

# THE NEWS - RECORD

## ABC Board Sees Conflict Of Interest

The newly reorganized Hot Springs Board was told Monday that an "intolerable conflict of interest" still exists within the liquor store operation.

And the State ABC Board noted that net revenues from the liquor store in Madison County are among the lowest in the state. It was suggested that this could be improved by scaling down the salaries of the store's two employees—the supervisor and a clerk.

The state board, however, seemed satisfied that the May 2 reorganization of the Hot Springs ABC Board has resolved a conflict of interest in connection with its lease on a building it uses for a store and a warehouse.

The state board told R. W. Ponder, the new Hot Springs ABC Board chairman, and his legal counsel, Sen Lamar Gudgeon of Asheville, that it wants a report in 30 days on the status of the two liquor store employees, their salaries and their brother who is now a member of the Hot Springs Board of Aldermen.

Members of the ABC board are appointed by the town board of aldermen, and the state board views the situation of the three Anderson brothers as a conflict of interest.

"Somebody has got to go," Marcus Hickman of Charlotte, a member of the State ABC Board, said Monday.

C. E. Anderson and Fred Anderson are supervisor and clerk of the Hot Springs liquor store, respectively, and their brother Harold Anderson is a member of the town board of aldermen.

Each of the two liquor store employees is paid an annual salary of \$10,200.

Hickman said that more than 100 employees of the Mecklenburg County ABC system are paid, where a large percentage of the state's liquor is sold.

George Coxhead, a member of the State ABC Board, said he is concerned that net revenues from the Hot Springs ABC system come to only 3.26 per cent of the total sold.

From July 1, 1971, to June 30, 1972, the Hot Springs

system grossed \$222,181.30 in liquor sales, and showed only \$7,241.28 in net revenue.

Cost of goods is listed by the state board at \$137,233.96; state tax at \$39,607.52; the town's rehabilitation contribution at \$2,468.85; research and education, \$573.63; and operating expenses at \$35,412.63.

Hot Springs has a population of about 1,000 and Coxhead said that profits being turned over to the town are not in line with systems located in towns of similar size.

Ponder, who has been a member of the ABC Board since 1969, but became chairman May 2 when C. E. Anderson stepped down, said the store will gross much less in the future since the establishment of five liquor stores in planned in Morristown, Tenn.

He told the state board that little of the Hot Springs liquor is sold in Madison County, but is bought instead by residents of Tennessee.

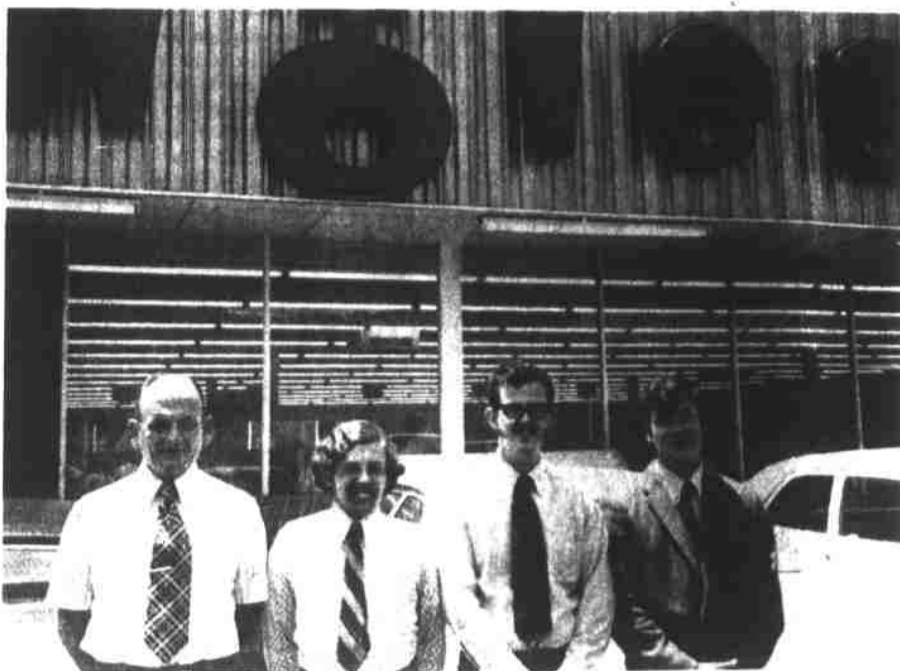
At the hearing with Ponder were Hot Springs ABC Board members J. L. Moore and T. Z. Russell Moore and Russell Moore on the board May 2 when C. E. Anderson resigned as chairman and Mrs. Bernice E. Wright resigned as a member of the board.

