



MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL Senior Class of 1973. From left to right: **First row:** Mascots-Mark Rice, Marla Briggs. **Second row:** Deborah Roberts, Patricia Fisher, Rhonda Sprinkle, Joyce Craine, David Parker, Leslie Mashburn, Harlon Rice, Susan Frisby, Sheila Wallin, Brenda Smith. **Third row:** Frances Bailey, Nancy Treadway, Carol Buckner, Penny Houston, Marilyn Wyatt, Cathy Allen, Janie Fisher, Julia Moore, Barbara Briggs, Christine Waddell, Ernestine Thomas. **Fourth row:** Jean Chandley, Lisa Hunter, Sharon Henderson, Kathy Fisher, Linda Adams, Kathy Huffman, Martha Frisbee, Gail Ben Ledford. **Fifth row:** Rita Wilde, Lonnie Payne, James Davis, Jackie Jenkins, Cheryl Wilde, Elese Hazen, Claudia Ball, Roger Payne, Sidney Peek, Sue McDevitt, Diane Messer. **Sixth row:** Gary Wallin, Lee Sexton, Eugene Runion, Robert Metcalf, Jerry Silvers, Tony Webb, Doug Dodson, James Briggs, Ralph Ponder, Victor Teague. **Seventh row:** James Brooks, Bernie Kanarr, Michael Payne, Larry Payne, Ogle Price, Johnny Griffin, Larry Sexton, Larry Davis, David Adams, Ted Dill.

Hot Springs ABC Board Sees No Conflict Of Interest

By CARROLL ANDERSON
Manager, Hot Springs ABC Store

For some time now the citizens of Madison County have been constantly misled as to the situation existing in the Town of Hot Springs ABC Store. The time has come for you to recognize the facts as they exist.

The North Carolina State ABC Board has stated that there is a conflict of interest within the Hot Springs ABC system because Harold Anderson, a brother of the two employees in the ABC Store, is a member of the City Council. There is a Mayor and three aldermen on the City Council. It is a known fact that one member of the city Council cannot appoint an ABC Board, or act alone on any other matter. It is also a known fact that the City Council does not appoint employees of the ABC Store.

The State ABC Board has stated that two brothers cannot work together in the ABC Store. To make this statement is the same as robbing them of their constitutional rights. One brother does not hire the other.

The State ABC Board has stated that the salaries of C. E. Anderson and Fred Anderson, Jr., employees of the ABC Store, are out of proportion with other Boards in the State. The State Board has requested that their salaries be reduced to \$6,000 per year. In 1963 C. E. Anderson began working for the ABC Store as Supervisor at a salary of \$6,000 per year and has worked up to his present salary of \$13,800. In 1967 Fred Anderson began working for

the ABC Store at a salary of \$4,800 per year and has worked up to his present salary of \$11,400 per year. It has not been noted that the men perform the duties of seven people—janitor, porter, clerk, secretary, bookkeeper, Assistant Manager and Manager. At \$6,000 per person, per year this would make a total of \$42,000 per year. It should also be noted that these employees work without the benefit of sick leave, medical insurance, life insurance, or retirement benefits. So, in fact, the salaries are not out of proportion, to the contrary, a substantial savings. A spot check with some of the other Boards will show that these salaries are in line with theirs. We cannot understand why the State Board thinks that people in Madison County are not capable of making as much money as the people in other areas of North Carolina.

percent profit margin. From the State Board's own list of Revenues and Distributions in Cash of all ABC Boards since the stores opened through June 30, 1972, Hot Springs is 13th from the bottom of this list on gross sales and is 31st from the bottom of this list on cash distributions. This means that Hot Springs gross sales were greater than twelve other Boards and our distribution to the county town and schools were greater than thirty other Boards.

The following is a complete list of how the net profit from the ABC Store has been distributed since the Store was opened to June 30, 1972.

Net Profit	\$132,658.00
Madison County	44,219.31
Town of Hot Springs	42,008.39
Hot Springs School	33,164.50
Spring Creek School	6,632.90

Hot Springs Law Enforcement 6,632.90
The State of North Carolina has received \$247,958.76.

From the complete audit made each year from 1963 until June 30, 1972, there has been only a \$6 discrepancy and only two bottles of whisky have been unaccounted for.

