

THE NEWS - RECORD

Madison Has Luck, Trust, Sodom and Bible

By JOHN PARRIS
LUCK — If you like to collect unusual place-names, Madison County is lavish with them.

Two of my favorites are Luck and her next-door neighbor of Trust.

And on up the road that leads to Hot Springs are Joe and Lynch, Kind and Bluff.

East of Luck is Dogget Gap which Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the Minstrel of the Appalachians, gave a certain fame with a ballad he whittled out by the same name.

Then there's Friezeland and Grassland, Big Pine and Pawpaw, Hogback Mountain and Troublesom Gap.

To the northwest, where

Madison joins Haywood and Tennessee, is Max Patch — a grassy, treeless dome nearly a mile long.

Beyond Max Patch are Leron Gap and Shut-In.

Down on the French Broad River is Hot Springs which got its start and its name from the mineral springs bubbling up thereabouts.

Northeast of Hot Springs are Sodom and Bible and Gabriels Branch, Lonesome Mountain and Shelton Laurel.

It was in Shelton Laurel during the American Civil War that a company of Confederate soldiers seized and executed 13 prisoners without trial. The massacre shocked the state and tagged the

county with the name "Bloody Madison."

Nearby are White Rock and Spill Corn.

The oldest residents of the area do not remember a time when the community and creek were known by any name other than Spill Corn.

A ford through the creek existed near the old school building, and this ford had very steep banks on both sides of the creek.

The story goes that the early settlers used this ford in carrying their corn on horseback to the mill to be ground, and the steep banks of the ford sometimes caused the sacks of corn to spill off the horse's back. Thus the name Spill Corn.

A thousand and one streams vein the rugged terrain of the county.

They have such names as Big Pine and Little Pine, Big Hurricane and Little Hurricane, Meadow Fork and Roaring Fork, Little Sandy Mush, Big Laurel and Sawmill.

There is a community named Outlook and another named Ray.

Still another is named Grapevine.

There is a mountain called No Fat and one called No Business.

The early settlers also left such names on the map as Potato Lump and Canto, Frozen Knob and Lamb Knob, Devil Knob and Lone Knob, Crossrock and Gladden, Faust

and Lumptown, Belva and Cutshawtown, Lusk and Runion, White Rock and Allenstown, Stackhouse and Sandy.

Paint Rock was named for a sheer 100-foot cliff overlooking the French Broad River. The red stains on the surface of the rock are caused by oxidation of iron.

But legend has it that two Indian lovers from different tribes, forbidden to marry, cast themselves from the top and stained the rock with their blood as they fell.

Such names as Alexander and Barnard, communities along the French Broad, were named for men who operated taverns and stock stops back

in the days of the stagecoach and the drover.

And although you won't find it on the map now, there's a hill at Mars Hill that once was called Cussin' Knob.

The story goes that the mud there was so constant, so deep and so tenacious that strenuous vocabulary was used by teamsters to get their

wagons up the slope.

Just about anywhere you turn there's a "Laurel."

The Laurel River has several tributaries and the section drained by each take the names of the creeks — Rich Laurel, Upper Laurel, Shelton Laurel, Big Laurel, Little Laurel, and Sodom Laurel.

Marshall, the county seat, was originally called Lapland.

The first county seat was at Jewel Hill, now called Walnut for the nearby mountains of that name.

And at Marshall there is Blannhasset Island in the French Broad, which according to the N. C. Guide was borrowed from Blannhasset Island in the Ohio River and which figured in the ill-fated ambitions of Aaron Burr.



LARRY ALDRITT, co-owner National Oil Company in charge of engineering lubricants systems, is shown at left explaining the systems during a three-day training sales clinic for personnel held in Marshall last week. Pictured with Mr. Aldritt are salesmen who will be in the Greensboro, High Point and Charlotte areas. At far right is Lawrence Ponder, of Marshall, who is instrumental in getting the company to locate a distributing plant here.

