

son County
rary
Marshall, N.C. 28753

THE NEWS - RECORD

NUMBER 44

MARSHALL, N. C.—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1971

VOLUME 70

Three County Residents Killed In Wreck

Three members of a Madison County family were fatally injured Friday night in a two-car collision about 9 p. m. on Highway U. S. 19 four miles northeast of Mars Hill near the Middle Fork Baptist Church. Jeter C. Duck, 56, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Jane Duck, 44, of the Meadow Fork section of Madison County, were instantly killed and their son, Jeter C. Duck, Jr., 21, died at 3:49 p. m. Saturday in Memorial Mission Hospital of injuries he suffered in the wreck.

Douglas Staton, Jr., 18, listed as driver of one of the cars, and Larry Smith, 19, a passenger in the Staton car, are reported in satisfactory condition after being admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital.

Two other passengers in the Staton car, Pamela Jo Edge, 17, and Dianne Fagan, 16, both of Burnsville, were not seriously injured.

State Trooper W. D. Grooms, who investigated the accident, said it appeared that the car (a Volkswagen) driven by Duck was struck head-on by the car driven by Staton, and that the Staton car was apparently traveling at high speed in the wrong lane headed south.

SERVICES MONDAY

Joint services for the Ducks were held Monday afternoon in Bethel Baptist Church.

The Revs. Don Gasperson, L. V. Roberts and Ralph Hogen officiated. Burial was in Duck-

Robinson Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Surviving Mrs. Duck are a daughter, Mrs. Linda Anderson; the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Rice Hensley of Weaverville; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Earout and Mrs. Elethia Pegg of Asheville and Mrs. Mamie Hensley of Weaverville; five brothers, Garrett of Mars Hill, Coy of Fletcher, Baxter of Marshall, Harrison of Asheville and Everett Hensley of Weaverville; and a grandchild.

Surviving J. C. Duck, Jr., are a sister, Mrs. Linda Anderson and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hensley. Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.



Mars Hill College beauty queen, Miss Fairey Varner of Robbinsville, turned over the first shovelful of dirt Saturday for a \$1 million college union building during homecoming celebrations at the 116-year-old Baptist school. Awaiting their turn were (L-R): Jack Madden of Asheville, treasurer of the board of

trustees; John N. Daniel of Asheville, outgoing chairman of the board of advisors; and Cecil Porter of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the trustees' board. The three men had previously broken ground on the central part of campus for a \$500,000 classroom-office building.

Homecoming Ceremonies Held At Mars Hill

Mars Hill College officials broke ground twice Saturday for over \$1.5 million worth of buildings.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were part of a day-long homecoming celebration which drew over 600 alumni and friends to the campus of the 116-year-old Baptist institution.

Turning over the first shovel full of dirt for a \$500,000 classroom-office building and a \$1 million college union were Cecil Porter of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the board of trustees; John N. Daniel of Asheville, outgoing chairman of the board of advisors; Jack Madden of Asheville, treasurer of the trustees' board; and Miss Fairey Varner of Robbinsville, campus beauty queen.

Prior to the afternoon groundbreakings, the 47-member board of advisors elected Robert F. Clodfelter as chairman to succeed Daniel, who had held the post since 1958 when the board was formed to

and the board of trustees.

Clodfelter of Winston-Salem is a vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. Other officers elected were L. Burton Stanford of Asheville, J. C. Pinder of Greensboro, John A. DeGroot of Charlotte, Robert Richardson of Stuart, Va., and Harold Austell of Greenville, S. C. They are all regional vice-chairmen, except Austell who is secretary-treasurer.

The two buildings will be the first construction on the 150-acre campus since 1969 when a senior dormitory was completed on "boys hill."

College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley said the college union will be the "living room of campus." It will be a three-story structure of an irregular contemporary design, but will harmonize with the existing through the use of familiar red brick, Bentley said.

The classroom-office building will be built across from Montague Building at the rear

of commercial buildings along Main Street of Mars Hill. It will contain 32 faculty offices and six classrooms along with lab, conference and secretarial facilities.

Mars Hill recently received a grant from the Belk Foundation of Charlotte to aid the cost of constructing a 300-seat auditorium attached to the college union and a grant from Eastman Kodak toward the cost of eight seminar rooms in the other facility.

Homecoming events started at 9 a. m. with an alumni council workshop and ended at 8 p. m. with a pop music concert and a musical production by the college drama division. In between were craft demonstrations and a "flea market" sale by Madison County Crafts, the traditional football game, which Mars Hill won, 27-13, over rival Baptist school, Gardner-Webb, and the 32nd annual reunion of the Business Club Alumni Association.

Home Economists Met At Wolf Laurel Friday

The Western District Association of Extension Home Economist met at The Wolf Laurel Development, Oct. 29, for their fall meeting. Approximately 40 women representing 18 counties were present. This is the first meeting of this type to be held in Madison County.

James Story, Editor of the News Record, welcomed the group and gave a short history of Madison County. Ed Ratliff, Manager of Wolf Laurel, led the group on a tour and discussed the economic advantages of having such a resort locate in a county. Clay Jenkins, a local resident, gave a presentation on wild flowers and trees that are native to the area.