All of the new rules and regulations of the current State ABC Board have been complied with, and at the present time there is no conflict of interest within any phase of the Hot Springs ABC system. It is beyond our comprehension as to why we cannot satisfy the State Board. The conflicts of interest which the Board states now are unfounded, and to have to endure further unjustifiable harassment is deplorable.



OFFICERS of the Marshall High School Alumni Association for 1973-74 elected last Saturday night are, left to right, Richard Wilde, president; Miss Billie Jean Redmon, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Freeman, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Charles Crowe, treasurer.

4-H Demonstration Program Held

The Annual Madison County 4-H Demonstration Program was held Saturday, May 19, at the Marshall High School. Demonstrations were given by 4-H members in various subjects. Those participating were as follows:

Forestry—Larry Peek, first blue ribbon; Jeff Riddle, second, red ribbon.

Bicycle Safety—Ronnie Brinkley, first, blue ribbon; Michael Davis, second, red ribbon.

Soil & Water Conservation—Warren Wise, first, blue ribbon.

Entomology—Ricky Ballard, first, red ribbon; Janice Adams and Linda Ledford (team), second, red ribbons.

Landscaping—Linda DuVall, first, red ribbon.

Safety—Tony Craine, first, red ribbon; Eddie Reed, red ribbon; Sheila Ogle and Karen Frisby (team), red ribbons.

Horticultural Marketing—Joey Craine, first, red ribbon.

Boys Public Speaking—J. C. McIntyre, first, red ribbon.

Home Environment—Vickie Radford, first, blue ribbon; Jackie Sue Davis, red, Carolyn Ramsey, red.

Senior Sewing—Janie Rice, first, blue ribbon.

Miscellaneous Foods—Judy Franklin and Violet Landers (team), blue ribbons; Jimmy Dean Hensley, red ribbon; Peggy Sexton, red ribbon.

Egg Cookery—Renee Wyatt, first, red ribbon.

Girls Electric—Sandy Feldman, first, blue ribbon.

Dawn Clemens, second, red ribbon.

Junior Dairy Foods—Linda Webb, first, blue ribbon; Tammy Cody and Gwen Mahy (team), second, red ribbons.

Junior Sewing—Felicia Bishop, first, blue ribbon; Lisa Riddle, second, blue ribbon.

Cotton Utilization—Bonnie Blanton, first, red ribbon.

Wildlife—John David Kent, first, red ribbon.

Those winning first place in each division will compete in District competition at Harris High School in Spruce Pine, June 14.

Special thanks should go to

Jack Cole, Donald Harrell, Mrs. E. O. Burnette and Mrs. Kathryn Boone, who served as judges. Also, a special thanks should go to Clive Whitt for the use of Marshall High School, and to Rhonda Sprinkle and Peggy Rice who served as hostess, and Michael Hunter who served as host.

Observe Soil Stewardship Week

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which emphasizes Man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water, and other resources, will be observed, May 27-June 3, according to Raleigh English, Chairman, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District. "Changing Challenges", the theme of this year's observance, invites you to increase your understanding, expand your perspective, and consider your responsibility to the challenges and changes of the world around you.

The Madison Soil and Water Conservation District and some 3,000 companion Districts throughout the

nation along with their State and National Associations are sponsoring the event for the 18th consecutive year.

The Madison Soil and Water Conservation District will distribute upon request to churches of all faiths, attractive program blanks, bulletin inserts, posters, and booklets created particularly for this year's observance.

The materials were prepared by the National Association of Conservation Districts, in consultation with a Soil Stewardship Advisory Committee, composed of prominent religious leaders in the nation. The committee consists of the Rt. Rev. John George Weber, National

Catholic Rural Life Conference; the Rev. Harold S. Huff, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Henry A. McCanna, National Council of Churches; the Rev. Larry Bryson, Southern Baptist Convention; Daniel O. Parker, United Church Board for Homeland Ministries; and Osgood Magnuson, Lutheran Council in the U. S. A.

Revenue Sharing Itemized

Mayor William P. Powell has filed the following Planned Use Report with the department of the Treasury concerning the proposed expenditure of \$17,011 in revenue sharing funds that the town of Mars Hill will receive during the period from January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1973.

These funds will allow for a lessen debt increase and will prevent an increase in any major tax rate.

