

# County Could Be Home Of Maharishi University

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If plans work out, Madison County will have a second higher education institution opening this fall, but the planned university will be quite different from Mars Hill College or any other college in the United States.  
Representatives of Maharishi International University, headquartered at a Hot Springs motel, now are surveying about 1,000 acres in Anderson's Cove between Spring Creek and Pine Creek as a site for its world headquarters.  
Some sources say there may be a problem concerning a certified deed for the land and

if so, the deal will fall through. Jerry Caldwell of Asheville, however, who owns the land, said Friday that the group has taken an option to the land, to be finalized on or before July 5 at a price of \$234,000.  
He said the property, some of the most beautiful and secluded in the Western North Carolina mountains, is a combination of several tracts he purchased about 25 years ago. Most of it, he said, is "old man Roberts' place" and is sometimes called Andersons Cove and sometimes called Highlands.  
He said it contains about 150 acres of cleared land which he has been told will be used for construction of buildings and the rest is wild country covered

with timber. He said he had used it only "for a little farming and cattle raising" but that years ago several families lived in that area.  
The university, if it is built, is expected to be finished by mid-October of this year, to be financed through foundations and contributions in addition to tuition. No state or national funding will be sought.  
It is planned to begin with about 1,600 students, 200 faculty members and 200 service workers, and will be a teacher training unit for other centers throughout the world.  
Students are expected to attend from all over the world with an interchange stressed between the organization's

other planned universities in Spain, Switzerland and Italy.  
There will be five terms annually to last 10 weeks each with total fees running from \$600 to \$700 per term. International symposiums also are planned each year, according to sources.  
The organization is not a religion or connected with any church or cult, according to available information, and students are not affiliated with the use of drugs and, in the majority of cases, not even with tobacco, spokesmen said.  
The teaching of transcendental meditation comes from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, perhaps better known in past years as guru to the Beatles and

other well-known persons in the entertainment field.  
The original organization, from which the university evolved, is Students' International Meditation Society which has about 75 Asheville members, according to an interview Citizen columnist Bob Terrell had recently with one of the group, Jim Stebbins.  
Stebbins graduated from the University of North Carolina this year with a degree in psychology "It's an experience of the mind," he told Terrell. "It does not conflict with any religious belief or practice. It is a process of direct experience. The goal is...an enhanced state of activity and fulfillment in

life."  
Behavioural scientists are interested in the technique. Stebbins said. He said that people who practice TM (as devotees term it) "find that behaviour which is not life-supporting, such as drugs, cigarettes smoking and drinking, fall off without effort."  
The representatives of MIU declined to comment on their plans at present but promised to call a press conference when a definite decision is made.  
No information was available concerning MIU from reference books and listings of universities at Pack Memorial Library. However, an article in the May 15 issue of Newsweek

said the Maharishi's non-profit organization, Students' International Meditation Society, "envisions the establishment of a global network of 350 teacher training centers that theoretically will evolve into full-fledged universities of meditation."  
The magazine's story said that the Maharishi was last heard from in Fluggi Fonte, Italy, where he went from India in 1970 after an inquiry into his financial affairs.  
The land in question is about 12 miles from Hot Springs and is bounded on one side by the Pisgah National Forest and on others by private property. Roads will have to be built. Only narrow logging roads now lead

into the acreage. The borders run from Cooley's Gap down the ridge of the mountain to Hap Mountain north to Doe Branch.  
Another problem that has delayed the project to date and may cause this location to be abandoned is the Anderson Cemetery. One of the smaller tracts acquired by Caldwell had belonged since before Civil War days to the Anderson family and generations remain on the land in the old burying ground.  
MIU representatives want the cemetery moved and, to date, Anderson descendants have not agreed to this. Rumor is that if the cemetery is not moved, the university will not execute its option and will look at other property in Virginia.

