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A \$1000 CHECK FOR BAND UNIFORMS was presented to J.C. Wallin, principal of Madison High School, Monday, by Willie Rice, treasurer of American Legion Post 317, donors of the check. Left to right, Don West, Commander of local Post; Ed Gentry, Vice-Commander; Wallin, receiving check; L.B. Ramsey, Legislative Officer of local Post; Rice, presenting check; and William "Bill" Roberts, a member of Post 317. This was the second \$1000 check the local Post has donated, the first years ago when L.B. Ramsey was Commander.

Marshall Swimming Pool Improved; Will Open

The long awaited Marshall Municipal swimming pool should be open by Thursday or Friday July 4th or 5th. Some work will still be going on for some time to come but the pool is safe and clean. Every precaution has been

taken to provide an atmosphere where one can enjoy the summer swimming season in safety. All decking, lobby floors, shower room and shower floors have been made non-skid. They have been made purposely sharp to discourage any running. If one runs, he will cut his feet but is perfectly harmless to normal traffic.

Only 1 person on the diving board at any time.

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed. Anyone who has been drinking will be denied entrance.

No fighting or abusive language will be tolerated.

Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by parent or other responsible person.

These rules are for your protection and will be enforced by the police if necessary but it is hoped that each one will conduct himself within these guidelines. Towels may be rented at the concession where soft drinks and sandwiches will be available.

The hours will be Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the night session will be from 6 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. when weather gets warm enough. These hours will be subject to change as necessary. The Sunday hours will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. For any information you may call Francis Pizzule at 649-2035.

The official dedication will be Saturday night the 6th of July at 8 p.m. You are all cordially invited to inspect this new Town recreation facility.

Four Injured In Head-On Wreck Sunday

Four persons were hospitalized with serious injuries Sunday following a head-on collision about 8:20 a.m. north of Weaverville on U.S. 19, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Mrs. Edna Metcalf Teague, 46, of Rt. 2 Marshall was reported in the intensive care unit of Memorial Mission Hospital with her two sons Terry, 9, and Richard, 11, following a collision with Stephen John Jarrett, 38, of Rt. 1, Barnardsville, who was reported in fair condition.

A spokesman for the highway patrol said the accident was caused when the Jarrett vehicle traveling north crossed the center line into the path of the other car. Heavy fog was also reported in the area at the time of the accident.

No charges have been filed pending the condition of the Teagues according to the police. Investigation by Patrolman A. E. Collins is continuing.

The most modern filtering and chlorinating equipment has been installed to provide safe water at all times. New underwater lights as well as new overhead lights have been installed to provide some nighttime swimming. The object is to have a place to have fun, but at the same time, all rules will be strictly enforced to protect everyone. The rules are quite simple and we certainly hope that everyone will abide by them to save embarrassment of both the offending party and the management. Everyone must shower with soap and step into the sanitizing foot bath before entering the pool area. No throwing of stones in or around the pool. No littering of any kind. Garbage cans are provided for paper disposal. No running around the pool.



MARS HILL LIONS CLUB OFFICERS were installed Tuesday night of last week by Lion Edwin Sizemore, District Cabinet Secretary, 31-A, of the Valley Springs Club, at beautiful Pisgah View Ranch. Left to right, seated: Vettec Bates, president; Robert Capps, 1st vice president; Roy J. Edwards, 3rd vice president; Ronnie Wallin, secretary; Jake Drake, treasurer. Standing 1 to r, Alan Briggs, outgoing president; Junior Lewis, director; Clyde Yelton, Lion Tamer; Ron Kiser, director. John Adams, 2nd vice president, Roger Swann, Tail Twister; and Harley Jolley, director, were not present. Wallin was presented an award as 100 per cent secretary for the past year.

Ramsey Ends Long Career As Educator

Warren T. Ramsey, Venable Elementary School teacher and coach, has retired after 42 years as an educator.

He has taught in Madison and McDowell counties in addition to Buncombe.

Ramsey recalled that his first job was in a school operated by the county before the state took over operation of the schools. Then, the school year ran for six months.

During his career, Ramsey has been a principal, high school baseball and basketball coach, physical education teacher and elementary coach.

He said that teaching "has been a joy to me. Seeing a child develop both physically and mentally is what teaching is all about. If young teachers do not have love for children, they have chosen the wrong profession.

A former star athlete at Marshall High School in the 30's, he is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ramsey, of the Walnut Creek area. He and his wife reside in West Asheville.

"I plan to do some extensive

travelling and enjoying an easy retired life," Mr. Ramsey stated.

