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CHARLIE TOMS, of Spruce Pine, Madison District Boy Scout Executive, is shown talking to the group of interested citizens from Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs and Laurel at the Boy Scout - Cub Scout meeting last Thursday night in the Madison High School cafeteria.

Boy Scout Meeting Is Held; Prospects Bright

A new day for county Scouting is here! An effort to revitalize the Boy Scout-Cub Scout programs in Madison County was made last Thursday night in the beautiful new Madison High School cafeteria where interested citizens from Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs and Laurel met to discuss the possibilities for activity and growth. It was pointed out that the Madison District is a new setup in the Daniel Boone Council which will hopefully be of more benefit to more boys. Joseph B. Huff, chairman of the District Nominating Committee, opened the meeting and introduced Charlie Toms, District Boy Scout executive. Scouter Toms expalined to the group the essential steps

necessary to make the Madison District "click". He emphasized the importance of parent-participation, meaningful sponsors of Troops, the importance of an active and interested District Committee, successful fundraising campaigns necessary for the District's success, and other necessary efforts. Mrs. John (Harriett) Bucy, of Mars Hill, a Cub Scout Leader and den mother, expalined how she thought the Cub Scout program should be included in the Boy Scout setup and it was unanimously agreed that it was a splendid idea and the two age groups would be included in the total planning. Mrs. Toms introduced the Rev. James Long, of Mars Hill, District Chairman, who

set the meeting in motion by having the group elect a District Committee (Community) to spearhead the future of the Scout programs. Those named to the Committee include: Marshall: The Rev. Spencer LeGrand, Jerry Plimmans, Jack Ramsey. Hot Springs: Bob Brady, Joe Templeton, Frank Blue, Ed Swann. Mars Hill: Alford Huff, George White, Ed Krause, Ms. Harriett Bucy. Laurel: Winston D. Tweed. It was expalined that more members would be added to the Committee after contacting likely women and men who will serve. It is hoped that Spring Creek and other communities will begin to organize Scout Troops in the near future.

Madison Facility Okayed By Mountain Ramparts

A proposed 75-bed nursing facility for Madison County has been given approval by the board of directors of Mountain Ramparts Health Planning Inc.

Gary L. Chandler, executive director of the regional health planning agency, said approval must now be given by the North Carolina Comprehensive Health Planning Agency before construction can begin.

The project, called Madison Manor, is expected to cost \$285,000. It would be built in Mars Hill by a Georgia firm, Ned B. Young and Associates. According to the project brief submitted to Mountain Ramparts, there would be 40 skilled nursing care beds and 35 intermediate care beds. The building is expected to be occupied in April 1975.

According to Chandler, there is no nursing facility in Madison County. A long term care facilities plan devised by Mountain Ramparts for Madison projects a need of 85 nursing home beds. Chandler said making

skilled nursing and intermediate care beds available in Madison County would serve as an "alternative to improper utilization of acute care beds" in Asheville hospitals.

A financial report submitted by the developing firm says the operators expect to realize a six per cent return on their investment at the non-profit nursing home. The board of directors also

heard a financial report on its own monetary status. The planning group must raise \$25,000 in each of the next three years to meet part of a 40 per cent match for the agency's main funding source,

the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. John W. Davis, treasurer, said industry in the four counties served by Mountain Ramparts will have to bear the brunt of providing the annual \$25,000 local share.

"A certain amount is going to come from (health care) providers," Davis said, "but industry is going to have to carry the load, probably about

50 per cent." Chandler told board members that prospects for two federal planning bills now in Congress "look much better for passage this session than it did a few months ago."

He said both bills, one in the Senate and one in the House of Representatives, have been reported out of committee but have not yet been scheduled time for floor debate.

Revival At Bradburn Chapel

A series of revival services will begin at the Bradburn Chapel First Church of God on Sunday, Nov. 3 and continue through Saturday, Nov. 9. Services will begin each night at 7:30 o'clock with special singing.

The Rev. Charles Ervin, pastor of Camp Ground Church of God, Greenville, Tenn., will be the visiting preacher.

Mr. Ervin has served as pastor of this church for the past two years and is a former pastor of the First Church of God in Athens, Tenn. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two sons, Ronnie and Charles.

