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## Mars Hill Grant To Help Build New Water System

The Town of Mars Hill was presented \$40,000 Thursday, representing a grant from the Farmers Home Administration toward the new \$189,000 water system project that was completed last May.

Dr. William Powell, mayor of Mars Hill, received the check from Douglas E. Taylor of the Marshall FHA County office.

Mars Hill applied for the funds in March under a new FHA program to facilitate development of private industry. The grant is a big help to a small community, Powell said, being more than Mars Hill's annual ad valorem tax revenue.

The water project, authorized in a June 25, 1973 referendum, about doubled the town's reservoir capacity with a new 300,000 tank; also increased pressure for fire protection and permitted expansion of water service into additional areas, Powell said.



MARS HILL MAYOR William P. Powell, center, is shown receiving a \$40,000 grant last Thursday from the Farmers Home Administration toward the new \$189,000 water system project which was completed last May in Mars Hill. Douglas E. Taylor, left, of the Marshall FHA County Office is shown presenting the check. On right is Gordon Randolph, Vice-Mayor of Mars Hill.

## Thousands Hard-Hit By N.C. Layoffs

A bountiful Thanksgiving or a merry Christmas may exist only in the memory of thousands of North Carolinians this year.

Layoffs, cutbacks and closings have hit hard at the ranks of plant workers, producing a spiraling chain

reaction that threatens the state's entire economy.

Unemployment, up nearly 5 per cent in the last two months, already is at a 14-year high in the textile industry - 6.9 per cent. A similar, but somewhat smaller, jump in over-all unemployment is

indicated by reports to be released by the state Department of Labor and the Employment Security Commission this week.

Spokesmen for both agencies say there is little chance of a reversal in the next few months.

"It's getting bad, and it's not a seasonal thing. The majority now are temporary layoffs but, when plants start shutting down for a week at a time, it would be easy for it to become a permanent thing," said Ann Yelvington, director of research for the Labor Department.

Lee Ausley, a member of the ESC research staff in Raleigh, said unemployment claims for October "are certain to be up" when tabulation is completed this week.

A worker who has no job or one who works less than 60 per cent of the regular 40-hour week is eligible for assistance through the unemployment insurance program.

That program, in North Carolina, pays a minimum of \$15 a week and a maximum of \$90. The amount depends on the worker's previous earnings.

For most of those joining the

claims line in recent weeks, the payments represent a sharp cut in money available for food, lodging and everyday living.

The next seven weeks could be the hardest of all. Several major textile firms already have announced plans to shut down production during all or part of Thanksgiving week or Christmas week. Some will close both weeks.

Curtailment of production has prompted a chain-reaction effect throughout the economy.

As textile plants close or cut back, the demand on the transportation industry is reduced. As workers lose their jobs and their earning power, retail businessmen report a drop in sales.

With Christmas ahead, accompanied by the customary holiday buying period, the prospect for many Tar Heels is one of gloom.

## \$1,000 In Gift Certificates To Be Given By Merchants Here

Many of the business firms on Main Street in Marshall, members of the Marshall Merchants Association, are going to offer customers an opportunity to win Gift Certificates which will be the same as money. It was announced this week by Ralph McCormick, president of the Merchants Association.

Participating stores will give customers a blank ticket for each \$1.00 purchase or paid on account and these tickets with the customer's name and address will be deposited in the ticket cage at the courthouse.

On November 30, December 7, 14 and 21, at 3 p.m. tickets will be drawn.

The first winner drawn at each of the four dates will receive \$50 in certificates and the next eight winners will receive \$25.00 each in certificates.

The certificates can only be traded at the stores whose names are on back of certificates. It was also an-

nounced that each week the cage will be emptied and tickets received during the present week would be put into the cage.

It was further announced that in order to win the certificates, the winner must be present at the drawings.



Prescott Is  
Controller  
Asheville F.S.

William O. Prescott has joined Asheville Federal Savings as controller, according to an announcement made by James M. Westall, president.

Prior to joining Asheville Federal Savings, Prescott was with Burroughs Corporation for 19 years, most recently as selected account representative. Since 1969, Prescott has been with Burroughs' Asheville office.

Prescott is a 1964 graduate of Georgia State University in business administration.

He is married to the former Mary Mann of Conyer, Ga., a teacher at T. C. Roberson High School. The couple has three children, Mary Margaret, a student at Asheville Country Day; Pat, a student at Lenoir-Rhyne College; and Neal, who lives in Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and daughter Mary Margaret reside at 49 Forest Road, Asheville.

Prescott assumed duties as controller of Asheville Federal Savings on November 18.

Asheville Federal Savings, established in 1936, has offices in Mars Hill, Black Mountain and Asheville.

