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Mars Hill To Vote On \$90,000 Water System

Voters within the town of Mars Hill will go to the polls Tuesday (June 26) to decide whether or not to issue approximately \$90,000 in bonds to finance improvements to the town's water system.

The referendum, which will be conducted by a newly appointed municipal board of elections, will be held in the Town Hall on Main Street. The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m., according to Henry Clay Edwards, the registrar.

The town's elected officials—Mayor Bill Powell and councilmen Carl Eller, B. W. Gigg and Art Wood—called for the bond election after deciding that improvement in the water system is needed and that several relevant factors seem most advantageous to doing the work at this time.

According to their proposal which was drawn up with the advice of professional planning consultants, the town's watershed on Bald Mountain is in excellent condition at this time. The primary need is for a new water storage tank (reservoir) and related transmission and distribution lines. The plans call for a 300,000-gallon tank to be constructed on the mountain above the home of the late

John Cody at the north edge of the town.

Total cost of the project has been estimated by the consulting engineers at \$163,500. It is anticipated that \$60,000 in county and town revenue-sharing money will be available by the end of the current calendar year to be used in the project.

There is about \$12,875 in town funds on hand to put into the project, according to Mayor Powell, which means that it would be necessary to issue approximately \$90,000 in bonds to cover the remainder of the anticipated cost. State law requires that this figure be submitted to the voters of the town in a referendum, however, it probably will be necessary to issue actually only about \$50,000 in bonds, Powell explained. This is true because the town officials have applied for and expect to receive a state grant of \$40,625 toward the project.

The town is in good financial condition without major indebtedness, according to Eller, the treasurer of the council. A debt on the original cost of the town's water system, dating back into the 1920's has been paid off this month. This means that the proposed improvement of the water system can be ac-

complished without increasing taxes for the purpose, Eller said. The taxes which have been going toward repayment of the old indebtedness can simply be put into the redemption of the bonds issued for the improvement, he explained.

Construction of a new reservoir with related lines will improve the water system for the entire community, Councilman Wood, a physics professor at Mars Hill College, explained. It will go a long way toward solving existing problems of low pressure and inadequate flow in certain areas of the system, and it will provide better pressure for fire-fighting and much-needed reserves for additional industry and new homes, he said.

All necessary paperwork required by state law in preparation for the bond referendum has been accomplished, Mayor Powell said. This included the appointment of an interim municipal elections board. Local registration books have been set up in agreement with the books of the Madison County Board of Elections, and the town election officials have received full cooperation from members of the county board, Registrar Edwards

stated. There are 552 persons on the town's registration books, he reported.

"We have an excellent opportunity to improve our water system in Mars Hill at a very reasonable price," Mayor Powell stated. "The town council members join me in urging all registered voters to support this project by turning out for the bond referendum Tuesday and voting for this much-needed improvement. We probably will never have another chance to meet such an important community-wide need without increased taxes to finance it," he concluded.

Wagon Train Schedule Announced

The Marshall Wagon Train and Horse Club sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department will camp Saturday night June 20 at Mr. Freeman's on Anderson Branch Road near Barnard.

The Wagon Train will leave around 8:30 Sunday morning July 1. Traveling up Big Pine to Doe Branch and up Doe Branch to Coley Gap Road into Spring Creek. They will camp at the Tomato Shed on Spring Creek Sunday night.

Leaving Spring Creek on Monday morning going up Spring Creek to Baltimore Branch into and across Troublesome Gap into Big Pine. The Wagon Train will camp at the Forks of Big Pine Tuesday morning July 3. The train will cross sugar camp into Pow Paw down Little Pine to Redmon camping at Redmon July 3.

Leaving Redmon July 4, at 8:00 traveling up Bear Creek across the Turnpike to Baileys Branch Road arriving into Marshall by 12 o'clock.

The train will parade through Marshall then to the island in time for the Rodeo. All interested persons should contact Coy Griffin at 649-2808, Henry Treadway, 649-2569 or Ray Crowe 649-3856 as soon as possible.