Miss Sandra Roberts, agent from Graham County and president of the association, presented a slide program of the national meeting held in Miami, Florida. Miss Jeanne Ware, Mrs. Ruby Corpening, and Mrs. Joy Frauson, delegates at the meeting, assisted with the presentation.

Mrs. Joy Hensley Frauson of Buncombe County was elected incoming president of the association. Mrs. Frauson is formerly of Madison County. Other officers of the organization were also installed.

Special guests included Dr. Eloise Cofer, Assistant Director of Extension Home Economics in N. C.; Miss Kathleen Nelson, Western District Extension Supervisor, and Miss Anne Priest, retired Extension agent from Brevard.



MRS. ETHEL WALLIN, Miss Cynthia Berban, and Mrs. Linda Harrell, extension agents in Madison County, served as hostesses for the Western District Association of Extension Home Economists last Friday at the Wolf Laurel Resort.

from Brevard.

Mrs. Mary Howell, retired chairman of the Home Economics Department at Mars Hill College, was honored by the group for her contribution in the field of home economics education. Six of Mrs. Howell's former students are now Extension agents in the Western District.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Roberts of Mars Hill entertained during the luncheon with a program of old ballads, accompanied by the guitar and autoharp.

Mrs. Ethel Wallin, Miss Cynthia Berban, and Mrs. Linda Harrell, Madison County agents, served as hostesses for the group.

Absentee Ballot Law Is Enacted

North Carolinians who are away from their homes during the 1972 primary elections will be able to vote by absentee ballot.

The General Assembly enacted a temporary absentee ballot law Saturday which will expire after next spring's primaries. This leaves the 1973 General Assembly to decide whether absentee balloting should be allowed in primaries on a permanent basis.

The legislature took a similar action Friday concerning the day of the primary by temporarily changing it back from Tuesday to Saturday. The date had been changed from Saturday to Tuesday during the 1971 session.

The Tuesday election day and the lack of provisions for absentee ballots drew wide criticism from newly enfranchised young voters and other persons who usually are away from home weekdays.

Sen. Jyles Coggins, D-Wake, told the Senate during more than an hour and a half of debate on the measure Saturday that students can now vote and "it is incumbent on us to give them a practical means of exercising the right to vote in their hometowns."

Coggins said otherwise the courts might find it valid to allow college students to vote, and thus take over the governments in their college towns.

Sen. Ollie Harris, D-Cleveland, and Sen. Julian Allsbrook, D-Halifax, led the opposition to the bill with warnings about the election frauds involving absentee ballots in the 1930's.

The Senate adopted six

amendments, all of them largely technical or procedural, before approving the bill 29-8. The House quickly concurred in the Senate changes and enacted the measure.

In other action before it adjourned Saturday, the General Assembly enacted a bill that would invalidate the whole mixed drink referendum in Mecklenburg County in the event that the courts declare part of the law setting up the referendum invalid.

Home Ownership Loans By FHA Are Available

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans in rural areas to finance homes, building sites and essential farm service buildings. Applications from eligible veterans are given preference. Veterans and non-veterans must meet the same requirements. Each person who applies gets equal consideration without regard to his race, color, creed or national origin.

Home Ownership loans may be used to build, improve, repair or rehabilitate rural homes and related facilities and to provide water for household and farmstead use. Funds may also be used to modernize homes, add bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other improvements.

Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Under certain conditions, funds may be used to refinance debts on a home. Home ownership loans are offered to help low and

Pageant Dates: Dec. 16, 17, 18

This year's presentation dates have been set for the annual Christmas Pageant in Marshall.

The three-night performances will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 16, 17, and 18.

This pageant has merited nationwide acclaim and has been publicized in numerous magazines and newspapers, as well as radio and television. Dean Shields is coordinator.



MRS. HATTIE ELLA NIX, left, vice-chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Marshall Housing Authority is shown presenting a check for \$500 from the authority to Mayor Lorado Ponder here Monday night. The check is for building permit fees for construction of the Marshall low-rent housing project which includes 50 residential units, a community center, management offices and maintenance building. Following presentation of the check, Mrs. J. B. Tweed, center, executive director and contracting officer of the authority, reminded the town officials that as soon as the units are occupied the town will regularly receive one-tenth of all monies collected as rent in lieu of taxes. The sum received should greatly exceed the amount previously received as tax on the lands in use, Mrs. Tweed said.

County Jury Commission Organizes

The newly appointed Madison County Jury Commission met in the courthouse here last Friday and the following officers were named:

Raymond Stines, chairman; Ernest English, Secretary; Swan Huff, member. Stines and Huff are Democrats and English is the Republican member.

The commission is now revising the jury list for the county. This will be completed prior to January 1, 1972, Mr. Stines stated.

