

THE NEWS - RECORD



Barnard Bridge Limited To 5 Ton Usage; School Buses Affected

The Madison County Board of Education has received notification from Carl J. Kiger and Bridge Maintenance Unit Engineer of Division 13, F. I. Hutchinson, that the Barnard Bridge (Bridge No. 113) has been restricted and may no longer be used by vehicles of over five tons gross, and no trucks or school buses.

Accordingly, the Madison County Board of Education has notified the principals of Madison County schools to take appropriate action to comply with the restriction.

The board has also forwarded a communication to the Bridge Maintenance Unit asking that immediate corrective action be taken to alleviate this problem and that the loss of the use of this bridge causes a great inconvenience and hardship to Madison County residents and particularly students attending Madison County schools from the areas affected.

In order to comply with the ruling, new school bus routes for four busses were started on Wednesday, April 30. This extra routing requires students to stay on the busses from 1 to 1 1/2 hours longer daily and effects about 125 elementary students and approximately 45 high school students, Superintendent R. L. Edwards stated. He also pointed out that parts of the new routing are unpaved.



TONS OF ROCK AND HUGE BOULDERS covered the highway between Marshall and the Ivy Bridge for the second time last Thursday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, necessitating motorists to detour via NC 213 to the Marshall bypass. A workman boring holes for dynamite in the picture above shows how large the boulder was. The boulder beyond is even larger than the one in the foreground.

West Madison Bike Raffle

In an attempt to raise money for a worthy cause, the West Madison Association of Communities is raffling off a 10 speed bike.

Tickets will go on sale May 9th through June 4th, costing \$1 per ticket, and can be purchased from many citizens of the area.

Proceeds will be used for the continuing effort of making West Madison a better place to live and to help with the recreation programs for the area.

Everyone will benefit from the proceeds so, whether you can ride a bike or not, purchasing a ticket will help you.

County Public Library Receives Federal Grant

The Madison County Public Library Board of Trustees and Mrs. Lucile Roberts, County Librarian, announce the approval of a LSCA (Library Services Construction Act) Special Project proposal which was submitted to the Co-ordinator of Federal Programs at the Division of the State Library to provide children in the county with an introduction to the library as well as an introduction to books and the joy of learning. The project proposes to serve children, ages three through five years old, primarily through a Library Assistant. This person will act as storyteller and will work in cooperation with existing Day Care centers, Headstart programs and church child care programs. Hopefully children can be helped through pleasant experiences to develop an association of reading (books) and fun. A second goal is to make parents aware of the many services for children offered by their county library.

Pressure Canners Schedule

May 6, Dan Sluder's Store, California Creek, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 7, James Gentry's Store, Hot Springs, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 8, Ingles, Marshall Shopping Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 13, Robinson's Furniture Co., Mars Hill, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 14, Clarence Cutshall's Store, Shelton Laurel, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 15, Johnson's Self Service, Walnut, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 20, Eatmon's Store, Middle Fork, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 21, Odell Cook's Store, Little Laurel, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 22, Spring Creek School, Spring Creek, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Financial Advisor Picked By Thompson

David Thompson of North Carolina State has chosen Northwestern Financial Corp. of North Wilkesboro as his financial advisor, it was announced Monday.

The corporation also acted as financial advisor for Tommy Burleson, a teammate of Thompson's on the 1974 N.C. State basketball team, which won the national collegiate championship. Burleson now plays for the Seattle Super-Sonics of the National Basketball Association.

Financial Assistance At Mars Hill College For Madison Students

Mars Hill College signaled its participation in the nation's bicentennial celebration in a dramatic way Wednesday by announcing a financial assistance program which will assure Madison County students that they will pay no more than \$400 per year in tuition.

Currently the tuition charge for a full-time student at the Baptist school averages \$1,550 per year.

"The college was founded in 1856 to meet the needs of local young people," explained Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college, "and we are simply reaffirming the institution's 119-year commitment to these young people and their parents."

"The nation's observance of its bicentennial reminds us all of our great heritage, and we think this is an opportune time to assure Madison County friends and neighbors that Mars Hill College has not forgotten its heritage."

Beginning with the fall semester of the 1975-76 school year, each Madison County youth who enrolls at the college as a full-time student will be eligible for a financial aid package. It will guarantee that tuition for the academic year - two semesters and the January mini-term - will be no more than \$400. (Summer school is not included in the plan.)

Officials emphasized that the new plan refers only to tuition. Full-time students still must pay the General Fee and, if they reside on campus, must pay room and board.

The new program, officially designated as the "Madison Assistance Commitment," will be limited to youths between 17 and 22 whose parents or guardians are bona fide residents of the county.

Applications for such assistance during the fall semester must be filed with the college Admissions Office by July 15. (For future terms the application must be filed at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the term.) The filing of such an application includes the submission of the Parents' Confidential Statement and other forms normally required by the college.

Applications for financial aid are accepted only from persons who have been accepted for admission to the college or are already enrolled.

MAC will be administered by the Director of Financial Aid, David Mathews.

