



**BURLINGTON'S HOT SPRINGS PLANT Recognizes Long Service Employee:** Left to right: Truman Melton, Plant Manager, Luke Moore, Overhauler, Bill Willett, Spinning & Winding Supervisor, Jim Prevette, Department Head, Spinning & Winding, Joe "Luke" Moore, Overhauler, Spinning Department, was presented a twenty year certificate and service pin in ceremonies at the Hot Springs Plant in recognition and appreciation of his long and loyal service. Luke also holds the Plant attendance record of fifteen years perfect attendance. He has missed only day since coming to work on June 5, 1954.

## Friedrich Running For N.C. Senate

Mrs. Sonya Friedrich of Asheville has been picked by Republicans of the four-county 26th Senate District as a candidate for the 1975 General Assembly.



MRS. FRIEDRICH

Mrs. Friedrich, the mother of three sons, resigned as president of the League of Women Voters of Asheville - Buncombe County to run for the state Senate seat.

Dan Eller, chairman of the Buncombe County Republican party, forwarded a recommendation for the appointment of Mrs. Friedrich to the slot Friday following a meeting Thursday night with GOP leaders from McDowell, Madison and Yancey counties.

Tom Bennett, state Republican party chairman, is expected to pass the nomination on to the State Board of Elections.

The state board ruled that a vacancy exists because Grover Norwood of Black Mountain withdrew as a candidate shortly after the filing deadline.

## Ebbs Chapel Students In Clean-up Project

Students who live in the Ebbs Chapel Community wanted to do their part in helping to carry out a roadside clean-up project outlined by the Community Bicentennial Committee.

Thanks goes to these students and to the adults who supervised them.

Dennis Riddle, J.H. and Vina Lynn Fender, Jimmy Roberts, Joel Edwards, James Owens and Sharon Tipton supervised by Mrs. Pat Ball and Mrs. Marie Cody.

Ragan Fender, Renee Ponder, Bobby Darlene, and Ray Hensley, Vickie and Dale Metcalf, Myra Ingle, supervised by Mrs. Eula Ingle and Mrs. Mildred Metcalf.

Kay, Jimmy and Greg Taffer, Alan and Lisa Whit, Ian and Alex Filles, supervised by Mrs. Mary Taffer and Mrs. June Whit.

Rodney and Danny Burnett, Amelia, Rebecca, and Annette McClellan, Sammy and Clifton Woody, Lane English supervised by Mrs. Marsha Boyd.

Sherry and Jackie Slaght, Eugene Arrington, Terry Teague, Vickie Blankenship, Jamie, Ava and Linda Arrington, Gregory Lloyd supervised by Mrs. Tolin Arrington, Mrs. Irene Metcalf, and Mrs. Faye Lloyd.

Sonya, Sybil and Pam Cody.

Gordon Peek, Patty and Belinda Metcalf, Kathy Capps supervised by Mrs. Dianne Condra.

Chris, Ronnie, Eric and Robin Fox, Ricky Honeycutt, Lisa Jenkins supervised by Mrs. Joann Fox.

Ricky and Manuel Edwards, Judy Metcalf, David and Randy Sprouse, Karen Edwards, Jimmy and Renee English, Dearl Jenkins supervised by Mr. Alvin Boone and Mrs. Carolyn Ponder.

Rachel Ammons, Pat Carver, Regina Taffer, Scotty, Redia, Tony, and Eldridge English, Bruce Hensley, supervised by Mr. Woody Ammons.

Thanks also to Mr. Ammons, Mrs. Joann Fox, and Mrs. Marsha Boyd for using their trucks to pick up the trash and seeing that it was properly disposed of.

**YET OFFICER NOT IN COUNTY THIS WEEK**

Gene Underwood, District Service Officer on Military and Veterans Affairs, stated this week that he will be unable to be in the county this Thursday due to other commitments.

Mrs. Friedrich had been League president here since May, 1973, and served as a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Women Voters for two years. She is a former member of the Better Schools Committee of Buncombe County, and is currently a member of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Affairs Committee and chairman of the subcommittee on Legislative Affairs.

"I believe I have the experience and background to offer the voters of the 26th District because of my involvement in the legislative affairs on both the state and local levels," Mrs. Friedrich said.

"My League background of objectively examining all sides of an issue and weighing all opinions will be useful to me as a legislator," she said.

Mrs. Friedrich is married to Jim Friedrich, sales manager for Mars Manufacturing Co. here. They have three sons, Mark, 18; Keith, 17; and Craig, 12.

