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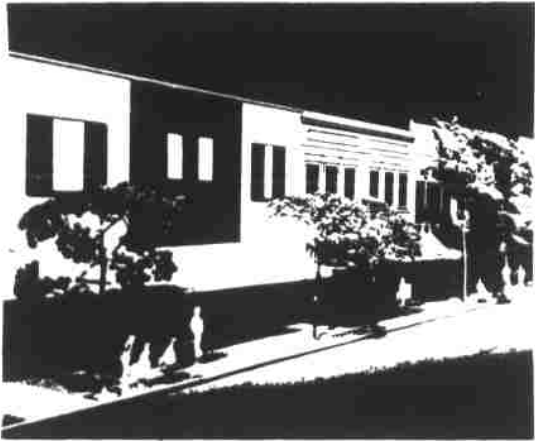
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EDITORIAL

Operation Townlift



The above picture of another town gives local people a chance to visualize the improvements that can be made in Marshall if enough people are willing to cooperate and are willing to pay for such an improvement.

Several years ago much talk and consideration was given concerning improving the appearance along Main Street by having a sidewalk covering or metal awning from the post office to Roberts Pharmacy. At that time it was thought the expense for such a project was too much to justify. However, with the shopping center nearing completion it might be advisable for merchants on Main Street to reconsider.

Many towns have encouraged more people to trade in them by making such improvements. True, the cost is rather high but we believe it would strengthen our economy and would certainly make our town more attractive.

Imagine shoppers being able to walk up and down the street during all kinds of weather, protected by an attractive overhead "ceiling".

We feel that the new shopping center will be attractive and will lend itself to increased business in this area. Why not keep step on Main Street?

Merchants, think it over.

Main Street Dilemma

The new traffic control light at the intersection in front of the courthouse has caused considerable comment—both favorable and unfavorable.

The same thing can be said of the elimination of the signal light at the intersection of Main and Upper Bridge Street.

Several persons have complained that the shades around the lights protrude too far to know when the light is green, yellow or red while standing on the sidewalk. Someone said that a person has to walk to the middle of the street to find out what color the light is. That's dangerous, indeed. Maybe the shades can be cut shorter so pedestrians can tell when to cross the street while standing on the sidewalk.

It has been our opinion that cars wishing to turn left from Main Street into Bridge Street should be given a chance with an arrow on one of the four lights showing green or go left. Cars wishing to continue straight or down the street could do so with one light on solid green. When the arrow points green for a left turn, the lights facing cars coming up the street could be on red or "stop" for short intervals. This would enable cars going either straight or turning left of traffic coming up the street to get spaced out enough to turn. This would only necessitate cars coming up the street to pause for perhaps a minute before getting a green light or maybe a right turn light. Sounds rather confusing, doesn't it? However, as it is now, we can't see much advantage in having two lights on red and two lights on green at the same time. It certainly doesn't alleviate the congestion and long lines of cars just waiting for a car to turn left on Bridge Street. Maybe this sounds crazy and maybe it is, but other such intersections similar to ours in other towns adjust the four-light fixtures in such a way to speed up traffic in all directions.

We would like to see some improvement made along this line.

As for the elimination of the traffic light at Upper Bridge Street, there are good and bad angles. Many disregarded the light anyway and made it dangerous to cross the street until looking carefully. Now there is NO light but rather a STOP sign for vehicles entering Main Street. This, no doubt, speeds up the traffic on Main Street but makes it a bit dangerous for pedestrians who must watch for cars which must "go fast when the coast is clear" entering Main Street.

It's sorta hard to get use to no signal light at this intersection but we're learning to watch in all directions before crossing either Main or Bridge Street.

Now, if something could be done to slow down so much U-turning at the Redmon Road intersection we feel sure this would be a great relief for motorists and pedestrians.

Why Search You?

By PAUL HARVEY

Boarding any airliner now, you are required to arrive early, open your carry on baggage, including your purse, allow a search of your pockets and, if indicated, your underwear.

Most passengers accept the invasion of their privacy philosophically. They say "It's better than a detour through Havana."



Some passengers, indignant, are going to demand a Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of such search without warrant.

You approach the airline gate and the concourse entrance is guarded. At a long table, passengers place their hand baggage for opening and inspection.

The passenger then walks through an archway where a magnetometer detects any metal on his or her person, including keys or coins.

With hand-held electronic devices, other security men comb your person for concealed weapons or explosives.

Metal in your corset or a metal socket in your hip joint may require that you be segregated and stripped for a more intimate search. That doesn't happen often but airport officials have the authority to do so.

When government lowered the security screen over 531 commercial airports last December, we'd been averaging four skyjackings

or attempted skyjackings per month.

