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## 169 To Graduate At Madison High Monday; Baccalaureate Sunday Night At New School

Madison High School commencement exercises will begin here this Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock with the Baccalaureate service. Both the Baccalaureate service and the graduation exercises will be held in the new consolidated high school gymnasium on the Marshall bypass.

Following the Processional, the invocation will be given by Mrs. Fred Dickerson, principal of Mars Hill High School. The choir, composed of students from the various high schools, will sing "My Heart Is Steadfast, O God". Mrs. Jewel Church, principal of the

Spring Creek High School, will deliver the Scripture Reading. Mr. J. C. Wallin, principal of Madison High School, will introduce the speaker, Dr. Cecil Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville.

Following the sermon there will be a congregational hymn, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" and Mr. Vernon Ponder, principal of the Laurel School, will pronounce the benediction, followed by the Recessional.

On Monday night graduation exercises will start at 7:30 o'clock. Following the Processional, Mr. Bruce

Phillips, principal of Hot Springs school, will pronounce the invocation. The choir will sing "Lonely Voices" and "Isn't It Reassuring". Mr. Clive Whitt, principal of the Marshall school, will introduce the guest speaker, Honorable Lacy H. Thornburg, superior court judge (30th Judicial District).

Mr. R. L. Edwards, superintendent of Madison County schools, will then present the diplomas and Mr. Owen Fish, ESEA Director, will pronounce the benediction which will be followed by the Recessional.

A total of 169 graduates will

receive diplomas. The organist will be Miss Susan Chapman and Mrs. Dorothy Roberts is Choral

Director. The organ is furnished courtesy of Dunham's Music House of Asheville.

### Notice To Pig Producers And Buyers

The Western Carolina Livestock Association has announced that beginning in July and thereafter the Feeder Pig Sale will be held the first Wednesday of each month. They feel that Wednesday will be a more convenient day for the seller as

well as the buyer, as Friday is so near the week-end.

The time, rules and regulations will remain the same.

The next sale will be Friday, June 14th - then Wednesday, July 3rd.



A DELEGATION of citizens interested in the beautification and anti-pollution in Madison County met with Judge Lacy H. Thornburg prior to the opening of criminal court here Tuesday morning. They urged the courts to assist in the prosecution of violators and Judge Thornburg explained necessary steps to be taken and commended the group on its interest and said he would cooperate in every way

possible. Shown above are leaders who spoke with Judge Thornburg. Left to right, Mike Bradley (Health Dept.); L. A. Zimmerman (Laurel Bicentennial Committee); Mrs. H. B. Dittmore (Marshall Bicentennial Committee); the Rev. George Moore (Bicentennial Committee); Judge Thornburg; Miss Dale Everett (Extension and Youth); Jerry Cody and Jeff Treadway (Madison High Youths).

## Madison Athletic Banquet Held Last Thursday

The Madison High School Athletic Banquet, the first held since consolidation of athletic programs, was enjoyed last Thursday night at the Sheraton Inn in Asheville.

Dr. Larry Liggett, consolidation director, was master of ceremonies. The welcoming remarks were made by J. C. Wallin, Principal of Madison High School and the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Gene Hall, pastor of the Madison Seminary Baptist Church and a member of the coaching staff at Madison High.

Charles Tolley, football coach at the local school, introduced Head Football Coach at Furman University, Art Baker, who was the

featured speaker.

Following Coach Baker's address, R. L. Edwards, superintendent of Madison County Schools, made appropriate remarks.

Presentation of various awards and recognitions were made by the following coaches: Cheerleaders, Billie Jean Redmon; Football, Roy Ammons; Girls' Basketball, F. N. Willett; Boys' Basketball, Bobby Franklin; Baseball, Larry West.

The following students and athletes received special recognition:

Cheerleaders: Most Improved, Carol Ann Wallin; Most School Spirit, Cheryl Reeves; Best All Round,

Laura Lee.

Baseball: Best Defense, Harrell Wood; Best Offense, Jerry Cody; Most Valuable, Jimmy Ramsey.

Football: Best Offense, Jimmy Ramsey; Best Defense, Kirk McWilliams; Most Improved, Jeff Treadway; Most Valuable, Charles Holt.

Girls' Basketball: Most Hustle, Yvonne Coates; Most Valuable, Linda Robinson; Most Improved, Lynn Plemmons; Most Dedicated, Ann Hensley.

