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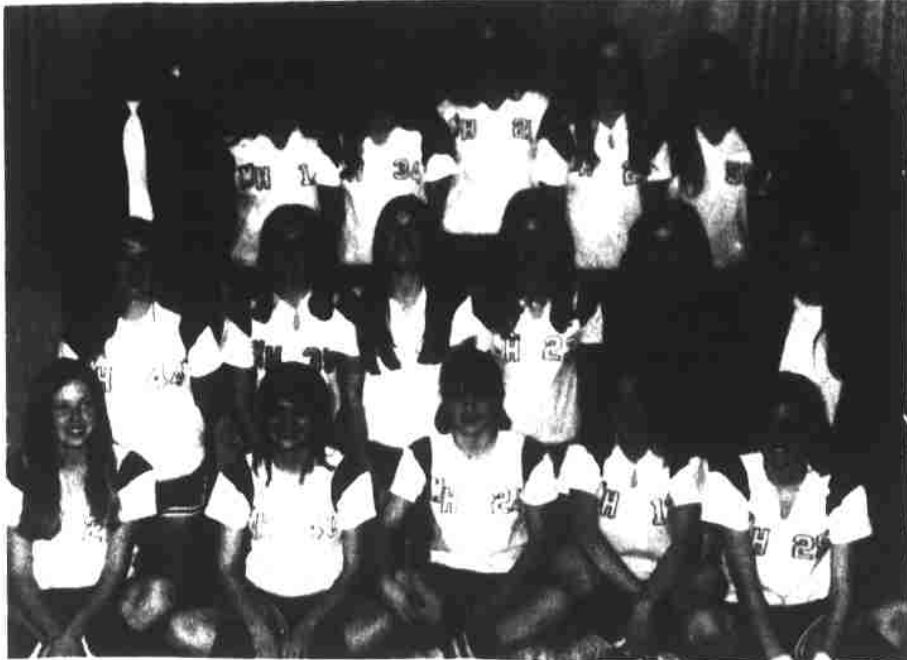
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Laurel Girls, Marshall Boys Win JV Titles

Mars Hill Girls, Marshall Boys County Cage Champions



1972 MADISON COUNTY GIRLS CHAMPIONS are the Mars Hill lassies, coached by J. C. Moss. They ended the season undefeated with a 22-0 record. Left to right, bottom row: Joan Wood, Lynn Brady, Naomi Sprinkle, Kathy Marshbanks, Jean Ward; second row, Barbara English, Pam Wallin, Janet Robinson, Brenda Norton, Debra Edwards (manager), Roxa Whitt (manager); top row: Coach J. C. Moss, Linda Walkingstick, Wanda Griffin, Evelyn Bowers, Linda Robinson, Wanda Jarvis, Teresa Slagle (manager).

All-County Basketball Team

Mars Hill placed three boys and four girls on all-star selections in Madison County basketball competition this season.

The Mars Hill girls making the 10-player team were Barbara English, Linda Robinson, Jean Wood and Wanda Griffin. Also chosen were Laurel's Cathy Bullman and Barbara Zimmerman, Marshall's Kathy Fisher, and Hot Springs' Terry Padgett, Pamela Price and Connie Greene.

Chosen from the Mars Hill boys team were Seth Metcalf, Mike Robinson and Randy Ferguson. Selected from Marshall were Ted Revis and Mike Freeman. Hot Springs placed Arthur Roberts, Junior Lamb, and David Whitten. Also picked were Roger Kenner of Spring Creek and Michael Johnson of Laurel.

Master Mason Degrees To Be Conferred

The French Broad Lodge, No. 282, will confer a Master Mason Degree, Saturday night, February 26.

Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

All Master Masons are urged to attend. The meeting was postponed last Saturday night.

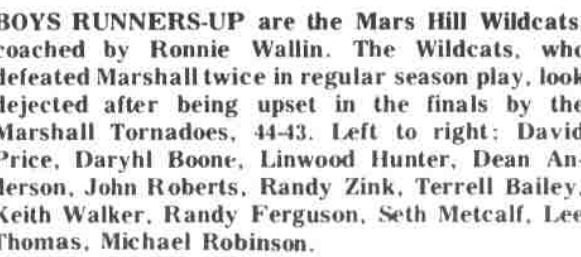
Mars Hill, Marshall Advance In Playoffs

MARS HILL-EDNEYVILLE North Buncombe completely dominated all aspects of the game to rip East Yancey, 46-27, and Mars Hill overcame Edneyville, 34-31, in the quarterfinal games of the District 8 Girls Basketball Tournament at the Erwin High gym Wednesday night.