Mrs. Wright is a niece of Swan B. Huff, owner of the building in which the liquor store is located.

Dr. L. C. Holshouser, state ABC chairman, said he does not feel the Hot Springs ABC board is "doing the people of the town justice" when only three per cent of the revenue is returned for public purposes for which they voted.

And Hickman said he would feel better if the two clerks in the store were not related. He said their salaries would be more in line with others throughout the state if they were paid \$6,000 a year instead of \$10,200.

Holshouser told the Hot Springs board to go back to Madison County and try to get some of the problems ironed out, and to report back to the state board at its next meeting.



PICTURED ABOVE are four "Top Brass" members of the new Ingles store located at the shopping center on the Marshall By-Pass. Left to right, Kenneth C. Smith, Jr., manager; Bob Robertson, produce manager; M. J. Ball, front supervisor; and Aaron Goforth, meat market manager.

## Ingles, Burger Parlor Now Open At Shopping Center On By-Pass

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For the past several days scores of workers have been putting the finishing touches on the Ingles Market and shelves have been stocked with thousands of items. Local girls who will be in charge of the cash registers have been hard at work learning how to operate them. They have also been to other Ingles stores in this area observing other cashiers.

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## Danger! Blue Mold In Burley Beds

There have been several outbreaks of blue mold in the blue cured old belt. This belt joins the burley growing area of W. N. C. This means that Blue Mold could very easily spread into our area, says Wiley D. Vall, Agricultural Extension Agent.

With the cool nights which we are presently having a period of damp, cloudy weather could cause the disease to spread rapidly.

Farmers would be wise to use the preventive program of spraying or dusting with fumigant. This should be done at weekly intervals until all danger is past.

## Fayetteville Man Arrested In Marshall

Arrested in Marshall, N. C. was James J. Merritt, 42, president of Federal Construction Company, Inc. He was later released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. Arrangement was set for June 6, 1973, in Fayetteville.

According to a seven-count indictment, Merritt was charged with violating provisions of the Internal Revenue Code that require an employer to deposit federal withholding taxes in a separate bank account in trust for the U. S. Government within two banking days after a payroll date.

Merritt did not make required deposits of employee withholding taxes collected for payroll periods of February 23 through April 13, 1973.

## Athletes Get Class A Honors

Congratulations are in order for two Mars Hill High School athletes and the Mars Hill girls basketball team.

Linda Robinson and Jim Roberts were named outstanding athletes in Western North Carolina Class A Schools and the girls' basketball team was named the outstanding team in WNC Class A schools.

They received these honors at a recent WNC Athletic Banquet held in Asheville.

## State Bruins Slate Dec. Tilt

UCLA officials at N. C. State said that their second ranked basketball team will meet national champion UCLA in a showdown in St. Louis on December 15.

The match between the two teams was arranged after several weeks of negotiations and schedule juggling. It will be played in the St. Louis Arena, the site of the latest Bruin victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament.

N. C. State, which went 27-0 last year, did not play in the tournament because of an NCAA probation for recruiting violations. UCLA, in winning the final game, extended its winning streak to 75 games, a collegiate record.