## Petition Asks For Return Of High School At Spring Creek

The Following Petition, now ready to be submitted to the State Board of Education, is self-explanatory:

PETITION  
STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MADISON  
TO: North Carolina Board of Education Raleigh

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS of the Spring Creek section of Madison County, Petition the State Board of Education to return the high school which has always existed at Spring Creek to the Spring Creek High School building presently in existence, and in support thereof, show:

That since the high school consolidation commencing with the school term in August, 1974, many of our children are spending 3 1/2 to 4 hours on school buses being transported to and from Marshall; that as a result, a great many of our teenagers who are past compulsory school age have dropped out and are not attending school; that of approximately sixty-two teenagers who should be attending high school, twenty-one have dropped completely out of school and two have gone away to boarding schools; that one girl in our community has been hospitalized because of the increased strain and pressure of the long bus trip; that the weather up to this point has been good but the trip will be longer and infinitely more dangerous with the commencement of winter; that Doggett Gap, through which the school buses must pass, is notorious for icy, dangerous conditions in winter; that the undersigned feel that the present Madison County Board of Education has misrepresented the facts to the undersigned and that said Board knew that no new road was to be built, at least for the foreseeable future; that the North Carolina Highway Commission in its study determined that Spring Creek High School would have to remain open in order to prevent the very problems which have arisen; that the problems of the Spring Creek community are here and now and are creating great hardship and danger with each passing day and cannot await solution by proposed con-

struction of a road which may never be built; that there is space and qualified teachers at Spring Creek to handle the high school if students are returned and that said students, particularly the

seniors, should not be penalized for moneys already paid into the Consolidated High School in Marshall; that your petitioners earnestly beseech the State Board of Education that it right this wrong and order the Madison

County Board of Education to return the students from the Spring Creek area to the Spring Creek High School until such time as a satisfactory and safe method of transportation is available. Two buses which travel the Max

Patch - Meadow Fork area to Marshall by way of Hot Springs have an even longer trip to make which is equally as dangerous.

This 25th day of October, 1974.

## Criminal Court To Start Monday; Jurors Named

The November term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge J.W. Jackson presiding. Clyde M. Roberts, district attorney, will represent the State, assisted by James T. Rusher.

Cases listed on the docket for the term include: Ronnie Dale Baker, Racing; Clinton Riddle, DUI; Tommy Jack Ledford, DUI; Shelby William Robinson, DUI; Howard Carver, DUI; Harold Lloyd Treadway, DUI; George Lawrence Whit, DUI; Paul Clarence Chandler, DUI; Kenneth Freddie Shelton, DUI; Ernest Capps, ADW; Grover Baker, ADW; Coy Rollins, B&E&L; Calvin Edmonds, B&E&L; Mason King, Murder; Dallas Roberts; Edward Plemmons, B&E&L; Raymond Jesse Harron, DUI; Earl Eugene Chandler, DUI & RD; Johnny Ervin McDonald, DUI; Ernest Davidson, DUI & DWLR; David L. Chandler, Felonious Non-Support; Wayne Alford Rice, DUI; Kenneth Hensley, DUI; Minsard Winston Lloyd, DUI; Woodrow W. Honeycutt, DUI; William Chandler, DUI; George Neal Hollifield, DUI; John Beard Peek, DUI; Alvin Bullman, DUI; Gary Vernon Sawyer, DUI; John R. Graham, DUI.

Ruth Bullman, Lois Buckner, Frank W. Massey, Arthur Ramsey, Lula Jane Justiss, Betty Wineburger, Walter R. Harrell, Tubie Norton, Wanda Roberts, Lee Murphy Couby, Glenwood Wallin, Doris Roberts, Claude Pegg, Clyde

D. Webb, Dock Fox, Ronnie James King, William Phillip Cogdill, Paul G. Newton, Paul Henderson, Harmon Rice, Wayne B. Jarvis, Gretchen Robinson, Julius Rice, Andy Lewis, Charles Walldroup, Robert

Charles Silver, Lawrence Allen, James E. Shelton, Bruce Cantrell, Grady C. Martin, G.W. Bruce, Jr., Winda Dean Shelton, Floyd Holcombe, Kermit D. Ball, Joe Larkin Ray, Kenneth Sherrill, Bruce James, Fred Eugene Roberts, Newland Reese, Billy Joe Chandley, Larry F. Hunter, Mrs. D.A. Rodgers, Lee Esther Norton, John Freeman, Conley Cutshall, Raymond Davis, and Mike Lee Haynes (deferred from 11-4-74).



CHESTER L. MIDDAGH, formerly of Wildwood, Ill., has been named assistant plant manager for Deringer Mfg. Co., here. He has been associated with Deringer for 11 years and has been second shift supervisor in the Mundelein plant in Illinois for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Middaugh and three children are residing in Mars Hill.



THE NEW DERINGER MANUFACTURING PLANT, located near the shopping center on the Marshall bypass, is rapidly being completed and is expected to be ready for occupancy around the first of the year.