## Singing

The Middle Fork Independent Baptist Church will have its regular fifth Saturday night singing on June 29th at 7:30 p.m. Featured on this program will be the Temple Baptist Church Youth Choir of Spruce Pine, the Harbor Light Trio of Newland, the King Family from Candler, and the Wilson Family of Johnson City, Tenn. This church is located four miles North of Mars Hill on U.S. 19. The writer will be the Master of Ceremonies. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Children's Hour At Library

There will be a Children's Hour at the Madison County Public Library, next Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. The Story Lady will be Miss Barbara Briggs. All children from three through six are invited to come. The "story place" will be the Community Room of the Library.

## Sales Tax

Sales and use tax collections by Madison County for May, 1974, were reported as \$11,175.26 according to the Department of Revenue.

## Hot Springs ABC Meeting Being Planned

RALEIGH—Action was initiated here Monday leading toward a meeting with the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the new Hot Springs ABC Board aimed at resolving problems the state feels exists in the operation of Madison County's lone liquor store.

State ABC chairman Dr. L.C. Holshouser announced that the Hot Springs town council has appointed F.E. Smith and William Jess Whitson so local ABC board. Smith and Whitson are replacements for R.W. Ponder and Clyde Huntsinger who resigned early this month. The third member, T.A. Russell, is in the hospital, but is expected to hand in his resignation when he returns home to Hot Springs, according to a state official.

A public hearing requested by the three-member board was called off following the resignations of Ponder, the board chairman, and board member Huntsinger. The hearing was requested when

the state board called for the ouster of the Hot Springs board.

Holshouser told Ponder in a letter May 1 that an investigation in recent months turned up "many discrepancies...which have caused us to feel you and other members of your board can no longer be considered fit to serve on the local board."

Ponder at first refused to step down, but later tendered his resignation to Hot Springs Mayor Joe R. Henderson. Henderson also received Huntsinger's resignation early in June.

Salaries, travel and laundry expenses, the lease on the building in which the liquor store is located, disbursement of store profits and general accounting procedures of the Hot Springs board are among specifics questioned by the state board.

State investigators have also charged Hot Springs liquor store employees with consumption of alcoholic beverages and violation of

regulations by making sales to persons greater than can be legally transported and making sales at unlawful hours and on unlawful days.

Holshouser Monday asked W.T. Biggers of the state staff and Wiley Ruth, state ABC administrator, to work out a time with Smith and Whitson when they can go to Hot Springs to discuss with them the existing problems and attempt to work out solutions.

"And hopefully, within a month or so, the new Hot Springs Board and the state board will get together and discuss the problems," Biggers said.

Biggers said if Russell does not resign when he is released from the hospital, the state board will call on the town council to remove him from the local ABC board.

Trial of one of the store employees on charges of selling more than the legal amount of liquor is scheduled for June 28 in the Madison County Courthouse in Marshall.

## Mars Hill College Funded For Local Gov't Program

Mars Hill College has been awarded a \$25,000 grant under the Title I Higher Education Act of 1965 (Community Service and Continuing Education) to develop a program designed to facilitate the work of county boards and agencies in Madison County and surrounding areas.

Dr. Donald Anderson, chairman of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will direct the project and comments that "Migration from rural Appalachian counties has increasingly deprived these areas of the resource persons they need." The project will help develop additional community leadership capabilities in the region.

Specifically, the project will provide a mechanism for bridging the communication gap between community on various boards and committees and those agencies mandated to assist local communities. As Dr. Anderson noted, "There is an urgent need to develop expertise in the area of negotiation with regional, state, and national bureaucracy."

Among the project's activities will be eight seminars, each dealing with a different facet of county government. These will be conducted for elected county officials and selected community leaders. In each of these two hour

sessions, the structure and functioning of a county government will be discussed and particular attention will be given to recent legislation action affecting county government as well as specific at-hand issues being confronted by local officials.

Dr. Anderson said — "We are looking forward to working with James T. Ledford, chairman of Madison County's Board of Commissioners, and the members

of the board as well as the members of other county boards and committees."

The proposal was developed in consultation with Ledford and reflects his experience and commitment to the effective functioning of all levels of local government. Ledford noted that "Mars Hill College is increasingly aware of the opportunity for service in our area and we are happy to see the college expanding its services to our community."

## County Budget Needs Set At \$3,113,329

James T. Ledford, Chairman of Madison County Board of Commissioners, has recommended a \$3,113,329 million budget for the 1974-75 budget year.

James T. Ledford, budget officer, said the budget estimate was based on a tax rate of 75 percent per 100 dollars valuation. He said the rate was about 4c lower than the 1973-74 tax rate of \$1.75. The 1973-74 access valuation of 45 percent on 100 dollar valuation.

The change to 100 percent taxation was due to a new state requirement.

The 1974-75 budget total of \$3,113,329 compares with a \$2,843,064 million total budget

for this past year. Due to inflationary rise and operation expense the 1974-75 budget had an increase of about 18 percent.

