

# THE NEWS - RECORD

## Public Hearings On Land Use Ordinances

The Madison County Planning Board has recommended the adoption of Land Use Ordinances to the Madison County Commissioners. In accordance with the North Carolina statutes, the Commissioners have scheduled public hearings to receive comments from Madison County citizens. (See announcement in this issue.) Three public hearings are scheduled: Mars Hill (January 31), Marshall (February 7), and Hot Springs (February 14).

The Planning Board, an advisory board to the County Commissioners, has the following members: Earle Wise, Lawrence Ponder, Jeanne Hoffman, Manuel Briscoe, Doug Robinson, Sylvia Darlington, Larry Burda, Wayne Gosnell, Bobby Edwards, and Don Anderson. After months of work, the board recommended Land Use Ordinances (zoning and sub-division) to the Commissioners. The Planning Board, from the beginning, has been concerned to protect the land and the traditions of Madison County while allowing for the progressive economic development of the region. The resources of the county belong to the citizens of Madison County. They have the right and responsibility to determine its future. The

adoption of Land Use Ordinances is one way that we can assure that our land and the culture of our region is not destroyed or seriously damaged by outside interests. The ordinances recommended to the Commissioners do not regulate the use of farm land as long as such land is used for farming.

The Planning Board encourages interested citizens to attend one of the public hearings and share in those decisions that will determine the future of our county.

Don Anderson,  
Chairman  
Madison County  
Planning Board

## 18-Year-Old Men Must Register

"All young men who reach age 18 during 1975 should plan this year on making their first contact with Selective Service," Eugene L. Wills, Chairman of Madison County local board, announced today. "Even though we are not currently drafting for military service," Wills said, "registration with Selective Service is still compulsory for all young men at age 18, so each young man should make certain that he complies with the law by registering."

Wills stated that a young man has 60 days in which to register - 30 days before his 18th birthday and 30 days after. "This should provide adequate time for an 18-year-old or a near 18-year-old to register," Wills added, "and

his timely registration will prevent any problems that might otherwise result from a late registration."

Wills stated that 18 year-old young men in Madison County who have not yet registered may do so at the Selective Service office located at 16 Federal Building, Asheville. They may also register with the following volunteer registrars: Miss Brenda Cook and Miss Delba Jean Roberts located at the Tax Collector's Office in the Courthouse at Marshall, and Miss Frances Snelson at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill.

## Marshall Firemen Listed

Listed below are current members of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department. These men serve without any pay and for the most part are ready to answer a fire call any time during the day or night:

Joe Fisher, Chief; Bob Davis, Asst. Chief; Ray Crowe, Assistant Chief; Bobby Pegg, Kelly Davis, Bobby Chandler, T. F. Sams, Frank Davis, Bruce Davis, Clifton Norton, Leo Soles, Jackie Ball, Lonnie Plemons, Jackie Marler, James Penland, Jack Ramsey, Maurice McAllister, Pat Clemons, Michael Metcalf, Gary Moore and Dean Rigby.

## Dr. Morgan To Assist In Research

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, Route 5, Smalling Road, Johnson City, has been appointed by Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City, Missouri, to assist in researching the use of solar energy. The panel will assess the consequences of the widespread use of solar energy for Onsite Generation of Electricity. The objective of the panel and the study is to produce for the United States Congress a study which will serve as an important resource in the development of solar energy

polices. The panel constitutes one of several mechanisms to construct projections of the development of solar energy and its social - political implications. Other members of the committee represent a wide variety of expertise in technical, economical, social, environmental, and political areas. Dr. Morgan is President of the National Environmental Health Association, which has headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

## 4-H Shrubbery Sale Now In Progress

Madison County 4-H Clubs will conduct a shrubbery sale again this year. The sale will be conducted in much the same way as last year's sale. 4-H'ers will be taking orders from January 20 to February 20.

Special prizes will be given to the boy and girl who sell the most shrubbery. All items offered for sale this year will

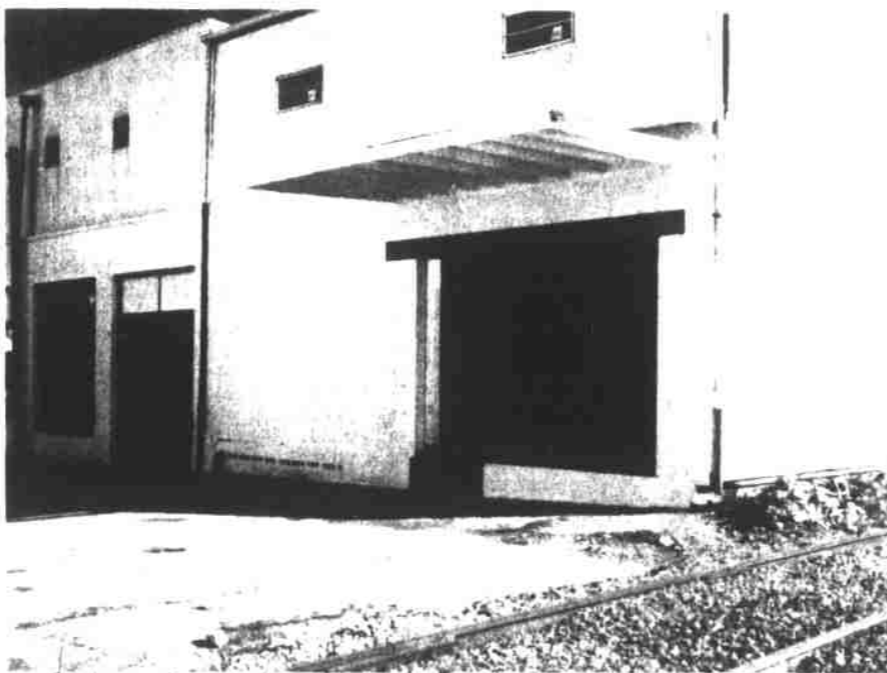
be in metal or plastic containers, except the apple trees and chestnut trees, which will be bare rooted.