Boys' Basketball: Outstanding Player, Harrell Wood; Most Hustle, Carlton Freeman; Most Valuable, Jim Roberts.



**BURLINGTON'S HOT SPRINGS PLANT RECOGNIZES TWO EMPLOYEES FOR TWENTY YEARS SERVICE:** Left to right - Roger Ramsey, Office Manager; Douglas Ramsey, Head Supply Clerk; Claude Sawyer, Pin Setter; Truman Melton, Plant Manager. Claude Sawyer and Doug Ramsey, Warehouse - Supply Department, were presented a twenty year certificate and service pin by Roger Ramsey, Office Manager and Truman Melton, Plant Manager, in ceremonies at the Hot Springs Plant on May 17, 1974 in recognition and appreciation of their long and loyal service. Claude and Doug are the first to receive a twenty year pin at the Hot Springs Plant.

## Horse Show To Be Held On Island Saturday

The eighth annual charity horse show, sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club, will be held this Saturday afternoon and night on the Island here. The popular event thrills horse lovers from Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee as the most beautiful and well-trained horses display their talents as they compete against each other in quest of ribbons,

trophies and cash.

The afternoon show is scheduled to begin at 1 o'clock and the evening show at 7 o'clock. In case of rain the event will be held on Sunday.

Maurice McAllister, Jerry Plemmons and John Corbett are this year's co-chairmen. They are assisted by members of the Lions Club, and others. Honorable Cash Lovell, of Winston-Salem will be one of

the judges and Honorable Robert Painter, of Morristown, Tenn., will be the other judge. Painter will be

representing the Racking Horse Breeder's Association of America. Lloyd Thompson, popular official, of Asheville, will again be master of ceremonies. Mrs. Joyce Plemmons will serve as Show Secretary and a veterinarian will be on call.

Members of the Lions Club will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks during both shows, it was announced.

There will be 19 classes in the afternoon and 19 classes in the evening for a total of 38 classes.

### AFTERNOON SHOW

1 p.m.

English Halter No. 1 - 2 years and under; NBo. 2 - Over 2 years; Western Halter No. 1-2 years and under, No. 2 - Over 2 years; Lead Line (Riders 6 years and under), Appaloosa Halter, Pleasure Ponies (50 inches and under), English Pleasure (open), Working Teams, Potato Race, Ladies Western Pleasure (17 years and over), Pepsi Cola Race, Western Pleasure (16 years and under), Pleasure Racking (open), Musical Tires, Gentlemen's Western Pleasure (17 years and over), Ladies Western Pleasure, Appaloosa Western Pleasure, Buddy - Pick-up Race, Speed Racking, Barrel Race.

### EVENING SHOW

7 p.m.

Lead Line (Riders 6 years and under), Western Halter No. 1-2 years and under, No. 2 - Over 2 years, Appaloosa

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## Criminal Court In Progress; Civil Term Starts Mon.; Jury List

The May term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases started here Tuesday morning with Judge Lacy H. Thornburg, of Webster, presiding.

A term of civil court will begin here next Monday.

Following is a list of jurors drawn for the term next week: Neal Goode, Meredith Wilburn, Raymond Hensley, James Crowe, Judy Elaine Gossell, Samuel M. Boyd, Paula H. Parker, Gail Brown, Farrell Clements, Velma Massey, Ruby G. Israel, James Bryan Arrington, Jack C. Buckner, Denise Moore Henson, Elwood B. Waldroup, Hubert Rich, Clyde Hunsinger, Cordell C. Massey, Ernest Dancy Erwin, Judy Spruon Davis, Illa Mae Price, John C. Williams, Allie Blankenship, Lea Curnal Payne, Wayne Briggman, Billy Joe Gossell, David Kent Ramsey, Joe Justice, Betty Jackson, Thomas McGee, Eugene Chandler, Chester Worley, Janice Barrett, John A. Dobson, Olga Buckner Lewis, Billy Junior Edwards, Karen Sue Chandler, John

Miller Briggs, M. V. Chandler, Lujett Fisher Hunter, Myrtle Elmore Bryan, Douglas C. Williams, Arvil Fisher, Marion F. Bradburn, Murphy Roberts, Phyllis Brooks Ledford, Ansin Ramsey, Anna Norton, Ford Honeycutt,

Meda Ogle, Doris Waldroup Holt, Leonard DeWayne Cutshall, Thomas Askew, Elsie Robinson Wallin, Ruby Thomas Whitson, Wade West, Karen J. Riddle, Evelyn Sawyer, Joan Hollifield and Jackie Eugene Fisher.

