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Mars Hill College Graduates Largest Class In 118 Years

The largest graduating class in Mars Hill College's 118th year history received their diplomas Sunday. The 296 seniors were awarded their diplomas by college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley. Folding chairs had been placed in the aisles of Moore Auditorium for the 3 p.m. commencement, but many still observed the ceremonies from the lobby of the 1,800 seat facility. Bentley told the senior that "today you enter society at a significantly different level of God."

responsibility." Noting that education is a function of society and is accountable to society, he told the new graduates that he has many hopes for them; that their faith in Christ had been strengthened; that their desire to learn and grow has been set ablaze; that they have learned the true meaning of brotherly love; and that

they have gained a purpose, cumulated in college in order with integrity, to be responto lead an abundant life as a sible citizens. spiritual reality, rather than

Earlier in the day, Dr. for the multiplication of things Perry Crouch, general in a secular society. secretary - treasurer of the N. During the ceremony, C. State Baptist Convention, Livola Sue Freeman Stroud, a delivered the baccalaureate Spartanburg, S. C. native, was sermon. He told the seniors, awarded the Scholarship -Character Medal. This award parents, alumni, and the congregation of the Mars Hill goes to the student who ranks Baptist Church, which highest in scholarship, manners, and general traditionally joins the college for the service, that "If our character. Mrs. Stroud, who world is to be saved, man completed her studies in must be reconcilled to his December, is a religion major Using the Apostle and is currently enrolled in Paul's transformation as an Southeastern seminary with her husband Paul Stroud, a example he told the assemblage that "we may have to Fuguay - Varina native and a leave the comfortable world, the acceptance of our friends

the light of Christian truth." Telling the seniors, "You In action taken by the are a child of change." he urged them to evaluate the college's Board of Trustees

magna cum laude graduate of the college. A transfer student from Wingate Junior College, Trammell was named to the Mrs. Stroud maintained a 3.97 grade level out of a possible **Mars Hill Student**

pany of Asheville; Dr. W. Otis Duck, Mars Hill physician, vice-chairman;' and Keith Synder, U. S. District Attorney for Western North Carolina, secretary.

day Saturday, with 14 classes holding reunions. The Alumni Association elected new officers for the coming year during their business meeting Saturday afternoon, naming television star Archie Campbell, Class of 1935, as president. Other officers include vice-president and

The Madison County

Sheriff's Department arrested

seven persons Sunday and

president-elect Bernard Schumate, president of the First National Bank of Miami, Fla., Class of 1948, and secretary Mrs. Louise Webster Teague, Class of 1928 and wife of Trustee Ernest Teague of Marshall.

During the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening, Dr. Duck and Mrs. Paul Price Davis, Winston-Salem business woman, were named alumnus and alumna of 1974.

COUNTY GRADUATES Listed among the Honor Students were four Madison County students, Mars Hill: Susan Rachel Chapman, magna cum laude, and Maurice LaMonte Metcalf, cum laude. Marshall: Jackie Eugene Fisher, cum laude; and Joyce Cutshall Thomas, magna cum laude. Other Madison County

HOT SPRINGS

James B. Acker III; Patricia Lawrence Anderson; Marie O. Brown; El zabeth Ann Clayton; Jeff Delond Conner; Robin Thompson Erickson; Billy Wayne Hodge; Wanda Rogers Hollifield; Mary Ellen Metcalf; Dennis Myers; Dearl Dean Norton; Paul Pegg; Larry D. Shook; Ronad Tedder; David Michael Thomas; Beyorly Dianne Vines; Mary Wood Waddell; Stephen F. Waddell. MARSHALL

Betty Ward Bradley;

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MEMBERS of the 1924 graduating class attended the Marshall Alumni meeting here last Saturday night, celebrating their 50th anniversary. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Odell Matthews (Madge Tweed), Mrs. J. J. Ramsey

(Selma Rector), Mrs. Clarence Huffman (Zora Sue Roberts), Back row, left to

right, Fowler Wallin, Wendell Wayne Smiley, William Wayne Fisher. Two

members, Cleo Don Eller and Wm. T. McKinney, are deceased. Sitting in

chair is Mrs. Hettie R. Blankenship, one of the teachers of the 1924 class, who

\$120 Million Grants For

Rural Water And Sewer

A seven-month investigation into the death of Mars Hill coed Sally Bell Moffit resulted bond hearing. Wednesday of last week in the arrest of another student on a

charge of murder. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder of Madison County identified the uspect as Wayne Schilling.

