

Weaverville-Marshall Highway Scrapped; NC 213 Stays On Plans

Secretary of Transportation Bruce Lentz said Friday that 403 projects approved by past administrations and some 500 additional possibilities were examined to come up with Gov. Jim Holshouser's seven-year comprehensive road plan approved by the Board of Transportation.

The additional 500 jobs were brought forth by the Republican State Highway Commission sworn in in January and legislated out of office by the General Assembly July 1, Lentz said. He said the commission, and later a committee of the Board of Transportation working with the professional staff of the Division of Highways, trimmed it all down to 209 projects now contained in the seven-year highway improvement program.

With one of the 12 Board of Transportation members absent, the vote on the plan Friday was 10 to one in favor of adoption.

Rep. Jimmy Green, a Bladen County tobacco warehouseman pegged to serve as Speaker of the House in the 1975 General Assembly, cast the dissenting vote.

Dr. Wayne Montgomery of Asheville, a Republican member of the board appointed by Holshouser, was absent. Sen. Jim Garrison of Stanley County, the other Democratic member appointed by the General Assembly, voted with the Republican majority for the plan.

Garrison served on the five-member committee of the board that presented the plan Friday for approval.

In opposing the plan, Green argued that construction of the arterial network of highways the heart of Holshouser's proposal, would place road work in only 40 of the 100 counties.

He demanded to know what projects were taken down that had been approved by previous administrations, and what new ones were added.

The counter-argument from the staff and Lentz was that the work progressed in a positive approach, and that no projects were singled out to be scrapped.

Green told newsmen after the board meeting that the 111

million four-lane highway from the Weaverville Bypass in Buncombe County to the Marshall Bypass in Madison County would provide an important access from Asheville into centers of commerce in Tennessee and should be built.

He said he couldn't tell the professionals or the Republican board members the seven-year plan is good or bad because he simply does not have sufficient technical knowledge of highways to make such a judgment.

"But since 1946 I've learned

a lot about Western North Carolina and that area, because I drive it regularly and know what a hazardous, dangerous facility U. S. 25-70 from Asheville to Marshall is," Green said.

"If you wanted to leave Asheville in the morning and go to Greenville, Tenn., you would cuss all previous highway commissioners and all future ones before you got there," he said.

Green said there is considerable tobacco traffic from WNC to Eastern Tennessee,

and he would prefer that the board left the Weaverville to Marshall route intact and cut out some other road.

He said N. C. 213 from Mars Hill to Marshall had been deleted, but was put back in the plan when political pressure was brought to bear.

"That got back in the last 48 hours. And I think political persuasion had all to do with it. They have a consolidated school now, and a lot of kids ride that road. And of course the courthouse is in Marshall," he said.

As the board approved secondary road funds for 1973-74 totalling \$39,411,236, Green asked also for a list of all roads in that category which have been deleted by the Republican administration.

Green told reporters he believes the Weaverville to Marshall route is the major project approved by previous administrations and scratched by the Holshouser transportation board, but a quick check of major projects in the reconstruction stage as of Jan. 1 indicates that several others were lopped off.

A few of them, the counties in which they were to be located, and the estimated cost of each are as follows:

—Buncombe County, North-South Expressway in Asheville from Merrimon Avenue-Weaver Boulevard to South McDowell-Southside Avenue, \$3 million.

—Buncombe County, N. C. 151 from U. S. 19-23 to SR 1113, \$2.5 million.

—Buncombe County, N. C. 191 from Shelbourne Road including a bridge over Hominy Creek, \$500,000.

—Burke County, four projects totalling some \$5 million.

—Haywood, N. C. 209, from Pigeon River to SR 1355, \$900,000.

—McDowell, Marion Bypass, \$6 million.

—McDowell U. S. 221-N. C. 226 from U. S. 70 to Woodlawn, \$3 million.

—Madison N. C. 213, extension from Marshall to Trust, 18.1 miles, \$1.1 million.

—Madison, Hot Springs to Tennessee, 5 miles, \$4.5 million.

—Madison, U. S. 70 from Marshall to N. C. 208, \$5 million.

