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## Schilling Murder Case Starts Monday; Jurors Named

A special term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning, April 21, with Judge Harry C. Martin presiding. District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts and Assistant, James T. Rusher, will represent the State.



WAYNE SCHILLING

The special term was ordered primarily for the trial of Wayne Schilling, of Mount Holly, N.J., who is charged with murder in the death of Sally Bell Moffitt in October of 1973. Both were students at Mars Hill College.

Schilling was arrested some six months after Miss Moffitt's body was found at the junction of the Mars Hill - Burnsville - Johnson City highways October 12, 1973, and probable cause was found in the case in July, 1974. Schilling was placed under \$25,000 bond.

Also included on the docket for the special term is State vs. Pritchard Dockery and Mason King, both charged with murder in separate cases. Other cases listed include for the most part, traffic violations and breaking, entering and larceny.

A list of jurors drawn for the term follows: Clay E. Jenkins, Dan Finley, Vivian Hamlin, David M. Fox, Diane Brown,

Barbara Ann B. Candler, Cline Shelton, Mollie Whitt, Keith Gosnell, Ella Mace Peek, William R. Brown, Roland Doyle Lloyd, Ruth Brown, Jim Laster, Tommy Gerald King, Essie Lee Treadway, James Raymond Ledford, Ted Harvey Cutshall, J. C. Bradley, Fronia Gunter, Owen Hamlin, Troy Caldwell, Boyd Hampton, Arretha Norton, Earl R. Ward, Grace Johnson, Frank Eugene Briggs, Carroll English, Helen Myers Kent, Kenneth L. Ray, Janie Edwards Franklin, Mrs. Reagan Buckner, Roy A. Jorgenson, Jr., Myrtice Baker, Janet Murray, Furman Allen, Homer Cline West,

Carter Metcalf, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, W. S. Wilson, Ruth H. Eatmon, Mamie C. Thomas, Garland Adams, Alma L. Etherton, Mrs. Ellis B. Metcalf, Harley McDevitt,

Woody Frisbee, Grady Honeycutt, Paul Moore, W. Ray George, James R. Thomas, Russell Franklin, Jr., Carroll Edwards, Dorothy Bullman, John James

Roberts, Charles Rector, Lee Vaughn Barnett, Arthur Shelton, Elizabeth Watson, Harry Boyd, Emmett Hamlin, Virgil Keener, and B. F. Pack.

## ASCS Office Closed April 28, 29, 30

The Madison County ASCS Office will be closed April 28, 29 and 30 to allow all employees to attend a meeting in Charlotte, N. C. They will be given the details of the 1975 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) and 1975 Forestry Incentive Program (FIP).

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) leaders from 17 states will discuss the administrative details of two Federal cost-sharing programs at a regional conference on April 21-22 in Charleston, S.C., according to W. T. Reece, State Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The two 1975 programs - the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), aimed at encouraging soil and water conservation, and the Forestry Incentive Program (FIP), which aids private

timber production - were announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in mid-March.

In administering ACP, ASC farmer-elected committees will offer cost-sharing funds for the purpose of adding needed conservation beyond that which would be accomplished with farmers' resources, Reece said. ACP is funded at \$190 million.

FIP is tentatively funded at \$25 million and offers cost-sharing for tree planting and timber stand improvement on small privately-owned tracts.

Both programs will share with producers from 50 to 75 percent of the cost of carrying out practices under both annual and long-term agreements - agreements under which cost-sharing will be scheduled over periods of from 3 to 10 years.

Long-term agreements under ACP will be based on farm conservation plans

approved by local Soil Conservation Districts. FIP long term agreements will include carrying out tree planting and

timber stand improvement practices based on forest management plans developed by local foresters in cooperation with landowners.

USDA's Soil Conservation Service will provide planning and technical assistance on servicing of practices and long-term agreements under ACP. Contracts involving woodlands also will get technical aid from USDA's Forest Service through the state forester. The Extension Service will provide educational support. All three agencies provide program development and policy overview assistance through county, state and national program development groups, in cooperation with the administering agency, ASCS.



