esters and the interdisciplinary "Humanities."

Fall semester classes will begin Monday, Aug. 30.



THESE MEMBERS of the Marshall Lions Club were honored Monday night at the semi-monthly dinner meeting at the Rock Cafe. Top photo shows Lion President Edward Morton pinning an achievement pin on Lion Donnie Ramsey in recognition of Lion Ramsey's securing of 12 eye wills in recent weeks. Ramsey is the newest member of the club. Center picture, Tom Wallin, Lion secretary, left, being presented a pen set by former President Wiley DuVall in recognition of being a "100 per cent secretary in 1970." Bottom picture, Lion Jim Story, left, being presented a plaque by President Edward Morton. The plaque, signed by Arnold Hyde, president; and William Osborne, secretary, of Western North Carolina Lions, Inc., cited Story and The News-Record for their roles in promoting the Lions Visual Screening Program which was highly successful.

Fifth Sunday Union Service This Sunday

Next Sunday evening, August 29, at 7:30 o'clock the Marshall churches will hold their regular union service at the Presbyterian church. This is a time of fellowship which the churches enjoy together four times a year as they come together to share their common Christian faith. Each of the ministers of these churches has his part in the service. In turn, the minister in whose church the previous union service was held brings the message of the evening. Thus, following this order, Harrell Wood, interim minister of the Baptist church, will be preaching. It is not only an opportunity for the members of all the churches to enjoy the fellowship but also an occasion on which one who is not a member of one of these is welcome to come and get better acquainted. Special musical numbers will be provided by the choirs of the churches.

HEARD AND SEEN

By POP

Disappointment and elation... joy and sadness... describe last Friday night's football game between Marshall and Mars Hill... disappointment and sadness for the Marshall players and fans and elation and joy for the Mars Hill players and fans... for three quarters it was "all-Tornadoes"... in the final four minutes it was "all-Wildcats"... the Marshall Players had the momentum for more than three quarters but then it changed... and in less than four minutes... in fact, in less than one minute, the outcome was decided... Mars Hill won, 14-12... and that's the story... hopefully, the Tornadoes can bounce back against Can River there Friday night... Marshall's defense looked potent until the final minutes but more offense must be generated... I felt real sorry for Coach Roy Reeves after the game... he came into the principal's office as I was reporting the game to the Citizen... he slumped down in a chair and kept saying "I can't believe it" over and over... that was the general feeling among Marshall fans... and it could also apply to the Mars Hill fans who saw defeat change to victory in less than a minute... thanks to Jack Cole and his students for moving the press box squarely opposite the 50-yard line... makes it much easier "spot" the ball... in the past has been on the 35-40 yard line... also appreciate the dash in the press box... gives us more writing facilities... thanks to Principal Clive Whit for furnishing me hot dogs and drinks during the game... last but not least, I want to thank Jerry Plemmons for being the "stat man"... the Marshall cheerleaders were attired in mighty cute uniforms and looked real pretty... they always do a good job but should be backed up more by the spectators in cheers, yells, etc... was glad the ambulance was right there on the spot when Mike Reese was injured... since Dr. Sams has "retired" from active duty at games, I wish some doctor could be in attendance at all games... they're often needed... I had a fine time last Saturday evening at the picnic on the Frank Runkion lawn honoring the Rev. and Mrs. George White and family of Stone Mountain, Ga., who visited here... the food was delicious and I always enjoy just looking at the beautiful structure of the home, both outside and inside... incidentally, it is the birthplace of my wife... so glad to see Lee Roy Griffin back in Marshall again after a long absence due to illness...

Just A Woman's Observations

By DOROTHY BRIGMAN SHUPE

Woe is me! Getting up in the middle of the night—well, 6:30 a.m. is about like that after getting up around 9 or 10 this summer—is sure tough and by the end of last week, I was too pooped to write! And I have a lot of new students to get used to for this year. I really like all of my classes and hope they can stand me for the duration. These grandmothers and their new grandchildren—Mrs. Nathan West, Mrs. Don West, Mrs. Hardie Clark all had cute pictures of their favorites—and Mrs. Sandra Briggs had one of her sweet little boy—and we have three new teachers this year—all former students—all former editors of either the annual or newspaper. Sandy Landers is teaching English and sponsoring the freshmen class; Teddy Cody is teaching business and has sophomores; and we have a Mr. Ponder back in the second grade—the former Freida Allen. I have to remember to say "Miss", "Mrs.", and "Mr." because I must do right in front of my students so that they will do likewise. Tom and Ethel Wallin got back from their fine trip to the Northeastern states. They brought us some maple candy and said they found the people very nice up north, but not really as friendly as those they saw last year out in the "wild west". Saw Ruth Guthrie out at the Grill and she reports a marvelous time in California and Hawaii. She didn't bring me a grass skirt, but with these cool mornings I couldn't wear one anyway! You really should visit our school and see all the new colors! I don't mean the students—I mean from Mr. Whitt and his wild red and white striped shirt to J. C. Wallin and his purple sock! Then Miss Landers is wearing her mid-calf skirts and Mr. Cody his Bill Bixby glasses! We really have a glamorous staff! Several former students have dropped by: Larry Leake just before heading for UNC-Chapel Hill to enter law school; Phyllis Cooper on her way this weekend to Warren Wilson; Gayle Mayhew just in from Western Carolina where she was in summer school—she says she plans now to major in deaf education, I think that is grand; Mrs. Sammy Peek and Mrs. Ray Buckner came by the other afternoon with smiling little Shannan McDevitt, much to the delight of my fifth period class who enjoyed the interruption; if I've missed anyone, I'll tell you about them next week. OBSERVED—Fred Messer came by the other day selling vacuum cleaners—He's still the same friendly, likeable fellow—Sorry I had one that was still working, Fred—Verna Brigman has been to the hospital and back before I had time to send her a card, glad you are better—These freshmen are cute this year—Susanne DuVall seems to enjoy my new games—Just learned Sunday that her great-uncle is a former classmate of mine over at Cully—Gee, that was a heart-breaker that our boys lost to Mars Hill last Friday night—Just wait until we meet again this year, we're going to be ready—London met with an accident and we have a new puppy at our house—She is Lady Samantha Winston—We call her Sam—and a few other things when she is mean! Have a good day!