If you wish to purchase items from the 4-H'ers, please contact a 4-H'er in your community or call the Extension Office - 649-2411.

An advertisement listing all items for sale appears elsewhere in this paper.



THREE MARS HILL RESIDENTS recently received certificates of appreciation from the students at the Mars Hill Handi School. Rev. Sue Fitzgerald, associate minister of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, Dr. Reece Steer, a Mars Hill dentist, and Homer Tomberlin, Mars Hill florist, were the recipients. Each person has made exceptional personal efforts toward the betterment of the handicapped students at the school. The students made the awards and presented them at the Christmas break. The Mars Hill Handi School is located in the basement of the Mars Hill Baptist Church and has been serving the handicapped of Madison County for over five years.



COAL, FEED & LUMBER COMPANY Building, located on Upper Bridge Street, here, looks much different than it did three years ago after one end of the building had been demolished when a freight train plowed into the building on January 22, 1972. Picture at top shows results of the crash with box car turned partly on its side. Other box cars damaged nearby buildings and some of the cars crashed into the French Broad River. Bottom picture shows the new, spacious section of the building next to the railroad.

## Bartender Charged In Slaying Of Doyle Peek

A Weaverville man was shot and killed early Friday Jan. 10, 1975 at a tavern at Flat Creek, according to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

A department spokesman said Doyle Peek, 21, of Rt. 2 Weaverville was apparently a bystander during a gun battle in the parking lot of Larry's Tavern shortly before 1 a. m.

Peek was shot in the head and was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital.

The spokesman said a manslaughter warrant has been issued for Michael Worley, identified as the bartender at the tavern.

Charles Taylor, 43, of Shake Rag Road in the Grapevine section of Madison County has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The spokesman said Taylor had been involved in a fracas at the tavern earlier that night and that Worley had asked him to leave.

The spokesman said Taylor later returned to the tavern and that Worley thought that Taylor had a gun in his pocket. He said Worley told Taylor to get out.

The spokesman said the argument continued into the parking lot where Taylor got into a car and shot at Worley.

The spokesman said Worley ducked behind the car and returned fire.

PEEK FUNERAL  
Funeral services for Peek were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Peek's Chapel Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. Arthur Hensley, E. W. Jenkins and Jack Burnette officiated. Burial was in Peek's Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lanny and Philip Robinson, Dale Ammons, David Fisher, Johnny Bennett, David Windsor, Carl

Shook and Randy Houston. A native of Madison County, he was employed by Heritage Inc.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Cathy Marshbanks Peek; a son, Jason Roy Peek of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Peek of

Mars Hill; two brothers Sammy Peek of Weaverville and Sydney Peek of Mars Hill; two sisters, Mrs. Bonada Payne of Marshall and Mrs. Mary Lynn Wild of Mars Hill; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Peek of Marshall.

## County Native Heads Hospital

Calvin E. Chandler, a native of North Carolina, has been appointed director of the Oteen Veterans Administration Hospital.

Chandler is now assigned to the VA's central office in Washington, D. C. He is director of field operations for 27 hospitals in the Northeast. He succeeds H. W. Meredith, who retired in November.

Chandler was born in Madison County and lived in Thomasville. While a student at Mars Hill College, he entered the Navy for service in World War II.

He joined the VA in 1946. He has been with the organization since, with the exception of a 15-month tour of duty during the Korean War.



CALVIN E. CHANDLER  
He has been director of VA hospitals in Iron Mountain, Mich., and Chicago, Ill. He has served in many other assignments with the VA.

## New Judges Take Oaths Of Office

Three Republicans and a Democrat were sworn into office as judges Monday of last week in Raleigh ceremonies.

Edward B. Clark of

Elizabethtown assumed his seat on the state Court of Appeals after taking the oath



JAMES M. BAILEY  
administered by Chief Judge Walter Brock. Clark was Continued on Page 2

## Baptists Report 12,710 Gain In Members

RALEIGH — North Carolina Baptist churches affiliated with the Baptist State Convention in 1974

baptized almost 30,000 people, collected \$124.8 million, and showed a net gain of 12,710 members pushing statewide

church rolls to a record 1,071,670 and 3,457 congregations.