Mike Bradley Added As 2nd Sanitarian



Michael (Mike) Bradley has assumed duties as a Sanitarian with the Madison County Health Department. Mr. Bradley is a 1968 graduate of Marshall High School. He attended Western Carolina University and was graduated from Mars Hill College in May, 1972. He was employed with the Western Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency from May, 1972 through May, 1973. Mr. Bradley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Iversen Bradley of Marshall, is married to the former Miss Vera Wild of Mars Hill. They reside at Route 1, Marshall. Mr. Bradley becomes the second sanitarian on the Health Department staff. He will be working with Edward Horton. Expanded sanitation programs of the Health Department, particularly the development and implementation of the sanitary land fill, have necessitated the increase in staff.



PICTURED ABOVE is Miss Brenda Cook who is the new Selective Service registrar for Madison County. With Miss Cook is Harold Wallin, tax collector, in whose office in the courthouse 18-year-olds may register.



ABOVE IS Eugene Wills, chairman of the Madison County Draft Board, presenting certificates of Appreciation to Jack Ball, former board member and to Dr. James L. McElroy, former Medical Advisor for Madison County. Dr. McElroy also received a Meritorious Service Award. The certificates were signed by President Richard Nixon, Bryan Peptone, National Director of Selective Service; Gov. James Holshouser and William McKatherine, State Director of Selective Service.

Local Draft Board To Move To Asheville Soon

Eugene Wills Chairman of Selective Service System Local Board No. 59, Madison County, announced today that Local Board No. 59 will move from its present location at the Ramsey Building, Main Street, Marshall to 15-18 Federal Building, Asheville.

"The move of the local board office will be effective July 11, 1973. Wills said. "And registrants who desire to visit the local board office after July 11, 1973 should contact the office personnel at the new location." Wills further stated that the office hours at the new location will be from 8:15 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number for this office will be 704-254-0961.

"This move," Wills said, "is being necessitated by a reduction in funds allocated to the selective service system, and as a result, many local board offices are being centralized in a single administrative site. For example, the Madison County local board office eventually will be combined with the local board offices of Yancey, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, and Buncombe Counties at the new location in Asheville."

Wills emphasized that even though the local board office is being moved to Asheville, Local Board members of the Madison County local board

will continue to serve the young men of Madison County in classification and all other selective service matters pertaining to Madison County registrants.

Members of the Madison County local board of in addition to Wills are Jake Drake, Randall Buckner, Wayne Burnett, and Everett Ogle.

"In order to provide additional assistance to the young men of Madison County," Wills said, "the local Board has obtained the services of Brenda Cook, secretary at the Tax Collectors office in the courthouse, who will serve

as a local registrar to assist our young men in registering with selective service as they become 18 years of age. Eighteen year olds may register with Brenda Cook, at the Tax Collectors office, or they may register in person at the new local Board office in Asheville."

Wills emphasized that even though selective service is not inducting any registrants at this time, the law still requires that all male persons register with selective service within thirty days before, or thirty days after, their eighteenth birthday.

"Singing On The Mountain" Sunday

Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet, George Hamilton IV, Tommy Faile, and the Southern Trio will head the list of outstanding singing groups and individuals who will be featured in the musical sections of the program of the 49th Annual "Singing on the Mountain" on Grandfather Mountain on Sunday June 24.

The day-long gospel singing and preaching event, which is expected to be attended by

over 20,000 persons, will be highlighted by the 1 p. m. address by Norm Evans, and All-Pro football star of the World Champion Miami Dolphins. Evans is deeply involved in work for the Campus Crusade for Christ and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Arthur Smith, who along with his famous television show has been participating in "Singing on the Mountain" for the past quarter century, again will serve as Music Master for the event. Members of his Crossroads Quartet include his brother, Ralph, Dick and Jackie Shuler, Maggie Griffin and Don Arge.

George Hamilton IV, whose fame has grown steadily throughout recent years through many best-selling records, will soon have an album entitled "Singing on the Mountain" released by RCA. The album cover will feature photographs of prior "Singing on the Mountain" ceremonies, and the record is due to be distributed throughout the world.

Tommy Faile also is a highly popular recording artist who is the star of his own weekly television show. The Southern Trio, featuring Barney Smith, is a Florida-based group that performs throughout the nation.

"Singing on the Mountain" was originated by the late Joe Hartley way back in the 1920's and throughout the years the affair has remained as a casual, informal gathering where families and church groups spread quilts and picnics on the grass of MacRae Meadows. Warm box lunches are available, and no admission price is charged.

Co-chairmen for the annual event are Joe Lee Hartley Jr. and Robert Hartley, sons of the founder.