Slaying Case Lawyer Sues To Receive Fee

John Schilling of Mt. Holly, N.J. has refused to pay \$5,000 legal fees promised for the defense of his son, Wayne Schilling, on a charge of murder, Asheville Attorney Devere C. Lentz Jr. charged in a suit filed Tuesday.

The younger Schilling was acquitted last week after a five-day trial at Madison Superior Court. He had been charged in the death of a Mars Hill College coed, Miss Sally Moffitt of High Point, on Oct. 11, 1973.

Assistant Clerk of Buncombe Superior Court Edward G. Roberts issued an order of attachment which the Madison County Sheriff's Dept. served with notice of levy on Judson Edwards, Clerk of Madison Superior Court.

This concerned a bond posted by Schilling for his son of \$1,500. Lentz alleged that he had been told that the father did not intend to pay the fee, and has attempted to get the bond returned.

Lentz alleged the fee had been settled in advance by contract and agreement.

Softball For West Madison

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the park..." These words ring a bell within a lot of us who remember the fun it was to play ball as a youth or to watch the local men play ball wherever they could. It brings back memories of old friends, of old foes, of scratched knees, of disagreements with the umpire - who was usually a relative - of some good food, but most of all just plain 'ol fun.

If you would still be up for a bit of clean, honest softball, the opportunity is again yours. We can't promise any superstars, but we can promise a bit of hard work, a lot of new people and a good ball game.

Through the Madison County Recreation Department and the West Madison Association of Communities the people of West Madison can be a part of their local softball teams. How do you get involved? It's easy. Just contact the following people for one of the following leagues: Men's League - Bobby Brady; Women's League, Mrs. Curtis (Irene) Roberts; Little League (Boys), Larry Phillip; and Little League (Girls), Linda Tull.

If you live in Hot Springs or surrounding area and think you would be interested call one of these people today. The leagues will start playing games in a short while. So, as they say at the park, "PLAY BALL."

DOT To Hire Temporary Employees

The North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety (DOT) will immediately begin hiring 500 temporary employees throughout the state under a federally funded emergency job program.

The department's Division of Highways has received \$500,000 for salary costs, including Social Security and Workmen's Compensation. Approximately 30 positions in each of the 14 highway divisions will be filled.

Local circumstances will dictate the actual number hired per county. Those employees will perform maintenance work.

Highway Division personnel officers will be filling the positions created to improve the statewide highway system. Persons seeking employment should apply directly to the personnel officer in the local Division of Highways office. Applicants must be able to certify that they have been unemployed for 30 days.

The program has been made possible through the Federal Comprehensive Employment Act of 1973 and is designed to increase the flow of money into the economy.

The DOT received a \$750,000 federal grant under a similar program last January.

Boy Scouting Fund Goal Reached In County

Dr. Richard Hoffman, Madison District Finance Chairman, announced that the \$2,400 goal for the county was reached in two days through the pledges of 25 individuals and businesses.

The total funds will be used to support scouting staff services throughout Madison County. A major portion of funds will be used to give service to those areas of the county which do not presently have scouting troops, such as, Ebbs Chapel, Hot Springs, Walnut, Beech Glen, and Laurel.

Scouting is presently being organized in Marshall as a result of Madison County becoming a separate district in scouting.

The \$2,400 budget for Madison County will assure the future of scouting throughout Madison County.

Dr. Hoffman stated that those who were primarily responsible for reaching the goal through donations of \$100 or more are as follows: Mr. James Ledford, Dr. Donald Anderson, Mr. J. F. Robinson, Mr. Robert Edwards, Dr. Ernest Powell, Mr. Ernest Teague, Mr. Claude Gibson, Rice's Service Station, Dr. L. M. Outten, Mr. Don Henderson, Dr. Charles Powell, Mr. Edward Mashburn, Micro Switch, Dr. Fred Bentley, Mr. Robert Capps, Asheville Federal Savings & Loan, Dr. William Sears, Dr. Richard Hoffman, Dr. Otis Duck, and Mr. Joe Huff.

Other persons who would like to contribute may do so by contacting Dr. Hoffman at Mars Hill College.

Rhododendron Show Saturday And Sunday

Dan W. Foster, president of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society reports that plans are being held for the staging of the Annual Rhododendron Show.

The Show will be held at Holiday Inn West, Asheville, Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, 1975. Exhibits of Rhododendron trusses and azalea sprays will be accepted from anyone, members and non-members of the Society, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10. Exhibits will be displayed in the Rhododendron Room at the Inn.

The show will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

There will be 15 classes of Rhododendron and Azalea, with 48 groupings as to color, variety, species, etc.

Judging of exhibits will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, the criteria used by the judges are as follows: (1) Size of cut truss - 25 points; (2) Color - 25 points; (3) Form - 20 points; (4) Foliage - 15 points; (5) Substance - 10 points; (6) Condition - 10 points.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: (1) President's Cup - to exhibitor who acquires largest number of points based on list, 2nd & 3rd place winners; (2) D. W. Foster Cup - finest truss in show; (3) J. D. Johnston Award - Best collection of Rhododendron; (4) Joe Brooks Cup - Best deciduous Azalea; (5) Ann and Ted Richardson Award - Best Dexter Rhododendron Truss.