Highway planners insisted Friday that none of the projects have actually been abandoned and formal action by the Board of Transportation would be required to take them off the books.

And Holshouser said that at the end of each year of the "seven-year" program, some of the scrapped projects could be replaced under the annual revenue allocation if the professional staff found that they have merit.

Body Of Co-Ed Found Near Mars Hill Friday



SALLY MOFFITT

a townsman around midnight Thursday, no motive has been established, nor arrests made, according to the Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder.

Duck established the cause of death as internal bleeding after one of three broken left ribs severed the pulmonary artery. Other injuries sustained were a fractured skull and bruises and scrapes to the left side of the face, the left shoulder and the left arm.

Duck said there was no evidence of sexual assault, nor had the girl been beaten. Because there were no other bruises on the body, Duck said chances the girl had been hit by an automobile was negligible.

The coed was fully clothed when found but her shirt and Pi Sigma Phi jacket had been pulled up over her head and the left arm.

According to Dan Gehring, Dean of Student Development at Mars Hill College, Miss Moffitt was last seen alive about 10:05 Thursday night as she was leaving her residence in Stroup Dormitory walking toward the main campus. Her destination was unknown, but because she did not sign out, it is assumed by college officials that she intended to return by midnight.

Miss Moffitt was identified at noon Friday by two close friends, also Mars Hill students, by the two rings she

was wearing and a scar on her thigh.

The girl is survived by her mother, Mrs. H. A. Moffitt Jr., of 408 Otteray Drive, High Point, N. C., and a brother Hugh Moffitt a student at Western Carolina University.

This is the first such incident in Mars Hill College's 118-year history. It brings to three the number of women of college age found dead in the area this year.

Investigation is continuing by the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Mars Hill Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Bearcats Hand Patriots 48-6 Defeat

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The Patriots witnessed another very long evening this past Friday night at Deitz Field in Hendersonville. It was the Bearcats' homecoming and they were indeed emotionally charged in an effort to perform well for the alumni and the large crowd attending the game. Initially, the Patriots were also somewhat "psyched up" for the game and for a short time showed potential of bringing home a big upset. However, those dreams were shortlived as the Bearcats' "well oiled machine" eventually overpowered the Madison team for a final 48-6 deficit.

As aforementioned, the game began with the characteristics of a real "knock-down-drag-out" affair. Both teams exhibited great defense and tremendous pursuit. This fact was especially surprising from the Patriots standpoint because of the "single wing offense" employed by the Hendersonville Bearcats. This offensive set is very different from any other and no other team in Western North Carolina uses it. So, obviously the Madison team could not spend a tremendous amount of

time in preparation for this unique offense used by only one team. From this, we must applaud the efforts of our team and coaches. Yet, the defense yielded a well earned touchdown very late in the period on a 9-yard burst by Bearcat Ronald Boyd. The PAT followed and the Bearcat lead was 7-0. During the next 9 minutes, superb defense was again the notable quality of both teams. Yet, Hendersonville managed another score with Boyd again carrying the "pigskin." The PAT split the uprights and the lead was fattened to 14-0. Later, with 47 seconds remaining in the half, Gary Rivers added 6 points to the already comfortable lead and the PAT followed. Thus the halftime score was 21-0 in favor of the home-staying Hendersonville Bearcats.

We already realized that Western North Carolina has some of the most beautiful girls in the world. Our beliefs were certainly confirmed at halftime when we witnessed the Hendersonville homecoming court. Perhaps next year when our schools are combined, we can exhibit a little beauty of our own in the new stadium. Also, not too far in the future we will have a very professional looking band resembling that of Hendersonville and other schools in our conference.

The teams returned to the field with the Patriots showing a little optimism as they knew that the score was not indicative of either team's performance. However, this optimism did not last long as the Bearcats added 30 points in their defensive unit putting two of the touchdowns on the board on returned interceptions. Yet, the Patriot defense showed that they are also a scoring threat when Kirk McWilliams deflected a Bearcat pass into the outstretched arms of Jimmy Roberts who sprinted 41 yards into the end zone. Nevertheless, the third quarter score was 41-0 and the remainder of the game was merely academic. The only

fourth quarter score came on a 3 yard plunge by Bearcat Gary Rivers. The PAT was good and the game ended with the Patriots trailing 48-6.