It's too soon to evaluate results of the costly, cumbersome, time-consuming and sometimes embarrassing screening process.

It takes an average of six airline employees to process a payload of passengers. For a major airport this requires several hundred uniformed guards plus a dozen FBI agents.

Of course it's the passenger who pays for this private army in higher fares. And if ever the crisis ends and the need for search subsides, history predicts the added costs will remain.

But who is it who thus trespasses on your private papers, possessions and person? Government?

Always we assume that free people become less free because dictators dictate.

But federal police are upending your wig box not because government wants to but because a comparative handful of sickies are running around loose and menacing others.

The law has taken away your Fourth of July fireworks and threatens to take away your gun because some misuse theirs. Government can seize your private papers because of some tax cheaters. And because some sadists hide razor blades in apples whole states outlaw Halloween.

Not because there is tyranny in government but because there is anarchy in the unbuttoned brains of a few loonybirds.

Because some who are free don't deserve to be you can't be.

And down the road whole nations go from regulation to regimentation to tyranny.

Raleigh Report

By ERNEST MESSER

House sessions are getting longer as committees begin to release more bills and as some of the more controversial proposals begin to appear on the House Calendar.

On Monday night, debate began on a bill to give citizens of the State the right to sue State Agencies for not enforcing anti-pollution standards. The debate was resumed on Tuesday when the bill passed the house by a small margin. Rumors are that the bill will meet with even stronger opposition in the Senate.

Wednesday was the longest day of the current legislative session. It began early in the morning with committee meetings, then the House convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned after 6 p.m. In all, twenty-one bills were considered, two of them being among the more controversial that will be dealt with this session.

A proposal to give cities the right to spend Powell Bill funds to plan and operate mass transit transportation systems was killed after much argument, several attempts to amend, and much in-fighting. Then, after several hours of debate, which became rather heated at times, the House decisively killed a bill that would have submitted the Equal Rights Amendment to a vote by the people, a vote that would not have been binding on members of the General Assembly, but would only have determined the sentiment of the people.

The majority sentiment was that the people expected their elected representatives to settle the issue themselves, rather than submit it to a referendum; that, since many other state legislatures are meeting this year, the issue might be settled before a vote could be taken in North Carolina and that, consequently, we would be voting on an issue that had already been settled.

Now comes the real showdown, when the General Assembly must decide whether to approve or disapprove the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

No matter how minor they may be, all proposals to change the election laws are controversial.

A bill to prohibit political posters on a highway right-of-way has been on the House Calendar for a week. It has been amended, argued about, and postponed, but it is still far from being disposed of.

A bill to modify the method of replacing senators or representatives, whose office becomes vacant because of

death, resignation, or for any other reason, has been moving slowly through the Senate and the House.

Previously, the law required that a vacancy must be filled by a person belonging to the same party and living in the same county as the person who created the vacancy. The change permits the replacement to come from any county in the legislative district, with each county casting one vote for each 300 residents, in selecting the replacement.

The replacement would still have to come from the political party of the person who caused the vacancy. The bill was enacted Friday.

On Tuesday of this week, the House Election Laws Committee will hold a public hearing on a proposal to change the date of the Primary Election to the third Tuesday in July. The Committee will probably vote on the proposal on Wednesday.

Of interest to the people of Western North Carolina are two bills introduced last week, one to establish the North Carolina Trail Authority and the other to authorize the Department of Administration to acquire the remainder of the right-of-way for the Appalachian Trail. Consideration of these bills should begin this week before the Committee on Conservation and Development.

Prohibition

Prohibition became effective in the United States on January 16th, 1920—fifty three years ago. It was a noble and idealistic experiment, and a hopeless one, for it sought to legislate morals and personal behavior.

Younger citizens find it hard to believe Congress ever voted a ban on alcoholic beverages, and that thirty six states (three fourths of the forty-eight), quickly ratified the amendment. (Only Rhode Island and Connecticut never ratified it.) But that's what happened under emotional pressure of the day from drags.

As many had warned, the experiment was a failure. Bootleggers and gangs then sneaked booze illegally into "speakeasies" and the results were gang wars, bad booze, corruption and a widespread breakdown in law enforcement. The 21st amendment of 1933 repealed the 18th, effective with the ratification of thirty six states, again, on December 16th, 1933.



A LEMON, 14 inches in circumference has grown on the lemon tree belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Polk Bryan, of Marshall. The tree also has two smaller lemons on it, as well as several blooms. The tree was given to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan about two years ago by their grandson, Bill Bryan, and his wife, of Kingsport, Tenn. The tree originally belonged to Mrs. Bill Bryan's aunt, of Etowah, Tenn., who grew it from a seed. The tree is approximately four years old.

