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Highway Report For 1969-1972 Given By Commissioner Hawkins

Novile C. Hawkins, highway commissioner, has released the following information on Madison County highway and road projects during his tenure of office—1969-1972.

In making this report, Commissioner Hawkins stated:

"I have enjoyed serving as a Highway Commissioner under Governor Scott and I will always appreciate having been appointed to this position by the Governor. Although I was unable to get our major road jobs under construction during my term, these jobs will be ready to go to Contract in 1973, and I trust that the next Governor and Highway Commissioner will carry on with the re-building of the primary and secondary roads projects which have been approved for Madison County."

His report follows:

PRIMARY ROADS— MADISON COUNTY 1969-1972

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Resurfaced US 25-70 and NC 209 in and through Hot Springs from the East to West Town Limits—\$19,500.

New Bridge on US 25-70 over Spring Creek in Hot Springs—\$105,000.

Grade, drain, base and pave Paint Rock Road from US 25-70 1.0 mile North and to Hot Springs Town Limit—\$47,500.

Reconstruct US 25-70 from the Buncombe County line to the Ivy River Bridge at SR 1589 and then US 25-70 Business to and through Marshall, North to the intersection of US 25-70 Bypass—\$39,000.

Resurface, shoulder construction and erosion control along five sections of roads North and South to Marshall City Limits and the US 35-70 Marshall Bypass—\$39,000.

Resurface seven sections of US 19-23, NC 213 and NC 36 from SR 1354, North to and through Mars Hill to the Mars Hill Methodist Church, and North to the intersection of US 19-23 and NC 36—\$50,000.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Appalachian system four-lane divided highway constructed to interstate Standards from Weaverville along US 19-23 into Madison County and continuing to the junction of NC 213, North of Mars Hill—\$9,650,000.

Resurface, shoulder construction and erosion control on US 23 from NC 213 North of Mars Hill to the Tennessee Line—\$275,000.

PLANNING STAGE

Relocation of US 25-70 from Weaverville to Marshall Bypass. Public Hearings have been held and corridor approved. Right of way being acquired. Date for letting contract set for November, 1973—\$11 million.

Relocation of NC 213 from Marshall to Mars Hill. Date for letting contract, September, 1973—\$5.5 million.

NC 213 from Athletic Street in Mars Hill, East to US 19-23. Survey work completed. Money appropriated. Right of way being acquired for Aud, 1973 letting.

Relocation of US 25-70 from Hot Springs to Tennessee line. Survey work in progress. One Public Hearing has been held.

Extend NC 214 from Marshall to Spring Creek. Corridor established and approved. Preliminary Plans being prepared.

US 25-70 from Marshall to Laurel River has been approved.

Redmon Dam Bridge proposed. Research and planning progressing.

Widening US 35-70 in Marshall has been approved and money appropriated. Right of Way purchased.



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SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVED OR PROGRAMMED