Some unofficial individual statistics which show superb performance were as follows: Offensive: Ricky Harrell - 2 pass receptions, 24 yards. Carlton Freeman - 2 pass receptions, 17 yards.

Jimmy Roberts - 1 rush, 3 yards; 1 pass reception, 7 yards.

Tim Hodge - 7 rushes, 37 yards, Avg. 5.3 yds per carry; 2 pass receptions, 5 yards.

Defensive: Jimmy Ramsey - 7 individual tackles, 2 assists. Ricky Harrell - 2 individual tackles, 5 assists, 1 intercepted pass.

Mike Thomas - 4 individual tackles, 2 assists. Jimmy Roberts - 5 individual tackles, 2 assists, 1 intercepted pass.

Troy Reid - 6 individual tackles, 1 assist, 1 recovered fumble.

Charles Holt - 4 individual tackles, 1 assist.

J. C. McIntyre - 6 individual tackles, 4 assists.

Boyce Mayhew - 6 individual tackles, 5 assists.

We may certainly be extremely proud of our Patriot team for their performances thus far this season. Even when losing, they play respectable and represent our county well. They are now 4-0 and surely have a good chance for a winning season, something unheard of with a first-year team. One thing that many people are very ashamed of is the inconsiderate and consistent verbal abuse shown toward the team and coaches by some of the fans. These fans are in a tremendous minority, yet their voices are very loud. The players and coaches would be the first to admit that there have been mistakes made. Nevertheless, we should remember that they are human like us. Do not criticize unless you have walked in their shoes. Remember, these opponents are some of the best high school teams in the nation. So, let's unite our voices in a collective roar backing the Patriots,

regardless of the score. This week's encounter will be A.C. Reynolds High School, home of the Rockets. Reynolds is always competitive and is fresh off a big victory over North Buncombe. Our Patriots will be trying to bounce back from two consecutive losses. They need our help. Let's give it to them!

Madison - Hendersonville	
First downs	5 10
Rushing yardage	100 259
Passes	6-16-5 7-9-2
Passing yardage	57 133
Punts	5-24 3-35
Fumbles lost	1 1
Yards penalized	15 78
Return Yardage	165 85
Madison	0 0 0 0-6
Hendersonville	7 14 20 7-48

County To Get \$633,000 For Secondary Roads

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Secondary Roads Council announced today that it is allocating \$28.7 million for improvements to the state's secondary road system on a county wide basis.

Each county's portion of the allotment has been figured on a formula based on the number of unimproved miles within the county and the average cost per mile for paving a road in that county's section of the state.

The State Division of Highways estimates it costs \$42,333 per mile to pave a secondary road in the eastern section of the state; \$38,866 per mile in the central portion and \$54,879 in the western counties.

Members of the Council will confer with county boards of commissioners in each county to set up a year's work in the county. The details of what is to be done will be made public before it is finally adopted by the Council. Madison's county's allocation is \$633,000.

Candidates File For Elections

The following candidates have filed for the November 6, 1973, municipal elections in Madison County:

HOT SPRINGS — (Mayor, three aldermen). For Mayor, J. R. Henderson incumbent; Memon Holt. For Aldermen: Gene Aubry, Harold Anderson, and Charles Schaffer, incumbents.

MARSHALL — (Mayor, three aldermen). For Mayor, Loretta Pender, incumbent; For Aldermen: Charles "Buck" Cross, incumbent; Jim Coyle, Ed Hill, James Paulson, Yelton Shelton, Garland Brown and T. M. Henderson.

MARS HILL — (Mayor, three aldermen). For Mayor, William F. Powell, incumbent; For Aldermen: Arthur Elder, incumbent; Arthur Elder, incumbent; Arthur Elder, incumbent; Arthur Elder, incumbent; Arthur Elder, incumbent.

Civil Court To Start Here Monday; Jury List

The October term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge W. E. Anglin presiding.

Many of the cases involve the State Highway Commission versus numerous individuals, either for motions and settlements or for trial.