Marshall Teams Win County Jaycee Titles

MARSHALL-MARS HILL (GIRLS)

The Marshall girls defeated the Mars Hill girls, 23-18, to win the Junior Varsity championship at the local gym last Friday night before a large crowd.

The Mars Hill JV girls led at the end of the first quarter, 5-3 but the Marshall girls stormed back to tie the game at 10-10 at halftime. The score at the end of the third quarter was Marshall, 17, Mars Hill 14. Defense played a major role in the final quarter with Marshall scoring 6 points to Mars Hill's 4 to capture the 5-point victory in an exciting game.

D. Evans led the winners with 8 points, D. Landers had 7 points and T. Green, 5 points. Dr. Reed completed the scoring with 3 points.

Pam Yelton was high scorer for both teams with 10 points. Debbie Wheeler had 6 points and Karen Edwards completed the scoring with 2 points.

MARSHALL (23)—T. Green 5, D. Landers 7, D. Evans 8, C. Buckner, D. Reed 3, S. Sprinkle, K. Webb.

MARS HILL (18)—Pam Yelton 10, Debbie Wheeler 6, Teresa Walker, Karen Ed-

wards 2, Diane Ledford, Jane Carter, Peggy Anderson.

MARSHALL-HOT SPRINGS (BOYS)

The Marshall JV boys got off to an early first quarter spurge to go out in front of the Hot Springs JV quint, 13-4 and were never headed. At halftime the "Mini-Tornadoes" led 25-10 and at the end of the third quarter held an overwhelming lead of 42-15. The youngsters didn't slow up during the final quarter and ended up with a 60-21 romp and the JV boy's championship.

Harrell, with 16 points, and Treadway with 15 points led the winners while Boone had 12 points, Flynn 7, Plemmons 5, Burnette and Hensley 2 each, and Sprinkle with 1 point, completed the scoring.

No Hot Springs players were in double figures. Ramsey led the losers with 8 points, Jenkins had 5 points, Caldwell and Daniels had 3 points each and Swaney and Holt had a foul shot each.

MARSHALL (60)—Boone 12, Harrell 16, Flynn 7, Burnette 2, Plemmons 5, Hensley 2, Roberts, Sprinkle 1, Treadway 15.

Taylor Attends "Peace With Honor" Affair

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor attended Thursday evening a

Radio Appeals

On some radio stations one hears entertainment types throughout the day making one pitch after another, always on behalf of some noble cause, for money. The listener is advised to send a check to Washington or New York, usually.

Whether it is to save the lives of starving children in Asia, to save pink elephants in Africa or to help fight an insidious disease, the appeals are always emotional and impressive and much money finds its way to the big-city organizations which get entertainment types to make their appeals.

One doesn't wish to comment adversely on the efforts of any charity organization, yet one principle about helping unfortunates is worth remembering; help extended at home accomplishes known results.

A weekend a month makes a payment a month.



The Army Reserve. It pays to go to meetings.

Enka Girls Defeat Mars Hill For District Title

Enka's Sugar Jets streaked into a 21-6 first quarter lead, lapsed momentarily and then soared to a 64-41 victory over Mars Hill for the District Eight girls basketball championship Thursday night at Cullowhee.

Mars Hill ended its season at 19-2.

Diana Robinson came up with one of her top performances of the season as she led the Jets with 23 points. She excelled around the boards, particularly in the final half, pulling down 18 rebounds.

Jane Arledge added 16 to the Enka cause while Halford had 14.

Linda Robinson and Yvonne Coates, paced the Wildcats with 18 and 11 points respectively.

Halford managed 10 of her points in the first period with most of the baskets coming from the top of the key. Early in the second period Coates and Linda Robinson led the Madison attack that cut the margin to two points, 27-25. Then Arledge hit two baskets and Janet Wit four free throws and Enka led at the half, 35-27.

The Wildcats, with Coates

on the sidelines with four fouls, crumbled in the face of Enka's man-to-man defense in the third period and the Sugar Jets coasted into an unsurmountable lead.

Coates returned to action at the start of the final quarter but lasted only five seconds before fouling out as Mars Hill failed to make a run at the leaders in the final period.

GIRLS ENKA (64)—Halford 14, White 6, Robinson 23, Arledge 16, Parrott 2, Cody 1, Sharpe 2, Anders.

MARS HILL (41)—L. Robinson 18, J. Robinson 5, Coates 11, Wood 3, Martin 2, Brady 2, Yelton, Proffitt.

Half: Enka 35-27. Mars Hill earned the right to meet Enka by defeating Cherokee 54-40 on Wednesday night.

