

# THE NEWS - RECORD

## Campaign To Crush Junk Cars Started In County

A solution for the unsightly junk cars in Madison County might well be underway in a campaign to rid our county of hundreds of the junkers. This comes as welcomed news to the public in general and also to the owners of the junkers which have been increasing yearly, marring the beauty of both private and public property, especially along highways and roads.

Positive action was started here this week in what will be termed the Governor's Award Clean-up, Fix-up Campaign. Lawrence Ponder, director of the Madison County Industrial Development Commission, explained that the purpose of the campaign was to involve the public in making

the county more attractive to industry. He also stated that the campaign was one of five requirements necessary to receive the Governor's Award.

Ponder said that four of the five requirements had already been met, namely: 1. Options on Industrial sites. 2. A Community Audit. 3. Local Development Corporations which can construct industrial buildings to lease or sell to industrial prospects. 4. Industrial Brochures.

"When this campaign to rid our county of junkers is completed, a Governor's Award committee will visit the county and evaluate the results of our efforts," Ponder stated. "We are quite hopeful

that the campaign will be a success through the cooperation of individuals and organizations," Ponder said.

A scrap book will be compiled showing the pictures of many areas littered with junkers before and after the campaign. Attractive brochures are already in the making which will be used to advertise Madison County, both in pictures and wording.

Ponder further explained that the Governor's Award program and the State Conservation and Industry Commission of Raleigh were closely related and that most industries sought county information through this commission.

### COOPERATION SHOWN

The campaign to rid the county of junkers is being sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club and the French Broad EMC; the Mars Hill Lions Club; and the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Kermit Cody, local used car dealer, has offered his equipment to help haul in junkers and also has made his junker lot available for the huge crushing equipment which can crush from 80-100 junker cars per day.

Ponder and Danny Hayes, of the French Broad EMC and Marshall Lions Club, made arrangements with owners of the crushing equipment to set up in Marshall at Cody's junk

yard on the Redmon Road.

Owners are asked to bring their vehicles to the junk yard here if at all possible. Where junkers are to be hauled in, there should be at least two wheels on the vehicle, it was explained.

"This is an opportunity in a lifetime to improve the appearance of our county at no cost to the owners of junk

The difficulty in loading and hauling junkers was stressed and as much assistance as possible should be given by the public to rid the county of all or at least most of the ugly, unsightly cars which are polluting the land.

**PLEASE HELP  
CLEAN—UP  
OUR COUNTY**

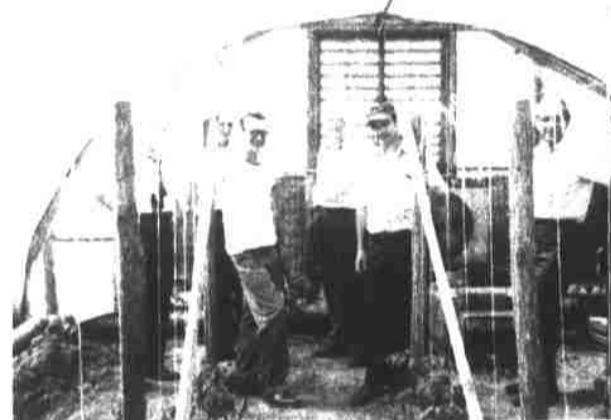
cars," Ponder said. Owners of junkers who wish them taken from their

property may contact: Marshall: Madison Industrial Development Commission (649-3901)

Mars Hill: Mars Hill Town Hall (689-2301)  
Hot Springs: Hot Springs Town Hall (622-3214)



PICTURED ABOVE IS the giant car crusher which will be in Marshall in the near future which will dispose of hundreds of junkers. As soon as 150-200 additional junkers in addition to the present ones are placed on the Cody lot on Redmon Road, the actual crushing will begin.



LOWELL MERRILL discusses greenhouse tomato production with group. Shown from left are Bryce Hall, Earle Wise, Merrill, Page Brigman, J. C. Wallin, and Sam Rudisill. Greenhouse tomato production is a new industry in Madison County.



TOUR GROUP OBSERVES a pick-your-own strawberry operation in Middle Fork area. The strawberries belong to Johnny Hensley, who is studying horticulture at N. C. State University. There is a great interest in this method of marketing strawberries.