On the trial calendar other than State Highway Commission, include Walter Wade Gahagan vs. Leonard B. Gosnell, et ux; Thomas R. Rudisill vs. C. L. Rudisill Jr., et al; Gilmer Maynard, et ux vs. Mack Holt, et ux; Mary Nave and Mrs. Cecil Lewey vs. Kenneth Lee Steele and Walter Nave; Dillard Chandler vs. James Michael Young; Lena Metcalf, widow, W. C. Metcalf Estate vs. Ralph Metcalf, et al; Daniel Norton, Jr. vs. James Michael Young.

Jurors drawn for the term include: Hazel P. Snelson, Simon Rice, Billy Jean Redman, Jessie Mae Ramsey, Harold Glenn Howell, George Harmon, Wanda W. Crowe, Jesse L. English, Louis Zimmerman, Jr., Thomas Lewis, Ernie Edgins, Larry Cody, Mae R. Messer, Richard Tread, Fred Barnette, Clara W. Wallis, Iva Glenn English, Carrie Tipton, Patricia Ann

Waldroup, Anne D. Chandler, Craig L. Roberts, Jackie Lunsford, Doris Jean Rice, Robel M. West, Ernest Roberts, Jeanette S. Tweed, Ella Mae Massey, Troy Rice, Everett Ingles, Mona S. West, Zetta (Luther) Hagan, Martha Marler, Sarah Thomas, Yvonne Bishop, Kella Buckner, June Ledford, Curtis Rice, Lawson Marler, Dollard Andrew Gentry, Hazel Martin.

Lee Wallin, Fessie Payne, Frank N. Smith, Clyde Denton, Burlon J. Payne, Ruth M. Guthrie, Effie M. Burnett, Cynthia Capps, Walter M. Lovin, Romulus Hensley, Effie M. Burnett, Harry Haun, Lucretia L. Freeman, Cline W. Gosnell, Stella Cutshall, Birdy Mars Moore, Ambros Wilson, Charlie Clayton, Eula Sylvania Coates.

The remodeled planter in front of the Marshall Post Office has drawn much attention in recent weeks. Postmaster, Frank Ramsey, found it necessary to seek a shade-loving plant after the new awning was installed. He selected the Gold-dust Aucuba for this purpose and surrounded this with a ground cover of vinca minor or periwinkle.

The aucubas are Asiatic shrubs. They are noted for their tolerance of shade and poor soil conditions. These plants are often grown in town gardens as hedging plants or

to hide unsightly buildings. "More of these shrubs should be used in our home landscaping," says Wiley DuVall, County Agricultural Extension Agent.

Aucuba japonica is the most commonly cultivated species. It is an evergreen with large, shiny, deep-green leaves. The "Gold-dust" or variegated form is a variety of the Aucuba japonica. The Aucuba first came from Japan to Britain in 1783. Suggestions on the use of this plant may be obtained from your Agricultural Extension Office.

Jack C. Cole Is Awarded FFA Degree

Jack C. Cole, vocational agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor at Marshall High School, has been awarded the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mr. Cole was awarded the Degree by the North Carolina FFA Association and the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors which recently met in Alexandria, Va. The Honorary American Farmer Degree is the highest honorary degree presented by the FFA. This year 77 teachers of vocational agriculture have been nominated to receive the degree during the national FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Cole has been a vocational teacher at Marshall for 14 years. During that time he has had three students who were American Farmer Degree recipients, and 25 students who received the State Farmer Degree.

Each year at least 50 and not more than 77 of the 11,000 teachers of vocational agriculture in the nation are awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The Degree is awarded on the basis of points scored by a

teacher for his accomplishments as a vocational agriculture instructor, FFA advisor, and as a participant in professional vocational agriculture teacher's organizations. Teachers are awarded points for each student they supervised in earning state and national FFA awards. In addition, teachers receive points for serving as officers and committee members of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association and for their participation in national meetings of the FFA and other professional associations.

Cole is one of three vocational agriculture teachers from N. C. to be nominated for the Honorary American Farmer Degree this year. He plans to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 16-19, where he will be presented the degree pending final approval of the student FFA delegates who must vote on all honorary presentations of the National FFA Organization. The degree is presented during the Thursday afternoon session of the Convention.