The wins send North Buncombe and Mars Hill into tonight's (Thursday's) semifinal round, with North Buncombe facing Tuscola in the 7 p.m. contest and Mars Hill and Robbinsville putting their identical 23-0 records on the line at 8:30.

Edneyville jumped out to an early 6-1 over Mars Hill, in a slow, deliberately paced game. The Mars Hill squad recovered from a 13-10 halftime deficit by throwing up a strong 24-2 defense and taking good percentage shots.

Edneyville's lead, 27-35 with



BOYS RUNNERS-UP are the Mars Hill Wildcats, coached by Ronnie Wallin. The Wildcats, who defeated Marshall twice in regular season play, look dejected after being upset in the finals by the Marshall Tornadoes, 44-43. Left to right: David Price, Daryl Boone, Linwood Hunter, Dean Anderson, John Roberts, Randy Zink, Terrell Bailey, Keith Walker, Randy Ferguson, Seth Metcalf, Lee Thomas, Michael Robinson.



GIRLS RUNNERS-UP are the Laurel lassies, coached by Bobby Dean Franklin. Left to right, front row: Sherry Cutshall, Cathy Ray, Barbara Gunter, Edwina Ramsey, Teresa Franklin; back row: Coach Franklin; Zeldia Ree Shelton, Paula Shelton, Ann Hensley, Barbara Zimmerman, Cathy Bullman.

five minutes remaining, looked stable, but they suddenly turned cold and were outscored 8-0 to fall behind, 30-27, with 2:30 remaining. Barbara English hit two free throws after the final buzzer for the final points of the game for Mars Hill.

MARS HILL (34)—English 6, Wood 5, Griffin 10, Robinson 13, Jarvis, Bowers.

EDNEYVILLE (31)—Laughter 9, M. Pryor 4, V. Pryor 12, S. Pryor 1, Drake 5, Owensby, Andrews.

Halftime: 13-10, Edneyville.

MARSHALL-SALUDA Cullowhee and Marshall gained the semifinals of the I-A District 8 Basketball Tournament with quarterfinal victories Wednesday night over Nantahal and Saluda. The Rebels defeated Nantahal 67-48 and Marshall downed Saluda 60-54 at Sylva.

Cullowhee and Marshall will

James Briggs managed but two points Monday night but they proved decisive as Marshall High's boys pulled the upset of the season in Madison County by whipping favored Mars Hill, 44-43, to claim the Madison County Tournament Championship.

In girls action Mars Hill roared to a 32-21 victory over Laurel to earn a berth in District 8 girls' tournament play by winning the tourney title. Jean Wood sparked the win with 11 points. Ann Hensley led Laurel with eight. The win was the 22nd straight for the Mars Hill girls.

The boys game was close from start to finish with neither team holding more than a six point advantage. The Wildcats led at the half, 26-23. The Tornadoes took the lead early in the third period only to have Mars Hill regain a four point edge. At the end of the stanza the teams were deadlocked, 38-38.

Briggs put Marshall ahead for keeps with a field goal with 2:11 remaining to play.

Mike Freeman led the winners with 21 points. Randy Ferguson and Seth Metcalf had 16 and 11 respectively for Mars Hill.

BOYS MARSHALL (44)—Revis 9, Freeman 21, Kent 3, Briggs 2, Livesay, Rice 9.

MARS HILL (43)—Boone 4, Price, Roberts 4, Walker, Robinson 8, Ferguson 16, Bailey, Metcalf 11.

Halftime: 26-23, Mars Hill.

LAUREL (21)—Bullman 3, Gunter, Ray 4, Zimmerman, Cutshall 6, Z. Shelton, Hensley 8.

MARS HILL (32)—Bowers, Brady 1, English 6, Griffin 6, Jarvis, Marshbanks, L. Robinson 3, Sprinkle 1, Walknastick, Wallin 4, Jean Wood 11, Joan Wood.

Halftime: 12-5, Mars Hill.

Two perfect records were held intact for the 1972 basketball season.

The Laurel JV girls, coached by Harvey Franklin, were undefeated throughout the season and also during tournament.

The Mars Hill Varsity girls, coached by J. C. Moss, were undefeated throughout the season and also during tournament. The Mars Hill girls record: 22 wins, 0 losses.