In addition to its main teaching, transcendental meditation, the university apparently plans to emphasize ecology studies and conservation, having told Caldwell that the land will not be developed, except for that already cleared and space for two roads but will be left in its natural state.  
Information from another source is that combustion engines will not be allowed and that plans are for electric or steam vehicles to be used on campus...or "shank's mare."  
The location is ideal for ecological purposes with the Appalachian Trail running through Hot Springs to the Great Smoky Mountains

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## Dr. Morgan Receives Accolades

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, Sr., Route 2, Johnson City, Tenn., and chairman, Department of Environmental Health, East Tennessee State University, has recently received several accolades, one of which resulted in him being included in the 1972 DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY. Headquarters of the DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY are in London, England, and the Dictionary is a record of contemporary achievement, including people from 130 countries of the world. Also Dr. Morgan has been included in the TWO THOUSAND MEN OF ACHIEVEMENT, 1972 edition, which is published in London, England. In recognition of his role in environmental research and environmental science, he has been included in the twelfth edition of AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN OF SCIENCE. The membership committee, consisting of Lowell Thomas, Jack Anderson, and Art Linkletter, has invited Dr. Morgan to membership in the INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM ASSOCIATION, an organization which "is in fact, the WHO'S WHO OF THE AMERICAN PLATFORM."  
These accolades come to Dr. Morgan as a result of his pioneer work in environmental health education and his leadership in public health. In 1970 he was included in OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA and in 1971 in PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH.

Dr. Morgan, a 1952 graduate of Marshall High School and a 1958 graduate of Mars Hill College, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Morgan, Sr.



DR. MORGAN

## Bell Institute Homecoming On Sunday

The third Sunday of June will be homecoming and Memorial Day and also the annual meeting of the Bell Institute Alumni at the Walnut Presbyterian Church. Morning worship service will begin at 11 o'clock, followed by a business meeting of the Bell Institute Alumni. At the close of this meeting, there will be a picnic lunch on the church grounds.  
At 2 p. m. there will be a memorial service for members who have been called to be with our Lord. The families of these members are invited for this service.



GREGORY PEEK



LARRY PEEK

## Gregory, Larry Peek

### Attending 4-H Forestry Camp

Gregory Peek, age 15, son of Mrs. Irene Peek and Larry Peek, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Peek of Marshall, have been selected as the 4-H representatives from Madison County to attend the annual 4-H Forestry Camp at Camp Millstone near Rockingham.  
These are among almost a hundred boys—each chosen to represent his county as a 4-H Club Forestry Leader. This week these boys are converging on Camp Millstone in Richmond County for the annual Forestry Awards Camp.  
Both Southern Bell and the agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University sponsor this program which is geared to the development, among the young people of our state, of leadership and knowledge in forestry.  
Special activities conducted at the camp for young foresters include the planting of and caring for trees, the in-

dentification of trees, the proper cutting of forest for timber purposes, the safe use of forestry equipment and the study of fire fighting techniques. All of these skills are taught on a "learn-by-doing" basis so that most of the "on-the-job training" takes place in the outdoors where experts can skillfully guide the boys in actual forestry skills.  
Several special interest programs are planned for this year's camp. These include an archery expert, a snake and reptile authority, with live samples, and an exciting science demonstration by Southern Bell's Archie Parker on innovations in the world of communications.  
In addition to recreational activities such as baseball and swimming, the boys are also encouraged to engage in activities which encourage the healthy development of citizenship and character.

## FHA Change To Benefit More Families

Many additional families in North Carolina are now eligible for rural housing loans from the Farmers Home Administration, FHA State Director James T. Johnson announced today.  
"In families where both husband and wife are employed," Johnson explained, "the new policy permits half of the wife's gross income to be excluded in determining whether the total family income is within the maximum limit for loan eligibility."  
For example, the husband is the principal source of income with \$6,000. His wife earns \$4,000. His entire income, plus half of his wife's or \$2,000, total \$8,000. This is within North Carolina's moderate income level of \$8,000 so the family may be eligible for a Farmers Home Administration Loan.

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State Director Johnson emphasized that newly-eligible families must demonstrate that they otherwise merit FHA financing, and that credit is not available from regular commercial sources.  
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MISS ELLEN FELDMAN

## Lions Horse Show Is Successful

The 4th annual Mars Hill Lions Club Horse Show, held last Saturday afternoon and night on the school grounds in Mars Hill, was termed as "quite successful" by Lion officials.  
Results were unavailable for this issue but if available next week, this paper will endeavor to publish the championships, etc.