21. of Mt. Holly, N. J., being held in the Madison County iail without bond pending a

Charged In

Coeds Death

and family to seek the an-

swers to our world's needs in

knowledge they had ac-

Ponder described Schilling as a former boyfriend of the dead girl, adding that extensive interviews with fellow students at the school in-

when she left her dormitory

walking toward the main

Ponder said the girl died

when one of three broken ribs

severed the pulmonary ar-

tery, but said he "couldn't

say" at this point how the

An autopsy by Dr. Otis

Duck, Madison County

medical examiner said the

girl was dragged across the

road and down an em-

bankment after "either falling

from a great height or being

thrown from a moving

Other injuries included a

fractured skull and bruises,

according to Duck, who

girl may have been hit by an

Miss Moffitt was fully

clothed and had not been

sexually assaulted, according

found, according to spokesman for the SBI

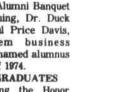
Saturday, the first day of the two-day Alumni-Commencement weekend, the 36-member policy-making group adopted a \$4.3 million operating budget for the coming academic year, approved plans for a new \$75,000 physical plant building, approved faculty tenure and promotions, approved a \$210

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increase in student tuition and fees, and nominated new trustees and officers. The trustees elected to retain the current officers of the board with the exception of Charles Trammell, former Hendersonville banker who recently moved to Virginia. Under the bylaws of the college, the trustees must be residents of North Carolina.

Board of Advisors, and was replaced as treasurer of the Board of Trustees by Alvin Philpott, executive vicepresident of Burlington House Furniture Company in Lexington. Other officers reelected are Chairman Webb Ellis, president of Ellis-

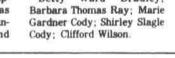
Tomberlin Insurance Com-Over 700 alumni enjoyed the



graduates are:

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And Now



Rick Dover, 18: Charles

Hearing Next Month

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resigning



THE 1924 GRADUATING CLASS of Marshall High School is pictured above as they appear then. Left to right, front row: Madge Lucille Tweed, Selma Rector, Zora Sue Roberts, Sallie Juanita Fisher, Edna Elizabeth Rice, Julia Mae Worley. Back row, Albert C. Bryan, Fowler Wallin, Wendell Wayne Smiley, William Wayne Fisher, Cleo Don Eller, Wm. T. McKinney.

Hot Springs ABC Ouster

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Sally Moffitt

Ebbs Chapel Organizes Committee

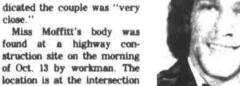
The Ebbs Chapel Community held a meeting, Friday night, May 17th and organized a committee to work with the American Revolution Bi-Centennial in Madison County. The following officers were elected: Mrs. John Falk, Chairman; Mrs. Ed English, Jr., Co-Chairman; Mrs. Furman Fox, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Ed Ponder, Secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mayfield, Publicity.

Committees appointed BEAUTIFICATION, rere: were: BEAUTIFICATION, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Wallin, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee English, Mrs. Furman Fox and Freddie and Freddie Wallin.

Preddie Wallin. CLEAN-UP: Mrs. Patricia sall, Mrs. Ed Ponder, Mrs. Jedrick Cody and Mrs. Semath Condra. DUMPSTER: Mr. Ed

ah, Jr., Mr. Ed Ponder, Wayne Burnett, Mr. and

to Duck. Schilling had completed his work for the spring semester, according to the spokesman for the college. Other agencies working in the seven-month investigation in addition to the Madison County Sheriff's Office include the Mars Hill Police Depart-ment, State Bureau of In-vestigation and Harold Balley, an agent with the district solicitor's office. The girl was believed to have been carrying a red course shoulder bag when ab-was had seen on campus. A 11,000 reward was posted for the bag, which has been Coutleand on Page 1



of U. S. 213 and U. S. 19-23 Miss Moffitt was last seen alive about 10 p. m. Oct. 11

Wayne Schilling

charged them with growing marijuana, Sheriff E. Y Ponder said.

The seven were identified as



The trustees of the Dry Pond

The State Alcoholic would take its demand to the Beverage Control Board has mayor and commissioners of Hot Springs. The letter stated scheduled a public hearing in Asheville the second week in that if they "then fail to order June on plans to oust the Hot your board's removal we shall Springs ABC Board.

The state board voted Tuesday of last week to hold discounted chances that the the hearing at the request of Robert S. Swain of Asheville, attorney for the Hot Springs Board.