Pumpkin Contest Closes Saturday

The Madison County Giant Pumpkin Contest closes at noon Saturday, Nov. 6. Pumpkins must be grown within Madison County. They must be weighed at Teague Milling Co. A first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5 will be given by Teague Milling Co. Winning pumpkins will become the property of Teague Milling Co. Any county pumpkin grower is invited to enter. The state fair pumpkin which is on display in the window of the Citizens Bank will not be entered in the county contest.

Commodity Food Center Schedule

Howard Ogle, supervisor, stated this week that the commodity food center here will be open each week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. The center will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Taylor Will Speak At Democratic Dinner

Saturday night, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p. m., Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor will address an expected audience of 500 enthusiastic Madison County Democrats in the Marshall High School Gymnasium. This fund-raising dinner is being sponsored officially by the active Y. D. C. of Madison County headed by Charles Huey, President.



Mr. Huey stated that there were very few tickets left and those who have not purchased their dinner ticket may do so by contacting the following in the Mars Hill area: Mrs. J. G. Gardner, O'Neal Shelton, and Rex Sprinkle. Those in the Hot Springs area may obtain a ticket by contacting Ray Gardin, Mrs. Mattie Ray Ramsey or Mrs. Jewell Church. Those in the Marshall, Walnut and Laurel areas may obtain tickets by contacting Bobby D. Franklin, Christine Lister, John Hensley, Betty Ponder, Robert Hensley, or Charles Huey.

From our vantage point, it appears that Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and Mrs. Taylor will be greeted with the same height of enthusiasm and expectation that was so vital in successfully putting over the picnic on the Island given in honor of Gov. and Mrs. Scott. Mr. Huey stated.

Junior-Senior Play At Laurel

The Laurel high school Junior-Senior play, "They Run In Our Family", a 3-act comedy, will be presented at Laurel on Friday, Nov. 12, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Members of the cast include Cathy Bullman, Allen Norton, Kathy Ray, Michael Jensen, Craig Anthony, Barbara Zimmerman, Paula Shelton, Jerry Gunter, Marvin Shelton, Darlene Cuthall, Zella Shelton, Christine Cuthall, Shelby Tweed, Jimmy Ramsey, Louis Ray Shelton, Lewis Franklin, Edwina Ramsey and Linda Sue Cook.

Mrs. Pauline Zimmerman is directing the play.

Lions Hand Bulldogs 27-13 Defeat

Gardner-Webb might have come to Meares Stadium expecting a treat, but it was the favored Bulldogs who got fooled Saturday when the Lions of Mars Hill College handed them 27-13 defeat in an all-out aerial battle fought before a Halloween Homecoming crowd of 6,000.

Mars Hill, led by freshman quarterback Danny Robinson, best Gardner-Webb with its own tactics in a strong passing attack. The contest pitted Robinson against veteran Bulldog quarterback Ray Hannon, an excellent thrower who has gained 800 yards and 10 touchdowns through the air this year.

Both Robinson and Hannon passed repeatedly for huge gains, but it was the Mars Hill defense, which picked off five of Hannon's aerials and used two of those for touchdowns, which made the difference and gave

the Lions their second win of the season.

The Bulldogs grabbed a first-quarter lead when they recovered a fumble on the Mars Hill 49. After moving them to the 32, Hannon went back to pass, was pursued all the way to his 40, then uncorked a bomb to Jody Anthony in the end zone.

Later in the first period Mars Hill came back on an interception. Ted Williams blocked a Hannon pass, Ray Kinney snared it on the run and streaked 45 yards for the Lions' first touchdown.

The Bulldogs drove up and down the field on the arm of Hannon the rest of the game, but Mars Hill held them on key downs. Gardner-Webb was stymied twice near the goal line in the second period and was forced to settle for field goals. Its last points of the game.

The Lions, however, moved consistently on long passes by Robinson and tallied twice more in the second quarter. John Fisher, formerly of Marshall, nabbed a Hannon pass and returned it 10 yards to mid-field. Robinson connected with Davis for 37 and with Morgan for 18. Davis then smashed over from the two.

A few minutes later the Lions started on their 46 and drove to the end zone again, Robinson throwing to Davis, Doug Smedberg, Davis once more and then to Smedberg for the score.

Mars Hill's last touchdown came in the third quarter when the Lions marched from their 19 in four plays. Robinson bombed David Morgan for 59 yards, Davis for 21 and then tried a sneak for no gain. Davis plowed through right tackle for the remaining yard and Doug Stevens booted his third extra point.

Mars Hill Wildcats Defeat Cane River

Mars Hill came from behind in the fourth quarter with a 16 point explosion to defeat Cane River 16-6 Friday night at Cane River.

Cane River took a 6-0 first quarter lead on a 59-yard scoring jaunt by Jeff Parker. The run for the conversion failed.

Cane River's defense held Mars Hill scoreless until the fourth quarter when John

Roberts scampered seven yards for the typing score. The conversion pass from McMahon to Thomas broke the ice and gave Mars Hill an 8-6 lead.

Handy Zink dashed 18 yards for another Mars Hill score moments later to tie the game for the Wildcats. John Roberts ran the PAT to give Mars Hill the final 16-6 margin.