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"Get Billy Graham, quick . . ."



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES on the Madison County High School on the Marshall By-Pass. The facility, when completed, will be one of the finest in Western North Carolina. The above picture was taken Sunday afternoon from the road leading to Mato Packing Company from the Marshall By-Pass.

**Madison Girls Advance**

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the end of the third period. But Madison hit 20 of 34 foul shots, compared to Cherokee's 13 of 27 to seal the win down the stretch. Robinson, who scored 11 of her game-high 28 points in the final period led Madison while Barbara Sequoyal paced the Braves with 18. Sequoyah was the key to Cherokee's second-half rally which erased an early nine-point deficit but she fouled out late in the contest. Cindy Maxwell came off the bench for nine fourth-period points, but it was not enough. The tournament continues

Wednesday at Enka with two more games, Franklin meeting Sylva-Webster at 7 p. m. and No. One ranked Edenville meeting Mountain View at 8:30. The semi-finals will be held Thursday with finals scheduled for Friday. Madison-Cherokee MADISON (62) - Robinson 28, Coates 8, Davis 7, Hensley 8, Plemmons 7, Green 1, Yelton 3, Reed, Waldrop. CHEROKEE (57) - Bradley 9, Kanott 6, Smith, 10, Sequoyah 16, George 7, Maxwell 9, Ensley, Harlan, Taylor.

**Ledford Now Director WEDO Organization**



JAMES T. LEDFORD

James T. Ledford of Mars Hill, Route 2 has been seated as a member of the Board of Directors of Western Economic Development Organization, (WEDO), Hazelwood. WEDO is a non-profit, federally funded agency that works with craft groups in the 20 western counties of the state, providing technical and marketing assistance. Ledford holds the seat as a

public official from Madison and Buncombe Counties. He is Chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners and Chairman of the Madison County Health Department. President of Ledford Enterprises, he is married to the former Nina Baldwin of the Spring Creek section of Madison County and the parents of three children. They are members of the Forks of Ivey Baptist Church.

**SINGING**

The Regular 4th Saturday Singing will be held Saturday night Feb. 23 at 7 p. m. at the Richland Baptist Church in Woodfin, N. C. Among the groups taking part will be the Alexander Baptist Church Youth Choir. The Primitve quartet of Candler, the Friendly Five of Asheville and others will be present. The public is invited.

**It's A Watergate Hymnal**

Each year the leading psychics of the land come through with their predictions of coming events for the New Year. I have no such gift, but for the past year and a half or more I have been getting some kind of strange "feelings" or "vibrations" of people singing, humming or whistling hymns. That's right, hymns. It all started back about the time when all these people representing the milk industry were trying to raise \$2 million for the reelection of the President. They were all humming that old hymn, "Blessed Assurance." On another day I felt these vibrations from Spiro Agnew. He was mulling over the hymn, "Just As I Am, Without One Plea." Then there was the day that I had the distinct feeling that Rose Mary Woods was humming, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm," while oil company magnates were singing ensemble, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing." Judge John Sirica has been whistling, "Stand-

ing On The Promises." Congressman Peter Rodino is hung up on, "Almost Persuaded." George Bush is trying to recall the words to "Rescue The Perishing." I even get the feeling that Billy Graham's favorite hymn has taken on a special meaning these days as he leans a little toward the White House and sings, "How Great Thou Art." There are two distinct vibrations that seem to be stronger and more constant than all the rest. One is from Richard Nixon singing, "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child" and the other is from a jet heading East and bearing Henry Kissinger whistling, "I Am Bound For The Promised Land." I won't pretend to know what all this means. But lately I have been catching myself muttering the words of that grand old song of hope, "We Will Understand It Better By And By." NELSON J. HARRILL Greensboro

**John D. Ray, Joyce Plemmons Honored**

Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha held its annual Awards Banquet Saturday night at the Wolf Laurel Restaurant. Beta Omega each year gives two important awards the Zeus Award and the Most Outstanding Girl Award to a member of the sorority. This year's recipient of the

Zeus award is John D. Ray. The Zeus Award is the sorority's way of honoring some man in the community who has helped the chapter or who has done something outstanding for the community. Mr. Ray, a teacher at Marshall High School and a noted musician has given his help by providing music for

the sorority's fund raising projects. The award, a plaque which proclaims Mr. Ray to be a "Man with 40,000 Sweethearts" was presented by Kathryn Boone, Beta Omega's philanthropic chairman. Joyce Plemmons, Beta Omega's current president

received the Outstanding Girl Award. This award goes to the girl in the sorority who the members have felt have done the most work and put forth the most effort toward chapter functions. The Outstanding Girl Award is a gold trophy was presented to Joyce by Peggy Cutshaw last year's "Outstanding Girl."