Highway Patrol Administers Many Services

RALEIGH — While the major role of the Highway Patrol is to make the highways safe, missions of mercy are an important part of the Patrol's activities. Figures released today by Patrol Commander, Colonel E. W. Jones, revealed that 965 emergency requests were handled by the Patrol in 1974. The missions consisted of emergency relays of items

necessary to sustain life. Colonel Jones said, "Blood was transported on 881 occasions, and in 84 instances body organs, life saving medicines or equipment were delivered to various hospitals throughout the state. These relays were an important part of the Patrol's major task in providing life saving services to the people of North Carolina."



DEANSHIELDS, of Weaverville, owner of Radio Station WMMH, here, narrowly escaped serious injury early last Thursday morning when his car ran into a huge landslide on Garrett's Straight on US 25-70 between Marshall and the Ivy intersection. Shields received only minor injuries and is expected to be back at work this week.

Emergency Livestock Loans Are Available

North Carolina livestock farmers squeezed by high feed prices and depressed live cattle and hog prices may obtain loans to maintain their operations through the Farmers Home Administration. It was announced today by State Director James T. Johnson in Raleigh.

The loans — up to 80 percent of losses sustained — are made by banks and other lenders and guaranteed by Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Johnson added. Individual loans to farmers primarily and directly engaged in agricultural production of

livestock may be guaranteed up to \$250,000. The rate of interest is negotiated between the producer and lender, with up to three years for repayment.

"This loan guarantee program will be in effect through July 25 of this year," the FmHA director added. \$20 million has been approved for North Carolina, and approximately \$2 million has already been obligated.

"Anyone interested in these guaranteed loans should contact his bank or other lender. When the loan amount,

terms of repayment, interest and other details are complete, the lender may request the guarantee from the Farmers Home Administration office serving the area. It's a simple procedure, designed to serve the livestock producer and the public at large in a time of need," the state director concluded.

The Farmers Home Administration office for Madison County is located over the Wachovia Bank in Marshall, N. C. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Madison School Band In First Concert Sunday

By DOT SHUPE
The Madison High School band will present its first concert in the school's Little Theatre Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, at 3 o'clock.

The band started "from scratch" last August when Madison High consolidated Mars Hill, Marshall, Laurel, Hot Springs and Spring Creek High schools. Among the 60 or more members, around 15 students had had some previous musical background.

William "Bill" Stell, a native of Greer, S. C., is director of the band. He is a graduate of Newberry College, and received his masters degree from Western

Carolina University. He is very enthusiastic about his group, says the band room and physical facilities are excellent. "Our biggest worry is lack of money for sheet music," he said, "but the Madison County Board of Education has been very cooperative in buying instruments (several students have purchased their own) and the Madison High Booster's Club gave us the money from the sale of football programs last fall to purchase most of the sheet music we have, which is quite adequate."

Other help groups he mentioned are the Madison

County American Legion, and a donation from the Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority provided money enough for 30 band uniforms.

J. C. Wallin, principal, is very impressed with Stell's band and, along with others, is amazed at the progress the

novices have made in such a short time. They have made two brief appearances, one at the basketball Homecoming Day and the other at the Madison County "Bicentennial Community Recognition Day" held last week at the school.

The band will enter its first

competition meet at the Western Regional contest to be held in Marion on March 22.

The Madison County Board of Education is making tentative plans for the band director to spend some time this spring in the feeder schools to give instruction to prospective members.

The concert Sunday afternoon is open to the public and no admission will be charged.

Members of the band are: Maria Norville, Kirk McWilliams, George Waters, Kaye Webb, Chuck Hixon, Ronnie Rice, Patricia Ellison, John Deaver, Debbie Worley, Terrie Ingle, Wanda Riddle, Teresa Payne, Teresa Ramsey, Sandie Silver, Mary Jackson, Teresa Banks, Tim George, Karen Rice, Peggy Rice, Linda Roberts, Ricky Rice, B. J. Roberts, Terrell McGough, Mike Metcalf, Sandra Waldrop, Tony Breedlove, Becky Randolph, Kathy Ball, Rosa Dean Frisby, Gerseldine Branan, Tina Phillips, Leesa Harrell, Martha Williams, Denise Deal, Cindy Loving, Martha Eller, Gayle Bussard, Brenda Roberts, Cindy Narron, Chris Shetley, Ricky Tweed, Ricky Edwards, Sharon Rice, Vickie Merrill, Terry Davis, Anna Lou Hunter, Caroleen Buckner, Tim Hodge, Cheryl Reeves, Elaine Gardin, Louise Higgins, Meg Presley, Donna Wallin, Mike Cody, Anita Willis, Cindy Stanton



PICTURED ABOVE is a portion of the Madison High School Band as they practiced Monday for the concert Sunday. Bill Stell is director of the band.