Proposed New Parking Plans For Marshall

Whereas, the Town Officials that is, the Mayor I. T. Ponder, and Aldermen Roy Wild, Charles Crowe, and Fleet Nix, Jr., have on many occasions brought to the attention of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, James Ledford, Chairman, and W. T. Moore and Ervin Adams, Members, that we here in the Town of Marshall have an extremely acute parking problem which is partly due to the number of county, federal and state employees commuting from home to Marshall to work in the various offices and court house, and

Whereas, the officials of the Town of Marshall have acquainted themselves with the problem brought on by the new shopping facilities known as Madison County Plaza, and

Whereas, the Town Officials and County Commissioners have acquainted themselves with what can happen by making a study of the county seat of Yancey County, Burnsville.

If the local business men and women are not assisted financially so as to create a better climate as to parking,

Hot Springs Budget Is Announced

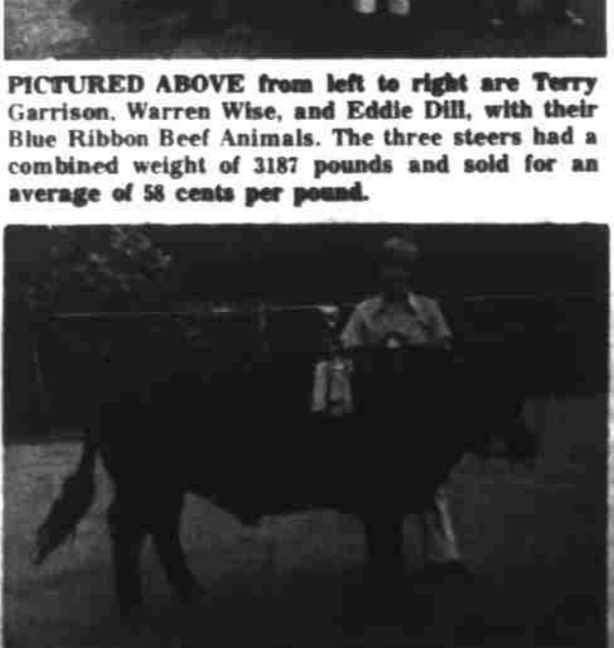
Officials of the Town of Hot Springs have released the following plans to extend its revenue sharing allocation for the entitlement period beginning January 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1973, in the following manner based upon an estimated total of \$9,058:

Public Safety Operating-Maintenance Expenditures: Planned expenditure, \$3,800. 30 percent planned for maintenance of existing services; 70 percent planned for new or expanded services.

Capital Expenditures: Public Safety, \$2,400; 100 percent construction. Sewer, \$1,500, 100 percent construction; Water, \$1,250, 100 percent construction. Total planned capital expenditures, \$5,350.

sidewalks, canopies, etc., then history would tell us that many business places would perhaps find it unprofitable to operate, thus decreasing competition which, in turn, works to the disadvantage of all, especially the consumer.

We, therefore, propose jointly, that is, the Town Board of Aldermen, the Mayor and the County Commissioners, that we the County Commissioners bear 30 percent of the expense of acquiring and developing and maintaining a blacktop parking lot in the vicinity of upper Bridge Street which would accommodate from 100 to 150 cars, and the Town Board of Aldermen and Mayor of Marshall propose to



PICTURED ABOVE is Warren Wise with his Black Angus steer which won the Reserve Championship at the Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show and Sale last week. The steer weighed 1193 pounds and sold for 65 cents per pound.

pay 30 percent toward acquiring, building and maintaining these two much needed parking facilities.

This offer would be made good by using Federal Revenue Sharing money and/or, if necessary, from ad valorem taxes. This would all be contingent upon: 1. The merchants and property owners of Main Street paying the additional 20 percent; 2. The property owners and merchants erecting at their own expense a much needed covered walk or canopy between upper and lower Bridge Street on the west side of Main Street. We suggest that this canopy extend over the entire sidewalk and perhaps 12" to 24" over

the street, and further that all parking meters be removed and parking prohibited except for loading and unloading along the entire west side of Main Street between upper and lower Bridge Street.

This proposed action is justified in our opinion because we are talking about the county seat of Madison County—we are talking about parking space for county, state and federal employees—we are talking about salvaging and further developing a tax base to be used for ad valorem tax by both the Town of Marshall and Madison County in the neighborhood of one half million dollars—we are talking about helping maintain a healthy competitive merchandising situation for the people of the Town of Marshall as well as the entire county.