THURSDAY NIGHT The Mars Hill varsity girls whipped Hot Springs, 39-20, the Hot Springs jayvee girls topped



Teague

New Officers Elected At French Broad EMC

E. C. Teague of Marshall was elected as President of the Board of Directors of French Broad EMC at their meeting on February 14, 1972. Novile C. Hawkins of Mars Hill was elected vice president. Teague has served on the Board for 28 years and has been serving as Vice President for 28 years. He is a native of Madison County and is owner and manager of Teague Milling Co., in Marshall. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank and Marshall Housing Authority, as well as the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College. He and his wife,

Marshall 23-19, and the Marshall jayvee boys defeated Spring Creek, 46-37, in semifinal competition in the Madison County Tournament Thursday night.

Michael Robinson paced five players in double figures with 17 points to lead the Mars Hill boys past Laurel, 83-57, as the Wildcats captured a semifinal contest Thursday night. Dennis and Marvin Shelton led Laurel's scoring with 11 points apiece.

In the girls' semifinal contest Thursday, Mars Hill jumped to an 18-9 first quarter lead and never relinquished the advantage for the win. Barbara English netted 13 points to lead the victors while Terry Padgett sunk 13 points to spark the attack for Hot Springs.

MADISON COUNTY TOURNAMENT GIRLS SEMIFINALS

HOT SPRINGS (20)—Padgett 13, Green 4, Goforth, Thomas 2, Barnette 1, Wills, 1, Swaney, S. Swaney, Haggins.

MARS HILL (39)—Griffin 9, Wallin 2, English 13, L. Robinson 5, Bowers, Wood 8, J. Robinson 2, Brady, Norton, Walkingstick, Sprinkle.

Halftime: 18-9 Mars Hill. Jayvee Girls: Hot Springs 23, Marshall 19.

Jayvee Boys: Marshall 46, Spring Creek 17.

BOYS SEMIFINALS

LAUREL (57)—Ramsey 10, Johnson 6, D. Shelton 11, Anthony 7, Bullman 5, Robinson 2, M. Shelton 11, Gunter, Gosnell, A. Norton, F. Norton 1, Franklin, Cantrell 2.

MARS HILL (83)—Boone 7, Price 5, Robert 11, Walker 13, Robinson 17, Hunter, Ferguson 3, Bailey 13, Metcalf 12, Thomas, Anderson 2, Zink.

Halftime: 38-26, Mars Hill.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Hot Springs got double figure scoring from four starters Friday night as it won the Madison County Tourney boys consolation by downing Laurel, 70-67. Marshall won the girls consolation laurels with a 47-9 victory over Hot Springs.

In the boys consolation game Hot Springs grabbed an early lead and beat down a late Laurel surge to post its victory. Art Roberts led the victors with 18 points while Bob Padgett and Junior Lamb had 14 apiece and

J. V. FINALS Results of the championship JV games played Friday night: Girls: Laurel, 30; Hot Springs, 10. Boys: Marshall, 68; Hot Springs, 44.



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Tom Rathbone 12. Mike Johnson led Laurel with 22, Marvin Shelton and Clay Cantrell contributed 13 and 10 apiece to the losing cause.

Ann Flynn tallied 12 points in leading the Marshall girls to victory. Linda Haynie had 11 and Marilyn Wyatt 10. Terry Padgett led Hot Springs with 10. Marshall held an 18-15 halftime lead and won going away.

BOYS CONSOLATION

HOT SPRINGS (70)—Lamb 14, Roberts 18, Padgett 14, Whitten 7, Rathbone 12, Wills 5. **LAUREL** (67)—Ramsey 9, Johnson 22, D. Shelton 2, Anthony 6, Bullman 5, Robinson, M. Shelton 13, Cantrell 10. Halftime: 32-26, Hot Springs.

GIRLS CONSOLATION

HOT SPRINGS (29)—Padgett 10, Greene 8, Thomas 4, Goforth 1, Wills, S. Swaney 1, L. Swaney, Hagan, Barnette 3, Prickett 2.

MARSHALL (47)—Harrell, Haynie 11, Wyatt 10, Meadows 4, Fisher 7, Flynn 12, McDevitt 2, Rector, Reed 1. Halftime: 18-15, Marshall.



1972 MADISON COUNTY BOYS CHAMPIONS are the Marshall Tornadoes, coached by Larry West. They upset the Mars Hill Wildcats in the finals Monday night, 44-43. Bottom row, left to right, James Briggs, James Kent, Ted Revis, Mike Freeman, Harold Rice, Billy Lowe; back row, David Adams, Mike Livesay, Verlon Davis, Coach Larry West, Jimmy Ponder, Leslie Mashburn.

French Broad EMC Does Not Plan Another Rate Increase

On February 17 the North Carolina Utilities Commission has granted Carolina Power and Light Company a 14.38 per cent hike in their electrical rates which includes continuation of the 5.6 per cent interim increase the company has been charging since June. This rate increase will cost the average CP&L consumer an additional \$3 per month. The rate increase of 14.38 per cent

that was granted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission to CP&L will not affect the member consumers of French Broad EMC.