Leake Named Outstanding Young Democrat

Asheville attorney Larry Leake, formerly of Marshall, was presented an award Saturday in Winston-Salem honoring him as one of the ten most outstanding young Democrats in North Carolina. The award was presented to Leake at the NCYDC's Installation Banquet by Tom Eamon, President of NCYDC during 1974, and Carl Darden, Chairman of the Awards Committee.

The award was presented to Leake in recognition of the outstanding services rendered by him in behalf of both the N. C. Young Democrat Club and the Democratic Party.

Leake is serving his second term as Chairman of the YDC in the 11th Congressional District and is currently 1st Vice-President of the Buncombe County YDC.

Heart Fund In County Needs Your Help

By JOSEPH GODWIN
February is National Heart Month during which every person in Madison County will have opportunity to contribute to the Heart Fund. The campaign is nation-wide, and the proceeds go for heart disease research and a wide range of heart services. During fiscal year 1973-74, the Heart Association spent \$132,204.00 for support of research in North Carolina alone.

The Association also is engaged in continuous professional education for physicians and nurses and for allied professional personnel. Public Health Education and Rheumatic Fever Prevention Programs are maintained by the Heart Association.

In Madison County, 52.3 percent of all deaths are caused by or are related to some form of heart disease. State-wide and nationwide, heart disease is our number one killer.

The campaign now under way in Madison County will be climaxed by Heart Sunday, Feb. 16. Campaign co-chairmen for Marshall are Rev. and Mrs. Spencer LeGrand. Mrs. Bruce Briggs

and Mrs. Ernest Powell, Jr. are conducting the drive in Mars Hill. In Hot Springs, the campaign is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ponder.

Mrs. Jerry Plemmons is Secretary and Treasurer of the Madison County unit of the North Carolina Heart Association.

The Heart Fund needs your contribution, and the gift is tax-deductible.

Return Of Tobacco Marketing Cards Urged

Operators of burley tobacco farms are held responsible for the use and the return of their marketing cards to the ASCS office. The primary purpose of the marketing card is to provide the producers a simple way to officially account for the disposition he makes of his tobacco. Failure of the operator to timely return his card can result in a reduction of the farm quota for the following crop year unless he can present satisfactory proof of his entire marketing in some other manner. The regulations governing the use of marketing cards state that the cards must be returned to the ASCS Office no later than 30

days after the close of market sales.

All burley markets in the area have now closed and W. B. Zink, County ASCS Executive Director, urges farmers who have not returned their cards to do so as soon as possible.

Shut-In Home Destroyed By Fire Saturday

The attractive log home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holt and family, located in the Shut-In community of Madison County near Hot Springs, was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. The loss was estimated at \$14,000.

Due to the state law prohibiting the single unit of the Hot Springs volunteer fire department to go beyond the corporate limits, the Marshall volunteer firemen responded with two units. Although the home was destroyed, firemen and other volunteers from the area and Hot Springs were able to keep the flames from destroying an adjacent gasoline station, body, lumber garage, and another garage.

It was stated that it is thought the fire originated from the kitchen stove. There were no injuries reported.

Quilting Displays Interesting

The art of quilting certainly has much appeal for today's families. Each year homemakers display their treasurers in the window of the Madison County Library.

During January the window held a patriotic red and white Cathedral Windows quilt made by Mrs. Orla Ponder, a variety quilt of every color by Mrs. Davis Boone, Butterly and Pansy applied quilts by Mrs. Ada B. Payne, a pink, blue, yellow, orchid and green Puff quilt by Mrs. Minerva Metcalf and Dresden Plate by Mrs. Ada B. Payne.