Linda Robinson dominated inside play for the Mars Hill girls in their win over the Bravettes. She totaled 26 points for the evening while Janet Robinson added 14 in handing the Cherokee club their second loss in 25 games this season. Debbie George had the hot hand for the Bravettes, canning 22 points.

Laurel Teams Win Third Place Titles

LAUREL-HOT SPRINGS

The Laurel varsity girls edged out a tough 45-41 decision over Hot Springs in the girls' consolation game for third place in the county basketball tourney in the local gym last Friday night.

The nip-and-tuck battle kept the near capacity crowd wild throughout the contest.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was 12-7, Laurel; at halftime Laurel held a 3-point edge, 26-23; end of third period, Laurel remained ahead, 38-31 and finally finished the game, winning 45-41.

Ann Hensley, with 16 points, led the Laurel lassies. Christine Shelton looped in 13 points for runner-up honors. For the losers, Terri Padgett scored 14 points while Diana Wills had 12 and Loretta Barnett had 10 points.

LAUREL (45)—Cotshall 4, Hensley, 16, G. Shelton, 4, C. Shelton, 13, Ramsey, 5, Norton, 1, L. Cantrell, 2, M. Cantrell.

HOT SPRINGS (41)—Padgett, 14, Price 5, Branett, 10, Wills, 12, Wilson.

LAUREL-HOT SPRINGS BOYS

The Laurel Tigers got off to a fast start last Friday night to defeat the Hot Springs Blue Devils, 69-43, to win third place honors in the county basketball tournament.

Louie Ray Shelton, with 17 points, led the offensive show for the winners while teammates Junior Chandler (16 points) and Michael Franklin (15 points) were the three players in double figures for the winners. Craig Anthony had 9 points and Marvin Shelton scored 8 points. Jerry Gunter had 4 points to complete the scoring.

Tommy Rathbone with 12 points and David Cook with 10 points led the losers.

LAUREL (69)—Shelton 8, Anthony 9, Gunter 4, Franklin 15, L. Shelton 17, K. Shelton, Chandler 16.

4-H Talent Show

Mar. 10 At Mars Hill

4-H boys and girls from all over Madison County will have an opportunity to participate in the Annual Madison



County 4-H Talent Show Saturday, March 10. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium at Mars Hill College. Judges for the show will be Mr. and Mrs. John Blair from Burnsville, N.C.

All participants will receive ribbons. The three highest scoring acts will be invited to participate in the District Talent Show at Spruce Pine, June 14.

Everyone is invited to attend. Admission will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

Robbinsville Eliminates Wildcats, 45-40

Robbinsville eliminated the strong Mars Hill Wildcats, Madison County champions, 45-40 in the Class A District Eight basketball tournament played in Andrews Wednesday night of last week.

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But with five minutes left in the game, the 6-foot-4 offensive threat came off the bench to score 13 of Robbinsville's final 17 points to put the game away. Howell finished with 25 points.

Mike Osteen and Keith Walker led Mars Hill with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

More Trout For Food Industry

Many of North Carolina's pollution-free mountain streams are producing prized rainbow trout that are expected to add yet another link to the expanding chain of seafood development in the state.

Over two million pounds of trout are produced annually from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Henderson and Yancey counties.

The next five years are expected to bring annual production exceeding 10 million pounds, providing organization, processing, techniques and important markets can be established, according to Alvah Ward of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

A group of Western North Carolinians are working to make that happen. The trout industry in the state is being shaped by the Southern Appalachian Trout Producers Association located at Franklin. Robert Carpenter has just been elected president of the organization, which represents 75 trout farmers.

Historically, rainbow trout have been produced in the mountain areas for fee fishing, or recreation purposes, but these interests are beginning to give way to a new found interest in producing the prized catches for the food industry, Ward said.

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Benefit Cage

Game At Mars Hill Tuesday

Whoever said basketball in this county was over for this season didn't know what he was saying.

Next Tuesday night beginning at 7:30 on the Mars Hill High School hardwood the Mars Hill Lions will play the Mars Hill Civitans. Proceeds from the game will benefit the Little League Baseball program in Mars Hill.

Pharmacy Comments

Pull The "Weeds," Now!

Most people would never let weeds inundate their gardens. Yet, when it comes to home medicine cabinets, behold the jungle of half-taken drugs, unclear or dirty labels on bottles, and bottles whose labels are missing altogether. Yes, behold the out-dated, soured prescription mixtures that still clog sagging home medicine shelves.

If your shelves abound with such drugs, you need to do some "spring cleaning"—without delay!

A messy, cobweb-infested, poorly organized medicine cabinet may literally be a "pain in the neck." So get smart! Take prompt action and pull the "weeds" from your medicinal "garden," now. Save yourself the "pain," later on.



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