1. SR1423, Blankenship Road, 0.3, New Addition, complete.

2. SR1424, Easter Gap Cemetery, 0.3, new addition, complete.

3. SR1330, Spill Corn, 3.7, grade and pave, complete.

4. SR 1349, Sprinkle Creek, 2.0 grade and pave, complete.

5. SR 1369, Bee Tree Ext., 0.3, new addition, complete.

6. SR1116, Rector Corner, 2.6, grade and pave, complete.

7. SR1590, Geo. Collins, 0.5, grade and pave, complete.

8. SR1394, Lower Walnut Creek, N-A, improve sight dist., complete.

9. SR1522, Long Branch, 1.0, grade and pave, complete.

10. SR1175, Meadow Fork, 2.75, grade and pave, complete.

11. SR1438, Holcombe, 1.1, grade and pave, complete.

12. SR1304, Paint Creek, 2.15, grade and pave, complete.

13. SR1560, Mose Chandler, 0.75, grade and pave, complete.

14. SR1502, Punccheon Fork, 5.4, grade and pave, complete.

15. SR1535, Walker Branch, 1.5, grade and pave, complete.

16. SR1155, Paw Paw, 1.2, grade and stabilize, complete.

17. SR1194, Marshall Sub. Sta., 0.45, new addition, complete.

18. SR1530, Paint Fork, 2.0, grade and pave, underway.

19. SR1341, Foster Creek, 2.65, grade and pave, complete.

20. SR1137, Robert Hill, 0.8, Grade and pave, complete.

21. SR1378, Griffin Branch, 0.9, grade and stabilize, complete.

22. SR1137, Robert Hill, 0.2, grade and pave, complete.

23. SR1567, Old 213, 0.8, grade and pave, complete.

24. SR1553, Maint. Shed, 0.4, grade and pave, complete.

25. SR1501, Punccheon Fork, 0.6, grade and pave, complete.

26. SR1377, Hickory Flats, 0.4, grade and stabilize, complete.

27. SR1388-1399, Ammons Branch, N-A, improve intersection, complete.

28. Driveway to New Madison County High School, 0.2, new addition grade and pave, underway.

29. SR1114, Bear Creek, 0.4, grade and pave, underway.

30. US 25-70, Bypass, 300', turn lanes to new HS, complete.

31. Access road to new HS, 0.2, grade and pave, new addition, stabilize bus parking area, underway.

32. SR1357, Banjo Branch, 1.1, grade and pave, complete.

33. SR1531, Lower Metcalf Loop, 1.5, grade and pave, complete.

34. SR1312, B.G. Creek, 0.60, grade and pave, underway.

35. SR1336, Walnut Creek, N-A, improve sight distance (with 1397), complete.

36. SR1347, Chandler Creek, 2.1, grade and pave, underway.

37. SR1351, Jarvis Branch, 0.5, grade and pave, underway.

38. SR1352, Higgins Branch, 0.7, grade and pave, prog.

39. SR1568, Flint Hill, 0.7, grade and pave, underway.

40. SR1558, Turkey Branch, 1.25, grade and pave, prog.

41. SR1329, Barn Branch, 0.3, grade and pave, underway.

42. SR1561, Buckner Road, 0.5, grade and pave, prog.

43. SR1334, Rice Cove, 1.0, grade and pave, underway.

44. SR1569, Old 213, 0.8, grade and pave, prog.

45. Mato Road, 0.3, new addition, grade and pave, underway.

46. SR1107, Sandy Mush, 2.2, Grade and pave, prog.

47. SR1569, Bull Creek, 1.4, grade and pave, underway.

48. Mt. Zion Road, 1.5, new addition, grade and stabilize, underway.

49. Proffitt Branch, 2.5, new addition, grade and stabilize, underway.

50. SR1560, Mose Chandler, 1.0, grade and pave, prog.

51. SR1506, Murrey Branch, 1.0, grade and pave, prog.

52. SR1120, Troy Rector, 0.8, grade and pave.

In addition to the above projects, additional funds have been programmed to improve hazardous locations on various school bus routes.

MADISON COUNTY ROADS PROGRAMMED BUT UNABLE TO OBTAIN RIGHT OF WAY

1. SR1158, Eddie Griffin, pave, 0.2.

2. SR1146, Jack Guthrie, pave, 0.2.

3. SR1140, Odus Allen, pave, 0.4.

4. SR1375, Heck Creek, pave, 0.5.

5. SR1149, Clyde McClure, pave, 0.4.

6. SR1185, Church Road, pave, 0.6.

7. SR1405, Thomas Br., pave, 0.4.

8. SR1362, Bone Camp, pave, 1.5.

9. SR1595, Long Branch, pave, 0.1.

10. SR1383, Thomas Br., pave, 0.4.

11. SR1595, Long Br., pave, 0.10.

12. SR1320, Bobby Gosnell, stabilize, 0.25.

13. SR1150, Sandy Bottom, Stabilize, 0.12.

14. SR1359, Old 213, pave, 0.6.

15. SR1125, Caney Fork, Stabilize, 0.3.

16. SR1110, Boyd Cove, Stabilize, 0.8.

17. SR1120, Troy Creek, stabilize, 0.4.

18. SR1388, Ammons Br., pave, 0.85.

19. SR1369, Bee Tree, stabilize, 1.10.

20. SR1510, Ponder Creek, pave, 2.0.

21. SR1518, Turkey Creek, stabilize, 0.12.

Pageant Completes 10th Year

The Christmas Pageant at Marshall completed its 10th consecutive year on Saturday night with an estimated 200 persons present.

