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Truman Wyatt Fatally Shot; Kenneth Maxwell Charged

Kenneth Neil Maxwell, 38, of Weaverville is out on a \$10,000 bond from the Buncombe County jail in the shooting death of Truman Wyatt, 49, of Cody Branch Road of Cody Branch Road in Marshall.

Maxwell, who is charged with first degree murder, was arrested about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week on U.S. 192 just after Wyatt was shot in the chest with a .38 caliber pistol according to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department.

An investigator said that an argument between Wyatt and Maxwell began after their trucks "bumped" about half a mile north of N. C. 197 in the Flat Creek section. The spokesman for the department said he doubted the shooting was provoked solely by the accident.

Deputies said Wyatt was found lying next to the center line of the highway. A hammer was found about six inches from the victim's right hand, the officer said.

Wyatt was the father and grandfather of a Chandler man and son who died in a traffic accident just west of Asheville on February 16.



TRUMAN WYATT

Mars Hill Gets \$18,750 Grant

WASHINGTON - Congressman Roy A. Taylor Friday announced the approval of a grant of \$18,750 from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Town of Mars Hill for wastewater treatment works construction.

Squad were honorary pallbearers.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was employed by the Madison County Rescue Squad.

Survivors are the widow Mrs. Dorothy Bryan Wyatt, a son, Larry Wyatt of Marshall, the mother, Mrs. Rubin Wyatt of Marshall, three

brothers, Terrence and Donald Wyatt of Weaverville and Auburn Wyatt of Mar. The two sons, Mr. Rudy Wyatt of Asheville and Mrs. Ann Wyatt of Mar. Hill, and a granddaughter, Eustacia, were in charge.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Marshall.

Meeting On Nuclear Controversy March 15

A public meeting on nuclear power and its alternatives will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in the Asheville High School cafeteria. Registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The program will include expert speakers on all phases of nuclear power, economics, and the electric rates effects of nuclear plants on health, etc. in the morning, and a session on alternatives to nuclear power, especially solar energy, in the afternoon.

There will be ample opportunity for citizens to ask any question or any aspect of the problem. Programs have been mailed out to some civic and government leaders, but it is hoped that all interested citizens will take time to attend all or part of this program. It is an ideal opportunity for citizens of Madison County, who will be directly affected by the proposed nuclear plant at Sandy Mush, to inform themselves about this most important issue. Those who are in a position of leadership, especially, owe it to themselves and to the citizens of this county, to become as informed as possible about all the consequences of such a plant before endorsing its construction. We hope that Madison County will have a good showing on March 15th. The program is sponsored by Carolinians for Safe Energy.

Music Festival At Hot Springs March 22

First Annual County Music Festival at Hot Springs School will be held March 22 at 7 p.m. Admission Adults \$4, students 50¢.

Anyone interested in performing for this festival please call 627-3229, seven days before 3 p.m.

Fox Hunters Organize; Officers Named

Approximately 30 fox hunters from Madison, Transylvania and Union counties met last week at the Mars Hill school to organize and organize a new fox hunters' association. The previous organization had been inactive for several years.

The name of the organization was defined as the Madison County Fox Hunters' Association.

The following officers were elected:

Sam Clark, president; Leighton McKinnis, vice president; Emory McNeil, secretary-treasurer.

Interested fox hunters wishing to join the group should contact any member of the club.

Manslaughter Sentence Is 12-15 Years

Henry Dale Hunter, convicted by a jury Thursday of last week of manslaughter in the death of Donald Massey, was sentenced Friday to not less than 12 years and not more than 15 years in the state penitentiary.

Judge Harry E. Martin passed sentence on the final day of the current term of Madison County Superior Court.

Hunter had been charged with manslaughter in the death of Donald Massey, 36, of the Anderson Branch Road, with a pipe during an altercation Dec. 22, 1974. Hunter is a business place on the Marshall bypass. Hunter also is charged with assault on

Blood Pressures To Be Taken In County

The American Red Cross in Madison County will take blood pressures at the following locations and times:

This is a free program and the goal is to help find and refer potential hypertension sufferers.

The schedule is as follows:

Marshall Feeding Station, March 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mars Hill Feeding Station, March 13, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The public is welcome.

60 County Homes Repaired Last Year Under HRP

Last year, 60 Madison County homes were repaired by the Housing Repair Program, according to Perry Woody, chairman of the Housing Repair Committee. Mr. Woody further stated that almost 200 homes have been worked on during the years this program has been operating.

This program, established by the Rural Development Council and the Opportunity Corporation of Madison County, is designed to encourage the use of Earthquake Home Administration Housing Program. For that reason, only low income persons who could not qualify for a 402 or 404 loan are eligible for assistance from the Housing Repair Program. Mr. Woody emphasized that the purpose of the program was to make a house warmer, safer, and that it was only to improve the character of the house cannot be made.

Training for this program comes from the Community Services Administration, Opportunity, and from Low Income Housing Development Corporation.

The Adult Work Experience Program operated by the S.W. Regional Council, furnishes the raw material supervised by Joseph Barker, an employee of the Opportunity Corporation.

The Housing Repair Committee consists of Mr. Woody, of the Adult Work Experience Program, Mrs. Erma Payne of Meadow Fork, Mrs. Edna Coward of Upper Spring Creek, Mrs. Larry Phillips of Cassy Creek, Mrs. Oma Henson of Spilvorth, and the chairman of the Rural Council, Mr. Manuel Briscoe of Mars Hill. This committee meets periodically to act on applications for repair work and establish guidelines for the program.