Gowan Retires As Forest Technician

Pete Gowan, Supervisory Forestry Technician, French Broad Ranger District, retired on June 28, 1974, after 29 years of Federal service.

Pete began his Federal career during World War II when he served in the U.S. Army. He started to work for the Forest Service in Hot Springs in 1946 as a Forest Worker, and has held increasingly responsible positions since that time. At the time of his retirement he was responsible for fire control, road and trail maintenance, equipment, and recreation on the French Broad Ranger District.

Pete and his wife, Lucille, plan to continue living on Upper Shut-in.



WARREN T. RAMSEY

Closed On 4th

The Employment Security Commission Office in the library here will be closed this Thursday, July 4th.

Those wishing to sign up may do so for two weeks on Thursday, July 11, it was explained.

Closed On Fourth

The Madison County ASCS office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Road Work Contracted

Construction projects in Madison County which were let to contract at the bid letting last week at the Highway Builder in Raleigh include: 9.20 miles on N.C. 208. Resurfacing N.C. 208 from U.S. 25-70 to Tennessee state line to Warren Brothers Co. of Asheville for \$368,500.00.

Zeno Ponder Reelected Democrat Chairman

Zeno Ponder was reelected chairman of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee at the county convention held here Saturday.

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice Peek was elected first vice chairman; Mrs. Nell Franklin, second vice chairman; J. G. Gardner, third vice chairman; Mrs. J. D. Buckner, secretary; and J. C. Wallin, Jr., treasurer. Mrs. George Shupe, President County Democrat Women; Mrs. Charles Tolley, President of Young Democrats Club.

The delegates to the 11th Congressional District Convention to be held July 20th were elected. Also elected were delegates to the State

Convention to be held in Raleigh on August 3rd.

Finally the delegates approved unanimously to support Wayne McDevitt as a delegate to the National Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Wayne had already received the unanimous endorsement of the Young Democrat Clubs in the 16 counties in the 11th District.

On June 18 at Precinct 1 meeting on the island, approximately 175 Democrats were present and elected the following officers for Precinct 1:

Ed T. Gentry, chairman; Mrs. Hazel Snelson, first vice chairman; Conley Goforth, second vice chairman; Mrs. Jim Cody, third vice chairman; Miss Billie Jean Haynie, secretary-treasurer. Serving on the precinct 1 committee are Liston Ramsey, Joe Penland, Roy Freeman, Barbara Ray and Maxine Briggs.

\$101582 Grant To Blue Ridge Health Center

Congressman Ray A. Taylor announced Monday the approval of grant of \$101,582 from Department of Health, Education and Welfare to Blue Ridge Community Mental Health Center in Asheville for renovation of basement space to house staff for children's adolescent service.

The total project cost is \$235,522 with \$235,000 coming from local sources in Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, and \$2,500 from the Duke Endowment.



MARS HILL LIONS AND LIONESSES are pictured above just before enjoying a bountiful supper at Pisgah View Ranch at installation ceremonies on Tuesday night of last week.

County 4-H'ers Win Awards In District Meet

Thirty Madison County 4-H'ers participated in District Activity Day Tuesday, June 25, in Franklin. Areas of participation were demonstrations, archery, automotive skill driving, pork cookery and poultry barbecue, public speaking, and share the fun talent acts.

County winners from 14 counties and the Cherokee Reservation competed for one winner to represent the Western District in Raleigh at July's 4-H Congress.

Ricky Ballard of the Pioneer 4-H Club is District winner in Entomology and Beekeeping. The following 4-H'ers received first runner-up awards in their categories: Jackie Buckner - Fruit & Vegetable Use; Renee Wyatt - Jr. Dairy Foods; Warren Wise - Soil and Water Conservation. Other participants were: Lisa Hiddle - Sewing; Peggy Sutton - Open Class Mark Maker - Archery. Both talent acts from the county received blue ribbon recognition. They were Vickie

Merrill from the Bull Creek 4-H Club and the Bethel Chorus from the Pioneer 4-H Club. 4-H Congress is scheduled for July 22 - 26 when Ricky



RICKY BALLARD, above, is the new Executive Manager of the Honeywell Division's switch manufacturing plant in Mars Hill. He succeeds William Elton who is returning to Progress to assume other responsibilities.

Ballard will compete for State Entomology Demonstration Winner.

Public Invited To View Film Here July 10

A special showing of "Heritage of Splendor," a film pertaining to the beautification of America, will be shown to the public Monday afternoon, July 10, in the Madison County Public Library. The film is approximately 20 minutes long. It tells the story of the beautification of America. All interested citizens of Madison County are invited to view the film at the library.