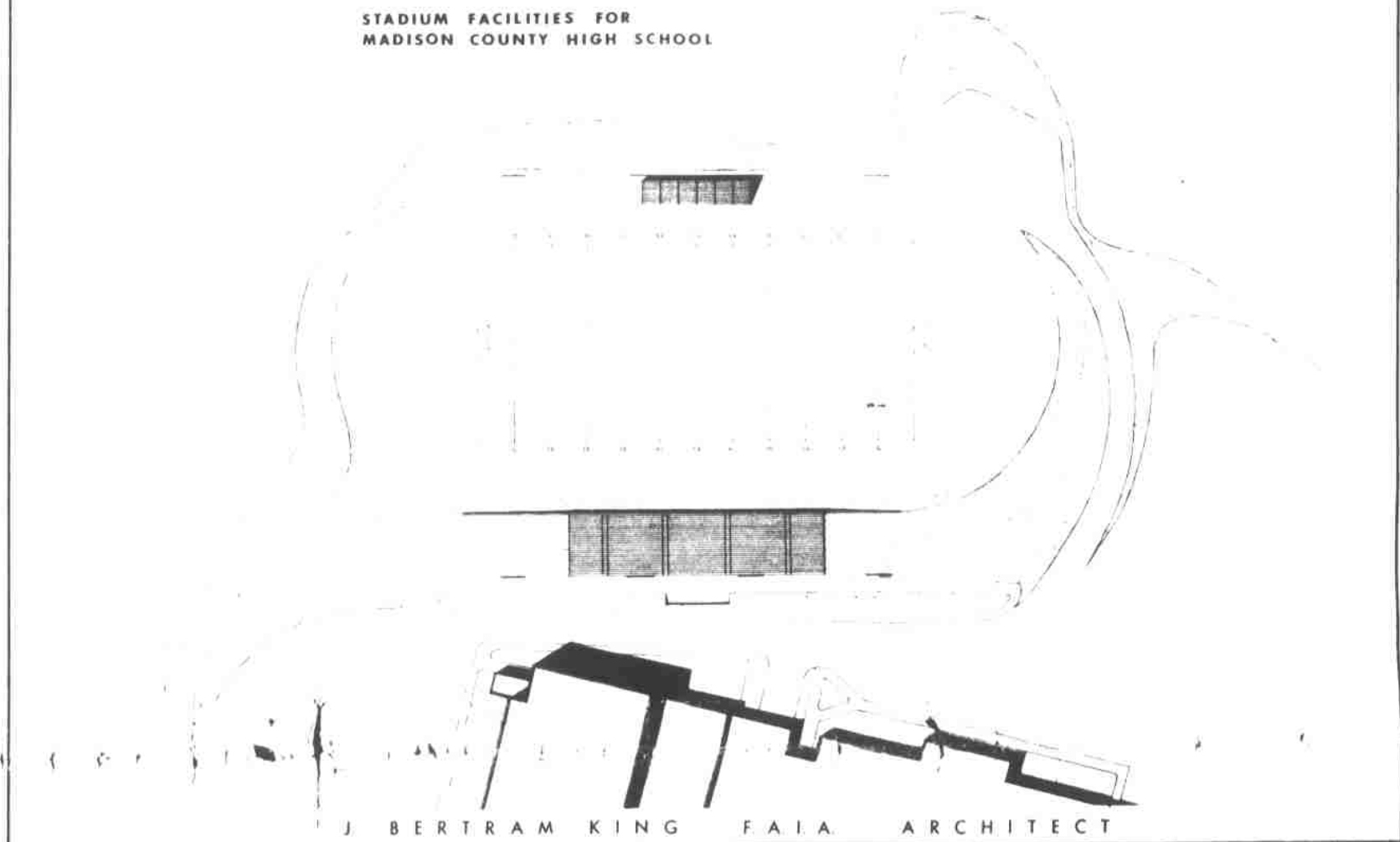
The first presentation on Thursday night, Dec. 21, was cancelled due to rainy, desegregable weather which prevented spectators from standing out-of-doors to see the presentation.

As estimated 100 persons were present on Friday night despite threatening weather. The weather this year certainly did not cooperate with the pageant which has been publicized nationwide in past years.

Dann Shields, coordinator, wishes to thank all those who assisted in any way.

THE ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of the proposed Madison High School Stadium which will be known as the Oren E. Roberts Stadium, named in honor of the late Oren E. Roberts, of Mars Hill.

STADIUM FACILITIES FOR MADISON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



Bids were opened here recently for the general construction and the electrical fixtures for the proposed stadium at the Madison County consolidated high school now under construction.

R. L. Edwards, superintendent, stated that there were three firms who bid on the general construction and four firms who bid on the electrical construction.

Edwards, however, said that the necessary papers had not been signed, awaiting word from Atlanta, Ga., pertaining to the acceptance of the bids.

Following are the bidders and their bids:

General Construction: Buncombe Construction Company, \$233,900; South-

worth Construction Company, \$268,800; C. J. Kern Construction, Inc., \$194,850 (C. J. Kern Construction, Inc., was low bidder).