THIS WAS A HAPPY SCENE one day last week in the band rehearsal room at Madison High School. Band Director Bill Stell received a \$500 check from Mrs. J. V. Howell of Mars Hill, president of the Mars Hill Woman's Club. She told Mr. Stell the gift was an expression of appreciation for the outstanding work he has done in founding the band and dedicating it thus far during the first year of the new consolidated high school's operation. She also stated that she and the other members of the club hope that their gift will encourage other persons and other organizations to make similar contributions toward the support of the band program. Mr. Stell accepted the check with thanks and added that the band program needs all the support it can get.

Beta Omega Holds Annual Awards Banquet

Beta Omega held its second annual awards banquet Saturday night Feb. 22 at the Grace Restaurant in Asheville. All chapter members were present along with husbands as well as special guests.

The Welcome was given by

President, Kathryn Boone. Invocation was given by Donna Rice, Chaplain. Following dinner, several awards were presented. Sandy List received the DIANA Award, which represents the Distinguished International Academy of

Noble Achievement. DIANA is the award given by Epsilon Sigma Alpha to women outside the Sorority. Sandy is a home health nurse with the Hot Springs Health Program. She was given this award for her outstanding service to the people of Madison County. She resides in the Hayes Bar community with her husband, Eddie, and their two children.

Dean Shields was presented the 1975 Zeus Award. The Zeus Award is Beta Omega's way of honoring some man in the community who has helped the chapter in some way, or who has done something outstanding for the community. He is General Manager of Radio Station WMMH. Mr. Shields has donated much time and effort to help the sorority develop and produce publicity for their philanthropic projects. He has been instrumental in all phases of the production of the annual Christmas pageant, donating much time and money.

Joyce Plemmons presented the Outstanding Girl Award to Kathryn Boone. Mrs. Boone was chosen by her sorority sisters for her outstanding contributions to the chapter activities this year. She is a charter member and has served as Treasurer, Educational Director, Philanthropic Director, and is currently President of her chapter. She will represent Beta Omega in state competition.

Kathryn Boone presented Dean Shields with the Zeus Award designating him as the "Man With 10,000 Sweethearts."

Diabetes Screening At Mars Hill

Madison County Health Department in cooperation with the plant personnel, conducted a diabetes screening program at Mars Hill on February 25, 1975. Over three hundred employees were tested.

Any industry or agency interested in a program of this type may call the Madison County Health Department for information. Diabetes screening is available each Friday at the Health Department upon request for anyone who is not a known diabetic.



SANDY LIST receives Beta Omega's first DIANA Award for Outstanding Service To The Community. Presenting the award is Pat Franklin.



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CHOSEN AS "Outstanding Girl for 1975" was Kathryn Boone. Shown with her is last year's Outstanding Girl, Joyce Plemmons.



RECEIVING First Pearl awards are Ruth Deal, Christine Lister, Billie Lynn Roberts, and Jenny Cody.

Heavy Snows Fall In County Sunday

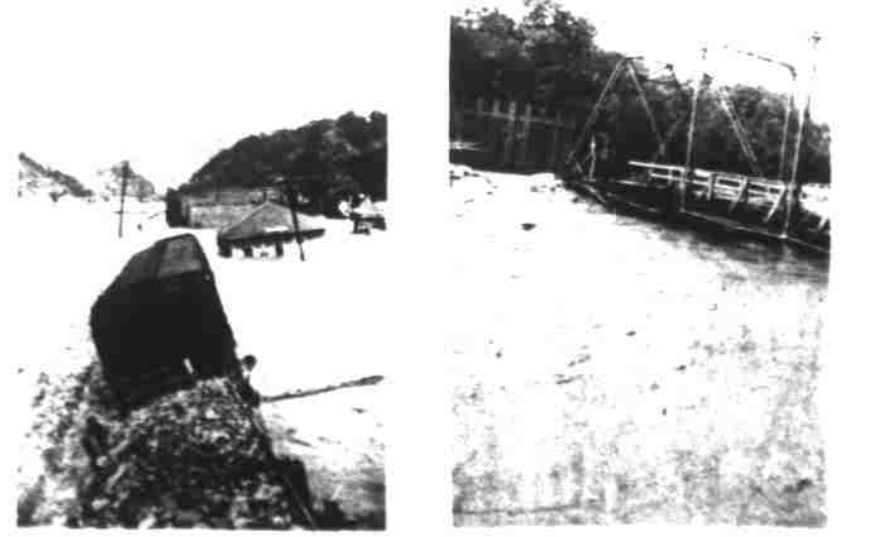
Snows Sunday in Madison County and Western North Carolina necessitated closing of schools and cancelling of several church services. In parts of the county, Spring Creek snow reached a depth of 7.8 inches, while in other parts of the county only two inches were reported.

Schools remained closed in Madison County on Tuesday due to the condition of roads.

No serious wrecks were reported but several of the roads and highways were slick, causing many motorists to quickly put on chains.

No True Bill

No true bill was returned by the grand jury last week in the case of Grover Ponder and Conley Goforth, charged with election law violations. It was announced this week by Judson Edwards, clerk of superior court.



AUGUST 17, 1940 will long be remembered in Marshall when the French Broad River went on a rampage, causing thousands of dollars damage to Marshall. Above pictures show how high the river was at the Marshall depot and how the Upper Bridge looked approaching the "cotton mill".