We, therefore, respectfully submit this as our proposal all points subject to being negotiated.

Signed Madison County Commissioners and Marshall Mayor and Aldermen

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Two local 4-H boys, Terry Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garrison and Warren Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wise, were proud exhibitors in last week's Western North Carolina Junior Fat Stock Show and Sale. Terry was a blue ribbon winner with his Hereford Steer "Buck" which weighed 1130 pounds at thirteen months of age and sold for an average of 56 cents per pound. Warren won blue ribbon with his two steers, "Ginger", a Charolais, weighed 964 pounds and averaged 61 cents per pound and "Black Sam" a Black Angus, weighed 1183 pounds and sold for 65 cents per pound. In addition, "Black Sam" was judged best Angus in the show and won the over-

all Reserve Championship. The Show, which is an annual event, featured some 22 animals from six Western North Carolina counties. The animals were judged on overall conformation and flesh as well as the exhibitor's showmanship ability.

On behalf of the exhibitors, the Extension staff would like to thank the following businesses which contributed to the support of the Show: Ed Edmonds Grocery; Coby Hardware; Mars Hill; Allied Food Mills, Asheville; Thomas Milling Company; Marshall; Carolina Power and Light Company; Asheville; Asheville Electric P. Co. and Grand Broad Electric Corp., Marshall.



WAYNE PRESSLEY, Assistant Professor of Music at Mars Hill College, instructs three of his students in the finer points of the dulcimer. The students are (from left to right) Perry Sanderson, a junior from Waynesville; Judy Wallin, an elementary school teacher at Mars Hill; and Sid Mullins, a senior from Mars Hill. The students will receive basic instruction in playing the dulcimer and guitar during the five week course.

History, Culture, Music Courses At Mars Hill

The history, culture and music of Southern Appalachia are the subjects for two Mars Hill College summer courses. "Folk Music of the Appalachias," directed by Wayne Pressley, concentrates on old English and Scottish music which, brought over by early settlers, is still being sung. The distinctive early American and contemporary music also will be examined. Particular emphasis will be placed on the traditional English ballad.

"Students are surprised that most of our visiting artists do not sound like the commercial 'Nashville'" country and western music being played on the radio," commented Pressley, an 11 year veteran of the music faculty at Mars Hill. Local performers who visit the campus "possess a high degree of technical skill and are very articulate about the local musical scene," he continued.

Local musicians will visit the class, both to perform and to talk with the students about the history of the three basic instruments used by the people who have preserved this singular type of music: the banjo, fiddle and dulcimer. The dulcimer will be considered the primary instrument among the three,

and students will visit instrument makers as well as learn the basics of playing the four string instrument. The class will attend some of the many music festivals being held near Mars Hill and will also visit the Campbell Folk School. All of the performances given at the college are free and will be held in the early evening to allow the public and other students to attend.

"History and Culture of Southern Appalachia," taught by Dr. Evelyn Underwood, traces the origins and characteristics of the people of this area from the days of the Indians, through the first white settlers, to the present day. The students will be participating in several areas of study, sociological and economical, as well as cultural and historical. Dr. Underwood, Chairman of the History Department, believes this course will help make the young people aware of their heritage, which is preserved virtually intact in Southern Appalachia and will be a positive step toward preserving all of the natural resources as well as the historical and cultural wealth.

"We need to keep the land free from the exploiters so the people can share the same emotions and excitement of the first men coming to a new country," commented Dr. Underwood.

"We are attempting to show the wisdom of proper planning for this area," she continued, "for example, if we do not control the recreational facilities to those which do not need artificial support, such as camping and fishing, we will become just like the urban areas the people were trying to get away from."

The class will visit industrial sites such as the feldspar and mica mines in the Spruce Pine area as well as the iron works and wood crafts there. A day-long trip to Cherokee is also planned.

A park service representative is one of the speakers who will address the class, and Dr. Cratis Williams, Dean of the Graduate School of Appalachian State University will speak about the culture of the region including his specialty of language.

Both classes will co-operate in several areas, and both classes may be taken for graduate credit. These classes will be offered in both terms of summer school and those who desire further information should contact Dr. John Hough, Director of Summer School.