At the present time the rates of French Broad EMC are less than those of CP&L Company's. French Broad EMC has only had one rate increase in the 31 year history of the Cooperative which became effective June of 1971, however, the Cooperative

has had three rate reductions that have saved the member consumers of French Broad EMC hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. These rate reductions took effect in 1946, 1957 and 1966.

NEW BILLING PROCEDURES!

The management of French Broad EMC regrets to inform the members that the electrical bills will be late due to dif-

ficulties in changing over from the out-dated and badly worn billing equipment to new and modern computer billing procedures. Penalties will not be charged to the consumers on

this January and February billing. We regret that the

February bills will be three to four weeks late. D. M. Robinson, General Manager said.



REPUBLICANS FILE—Shown above are five of the six Republicans who filed for county offices last Friday afternoon. Pictured, left to right: Frank W. Morgan, Jr., Register of Deeds; V. J. Willis, Auditor; J. Dedrick Brown, Commissioner; Mrs. Loy P. (Pat) Roberts, Tax Collector; Walter R. Harrell, commissioner. William C. Silver, Jr., who filed for commissioner, was not present when picture made.

Jury Finds Cupp Guilty Of Assault

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases started here Monday morning with Judge Fred H. Hasty presiding.

Practically the entire term thus far has been taken by the trial of Johnny Cupp, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, involving the shooting of Wayne McDevitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt, of Marshall. The incident occurred in February, 1971, in the parking lot area at Plemons Restaurant on the Marshall bypass.

Testimony was completed Tuesday and the jury was given the case on Wednesday. After two hours' deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The prosecution was conducted by Solicitor Clyde M. Roberts, assisted by Robert

Swain. Ron Howell, Marshall attorney, represented the defendant.

GOP Finance Committee To Meet Saturday

It has been announced that a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Madison County Republican Party will convene at the office over Shady Side Florists on Main Street here this Saturday at two o'clock.

"All members are urged to attend," C. N. Willis, chairman, stated.

Miss Coates On UNC Dean's List

Miss Patricia Ruth Coates, of Mars Hill, was among those on the UNC Chapel Hill, Dean's List for the Spring semester.

Bruce Sams Withdraws

Dr. Bruce Sams, chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, has withdrawn his candidacy for re-election because of reasons of health.

Sams, who had already filed for re-election, withdrew his candidacy this week, he said, on "doctor's orders." He will, however continue to serve the balance of his term which ends this year.

He asked for a meeting Friday night at Mars Hill with the Mars Hill area members of the county Democrat Executive Committee to discuss his reasons for not running again and to thank "the people who endorsed me two years ago."

Madison commissioners are elected every two years.

William T. Moore of Spring Creek and Ervin Adams of Laurel, incumbents, have already filed for re-election. New candidates who have filed are Jim Cody of Marshall; William Chandler, of Laurel; and James Ledford of Mars Hill.

The members of the executive committee Friday voted unanimously to endorse and support a candidate from the Mars Hill area to replace Dr. Sams on the ticket and voted unanimously to support Ledford.

Those at the meeting included Dedrick Cody, chairman of Edbs Chapel Precinct; Kelly Ledford and Ruby English, chairman and vice chairman of Middle Fork Precinct; R. L. Edwards and Mrs. Hazel Suttles, chairman and vice chairman of Mars Hill Precinct; and T. O. Coates, chairman of the Grapevine-East Fork Precinct of Mars Hill Township.

Sams, who served 10 years as mayor of Mars Hill, has served also on the town board of elderman and on the county board of education and board of



Sams

social services. He said, "I hate to get out because I love politics and have served the county in some capacity since I was 23 years old. But I feel I have to consider my health now."

Candidates Are Listed

Monday noon was the deadline for filing for county offices. Below is a list of candidates:

Democrats: Auditor, Emery Metcalf, incumbent; Register of Deeds, Hilliard Yeager, incumbent; Tax Collector, Harold Wallin, incumbent; Commissioners, R. Bruce Sams, incumbent (see withdrawal); W. T. Moore, incumbent; Ervin Adams, incumbent; Jim Cody, William Chandler and James Ledford; L. B. Ramsey, representative, has also filed for re-election.

Republicans: Auditor, V. J. Willis; Register of Deeds, Frank W. Morgan, Jr., Tax Collector, Mrs. Loy P. (Pat) Roberts; Commissioners, Dedrick Brown, Walter R. Harrell, and William C. Silver.