"The Man With 40,000 Sweethearts," John Ray, receives Beta Omega's Zeus Award from Kathryn Boone, Philanthropic Chairman.



Beta Omega's 1974 Outstanding Girl, Joyce Plemmons, receives her trophy from last year's recipient, Peggy Cutshaw.

**Local Historians Active In WNCHA**

Additional trustees have been appointed to the Western North Carolina Historical Association. These history buffs are: Dr. Harley Jolley of Mars Hill, Col. Paul A. Rockwell of Asheville and Mrs. Cromwell Murray of Asheville. Mr. William E. Tideman, librarian of Mars Hill College, and Mr. James Mehan, Librarian in charge of the Carolina Room - which includes the Wolfe Collection - of Pack Memorial Library of Asheville, have been appointed to the Awards Committee of the WNCHA Association. They and two

other members of this committee, Dr. J. A. McLeod of the Ocanalutle Center at Cherokee, has been elected Chairman of the WNCHA's Oral History Committee. This new phase of the Association's work seeks to preserve local lore via recordings of personal interviews with colorful mountaineers, cultural history, mountain folk stories, folklore, or cetera regarding such topics as lumbering, railroading and farming. A contemporary history of this region can best be written through the use of oral history. Dr. Evelyn Underwood, who serves on regional oral history committees, has announced that an Oral History Workshop will be held at Mars Hill College on March 22, and 23. Several nationally known authorities on oral history will participate in this event - which is open to the public free of charge.

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**COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER**  
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 AND OTHER PHARMACY COMMENTS

**HEALTH NEWS**  
 By Bill Powell  
 Reg. Pharmacist

**Never Use Aspirin On Toothache**

I paid an all too infrequent visit to my dentist the other day (yes, we pharmacists visit dentists, too), and he suggested an idea for an editorial.

"For goodness' sake," he said, "tell the people that placing an aspirin tablet directly on an aching tooth to relieve pain is strictly taboo!"

To begin with, aspirin is an acetylsalicylic acid which can literally burn holes in the gum causing even worse irritation than the toothache. This is why peptic ulcer patients have to steer clear of aspirin for their already tender stomach conditions.

Aspirin will have some numbing effect, but mouth sores and possible infection are too steep a price to pay for listening to this old wives' tale!

If you must use aspirin for pain relief, swallow it. Never apply it directly.

**Additional Crop Loan Funds Available**

James T. Johnson, North Carolina State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, has been advised that \$11.5 million in additional operating loan funds is now available for 1974 crop loans and related purposes in North Carolina. These funds are being made available to meet the increased credit needs of family farmers in the state to purchase annual farming supplies and make capital purchases associated with their crop and livestock operations.

North Carolina's initial share of crop loan funds was exhausted some weeks ago and this shortage of loan funds left many North Carolina farmers with little or no opportunity to make adequate arrangements for their 1974 credit needs. The agency's initial allotment of \$13 million was used at an accelerated rate this year due to increases in crop acreage planned for production, increases in costs

of most farming supplies, and the inability of many agribusinessmen to extend terms to farmers for their supplies as in prior years. An additional \$1 million in reserve funds was assigned to North Carolina earlier to assist in alleviating the shortage, but these funds were also quickly obligated for eligible farmers.

Farmers Home Administration farm loans are made to family farmers who are unable to obtain adequate credit at reasonable rates and terms from private or cooperative lenders in their community. County FFA Offices serve all 100 North Carolina counties. Farmers interested in farm loans or other loan programs administered by the agency should contact the local Farmers Home Administration Office which is located centrally in the Citizens Bank Building in Marshall.

**Notice, Veterans**

A. B. Holden, district officer, N. C. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, will be at the courthouse (Thursday) morning from 9 a. m. until Noon.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH YOUR MONEY THIS YEAR?**

Although there are many investment opportunities available—stocks, bonds, real estate—times are a bit uncertain. But bank savings and certificates of deposit that pay guaranteed interest look especially good! Northwestern's interest rates are the highest in history—the highest allowed by law. And you can get a 7-1/4% savings certificate with only \$1,000 minimum deposit, four year maturity.\* Northwestern has other investment programs, too. So save your money this year at The Northwestern Bank!

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