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Baptisms in 1974 numbered 29,587, a gain of .09 per cent over 1973 figures. Total membership gained 1.2 per cent during the same period.

Baptists gave their churches a record \$124,894,197 in 1974, a gain of \$12.2 million or 10.9 per cent over 1973. Of that amount, \$19,544,269 went for mission causes, also a 10.9 per cent gain over last year.

The major church organization, Sunday School, reported a slight loss of -1.6 per cent, with 11,222 fewer people enrolled in Sunday morning Bible study.

Both mission organizations, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood (men and

boys) reported healthy gains in enrollment. Church Music ministries reported the largest increase with 5 per cent over 1973 enrollment.

The Biblical Recorder, state Baptist newsmagazine, reported 112,608 weekly subscription (homes) throughout the state. The Baptist magazine has the third largest circulation of any periodical in the state, led only by the Charlotte Observer and Raleigh News and Observer.

## N.C. Lost 5,000 Farms Since 1973

By BILL HUMPHRIES

RALEIGH — The number of farms continues to decline in North Carolina at a much more rapid rate than in any other part of the nation.

The state had 136,000 farming units in 1973. This year, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates, it has 132,000 — a decrease of 5,000 in two years.

A drop of 2,000 in farm numbers occurred in six states — Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Virginia and Wisconsin. Several other

states showed smaller declines. A few showed increases.

North Carolina still holds its fourth place rank in number of farms, however. The top three states are Texas, with 209,000; Missouri, with 139,000; and Iowa, with 137,000.

Since 1973 West Virginia has gained 500 farms, Pennsylvania has picked up 1,000 and New York has increased by 2,900.

The "loss" of farms in the Tar Heel state is due to a number of reasons, according to economists at North Carolina State University.

For one thing, many farm operators, especially those that raise tobacco, are expanding acreage to the point where they can justify more complete mechanization. They are doing it by buying any suitable farmland that comes on the market in their area.

Over the past few years, many thousands of tobacco farm operators have depended on lease and transfer of leaf allotments and quotas to expand their volume. Leasing agreements, however, may be made only with other tobacco growers in the same county, and for a maximum period of only five years.

Now that full mechanization of the crop is well under way, farmers who expect to stay in tobacco production want more permanent arrangements than those offered by limited lease and transfer.

The size of Tar Heel farms has increased by one acre in the past two years, to an

average of 105 acres. Most of the growth in size, though, has occurred on tobacco farms and in connection with development of a half-dozen or so "super-farms" in coastal areas.

Another reason for the smaller number of farms in North Carolina is that about 400,000 acres have been removed from production since 1973 as a result of urban development, building of superhighways, conversion to other nonfarm uses, and discontinuance of farming operations on many small tracts.

The official definition of a farm, as spelled out by the U. S. Census Bureau, is a tract of 10 acres or more that produces at least \$250 worth of commodities for sale. The tract

may be smaller if the volume of crops and livestock produced is larger.

By the census definition, land in farms in North Carolina has declined from 14.2 million acres in 1973 to 13.8 million this year.

A national Census of Agriculture is held every five years and a new one is just getting under way this month. Farmers are being mailed forms seeking basic data about their operations in 1974.

The figures compiled will form the basis for many programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and for farm legislation. By law, every farmer's individual report is confidential and may be used only for statistical purposes.

## Wachovia Bank Names Local Director

Charles E. Mashburn, Marshall attorney, has been elected to the western regional board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

Announcement was made Thursday by Duward R. Everett Jr., senior vice president and Wachovia's western region executive.

A native of Marshall, Mashburn is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a member of the Madison, 26th Judicial, North Carolina and American

Bar Association. Mashburn was chairman of the board of directors of Citizen's Bank in Madison County until the bank's merger with Wachovia last month.

He has been a director of Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association since 1968 and is a member of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce.

Mashburn is married to the former Mattie Balfin.

## Madison County Day At Wolf Laurel Sunday

The "Madison County Day at Wolf Laurel," scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed due to lack of snow and suitable weather for skiing. The event is scheduled for this Sunday, Jan. 16.

The Madison County Recreation and Parks Department in coordination with the Wolf Laurel Ski Area, are sponsoring the event.

Skiing will be available for all residents of Madison

County. Proof of residency will be required in the form of a student identification card or driver's license. Both rental ski equipment and a ski lift ticket may be purchased at the very special price of only \$8 per adult and \$4 per child under 12, accompanied by an adult. If one has his own ski equipment, the price for the days skiing will be only \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children. Ski lessons from certified in-

structors may be arranged on an individual basis if desired.

A snack bar in the Ski Lodge will be open all day serving refreshments for your enjoyment. We in the Recreation Department would like to encourage every Madison County resident, whether skier or not, to join us at the Mountain Skiing Day. A complimentary warming blanket will be provided.