The Rev. R. L. Johnson, pastor of the Bradburn Chapel church, extends a cordial welcome to everyone to attend the services.



REV. CHARLES ERVIN

Don't Get Caught Without Your Halo

RALEIGH— The North Carolina Highway Patrol has come up with another tactic in its psychological warfare on speeders.

Col. E. W. Jones, patrol commander, said the new technique is aimed at increasing the so-called "halo effect" from one to 20 miles or more. He explained the "halo effect" comes when a motorist slows down at the sight of a patrol car. Experts figure this effect last about a mile and then the motorist speeds up again.

Patrolmen in North Carolina are being equipped with signs which read "Speed Check Zone." The signs are portable so that the troopers can erect them on high accident sectors of state primary and secondary roads. Later, they can be shifted to another problem highway sector.

"We've got to indoctrinate the motoring public so that when they see a sign, they will know that without fail there will be one or more troopers clocking speeds during the 20 miles," said Capt. D. R. Emory, the patrol's research and planning officer.

"A motorist may see two or three troopers during the first 10 miles, but he can't relax or afford to resume an excess speed because there may be two or three more troopers the last 10 miles," Emory continued.

Emory says that if the program is a success, the number of speeding arrests is expected to drop.

"This is good," he said. "This is what we're after. The patrol is not after establishing a high activity report. We are interested solely in reducing the number of accidents."

Thousands Tour New High School Sunday



By JIM STORY
Not hundreds but thousands of people from all sections of Madison County and other areas visited the new Madison High School here last Sunday afternoon when Open House was observed. Needless to say, they were more than pleased with the massive and modern facility.

The far-reaching scenery viewed from every angle was breath-taking. Many commented that the school is located on the most beautiful spot in North Carolina. Adding to the enjoyment of open house were many factors including school personnel stationed at classrooms,

gymnasium, cafeteria, and "all over" courteously showing the visitors around. Marshall volunteer firemen assisted in controlling the heavy traffic and students were most kind as they poured delicious punch and served cookies during the open house hours all Sunday afternoon. J. C. Wallin, principal, did everything possible to make the occasion a success, which it was.

Many people, both young and old, would get temporarily "lost" in the massive facility which has more than 30 separate rooms, plus huge cafeteria, private offices, rest rooms, etc.

Principal Wallin adequately expressed his sentiments when he told many persons congratulated him on "his" school building and he would reply, "Not MY school building but OUR school building. A display of pride on the faces of practically everyone was noticeable.

Mr. Wallin remarked that anyone who did not attend open house on Sunday was cordially invited to tour the school whenever possible.

Also admired was the fast "shaping up" of the football stadium which, after long delays, is now looking more and more like a modern athletic field. Drawing immense praise was the beautiful, gleaming gymnasium which will accommodate 3,000 fans. Many commented that the modern Drama or "Little Theater" with the beautiful and luxurious red carpet impressed them more than any other room. Others marvelled at the kitchen and beautiful cafeteria, while still others roamed around wild-eyed as they looked with approval at other departments.

"We can all be thankful that our county now has one of the finest, if not the finest, high schools in North Carolina", one person commented.

Just wait until the unfinished parts are completed and the grass has grown around the school and it will be even more beautiful," a teacher remarked.

Yes, last Sunday's Open House at the new school was a memorable day—long to be remembered.

1992 MADISON GRADUATE? A prospective 1992 graduate of Madison High School is pictured above in her mother's arms with her proud father assisting. The eight-week-old Micah Navy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard "Ricky" Thomason, of Marshall. The picture was made Sunday afternoon during Open House at the beautiful and massive new school on the Marshall bypass. "She appeared quite pleased with the new school," Mrs. Thomason, the former Miss Ann Tilson, stated.

Local Jaycees Discuss County Roads In Raleigh

Teddy Cody, Rick Thomson and Wayne McDevitt, members of the Madison County Jaycees, and Norman Chubb, vice-president of the North Carolina Jaycees, met last Thursday in Raleigh with Troy Doby, secretary of the Department of Transportation.

The purpose of the meeting was (1) to discuss the transportation in Madison County; (2) to find ways in which to expedite the building of much needed roads; and (3) to deliver the petitions that were circulated by the Jaycees prior to the trip.