The game, according to N. C. State officials, is tentatively scheduled for 4:15 CST and will be telecast nationally. It will be part of a doubleheader in which St. Louis University and Southern Illinois will play the first game.

Both teams will lose two starters from last year's teams via graduation, but their respective All-Americans, Bill Walton for UCLA and David Thompson for N. C. State, will return, and capable replacements for the starters rode the benches last year.

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## FHA Initiates Rural Youth Loan Program

Rural youth can now borrow money on the farm; they can also obtain loans to help them establish and operate income producing projects in cooperation with their participation in organized clubs.

The basic objectives of youth loans are educational and practical. Youth are taught basic economics and credit principles and provided an opportunity to use their funds and funds for self-improvements. Generally a project advisor and the FHA official will have a major role in planning the enterprise with the youth and providing guidance in operating it.

Loans can be made for both farm and nonfarm projects such as but not limited to: crop of livestock production, farm custom service, auto and appliance repairs, woodworking, welding shop, roadside stands or other income producing projects.

Some examples of how loan funds may be used are: (1) to purchase livestock, essential equipment and resources and facilities for the project; (2) to purchase rent or repair necessary tools, equipment, and facilities; (3) to pay operating expenses; and (4) to purchase inventory and supplies.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a citizen under 21 years of age, participate in a rural area club, and reside in a rural area or city or town of less than 10,000 population. He or she must have the character, ability, and maturity necessary to plan, manage and operate the enterprise under the supervision of the project advisor. The applicant must be unable to obtain necessary credit elsewhere and obtain the recommendation of the project advisor. If under 18 years of age, the applicant must obtain the recommendation from the parents or guardian.

Each project must produce enough income to pay operating expenses and the FHA loan. Each applicant is

## Criminal Court To Begin Here Monday; Jurors Are Named

The May term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here next Monday morning with Judge B. T. Falls, Jr., presiding. Clyde M. Roberts, solicitor, will represent the State, assisted by James T. Rusher.

More than 60 cases are listed on the docket for trial. Most of the cases are for breaking, entering and larceny also driving under the influence. Other cases involve charges of non-support, DWLR, assault with firearms, rape, receiving stolen goods, transporting, and fishing violators.

A list of jurors drawn follows:

T. L. Shelton, Esta Wallace,

Texie McDewitt, Tipton, Maigie Ferguson, Mary H. Norton, Muncie Franklin,

Loe Elenor Wallin, Louise Allen Treadway, Sallye Kate Franklin, Brenda Barnett,

Ray, Randall, Buckner, Wesley H. Stuede, Jr., Beva Roberts, McDewitt, Jo Ann Holcombe, J. D. Thomas, Roy Laws, Bobby Rice, Wade Massey, Austin Faulkner, Thurman S. Briggs, Harold H.

McCall, West, Beverly, Lou Shelby, special jurors.

At the May meeting of the Madison County Board of Commissioners the following people were appointed on the Madison County Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of North Carolina: R. L. Edwards, Mars Hill, Dr. Don Anderson, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, Lawrence Ponder, Marshall, Earle Wise, Marshall, Mrs. Virginia Anderson, Hot Springs, Norris Gentry, Marshall; D. M. Robinson, Mars Hill.

James Ledford, Chairman of the County Commissioners, stated that the first priority of the Board would be to work out a land use program for the county, especially for the areas subject to flooding in order that the citizens of the county could get subsidized insurance for flood damage.

Ledford also stated that a problem facing the county was that outside people were coming into the county buying up tracts of land for the purpose of making residential subdivisions, and he stated there was no ordinance governing the operation and type of subdivision that might be constructed and wanted to protect the adjoining property owners from any new subdivision that might be started in the county.

The Planning Board will work with the Planning Board of Region C in formulating a land use program for the entire county that will include building codes for new buildings to be built and trailer installations.

