

Trophies Awarded, Schrecengost Speaks At Athletic Banquet

The 1974-75 Athletic Banquet honoring players of Madison High School for outstanding achievements in various athletic events was held last Friday night in the beautiful Madison High School Cafeteria. This was the first such banquet held in the new consolidated high school adjacent to the Marshall bypass.

Harold Wood, president of the North Carolina Beta Clubs and outstanding athlete and student at Madison High, pronounced the invocation and Mr. J. C. Wallin, principal, gave the welcoming remarks to guests present.

Mr. J. Bruce Phillips, Athletic Director at Madison, introduced the featured speaker, Mr. Randy Schrecengost.

Schrecengost, who now resides in Buncombe County, is a graduate of Michigan State University where he was an outstanding football tackle who played in the Rose Bowl twice. He was also an outstanding baseball player who turned down numerous pro offers, including the New York Yankees, in order to attend Michigan State. He is a former coach of the Asheville Bears professional football team.

Schrecengost emphasized

the importance of all athletic teams and players "heading in the same direction" in order to have winning teams and records. He stressed the importance of having a winning attitude in whatever a player did with 100 percent effort on a team. He reviewed the lessons he had learned under his coaches and told the local athletes what the late Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers, taught - "think first of God, then family, then teammates." He praised the facilities at the Madison high school and urged the coaches, players and faculty to strive for "the best possible athletic programs." He was accompanied to Marshall by his attractive wife.

TROPHIES AWARDED
Following Schrecengost's talk, the Madison High School coaches awarded the following trophies:
Cheerleaders: Most Outstanding Cheerleader, Sabra Sprinkle.
Football: Best Offensive Back, John Freeman; Best Defensive Back, Steve Wood; Best Offensive Linebacker, Russell Hamlin; Best Defensive Linebacker, Tim Ramsey; Coaches' Trophy,



RANDY SCHRECENGOST, former star football and baseball player at Michigan State University, shown speaking at the Madison High School Athletic Banquet last Friday night.



RECIPIENTS of the "Athlete of the Year" Awards, are shown above. Al Rice, left, and Lynn Plemmons, right. Mr. Hal Johnson, of Northwestern Bank, donor of the trophies, is shown (center) presenting the individual trophies. In addition to the individual trophies, a large trophy will remain in the school with winning names added each year.

Burton Fox.
Baseball: Best Defensive Player, Jeff Treadway; Most Valuable Player, Harrell Wood; Coaches' Trophy, Kenny Ray.

Volleyball: Girls Most Valuable Player, Lynn Plemmons.

Softball: Girls Most Valuable Player, Christine Shelton.

Basketball: (Girls): Best Defensive Player, Karen Greene; Best Offensive Player, Christine Shelton; Miss Hustle Award, Donna Davis; Most Improved, Katie Waldrup; Most Valuable, Lynn Plemmons.

Track: Girls Most Valuable, Cheryl Haley; Outstanding Participants, Paula Boone, DeLee Wright.

Basketball (Boys): Best Field Goal Percentage, Arrell Wood; Best Free Throw Percentage, Jeff Treadway; Best Offensive Player, Ricky Anderson; Best Defensive Player, Danny Boone; Mr. Hustle Award, Icky Harrell.

Wrestling: Most Valuable, Al Rice; Most Improved, Annie Rice.

Track (Boys): Most Outstanding, Burton Fox.

Athlete Of The Year Awards - new annual award given by Northwestern Bank which includes individual trophies and a large trophy to remain in the school with winning names added each year. These awards presented by Mr. Hal Johnson of Northwestern Bank.

Winners this year: Girl: Lynn Plemmons; Boy, Al Rice.



SPEAKER GREEN, MESSER AND RAMSEY - House Speaker James C. Green, left, discusses pending legislation with Reps. Ernest B. Messer, center, and Liston Ramsey. Messer is chairman of the House Insurance Committee and Ramsey is chairman of the House Finance Committee. They represent the 44th House District, Haywood, Jackson, Madison and Swain counties.

Make Plans Now To Attend
MARSHALL LIONS CHARITY HORSE SHOW
ON ISLAND SATURDAY,
JUNE 7
(Complete Schedule Next Week)

Communities In County Enter Contest

A total of 93 organized communities in 16 counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation entered the 1975 Western North Carolina Community Development Program by the entry deadline according to Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the WNC Development Association and Randal Lyday of Brevard, area chairman of the program.

This is the largest field of entries in the past several years. Included are areas that have just organized this month and others that have been active for over 20 years.