## Region B Board Elects Officers

The Region B Ancillary Manpower Planning Board for Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties held its first meeting May 16, 1974. The following officers were elected:

Chairman: William M. Ives, Chairman, Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman: James T. Ledford, Chairman, Madison County Board of Commissioners

Secretary - Treasurer: Charles Erwin, Jr. Manager,

Asheville Employment Security Commission

Parliamentarian: Ray Cantrell, Director, Chamber of Commerce, Hendersonville.

The membership on the Ancillary Manpower Planning Board from Madison County are:

Lorado T. Ponder, Marshall; James T. Ledford, Marshall; Grover Tumbertin, Mars Hill; Norris Gentry, Marshall; Mrs. Frances Ramsey, Marshall; Earl Wise, Marshall; Jerry Plemmons, Marshall.

## Westco Telephone Co. To Seek Rate Increases

**SUMMARY:** Westco Telephone cites relationship between improved telephone service and earnings as main reason for filing request to raise rates.

Westco Telephone Company has filed a new rate plan that would raise residential rates an average of \$1.70 per month, and business rates an average of \$4.15 per month. These are average figures; the actual amount will depend upon the customer's particular rate group and grade of service.

Together, these increases would produce approximately \$500,000 in additional annual revenues.

In conjunction with the filing, the company has requested immediate, emergency rate relief, which, if approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, would increase the individual customer's basic local service rate by no more than 20 percent.

Company president Norman L. Gum said, "This

emergency relief is necessary because of the critical economic condition of the company. The funds would be collected under bond, subject to refund, with interest, should the Utilities Commission ultimately grant us an increase that's less than the amount requested on an emergency basis."

Gum pointed out that these are proposed increases, and may or may not be the ones that finally go into effect. "The North Carolina Utilities Commission will review both our request for emergency rate relief and our proposed new rate structure."

He also said that the need for the increase is tied directly to the company's ability to provide adequate service and meet future growth requirements.

Gum said, "We have completed many service improvement projects in the last year or two. We have done this in spite of the severe financial strain we've been under. For example, we have completely eliminated multiparty in our serving areas. We've increased our long distance calling capacity, installed new cable, hired people, and established new and more reliable equipment testing and monitoring procedures.

"Of course, all of this costs money," he continued, "and costs keep going up. It's a fact of business life that you have to earn enough money to keep service up to par - dedication and commitment on the part of our employees alone won't pay for the lines that provide improved grades of service, or

buy the modern communications equipment or the buildings in which to install it. We need money to put their dedication to work.

"All of our expenses have increased," Gum said. "Operating taxes are up over 58 percent since 1972; operating expenses are up 36 percent; maintenance costs, 29 percent; and interest expenses, nearly 41 percent."

"Our plant investment has gone up over 14 percent, and over the next two years, we estimate we'll have to invest at least \$6.3 million more to meet our commitment."

"We have made progress, but we also know there's still much more to be done. And we know we can't meet North Carolina's service needs without putting additional money into service im-

provement projects. But we can't build new facilities without capital, and we can't get that capital unless we're earning enough to attract the investor who lends us the funds to build.

"If what we earn is inadequate in comparison to what other companies earn, then the investor will turn away from us and put his money elsewhere. And it must be remembered that this borrowed capital provides the main source of funds for building needed facilities and adding other improvements.

"We simply have to produce adequate earnings in order to provide adequate service. We have an obligation to provide the best, most reliable service possible, but can only do so if we have the money to do that job," he stressed.

## FHA Approves \$40,000 Grant For Mars Hill

WASHINGTON - Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Friday that the Farmers Home Administration has approved plans and reserved funds for a \$40,000 grant under the Rural Development program to the Town of Mars Hill, N. C., to extend its water system to

serve an industrial site near the town limits. Funds for the grant will be held available by FEMA for delivery upon fulfillment of final conditions by the Town of Mars Hill.

Grants for industrial development projects and loans for the establishment of businesses and industries supportive of rural community development are made under the Rural Development Act of 1972 by the Farmers Home Administration, a Department of Agriculture rural credit service.