Electrical Bids: Bryan Electric Corp., \$26,800; R. W. Cook, \$43,500; Hayes & Lunsford, \$37,400 M. B. Haynes, \$30,200 and (Bryan Electric Corp., was low bidder).

These bids included grading, track, lights, and main bleachers, Edwards said.

Edwards stated that the new stadium facilities for Madison County will be one of the finest in this area. The cost of these facilities is \$252,000 with an investment of \$50,000 by county constituents, mostly by public contributions. The

Economic Development Administration's contribution to the stadium is \$202,000, giving job opportunities to the skilled and semi-skilled workers.

Located immediately north of the new consolidated high school, the field will lay between three adjacent knolls and will require close to 100,000 cubic yards of compacted earth. Approximately 40 percent of this has already been moved during the initial phases of grading for the new

high school. This graded area will provide sufficient area for a standard high school football field as well as track and can be utilized for both school and public functions. The field will be "hurdle-backed" or slightly raised in the middle and will have an adequate drainage system.

The south or "home side" will incorporate a system or retaining wall, footings, grade beams and precast concrete risers and steps. Wooden

seats will be bolted on metal brackets to the concrete risers. This section of concrete grandstands will seat between 3,000 and 3,500 people. The first row of seats will be five feet above the playing surface, thus giving all spectators a first class view of the field. There will be two access roads to the field for maintenance and emergencies and a concrete concourse behind the permanent seating.

Barring no contingencies seating on the north or visitors side will be portable steel bleachers with a seating

capacity of approximately 600.

Field lighting will be from eight poles 70 to 80 feet high with 8 to 10 high intensity flood lamps per pole giving the field approximately 24 foot candles or about twice the amount of lighting at present stadiums in this area. With this system all dark spots and glare will be eliminated.

"It is hoped and expected that the new facility will be completed in time for the 1973 football season," Edwards said.

Taylor Impressed With Interest On WNC Tour

U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor said Friday that the two-week tour he has just completed in the 11th Congressional District has left him "deeply impressed with the extensive knowledge and interest in government of the people in Western North Carolina."

He said the problems or issues that came up in discussions most often in the visits to 23 towns in the 17-county district were Vietnam, water and sewer systems, revenue sharing and the November election.

"People seemed puzzled," Taylor said, "over the renewed bombing in Vietnam after they have been led to believe that the war was virtually over and a settlement agreed upon."

City and county officials were almost unanimously disturbed because revenue sharing payments were less than had been estimated, Taylor said. He said he has just sent each county commission chairman and mayor in the district information furnished by the Office of Revenue Sharing explaining the general procedure used to figure the payments and procedures to be followed by units of government with complaints or questions.

Taylor said, "I was very pleased with the interest in and concern for good government expressed by the people who came out to meet with us, and was delighted to find that the average citizen is increasingly well-informed about legislation, proposed and already enacted."

He said, "I believe the interest expressed in the activities of the 93rd Congress, which begins January 3, is a healthy sign. The more the general public knows and understands about the governing process in this country, the better that process will become." He added that such visits as these with constituents have always been the best method he has found to keep in touch with the thinking of the people in the district.

In addition to the visits Taylor makes when Congress is not in session, his District Assistant Tom L. Mallonee visits in each county about every six weeks.

Taylor expressed appreciation to the friends and well-wishers who arranged several coffees or teas during his visits.

He said many people came to see him and Mallonee with specific problems, "all of which my office will do its best to help with."

"Knowing the people's needs and problems in the district is of primary importance to me, and this tour has given me first-hand information and great encouragement," he said.

Christmas Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the Marshall Christmas Decorations and Lighting Contest, sponsored annually by the Marshall Garden Club, were announced as follows:

First place, the Ralph Ramsey home and yard on Walnut Creek.

Second place, the Fain Sprinkle home and yard, Hayes Run.

Third place, the Floyd Pressley Mobile Home, and yard, Rollins.

Fourth place, Home and yard of Mrs. Jessie Worley, Hayes Run.

The judges stated that many homes were beautifully decorated making the final decisions most difficult. The judging was done on Friday evening, Dec. 22.

Winners in the Marshall Lions Christmas Basket for the Blind promotion are as follows:

Portable color TV set, Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey, Asheville.

GE Speed Blender, Lewis Flemmons, Route 4, Marshall.

Black & Decker Skill Saw, Ernest Norton, Route 4, Marshall.

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We send our appreciation for our fine association during the past year and our best wishes for 1973