## Madison District Announces Upcoming Scouting Events

As was previously announced, Madison County is now its own Scouting District in the Daniel Boone Council. This new arrangement offers new services and opportunities for the boys of our communities, but it also carries with it certain responsibilities. Things are "on the move" toward meeting those responsibilities. Scoutmasters and other leaders have been recruited in Hot Springs, Marshall, and Mars Hill. Charlie Toms, the Scouting Executive assigned to our District, will conduct a Leaders Workshop for these people at the Marshall Baptist Church, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is hoped that other leaders from other communities can be added to that group in the near future.

Plans have also been made to meet another responsibility of being a separate District. Harriet Bucy and Joe Huff are coordinating a financial campaign to raise the money necessary for our Scouting program. The campaign will begin Saturday, Nov. 23rd and end on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Plan to say "yes" when a volunteer calls on you, and give as generously as you can to Scouting in Madison County.



CHARLIE TOMS (right), Scouting Executive of the Daniel Boone Council, confers with Jim Long (left), District Chairman of our new Madison District, on Scouting in Madison County.

## Appalachian Folks Visit

Monday, the 11th day of November the "Appalachian Folks" visited Madison High. Mr. Willett and Mr. Harrison's Madison County History classes, Mrs. Hettie Rice's Folklore class and Mr. Stell's Band class attended. There were 200 students that came to listen in the Little Theater.

Byard Ray, Lou Therrell, Betty Smith and Vivian

Hartsoe demonstrated how to use different mountain instruments. They had a 75 year old banjo, a fiddle, two guitars, a dulcimer and a bow. They sang old ballads one of which Mr. Ray had written entitled "Fiddlin' Will."

They explained the history of mountain music and the instruments. Everyone enjoyed their performance.

## Bowater Raises Newsprint Price By \$35 A Ton, Effective Jan. 1

Bowater Sales Co. has announced an increase of \$35 a ton in the price of its 30-lb. newsprint, effective Jan. 1. The new price will be \$270 a ton.

The Bowater increase was

\$10 greater than the increases announced this fall by most other newsprint producers. Price Co. set off a round of increases early this fall when it raised its price per ton by \$25, to \$260.

Bowater, one of the biggest of the newsprint manufacturers, produces about 1.2 million tons annually at four North American mills, including two in the South. Bowater is a newsprint supplier for The News Record.

Marshall, N.C. A Bowater spokesman said that the big price increase had been decided on after the four mills had submitted "very dismal" manufacturing cost estimates for next year.

Other producers expressed surprise at the size of the Bowater increase, and there were no immediate indications that any of them would follow Bowater's example.

## WNC Area Told To Save Electricity

New measures to conserve electricity are being urged on residents of 10 western North Carolina counties which are served with electricity from TVA.

John J. Tolson III, secretary of the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs whose department includes the state Energy Division, said he had wired county commissioners in the 10 counties urging conservation measures including turning thermostats back to 65 degrees.

The 10 counties served through a power company and four cooperatives are Avery, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Watauga and Yancey. Tolson said he wrote the county commissioners in the 10 counties in response to a telegram Gov. Jim Holshouser received Wednesday from Aubrey J. Wagner, chairman of TVA, which said:

"The coal strike now under way threatens early depletion of stockpiles at TVA generating plants and a resulting crippling power shortage in a very few weeks."

Conservation steps recommended by Wagner, in addition to setting thermostats at 65 included: a 50

per cent cutback in street lighting, elimination of all outdoor and decorative advertising lighting, and reduction of commercial business hours to a 60-hour maximum per week.

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## Officials To Take Oaths Here Dec. 5

The newly-elected Democratic officials of Madison County will take their oaths of office in the courtroom here on Monday, Dec. 5 at 2 o'clock. It was announced this week. The oaths will be administered by Judge W. K. McLean and the public is invited to attend the ceremonies. It was announced.

## Damaged By Fire Monday

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marior, located near the Madison-Buncombe County line on old US 26, was damaged by fire Monday afternoon about 12:30 o'clock. The home is owned by Mrs. H.B. Dittmore. Marshall firemen responded and it is thought that the blaze originated from a wood stove. Most of the household goods were destroyed and some of the clothing burned. No one was injured.

## Christmas Mailing Deadlines Announced

Roger Wood, Marshall postmaster, said this week that the Marshall Post Office has received several queries regarding mailing "deadlines." In response, he explained that our mailing dates are only suggested dates and are only suggested dates to give the maximum probability of delivery well before Christmas.

Of course, all mail will be accepted beyond the suggested dates, and we will make every effort to deliver it on time - and in most cases will do so. However, you can help your postal employees and insure against delays by mailing on or before the suggested dates.

Suggested mailing dates for most mail: Parcels by December 16, Cards by December 18, Air Mail by December 21 and For special articles and covers, mail, call your Post Office at 285-2123. Mr. Wood stated:

He also announced that the local Post Office is already beginning to feel the impact of the 1974 Christmas rush. The plan is to handle all customers with a minimum of delay. The goal is to have everyone's Christmas mail delivered by December 23rd. He stated that the Post Office will be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.