TOUR GROUP WAS served lunch by members of The Little Pine Extension Homemakers Club. Approximately thirty people were involved in this phase of the tour. From left to right are Mrs. Sallie McHone, Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, Mrs. Bernice Ball, Mrs. Hattie McElroy, Mrs. Dorothy Payne, Mrs. Zura Worley, Miss Gladys Meadows, Mrs. Harry Davis. Not pictured were Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle and Mrs. Naomi Tweed.



MRS. ARNOLD GARRISON shows her recently completed home to tour group. House was built from an Extension plan. From left is Mrs. David Caldwell, Page Brigman, Mrs. Garrison, Emery Metcalf, Earle Wise, and Mrs. Howard Rector.

### Beta Omega Members Attend District Meet

Three members of Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha attended the Upper East Tennessee District Council Meeting. They were Mrs. Bobby Franklin, Mrs. Lawrence Cutshaw and Mrs. Jerry Plemmons. Members from seven area chapters were present at the Cooke County Conventual Home in Newport, Tenn., for the quarterly meeting. The District Council consists of chapters from Johnson City, Kingsport, Greeneville, Newport and Rogersville, Tenn.; Gate City, Va.; and Marshall.

The Council was formed to serve as an exchange ground in the various phases of ESA activities, such as philanthropic, social, rushing and educational. A workshop on "Scrapbook Ideas" was conducted by Lynn Coble of Rogersville. She acquainted members with various ideas on collecting and assembling their scrapbooks.

Mrs. Franklin serves her sorority as State Finance Chairman, District Publicity Director and Philanthropic Director for her local chapter.

Mrs. Plemmons is Vice-President of the local chapter and District Scrapbook Chairman. Mrs. Cutshaw is President of the local chapter.

### Mrs. Huff Completes Sec. Course

Mrs. Joseph Huff of Mars Hill was among 11 members of the Buncombe County Legal

Secretaries Association who recently completed the Professional Legal Secretaries Course sponsored by the association and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute. Certificates of Completion were issued by the National Association of Legal Secretaries.

Larry McDevitt, an Asheville attorney and nephew of Mrs. Stephen Eure of Marshall, was instructor. Mrs. Huff is the wife of Joseph Huff of Mars Hill, a Marshall attorney.

### Four Removed From OEO Agency Board

Four Opportunity Corporation board members, three from the public sector representing the Madison County government and one representing the Buncombe County poor, were removed from the board by unanimous action recently.

Basis for the action was repeated failure to attend board meetings.

The four are Harold Anderson, Robert Edwards, and Zeno Ponder, all appointed by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, and Cornell Proctor, representing Deaverview public housing tenants.

Commenting upon this action, Chairman Robert Boggan said the board, "by every stretch of the imagination had been more than lenient, more than hopeful that the four would resume their responsibilities on the board," adding that this has not been done. "With all due concern for the remainder of the board and for the welfare of the corporation," Boggan added, "we have no choice."

The chairman added that it had been called to his attention last December that there had been "some indication" that the Madison County representatives did not approve of the way the board was conducting business. It was also noted

that there had been a report of at least one of the group having attempted to attach Madison County to the community action agency of another county.

Ponder and Edwards had bitterly fought adoption of a Head Start program

In other action, the board approved revisions in its "Affirmative Action Plan" which contains unequivocal charges of discrimination in "housing, education, delivery of services to the poor, health and social service departments, in hiring patterns of city and county governments and in jailing of the poor and ethnic group members."

The board also approved a three-year objective statement listing 104 specific objectives, and a Head Start Program composed of 14 groups with a total of 340 children in the two-county area.

## Hot Springs Celebration Is Successful

Monday was Labor Day but as far as Hot Springs was concerned, last Saturday was the "big day" there as hundreds of persons converged on the picturesque town to observe its 194th birthday. A gala celebration was planned with the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the event.

Probably the most active persons involved in seeing that everything went off well were Father Jeff Burton and "Goose" Gosnell. These two men, with the aid of many others, were well rewarded as the event proved to be highly successful and a lot of fun enjoyed by an estimated 2,000 persons.

The center of the business district was roped off for participants while spectators watched from the area. A greased pole which had \$5 bills on top, was one of the most competitive contests for the

younger ones, who tried all day to bring down the "loot." Other throwing contests of various kinds were enjoyed as well as softball, volleyball, bingo, square dancing, and other games.

However, it was the Blue Grass Music Festival and the Bathing Beauty Contest for the title of Miss Hot Springs Tomato Queen which caused the most enjoyment.

The judges awarded the title to Miss Kay McCarter, who not only won first place but also received a trophy and a \$50 Savings Bond donated by

the Hot Springs Tomato Company.