**In Taiwan.**  
U.S. Air Force Sergeant Stephen O. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Della Greene, Rt. 2, Marshall, has arrived for duty at Shue Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan.  
Sergeant Greene, a communications specialist, previously served with a USAF support unit in Turkey.  
A 1966 graduate of North Buncombe High School, Weaverville, received an A. A. degree in data processing in 1969 from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute, Asheville.

## Teenagers Prepare For Bike Ride Here Next Wednesday

An army of teenage volunteers, under the direction of Pat Franklin, Campaign Chairman, will cycle around Marshall on Wednesday, June 21, to raise funds for research and patient care at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The announcement was made by Mrs. Franklin following her acceptance of the appointment by Danny founder of St. Jude Hospital located in Memphis, Tenn.  
Mrs. Franklin will command a teenage volunteer corps expected to number over 50. She is recruiting teenagers from all over Madison County. "I think the community will be pleased with the response of our young people, and I am confident that

the teenagers will do a good job," she said.  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas to fulfill a pledge to St. Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of the hopeless, made in 1937. At that time Thomas was an aspiring, unemployed entertainer. In desperation he pledged to build a meaningful shrine to St. Jude if he ever found his place in life. Thomas appealed to the youth of America to help him raise money to build the hospital, and now the hospital depends on young people to support this unique research institution where pediatricians and biological scientists seek cures for childhood diseases.

The hospital recently announced that it has achieved a 15 per cent cure rate for children afflicted with acute lymphocytic leukemia. In addition to leukemia and other blood disorders, research is being conducted in the areas of childhood cancer, muscle disorders, endocrine problems, and nutrition.  
Patients are admitted to St. Jude Hospital upon referral of their family doctor, regardless of race or creed; and there is no charge for treatment.  
Teenagers and adults who are interested in helping the young people organize and conduct the campaign are invited to get involved by calling 656-2540 or 656-2400. Recruiters for the bike

ride are Faye Reed in Marshall, Father Jeff Burton in Hot Springs, Tom Willingham and Dorothy Cody in Mars Hill, and Peggy Cutshaw and Patsy Norton of Laurel.

## CORRECTION

The article published in last week's issue listed four youths injured in a wreck in Marshall on Saturday night, June 3.  
Three of the names listed were in error, according to Sheriff Ponder. The three names should have been Robin Sprinkle, Sandra Treadway and Gary Marler.

## Republicans Attend 11th District Meet

Madison County Republicans turned out in full force at the 11th Congressional District Convention, Saturday afternoon at Erwin High School. The District Executive Committee met at 3 p. m. prior to the Convention with these representatives from Madison County: Mrs. Charles Crocco, Dr. Larry Stern, Mrs. Frances Ramsey and Joe Morgan.  
Bruce B. Briggs served as temporary and permanent Chairman of the Convention. Speakers were James E. Holshouser, Jr., GOP nominee for Governor, Mrs. Grace J. Rohrer, Acting State Chairman and GOP nominee for Secretary of State, and Col. Frederick R. Weber, GOP nominee for Commissioner of Labor.

Coliseum Complex in Greensboro.  
James M. Bailey, Jr. a former Madison County resident, served as Parliamentarian of the Convention. Col. Jess I. Ledbetter presided at the Executive Committee meeting and spoke to the Convention on the importance of harmony, unity, and work in all phases of the 1972 fall elections.  
Those from Madison County who attended were: Miss Ann McKinney, Sherman Ramsey, Mrs. Alma Shepherd, Dr. Larry N. Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. Briggs, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey, Joe L. Morgan, Mrs. Charles A. Crocco, Solicitor Clyde M. Roberts, Mallie A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Willis, C. William Briggs, Larry R. Swann, and Miss Helen Price.