THE GREATER IVY COMMUNITY is setting a splendid example for the rest of Madison County as can be seen in the picture above during Clean-Up Days. Already, more than 10 large trucks filled with all types of trash has been brought from the Ivy community to the County Landfill near Marshall and more loads will be deposited in the landfill. Three loads (shown above) during Clean-Up Days. Already,

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## Taylor, Morgan Reply To Electric Rate Inquiries

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letters from Congressman Roy A. Taylor and U.S. Senator Robert Morgan, to Ronald W. Howell, Marshall attorney, concerning the recent increases in electric costs, are published below:

followed the results through newspaper accounts. Let me assure you and through you any of the consumers with whom you may be in contact of my determination to do everything I can to help bring rates down.

Perhaps the brightest spot in both the retail and wholesale picture is the fact that within the last few months we have seen the price of coal drop from a high of up to \$50 a ton to a current level in the neighborhood of \$20 per ton. As you know, this reduction in coal prices has resulted in a corresponding decrease in fuel adjustment charges in recent weeks. I am optimistic that we can anticipate further reductions as CP&L and other utilities use up their stock-piles of high-priced coal and replace them at lower rates.

As you pointed out questions have been raised concerning the possibility of wholesale purchases of electricity from the Tennessee Valley Authority. As you stated TVA by law cannot expand its service area. Any attempt to repeal or amend the existing statute which limits TVA's geographic service area would be certain to rekindle the old struggle of private versus public power and would be handled as a nationwide issue. You probably recall some of the serious and intense conflicts which resulted while the TVA still had authority to expand its service area. TVA officials appear to have no desire to renew these conflicts or to have their service area expanded. A bill to expand the service area or to repeal the existing statute would have very little chance of enactment because the sentiment in Congress tends to favor the free enterprise philosophy.

I am anxious to aid the French Broad Electric Membership Cooperative in every way that I can and to help you pull power rate charges down, but I do not believe that any positive results can be accomplished by attempting to amend the existing legislation which spells out the service area of the TVA versus other service

areas. Best regards. Sincerely, Roy A. Taylor, Member of Congress

April 11, 1975. Mr. Ronald W. Howell, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 52, Marshall, North Carolina 28753

Dear Mr. Howell: Thank you for your letter of March 25, concerning the problem faced by electric

## Precincts Name Citizens To Help Solve Rates

Work continued in the individual precincts of Madison County and Northwestern Buncombe County on Monday night for the purpose of building an organizational structure to press the interests of consumers regarding rate increases initiated this year by French Broad Electric Membership Corporation. A

large rate increase began January 1 following an approximate 80 percent jump in the wholesale power rate charged the corporation by Carolina Power and Light Company.

The meeting was held in all precincts for representation on an area wide group whose function will be to plan,

organize, and work for changes and improvements in electrical service in the interest of all consumers.

Subcommittees will be appointed from this group to approach the different aspects of the problem as presented by hundreds of irate citizens in

## Wood Installed State Beta Club President



BETA CLUB OFFICERS - Newly installed North Carolina Beta Club officers are, from left to right, Secretary Dianne Langston, President Harrell Wood and Vice President Joyce Ingram. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Harrell Wood, an outstanding junior at Madison High School, was installed as State Beta Club President Saturday night at the 37th annual convention of North Carolina Beta Clubs.

Joyce Ingram of Murfreesboro was installed as vice president and Dianne Langston of Robbinsville as secretary.

The new president is the son of Coach and Mrs. Harrell Wood, of Mars Hill.

An outstanding student and athlete, Harrell is also currently serving as District 8 Beta Club President and is vice president of the Madison High School Student Council. He is a three-letterman, starting in football, basketball and baseball.

More than 2,500 members of Beta Clubs in schools throughout the state attended the two-day affair at Asheville's Civic Center.