Second place honors were awarded to Ruth Venos who received a trophy. Miss Debra Wilson was third-place winner who also received a trophy. The trophies were given by Burlington Industries. Miss Nancy King was fourth-place winner.

"All the girls were beautiful and it was difficult to pick the winners," one of the judges stated.

In the music contests, top honors were awarded Ralph Lewis and the Piney Mountain

Boys, of Asheville, who received a \$100 bond donated by the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. Carroll Crumley and "The Untouchables," of Newport, Tenn., won runner-up honors and were presented a \$50 bond from the Chamber of Commerce.

"Goose" Gosnell served as master of ceremonies.

"We wish to thank all those who helped in making this event so successful and especially do we thank Hartford Tweed for his truck which greatly helped," Burton stated.

## Housewarming Inaugurates County Boutique Store

There was a celebration of a "dream come true" Saturday when craftsmen and checker players, musicians and dancers from all over Madison and rural Buncombe counties converged on the Mars Hill College campus for the Country Boutique housewarming.

They spent the day picking and singing, throwing horseshoes, comparing crafts and demonstrating skills and generally playing together as they had worked together in refurbishing the century-old log cabin that is the new crafts store of Madison County Crafts Inc., a non-profit program set up a year and a half ago to help and encourage people to supplement their incomes through traditional craft making at home.

A number of people who took part in the day's activities were from the Grapevine section of the county, where the log cabin was built and used as a school and as a church. One woman told Miss Diane Brown, crafts coordinator for the Rural Development Project of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties, that she had attended school in the log cabin in 1899 when it was the "Frog Level" school.

Other persons, such as Brown and Lola Norton, recounted memories of the log cabin when it was used as Arrington Branch Baptist Church. And a highlight of the day was performances by the Arrington Branch Singers from the church. A member of the gospel group was a son of Reagan Coates on whose farm the cabin was located until 1930 when it was moved to Mars Hill.

Norton demonstrated the making of scrub brooms. Other woodworkers were Lloyd Fish of Upper Spring Creek, who made shanks, as he had done for the roof of the restored cabin; Robert Brink of Democrat, Harold Garison of Jupiter, Russel Gelespe of South Turkey Creek and Tom Shores of Salisbury.

Mrs. Norton demonstrated quilting along with Mrs. Nellie P. Duckett of Spring Creek. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nellie B. Duckett, also of Spring Creek, demonstrated carding and spinning.

Making corn-shuck dolls were Mrs. Elva Coward of Trust and Mrs. Helen Lawson of Hot Springs, whose daughter made inkle belts, along with Mike Snyder of Mars Hill. Mrs. Martha Willis of Mars Hill wove on a two-harness floor loom.

Among the music makers were Quay Smathers of Hot Springs, who played guitar, and his daughter who played

fiddle, Gary Spense, banjo, and Kirk Randeman, guitar, both of Mars Hill, and Ken Wallin's boys of Barnardsville, who played for the wind-up square dance.

Just before the square dance the name of Paul Powell, the son of William Powell of Mars Hill was drawn as the winner of an antique quilt.

The store was filled with antiques and crafts items made by the some 150 people involved in the program. Among the more unusual items were an 18-string guitar and two mule jawbone fiddles.

Miss Brown said there will be another day of crafts

demonstrations Saturday, Oct. 14, in conjunction with Bascom Lamar Lunsford's "Minstrel of the Appalachians" mountain music festival.

She also reported that many people want to continue having square dances, horseshoe and checker playing at the store.

The log cabin store was dedicated to the crafts people of the two counties who "have retained the skills and self-reliance of their ancestors and to the people of the past who wanted education for their children and a church for their souls."



AMONG THE THrong who gathered at the Country Boutique housewarming Saturday at Mars Hill College were four people who were instrumental in helping Madison County Crafts Inc. turn the century-old log cabin into a store. Receiving "thanks" for their efforts were (left to right): Miss Diane Brown, crafts coordinator for the Rural Development Project of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties, who began developing the crafts program in 1969; Chuck Schadt, OEO regional analyst who helped get funds appropriated for the cabin restoration; Lonnie Burton, director of the Opportunity Corporation, who supported the idea of the crafts program as an economic development project; and Mrs. Dorothy Arrington, director of the Rural Development Project, who has worked on establishing a crafts store since 1966 when she found that people of the county wanted "a place to sell things they made with their hands." (Mars Hill College photo by Norma Carter)