Dr. Ernest Yellon of Rutherfordton, a noted hybridizer and grower of Rhododendron will be the featured speaker. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe collecting sides of outstanding

Rhododendron. He will present a slide program primarily on Rhododendron of Germany. The banquet will be held at the Inn, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Reservations to the banquet should be made through Mrs. Ted Richardson, Rhododendron Farm, Mountain Home, N. C. Telephone 692-1450.

Admission to the show is free. Members of the Society will be available to discuss Culture Practices and Varieties of Rhododendron and Azalea adoptable to W.N.C.

Members of Garden Clubs, Professional groups, and individuals interested in propagating and growing Rhododendron commercially or for personal enjoyment are encouraged to attend the show.

Beautification Notes

Here are some questions taken from the Keep North Carolina Beautiful program which we might ask ourselves as we move from the "hardrock" clean-up to beautification and community improvement seasons in our county:

1. If you were a traveler, would you be pleased enough with what you see to stop, visit, eat and perhaps spend the night in your community?

2. Are areas adjacent to the highways or streets free from objectionable views, junked cars, dilapidated buildings and signs, and unkept vacant lots?

3. Does your community have a Comprehensive Community Plan?

Rep. Ramsey Comments General Assembly

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey (D-Madison) said the House of the 1975 General Assembly has exerted greater leadership in fiscal affairs than any Assembly in memory.

"House members are more carefully considering every request for tax money than any session I recall," the veteran legislator said. "The uncertainty of the economy is the overriding issue. Whenever a bill calls for appropriation of tax money, the state of the economy is a prime consideration."

Ramsey is Chairman of the powerful House Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Base Budget Committee, which has been charged with responsibility for paring fat from the proposed \$6.891 billion budget for the operation of state government during the two years beginning July 1.

"We want a dollar's worth of service from state agencies for a dollar's worth of taxes," Ramsey said.

A joint House-Senate committee has estimated that revenue will fall short of previous projections by \$222 million over the next two years. A private industry source has estimated the shortfall will be more than \$300 million.

Ramsey contributes most of the present money shortage to the fact that between 12,000 and 15,000 additional people have been placed on the state payroll during the last two years.

He represents the 44th House District which is made up of Haywood, Jackson, Madison and Swain Counties.

Summer Sports Camp For Boys

The primary objective of the camp will be to provide an atmosphere of fun and learning for boys so that they may move into their team, more expert performer and confident person. The camp will be under the direction of Ron Bromley, football coach at Asheville School. In charge of instruction will be Chuck Carter, basketball and baseball coach at the school. Both men formerly directed and instructed in the Little League Southeastern Training Camp.

The cost of the baseball camp will be \$175 for boarding campers and \$100 for day campers. The football or basketball sessions will cost \$75 for boarding campers and \$25 for day campers.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 692-1450 or by writing to the sports camp at Asheville School.

The first two sessions, July 6-12 and July 13-19, will stress baseball and basketball for Little Leagueers. The final session, August 3-9, will feature football or basketball. Emphasis will be on skills for boys who are playing in special football programs, Pop Warner League or Little League. The football camp is a one-week camp.

1975 FIP Program Announced

The Madison County ASCS Office is now authorized to accept requests for cost-sharing for practices FP-1, Tree Planting, and FP-2, Improving a Stand of Forest Trees. These practices are funded under the 1975 Forestry Incentives Program (FIP).

Both practices must be carried out according to a forest management plan approved by the North Carolina Forest Service. Any landowner that is interested in tree planting or timber improvement should contact the local ASCS Office for further information.

Hot Springs Handi-School To Meet

The Hot Springs Handi-School will have its third Annual Meeting on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three persons to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Handi-School. Light refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.



MISS PAULA WALLIN SHELTON has been accepted for membership in the North Carolina Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary Mathematics Fraternity. Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is offered to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better from a possible 4.0 average. Miss Shelton is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is completing her junior year and majoring in mathematics. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shelton from Route 3, Marshall.

Sleepy Valley Club Tidies Up Countryside

The Sleepy Valley Community Development Club is helping promote the "Keep America Beautiful!" theme and also the Madison county Bicentennial clean-up campaign.

Many things are being done to clean up Madison County. Sleepy Valley, Route 3, Hot Springs, has been an organized community for twenty-one years doing such things as the clean-up program on a regular basis and various other projects to make their community an improved and more beautiful place to live.

They are encouraging other communities to join in to clean up their county and keep it clean in the future by using the trash boxes that have been distributed in Madison County using a centralized landfill.

"Truly it is the time that everyone realized and appreciated the fact that we live in one of the most beautiful places in America and we should do all we can to keep it clean and beautiful," said a citizen.

Bake Sale

The Beta Omega Sorority will sponsor a bake sale this Saturday at the Marshall Shopping Center on the bypass. The sale will begin at 10 a.m.

Ebbs Chapel Bicentennial Committee

The Ebbs Chapel Bicentennial Committee will hold an important meeting next Monday night at the Ebbs Chapel school. It has been announced. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Plans for the entire year will be discussed and all members are urged to be present.

Singing

The regular singing group will meet at the school on Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.