The Planning Board will work with the N. C. Department of Soil Conservation, N. C. Department of Health, N. C. Department of Insurance as well as the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources in attempting to preserve the landscape and communities of Madison County.

## Mars Hill High School Honor Students

VALEDICTORIAN  
LISA HUFF—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Huff will enter U. N. C.—Chapel Hill this fall.

SALUTATORIAN  
DAVID PRICE—Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard E. Price will enter Harvard this fall.

HONOR STUDENTS  
SANDRA ROBERTS—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts will enter Appalachian State University this fall.

JOAN WOOD—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood will enter Mars Hill College.

## Alumni Banquet

The 18th annual meeting of the Marshall High School Alumni Association will be held Saturday evening May 19th in the school cafeteria.

A buffet supper will be served between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. and during that time classmates and friends may visit together informally. A business meeting will begin at 8 o'clock with Association President Charles Huey in charge.

There will be no speaker this year to allow more time for fellowship.

Dr. James Elliott, popular 31-year-old Asheville dentist, has announced that he will be in Marshall each Thursday afternoon beginning from May 24 from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. He will be located in the former dental offices of the late Dr. A. M. Ramsey on Main Street here.

Dr. Elliott, a native of Asheville, graduated from Mars Hill College and received two degrees from the University of North Carolina of Chapel Hill. He is married and has two daughters.

Upon the recent action of the Madison County Board of Commissioners the people of the county were notified that the Health Board was expanded.

and Floyd Wallin were appointed to the Board for a four year term. This is in accordance with the Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

Chairman James J. Ledford outlined several projects which the Health Board would give due consideration to: removal of junk automobiles, repair to health buildings, purchase of trucks and dumpsters.

Further, the Health Board resolution was adopted that the Madison County Health Department would implement the Landfill Project in accordance with the Statutes of North Carolina.

The plaque which was placed in the Health Department honoring Dr. A. M. Ramsey was reviewed by the Board. A letter was read from Mrs. A. M. Ramsey thanking the Board members and staff for their thoughtful honoring her husband, Dr. Ramsey.

The Madison County Health Department Board is composed of the following members: Mrs. John Corbett, Robert L. Edwards, Edward Howard, James T. Ledford, The Honorable Lorado T. Ponder, Dr. Charles H. Powell, Dr. Bruce Sams and the newly appointed members, Harold Anderson and Floyd Wallin.

It was reported that the Health nurses attended Beginners' Day in all the schools throughout the county. The present water and sewerage system was discussed.

Chairman Ledford expressed appreciation to the Health Board for its work in the area of planning in the past and hopes to continue planning for the future.

## Mars Hill High Commencement Schedule

Thursday, May 24—Graduation Exercises, Robert Lee Moore Memorial Auditorium.

(Recessional Service was held last Sunday at Mars Hill Baptist Church.)



PICTURED ABOVE IS Bruce "Chick" Murray, Left, owner of French Broad Chevrolet Co., Inc., and Harold Reid, mechanic at the firm. They are standing beside the "new" Chevrolet wrecker which used to be a 1965 two-ton truck before Harold converted it into a wrecker. Starting about three months ago and working at odd times, Harold installed Hone equipment and it is now the largest wrecker in Marshall adequate for most kinds of lifting and salvaging. "I had a lot of fun putting it together," Harold commented.

## Smith Named Manager Of Ingles Store

Kenneth C. Smith, Jr., of the Erwin Hills section of Asheville, has been selected to be manager of the new Ingles store on the Marshall by-pass.

Working 17 years with the A&P Tea Company, being in business for himself for five years and three years with Ingles has given him the experience and qualifications for his new position.

Smith is married to the former Jean Austin who is an elementary school teacher.

They have a 13-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old son. Being very active in his community, he is a volunteer for the West Buncombe Fire Department and the West

Buncombe Rescue Squad. He is also a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. His main hobby is fishing.

"I am looking forward to serving the people of this area and cordially invite everyone to visit our new store," Mr. Smith commented.