> Swain said in a letter to the Cemetery recognize the need state board that the local for a trust fund to be board has no intention of

State ABC Chairman L. C. State ABC Chairman L. C. Hoishouser sent a letter May 1 to R. W. Ponder, chairman of the Hot Springs Board, in which he said an investigation had uncovered "many discrepancies" in the operation of the local board. Hoishouser said the discrepancies "have caused us to feel that you and the other members of your board can no longer be considered fit to serve on the local board." Hoishouser west on to say **Election Board Office** Closed

For Five Days

It was announced this weak that the Madison County Election Board affice on Main Street will be closed on the following dates: May 29, 20, 31; June 3, 4. Holshouser went on to say that if the local heard refused to resign, the state board

According to the sheriff, six Edward Davis, 21; Patsy Sprinkle, 20: Calvin Robert Sprinkle, 19; Walter Fountain Goodman Jr., 18: Jean E. Licenszza, 18: and David

of the suspects were arrested about 11 a.m. on Redmond Road. The seventh suspect fled the scene and was arrested Sunday night. They were charged with manufacturing and growing marijuana for sale and with

the possession with intent to distribute about 21/2 pounds of marijuana. Ponder said about an acre of marituana, with an estimated 2 000 plants, was found growing

in the Pine Creek section which is believed to have been cultivated by the seven. Out on \$2,500 cash bond are

Calvin Sprinkle, Patsy Sprinkle and Rick Dover, all of Asheville. The other four inmates remain in jail here in lieu of bond.

Dry Pond Cemetery Care Fund

sost appropriate.

Marshall Lions Charity Horse Show Saturday, June 1 - Full Details Next Week

be forced to order its removal

according to our regulations."

earlier he had no intention of

Ponder told newsmen

deposit approximately established for the care and maintenance of the Dry Pond Cemetery. Many cemeteries presently are going unkept and uncared for due to lack of funds to provide the care necessary to keep them atnecessary to keep them at-tractive and neat. Presently, there is much interest and concern in maintaining Dry Pond Cemetery and it was decided that the establish-ment of such a perpetual care fund at this time would be connetery. Sunday, May 26, 1974 is Decoration Day at the consetery and we encourage all to come prepared to make some donation to this fund. The trusteen will be there and have full information on the fund, how it works, etc., for any who are interested.

The trust hand papers were drawn and are on record. The trust fund at present is being handled by the First Union Bank of Marshall. The es have at pr

\$1800.00. The trustees would like to encourage anyone wishing to make a donation to this fund to go the First Union Bank in Marshall or contact any of the trustees of the

Trustees are Interested. Trustees are Lamuel Ko syne Roberts, Willard Ba in Kent, Hernchel Bohm schie Ball and Groves

Talmadge complaint that the **Department** of Agriculture policy on water and sewer grant funds represented "a starvation diet for rural America." America." Last year, the Congress appropriated \$150 million for water and sewer grant money. However, the money was impounded. Later, \$30 million of the appropriated sum was released. Today's action was to release the remainder of the appropriated sum.

was present.

rural communities.

The release of the money

came following a March 5

appropriated sum. Senator Taimadge, the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry said be had been informed of the release of the meney this morning by telephone, in a conversation with Secretary of Agriculture, East L. Butz, Taimadge added: "This is doubly good news. In February the USDA put a new complication into this grant program by reducing from B

impounded.

WASHINGTON - Senator to 25 percent the total amount Herman E. Talmadge anof a project which could be nounced that the Department funded with a grant. I was of Agriculture has decided to informed today that this release \$120 million in water restriction was being changed and sewer grant money for back to 50 percent so that the communities in the greatest money had previously been need would get the money.

the past two years. It has been pretty clear to me that he and others at USDA believe in rural development, but that they were being told what to do by a bunch of people of the Office of Management and Budget who have not cared whether rural communities lived or died. I trust that today's decision marks a tam-around in Administration policy toward rural The Senator said that it was his understanding that the money released today would be allocated during the current fiscal year and will remain available until it was expended. He concluded: "I have

policy toward development." never felt that Secretary Butz

Rural Fire Trucks Ready For Service

Officers of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department announced this week that there are two fire trucks which can be used for runsi fires. A third fire truck remains in the corporate limits at all times for bond protection, it was explained.

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"If we can assist you attain to call up," (attain to call up," (33) one of the first

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Development Program over the past two years. It has been

Courthouse **Closed On**

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