The evening got under way at 6 p.m. with a talent program in which members illustrated proficiency in such areas as majorie routine, piano selections and dramatic monologues. It was highlighted with the annual Beta Club Ball with music by "Sandown."

We, The Greater Ivy Beautification Committee, wish to thank everyone who helped us in cleaning their communities last Saturday. It was a great success thanks to all of you! There was a great deal of effort and work put forth, but we all felt proud of the improvement that was made to our roadsides and property. Let's continue to put forth a little extra effort to help keep it clean and ask the help of all our friends and neighbors.

The county-wide clean up is in effect two more weeks. Again this Saturday there will be large trucks parked at Beech Glen School to help haul the bigger items to the landfill. Please keep cleaning and haul to your nearest dumpster or to the trucks. If you have junk cars that need to be removed from your property, contact the Madison County Landfill Marshall at 649-2311 for information.

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## Greater Ivy People Express Thanks For Clean-Up Efforts

## Mars Hill Clarifies Withdrawal From Region B.

The Town Board unanimously passed a Resolution to drop its membership in the Land-Of-Sky Regional Council (Region B) as of April 7, 1975.

This action was discussed at length with Mr. Robert Shepherd, Ex. Dir. and Mr. Dennis Martin, Planner (both representing Region B) All Board Members were present and they and the Mayor still felt that most of the activities and actions taken by the Land-Of-Sky Regional Council were primarily concerned with matters that only involved the four counties and larger municipalities.

The lead editorial in the Asheville Times, Thursday, April 10, 1975, spells out just why we have taken this action.

QUOTE - in part... "Proponents of incorporation also seem to think their communities, as individual towns, would have greater control over their own affairs. This too is a fallacy. It would be true for a while, but if you look at the way the federal, state and local government relationship is evolving, you realize this "Local Control" would soon prove more apparent than real.

The concept of federalism is here to stay. Increasingly, authority for major federal and state programs is being transferred to the local level. Most of these programs are designed to be administered by county and metropolitan governments, because small towns have neither the personnel nor resources required.

Towns that can't manage these complex programs themselves are being given two alternatives: They can let federal or state agencies carry out the work, in which they have little control at all, or they can contract planning and administrative services to county or regional agencies. In the latter case, incorporated communities would be paying for the same services they otherwise would

be getting free... This, more or less, sums up our reason for withdrawing from the Land-Of-Sky Regional Council and we also feel that our action will have no adverse effect either on the Town of Mars Hill or the Regional Council.

RESOLUTION WHEREAS: The Town of Mars Hill is a member of the Land-Of-Sky Regional Council and has tried to support the council in every way possible.

THE TOWN OF MARS HILL WITHDRAW FROM THE LAND-OF-SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

Signed and sealed this, 7th day of April, 1975. Mayor William P. Powell

ATTEST: Mayor Arthur Wood Clerk

## Rate Case Now Before FPC

The wholesale power rate increase that was initiated by Carolina Power & Light Company on the electric membership corporations of North Carolina is now being heard before the Federal Power Commission in Washington, D.C.

Administrative Law Judge William Jensen of the Federal Power Commission has been assigned this case under Docket No. E-8894. At this time testimonies are being given in relationship to Phase 1 of the hearing. Phase 2 of the hearing is scheduled to commence on May 19, 1975. However, the attorneys representing the electric membership corporations have petitioned that Phase 2 commence immediately upon the completion of Phase 1 in an effort to expedite the completion of the hearing as an effort to hopefully receive relief in total of the same services they otherwise would

## True Bill Against Maxwell In Wyatt Death

The Buncombe County Grand Jury returned its true bill to Superior Court Judge Kenneth A. Griffin on Monday of last week.

Among the true bills returned was the case of Kenneth Neil Maxwell, 38, of Route 3, Weaverville, who is charged with murder in the death of Truman Wyatt, 66, of Route 3, Marshall, from a field wound.