The entertainment began at 6:30 with the Barber Shop Quartet, Square Dancing, Door Prizes and other Surprises. Then the Happy Happening Dinner was enjoyed by the hundreds of delegates from the seventeen counties of the 11 District.  
Charles Von Cannon, mayor of Banner Elk, and Mrs. Elsie Z. Pyatt of Marion were elected as delegates to the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

## Cody, Henderson Purchase Bld. On Main Street

The Redmon Building, formerly occupied by Redmon-Worley Motor Co., and the adjoining house located on Main Street here, has been purchased by Kermit Cody and James Henderson.  
Mr. Henderson, who resides in Detroit, Mich., at present, is the son of Otto Henderson, formerly of Marshall. He is married to the former Miss Mary Alice Recker, also formerly of Marshall. The Hendersons plan to return here in the near future.  
Plans for the building are incomplete at this time.

## Brigman's Store Broken Into

Sheriff Ponder stated here this week that Ken Brigman's store at Walnut was broken into late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. An adding machine and eight cartons of cigarettes were taken.  
No arrests have yet been made.



DANNY THOMAS, well-known television star and founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., is shown above with one of the patients. Proceeds from the Ride-A-Bike promotion next Wednesday will go to St. Jude.

## Miss Feldman Enjoys Workshop In Washington

A prominent Madison County 4-H youth, Miss Ellen Feldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Feldman, Mountain View Road, Mars Hill, attended an Adult-Youth Interaction Workshop held in Washington, D. C., July 4-10. The Adult-Youth Interaction Workshop, held at the National 4-H Center, was attended by representatives from most of the 50 states. North Carolina was fortunate in that four youths were selected to attend the workshop—the only state to have more than two delegates. The workshop was financed by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

In an interview with Miss Feldman, it was determined that the purpose of the workshop was to involve older youth in effective and realistic 4-H programming and to identify factors and conditions that are most conducive to effective and satisfying communication between adults and youth. In fact Miss Feldman summarized it in several words. "There is no generation gap, only a communication gap." Perhaps this is in itself a more than adequate statement concerning today's youth program.  
Miss Feldman further discussed the program which included inter-personal action to bring about compatible relationships between adults and youth; communications techniques to minimize existing

## Methodist Appointments In County

Methodist appointments made Sunday at the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska included the following in Madison County: Hot Springs: Baxter Proffitt from Nathan's Creek replaces L. Paul Heasler, who goes to the Mill Spring Church in the Marion District.  
Marshall: To be supplied. The Rev. W. C. Clark, who has been pastor, is retiring.  
Pastors of other Methodist Churches in county will remain "as is."



ARNOLD HYDE, of the Candler Lions Club, who was awarded "Lion of the Year" honors of District 31-A on Sunday, is shown presenting awards at the Marshall Lions Club meeting Monday night at the Rock Cafe. Top photo shows Hyde, left, presenting Dr. Bruce Sams, chairman of the Madison County Board Commissioners with an appreciation award for the cooperation of the county board in assisting in the screening unit and other Lion projects in the county. Center photo shows Tom Wallin, right, receiving award of "100 per cent Secretary" of the Marshall Club. Bottom picture shows Lion Jerry Plemmons, left, receiving citation for his outstanding work on brochure and scrap book activity.

## Democrats Attend 11th District Meet

Democrats in the 11th Congressional District went all out Saturday to comply with new party rules requiring that delegates to the national convention reflect the voter makeup of the district.  
A Negro and two women were among the five delegates picked at the district convention in Waynesville to take part in nominating a presidential candidate at the national convention in Miami July 15.  
At the Democratic convention, the focus to Sen. George McGovern were quietly at work but there was never a public declaration on the part of the national delegates as to where their second-ballot support will go.  
The McGovern support, quite naturally, was heaviest among the big Buncombe County delegation. However, the vote of the delegation indicated that it was not anywhere close to

unanimous—not even on delegate selection.  
Five candidates from Buncombe County were nominated for the five national delegate slots. The other 10 nominees were from Cherokee, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Rutherford, and Polk Counties.  
Democrats elected Seno Ponder of Madison County, Monroe Radden Jr., of Henderson County, Fred Dalton and Mrs. W. E. Highsmith of Buncombe as alternate delegates to the national convention.  
Rep. Lister B. Ramsey of Marshall, who was appointed temporary district chairman, was elected permanent convention chairman. Mrs. J. B. Millard of Waynesville was elected secretary. Glenn Brown of Waynesville and Mrs. Frances S. Patten of Asheville served as parliamentarian.