Mr. Doby said he recognized the problems involved, he said that lack of adequate funds prevented many road building projects because the

He offered several suggestions which would help bring about a county or multi-county thoroughfare system and stressed the importance of public hearings and local participation. He also agreed to present the petitions to the Board of Transportation at its next regular meeting and month.

Mr. Doby also agreed to come to Madison County and let the Jaycees show him the transportation problems. Mr. Doby stated "We have developed a very comprehensive list of projects and that list will be presented to the Board of Transportation at its next meeting."

Prospects For Christmas Pageant Discussed

At a recent meeting of the Marshall School District Subcommittee of the County Bicentennial Commission, a discussion of the Marshall Christmas Pageant came before the group.

Co-chairman, Mrs. Ruth Gregory, named a committee to meet with Dean Shields, who has for many years accepted the responsibility for staging the pageant, and report on the problems which must be overcome if the pageant is to be presented this year.

Jerry Plimmans outlined the three major problems: repairs and location of the star and its powerful beam will be a first concern due to its dramatic effect; a need to rewrite or improve the arrangement of the script and musical presentation; and increased participation from

community choir members and musicians who are willing to give the time needed to prepare for this performance. The pageant is usually performed three consecutive evenings at Christmas. Mr. Plimmans pointed out that very little expense, other than the light and the frame for it, is involved in staging the

pageant. The willingness of enough people to do the needed jobs and work as a community effort will be necessary if the pageant is to continue. Perhaps other ideas to make the pageant a memorable and meaningful event for those who witness it as well as those who perform will be submitted.

Blame The Election If Paper Late Next Week

Jim Story, editor of The News-Record, stated this week that due to the interest in next Tuesday's election results, the paper may be a day later than usual so that readers can read the results. "We will make every effort to get next week's issue out as

quickly as possible but since the paper usually goes to press on Tuesday nights it will be necessary to "hold the presses" until election results can be put into type. Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated, Story said.



Briggs Elected Chairman

Ralph Alan Briggs, of Mars Hill, has been elected the new chairman of the Madison County Young Republican's Club.

Mr. Briggs has been active in politics for a number of years and is also active in civic affairs.



OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday for interested persons to observe the new office unit building of the Madison County Health Department. The electric heated and air conditioned unit has eight offices, reception area, conference room, kitchenette and two rest rooms (a total of 1440 square feet of space). The Health Department certainly appreciates all the persons coming by Sunday and invites anyone to visit at their convenience.

Election Officials Are Named

Listed below are the Registrars, Republican Judges, and Democratic Judges for the general election on November 5, 1974 as approved by the Madison county Board of Election: Y-1-W-1 (Marshall): Howard Riddle, Registrar; Fred Payne, Republican Judge; Wayne McDevitt, Democratic Judge. Y-1-W-2 (Mars Hill): Betty Bradley, Registrar;

Marshall Duckett, Republican Judge; Mrs. Blanche Walker, Democratic Judge. Y-2 (Laurel): Walter Gossett, Registrar; Clarence Cabell, Republican Judge; Willie Rice, Democratic Judge. Y-3-W-1 (Mars Hill): C. Wilson Briggs, Registrar; Mrs. Conita Powell, Republican Judge; Woody Brown, Democratic Judge. Y-3-W-2 (Laurel):

Harold Payne, Registrar; Mrs. Betty Lee B. Clark, Republican Judge; Bruce Sebaste, Democratic Judge. Y-4 (Beech Grove): Dan Hall, Registrar; Ronnie Jarvis, Republican Judge; Grady Hensley, Democratic Judge. Y-5 (Walton): Mrs. Ruth M. Necker, Registrar; Joe Fowler, Republican Judge; Wayne Adams, Democratic Judge. Y-6 (The Rockwell): Roy L.

Roberts, Registrar; Eugene Goode, Republican Judge; Larry J. Phillips, Democratic Judge. Y-7 (Ebbitt Chapel): Clarence Cody, Registrar; George Davis, Republican Judge; Parker Wallin, Democratic Judge. Y-8 (Spring Creek): Mrs. Betty W. Rollins, Registrar; Larry Ferguson, Republican Judge; Larry Plimmans, Democratic Judge.