Little Pine H.E. Club Meets

The Little Pine H. E. Club met Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the home of Mrs. Howard Payne. Devotions were given by Mrs. Bernice Ball and prayer was led by Mrs. Howard Payne. After the business session Mrs. Ethel T. Wallin, H. E. agent, gave an interesting program on "Four Keys to Successful Entertaining" using slides showing the different types of entertainment. A workshop was also planned for the September meeting. Members present were Mrs. Neil Dover, Mrs. Zura Worley, Mrs. Sylvene Shelton, Mrs. Bernice Ball, Mrs. Jessie Ball, Mrs. Sallie McHone, Mrs. Hattie McElroy, Mrs. William Roberts, president; Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle, Gladys V. Meadows, Mrs. Burma McHone, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Sallie McHone of California and Mrs. Howard Payne, hostess.

GRADUATE AT ASU Madison County students who graduated at Appalachian State University on August 14 were Blake Ray, Jr., B.S.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Ray of Mars Hill and Teresa Marlene Zimmerman, B.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie A. Zimmerman, Jr. of Marshall.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. John B. Treadway, Marshall Rt. 4, a daughter, Aug. 24, in Memorial Mission Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bill White of Seabrook, Md., a son, Roy Allan, Aug. 15. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy White of Marshall.

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TABLE: SUBSCRIPTION RATES IN MADISON COUNTY, OUTSIDE MADISON COUNTY, 15 Months, 12 Months, 8 Months, 6 Months, 3 Months, AIR MAIL 46 Per Week

EDITORIAL

Pollution In County

Madison County is known as one of the most beautiful counties in the state. That beauty is being threatened by roadside dumps and polluted streams. For many years the people of Madison County have had to take their garbage and trash to the nearest town to have it disposed of properly. Now the County Board of Health is proposing a new garbage disposal system that would eliminate a large part of the pollution problems of the county. The new system would consist of garbage collection and garbage disposal. Every family in the county would be within five miles of a Dempster Dumpster, where they could take their garbage. A truck would come by regularly and collect the garbage. The garbage would then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

This new plan would save the time of the citizens who used it. It would also, hopefully, do away with the dumps that spoil our roads and streams. A survey has been taken of one of every eight residences in the county and 98 per cent of the people surveyed would like to see a disposal system in the county.

Following is a series of questions and answers concerning the proposal. Let your commissioners know your views on the plan. Write to them or talk to them or write the Madison County Board of Health. It would be a big step forward for Madison County.

Q. What is a landfill?

A. The North Carolina State Board of Health defines a Sanitary Landfill as a "method of disposing of solid waste on land in a sanitary manner without creating nuisances or hazards to public health or safety by utilizing the principles of engineering to confine the solid waste to the smallest practical area, to reduce it to the smallest practical volume, and to cover it with a layer of compacted earth at the conclusion of each day's operation or at such more frequent intervals as may be necessary."

Q. Where would the landfill be located?

A. There have been several sites proposed. The final site will be determined and purchased by the county and will be located near the center of the county.

Q. Where would the money for the new system come from?

A. The initial investment for the project would come from the Federal and local funds. Federal and local funds would buy the land and prepare it for use. It is estimated that \$30,000 a year would be required to maintain the pick-up system and the landfill project. This sum would be supported by the county. There are 3,000 families in the county. Basing the above figures on all families participating, the cost would be approximately \$6.00 per family per year.

Q. Who would use the new system?

A. Every one in the county would use the landfill. Garbage from both the rural areas and the cities would be processed at the landfill.

Q. How is a landfill different from the dump we have now?

A. There are three advantages to the proposed sanitary landfill that make it more desirable than the present dumps. First, in a landfill the trash is not burned and does not pollute the air. Second, it is isolated and concentrated. The present dump sites are located in the cities and are at best ugly and malodorous. A third advantage to the landfill is its control of pests. In present dumps rats and insects thrive. A landfill system covers the trash and prevents pests from feeding on the garbage.

Q. What would be done with existing dumps?

A. Existing dumps would be closed and covered with 2 feet of compacted earth.

Q. Why is it needed?

A. The present system is old-fashioned and unsanitary. An open dump also is responsible for the reduction of land values. The new system would provide an authorized site for the disposal of garbage and trash. Now no such authorized sites exist.

Q. Will there be a countryside collection service?

A. Yes, forty Dempsty Dumsters will be distributed along rural roads. Each family will be within 5 miles of a Dumpster. Trucks will empty the containers twice a week, or more often if necessary.

Q. What is a Dempsty Dumpster?

A. A Dempsty Dumpster is a steel container of 4 cubic yards. Doors are located on the sides of the container and the garbage can be easily place inside.

Q. Who will run the trash disposal system?

A. The Madison County Health Department will operate the garbage disposal system.