The window for February has displayed the Double Wedding Ring quilted by Mrs. Carrie Ramsey, Variety Square, Mrs. Orla Ponder, Blazing Star, Mrs. Donnie Holt, Stairtop, Mrs. Zenobia Shelton and Drunkard's Path by Mrs. Donnie Holt. Each pattern is copied and photographed for interested people to take home to make their own quilt. The interest is very great for this type exhibit and many people volunteer their quilts for use in the

window displays.

The interest has shown itself as our craft leaders sign up for the class in quilting at craft camp at Montreat each spring.

Rep. Ramsey On Various Committees

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey (D-Madison) of Marshall has been named chairman of the House Committee on Finance for the 1975 session of the General Assembly at Raleigh.

Speaker James C. Green also assigned Ramsey membership on nine other House committees: Appropriations, Base Budget Appropriations, Courts and Judicial Districts, Economy, Election Laws, Rules, State Government, Transportation, and Wildlife.

The Base Budget Committee is a precedent-setting newcomer to the General Assembly this session. It is charged with taking all the fat possible out of the proposed state government budget before presenting it to the full House for final consideration.

Ramsey said he was pleased with his committee assignments. "They are opportunities for continuing growth, providing diversified experience that enables me to make more meaningful and valuable contributions to the governing process each session."

Ramsey is a Representative of the 4th House District, which is made up of Bladen, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties.

Mars Hill Gets \$12,500 Grant For Recreation

James E. Harrington, Secretary of the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources today announced \$420,000 in state grants for 15 local governments toward purchase of property for recreation areas.

The Land and Water Conservation Funds were appropriated by the 1974 General Assembly and are given on a 50-50 basis, with local governments providing the remaining half.

"These grants will help provide additional close-to-home recreation opportunities for people in those areas," Harrington said.

Grants are:

- Hickory, \$22,500; Wendell, \$27,082; Valdese, \$7,500; Farmville, \$25,000; Statesville, \$37,500; Kinston, \$62,500; Martin County, \$7,500; Mars Hill, \$12,500; Greenville, \$27,500; Elizabeth City, \$7,000; Spruce Pine, \$27,500; Murphy, \$27,000; Lincoln County, \$100,000; Yadkin County, \$5,000; and Wilkesboro, \$7,100.

Updating Farm Acreage Records

Since complete records are kept on farms participating in farm programs administered by ASCS, any farmer who takes part in these programs should submit a report to the nearest ASCS office. These reports should be submitted to the nearest ASCS office by the county ASCS office to report the transactions. When the use of a farm is changed, there should be a report to the nearest ASCS office. These reports should be submitted to the nearest ASCS office by the county ASCS office to report the transactions. When the use of a farm is changed, there should be a report to the nearest ASCS office. These reports should be submitted to the nearest ASCS office by the county ASCS office to report the transactions.

Dr. M.T. Morgan To Participate In Study

The Commission on Human Resources of the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C., is initiating a study of environmental manpower for the United States. The Committee has invited Dr. M. T. Morgan, Chairman, Department of Environmental Health, East Tennessee State University, and President, National Environmental Health Association, to participate, along with Dr. Ernest Gloyna, Dean, School of Engineering, University of Texas, in gathering the needed environmental manpower information.

The studies are supported by the National Academy of Sciences, in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The two organizations indicated that, "In the course of the next two years this study will examine current and future needs for scientific and technical manpower in connection with environmental matters." Consideration will be given to a profile of present requirements as it relates to the study and to the Environmental Protection Agency in connection with the study.

Library To Have Story Hour

The Story Lady for February will be Ms. Polly Cheek and the place will be the Madison County Public Library Meeting Room. The day will be February 18th, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. All mothers of children from age 5-6 are welcome to come. BRINGING THEIR LITTLE ONES!

Breast Cancer Film Here Thursday P.M.

A film entitled, "Self Examination of Breast for Cancer" will be shown at the French Broad EMC Building here on Thursday night, February 13, at 7:30 o'clock. All girls from 18-30 years of age are urged to attend.

A doctor will be present to answer questions concerning cancer.

The film may also be viewed at the office of the Madison County Health Department.