A breakdown of budget expenditures are:

General County Fund	474,611
School Debt Fund	
School Expense	
School Capital Outlay	787,677
Library Service Fund	32,285
Revaluation of Property (1981)	4,500
Social Services Fund	1,593,998
Health Department Fund	220,178

A public hearing will be held on June 27, in the Madison County Courthouse at 11 a.m., Mr. Ledford stated.

## AWARDED DEGREE

Mrs. Bobby Jean Rice was awarded the Doctor of Education degree at commencement exercises at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn., Friday, June 7. Mrs. Rice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deigh B. Peek and the wife of McClelland Rice, all of Marshall, Route 1, a former member of the Madison County Board of Education, she is presently employed as instructional supervisor with the Madison County Title I ESSEA program. Mrs. Rice formerly taught in the Madison County School System, the Buncombe County School System and Mars Hill College.



SUSAN GEORGE



MARK MORRIS



STEVE SMITH

## Youth Revival To Begin Friday At Baptist Church

A Youth Revival will begin at the Marshall Baptist Church this Friday night and will continue through Thursday, June 27.

Members of the Summer Youth Evangelistic Team are three outstanding youths.

Mark Allan Morris (Mark) will be the speaker. Mark is a graduate of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, and plans to enter Campbell College, Buies Creek, this Fall. The 20-year-old man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Morris, of Rocky Mount, and is a member of the Benvenue Baptist Church there.

Susan Elizabeth George (Susan) will be the pianist. Miss George, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. George, Jr., of Raleigh, is a rising junior at Mars Hill College. She is a member of the Hayes Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh and has served as pianist and organist in Sunday School, Church Training, and Youth Activities of her home church and worked with the Billy Graham Crusade in 1973.

## Grant For Mars Hill Approved

Congressman Roy A. Taylor Tuesday announced the approval of a grant of \$61,958 from the U. S. Office of Education to Mars Hill College to finance an evaluation center for a competency based curriculum.

The government funds are being provided under a program of grants and contracts for innovative programs in post-secondary education.

Stephen Melvin Smith (Steve) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford H. Smith of Greensboro and is a member of the Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, Pleasant Garden, N.C. Steve is a graduate of Campbell College, Buies Creek and is planning to enter the seminary. He will direct the choir during the Youth Revival.

He has served as music leader in Sunday School and Church Training in the Pleasant Garden church and is a member of the Sonlight Singers of Campbell College. All youths in the community are cordially invited to attend the services nightly at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Spencer LeGrand is pastor of the church.

## Regional Wagon Train To Organize June 30

The third annual Tri-County Regional Wagon Train will organize on Sunday, June 30 on the Ebbs Chapel School Grounds.

Wagon Master this year will be Arthur Thomason of Mars Hill and Chief Scout will be Dan Wilson, of Cane River. The wagon train will pull out Monday morning, July 1, by way of Punching Fork Road, across Streets Gap into Flag Pond and camp at Flag Pond School.

The second day's journey will start up Rice Creek, across mountain, down Foster Creek to Roscoe Briggs' fish pond and camp. The third day's journey will leave fish pond, go up Laurel to Long Branch Road to head of Long Branch then across mountain trail to Big Knob Tower and camp.

On the morning of July 4th the train will follow mountain trail to the head of East Fork, across Murray Gap, down by Charles Bruce's place into Mars Hill. The train will disband at Mars Hill High School.

Time and arrival and route through Mars Hill will be announced in next issue of News-Record.

There will be 10 Scouts to control traffic and see that there is no disorderly conduct during the event. No firearms will be allowed except by Scouts. Everyone invited to go along. All you need is a horse or wagon.

For further details call Arthur Thomason 689-2919 or Hubert Briggs, 689-3414.

## New 4-H Club Is Organized

The Willing Hearts 4-H Club of the Sandy Mush area held its first meeting June 17. There was an installation of officers. Terry Ashe was elected President, Geraldine Branam, vice-president, Donna Ashe, secretary; Debbie Treadway, reporter. Sponsors are Mrs. Jack Buckner and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stone.

At the meeting, a movie "Heritage of Splendor" was shown to encourage members to keep their community beautiful and clean.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.



**THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS** of the North Carolina Department of Transportation presented awards recently to three (3) employees of Division 11, Madison County, for their combined 74 years service to the State of North Carolina. Mr. Joel Manthorn, Division Personnel Officer, presented 20 years service awards to Arthur Norton of the Bridge Department and James Arthur Thomason of Maintenance. Porter Williams of Maintenance was honored for his 26 years of service. Pictured (left to right) are: Mr. Manthorn, James Bullman, Arthur Norton, and Arthur Thomason.



**JAMES T. LEDFORD** (left), chairman of the Madison County board of Commissioners, and Dr. Donald Anderson of Mars Hill College, examine the grant which awarded the college \$25,000 to establish a local government program.