The funds will be spent in the following manner: \$2018 to plan an expansion in our water system and update our sewage plans; \$3841 to be used on construction of a new water reservoir; \$2922 to pay balance of purchase of water shed property; \$8120 to pay this year's installment on the new fire truck.

This is the first of several reports to let the citizens of Mars Hill know just how the revenue sharing funds are to be used. The Town Board meets on the first Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. and would be glad to consider any suggestions that anyone may have.

Dentist To Be Here On Each Thursday



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.

Closed Monday
In observance of Memorial Day next Monday, the following will be closed: All offices in courthouses, Social Services, ARCS Offices, Post Office, Health Department, Extension Offices, FFA Office, French Broad EMC, and perhaps others.

Marshall Alumni Banquet Successful

The 18th annual meeting of the Marshall High School Alumni Association was held Saturday evening, May 20, in the school cafeteria, beginning with a buffet supper which was served between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m. A color scheme of gold, white and green was carried out, honoring the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class of 1923. The tables were covered with white cloths with gold streamers down the center and each table was centered with a gold or white mum.

Charles Huey, Association president, presided over a business meeting following the supper and welcomed the group.

Mrs. Naomi Guthrie Tweed and Dr. J. L. McElroy, two members of the 1923 graduating class, were present. Mrs. Tweed was presented a corsage of gold poms and Dr. McElroy a boutonniere by the president. Mrs. Eva Rice Sarns, another member of the 1923 class who has been a regular attendant at the alumni meetings, was unable to be present due to illness.

Albert "Buck" Freeman, vice-president, conducted the roll call of classes and recognized the teacher with the largest number of former students present. The class of 1923 had the largest number of graduates present with 11, and Mrs. Hettie R. Blankenship received a dish garden of flowers for the most students—30.

Mike Bradley, treasurer, presented a dish garden to Phil Hampton of Pontiac, Mich. for having traveled the longest distance.

Ruby presented a dish garden to Miss Billie Jean Redmon who has been in charge of decorations and

making arrangements for the alumni meeting for several years. He also recognized Mrs. Christine Lunsford and members of the cafeteria staff for their work in preparation of the food.

Six past presidents—Mrs. James Story, Mrs. Overton Gregory, Dr. J. L. McElroy, Wade Huey, Charles "Ham" Crowe and Jim Eads—were present, and Mrs. Story was recognized for having attended all meetings of the Association.

The following officers were elected: Richard Wilde, president; Miss Billie Jean Redmon, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Freeman, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Charles Crowe, treasurer; and Mrs. James Story, historian.

Following the business session, the group enjoyed an informal fellowship hour with classmates and friends renewing friendships and reminiscing about their years at Marshall High School. Mrs. Albert Freeman, the former Velda Hagan, presided at the punch bowl during refreshments; and Mrs. Wade Huey, mother of Charles Huey, served white cake squares with the number "50" in gold to the group.

Approximately 75 people attended.

Housing Office Now Open

C. N. Willis, Executive Director Marshall Housing Authority, announced this week that the business office for the housing project is now open from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The office is located in the unit on US 57-76 at the Skyway Drive intersection.



PICTURED ABOVE are two members of the 1923 graduating class of Marshall High School who attended the Alumni Banquet here last Saturday night. Left is Mrs. Naomi Guthrie Tweed and right is Dr. J. L. McElroy.

Commissioners To Sponsor Employment, Youth Programs

The Madison County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to sponsor the Public Employment Program and will also administer the Summer Youth Program in Madison County.

The employing agent will select the type of work to be performed by participants, and provide the supervision and administration of the Program. All jobs must be of a public service nature.

Participants will work 30 hours per week for nine weeks. They will be paid \$5.00

per hour plus fringe benefits. The summer program will begin June 18, and will run for nine weeks, ending August 17. For further information please contact James T. Ledford, Chairman Madison County Board of Commissioners or Mrs. Barbara Adams, Madison County Courthouse, Marshall.

Decoration

There will be a decoration of the Cook Farm Courthouse this Sunday.

THE FAMILY DOLLAR STORE officials which will open the store this Thursday morning for business are, left to right, Wayne Hall, store opener; Ray Davis, manager; and Roger Jenkins, store opener. In background is the new 5,300 square foot store which is located in the Madison Plaza Shopping Center on the Marshall By-Pass. This store is one of 152 Family Dollar Stores serving the southeastern part of the nation.