Five communities in Madison county are participating in the community improvement and beautification program this year. These are Greater Ivy, Upper Laurel, Big Laurel, Sleepy Valley and Bull Creek.

Cherokee County leads with the most entries in the program this year with 11, including a Cherokee Indian Club. Macon County has 10, followed by Henderson and Transylvania with nine each.

The Community Development Program, now in its 28th year, is a program of competition among organized rural areas. It is sponsored on an area basis by the WNC Development Association in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and local sponsors in each county. Objective of the program is to boost community spirit and to encourage people to work together to build better areas in which to live.

Area awards totalling \$5,650 will be awarded next fall to the communities showing the greatest improvement. These are provided by area business firms and industries. An estimated \$12,000 - \$15,000 in local awards will be presented in county contests.

Communities are divided into three divisions for judging purposes. Division "A" for communities with less than 75 families has 23 entries; Division "B", 75-150 families, has 36 entries and Division "C", those with over 150 families, has 34 entries. All areas will be judged on the same scoring system.

Over 80 clubs also entered a special community beautification contest, judging for this will be held in late summer. Area awards of \$800 are being offered.

Special awards are also being provided to recognize areas with outstanding youth programs and activities.

According to McGough, "The interest being shown in the Community Development Program this year, as reflected by the large number of areas participating, is outstanding. This is the largest group of entries since the late '60's and indicates the interest of people throughout Western North Carolina in trying to improve their communities and also to make them more attractive. This should be a banner year."

Hearing Set For Yancey-Madison Highway Project

The Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, will hold a public hearing on the proposed location for the reconstruction of US 19-19E from the Madison - Yancey County line to the Cane River Bridge in Yancey County. The hearing will be held on June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cane River High School west of Burnsville.

The hearing will consist of an explanation of the alternate corridors, right-of-way procedures, relocation advisory assistance, and State - Federal relationship. The hearing will be open to those present for any statements, questions, comments, and submission of material pertaining to the alternate corridors.

An aerial map setting forth the alternate locations and a

8th Grade

Graduation

June 5

Graduation ceremonies for the eighth grade of Marshall Elementary School on the Island will be held on Thursday night, June 5, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Clive Whitt, principal, announces that Coach Harrell Wood, of Mars Hill College, will be guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Boosters Club

Names Officers

The Madison High School Boosters Club recently named new officers to direct club activities during the 1975-76 academic year.

Lawrence Ponder was elected the new president; Mrs. Jimmy Webb, vice president; Dr. Ronce Stoen, secretary; and Ronce Stoen, treasurer.

During the past school year, the club purchased weight-lifting equipment and a wrestling mat for the athletic department. The members are planning several fund-raising events in the coming months to pay for the new equipment.

copy of the Environmental Impact Statement are available for public review and copying in the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville. Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement may be requested from the Planning and Research Branch, N. C. Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Additional material may be submitted for a period of ten days from the date of the hearing to George E. Wells, P.E., Manager, Highway Design, North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

ACP Sign-Up In Progress

All farmers in Madison County are reminded that the sign-up for cost-sharing under the 1975 Agricultural Conservation Program will end this Friday, May 30.

Any farmer wishing to request government cost-sharing should visit the ASCS office and make his request before the deadline. With the limited amount of funds available this year a sign-up period was necessary to give all farmers an opportunity to request assistance under the ACP Program.

A-B Tech To Offer Course

The Continuing Education program of Asheville - Buncombe Technical Institute will offer a 40 hour course on the National Electric Code. The course will meet each Tuesday night in the Mars Hill city hall from 7-10 p.m., beginning July 1. The class is designed to prepare electricians for the state electrical examination.

Masons Honor Widows Here

Members of the French Broad Masonic Lodge of Marshall honored widows of their deceased members on Saturday evening at the Masonic Temple.

Sam Houston, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, welcomed the group and recognized the widows in attendance. They were: Mrs. Carl Hunt, Mrs. Arlin Moore, Mrs. John H. McElroy, Mrs. J. J. Ramsey, Mrs. Elbert Ward,

By JIM STORY
The Marshall Elementary School, sometimes referred to as "the school on the Island," has shown striking improvements under the leadership of Clive Whitt, principal, and his able staff and Mr. Grover Gillis, Supervisor of Madison County Schools.

This writer was given the opportunity to tour the school facilities Monday after attending a chapel program when three retiring teachers were recognized and

presented engraved silver trays. They were Mrs. Viola Ramsey, Mrs. Jessie B. Worley and Mrs. Anna W. White. Also honored was Mr. Grover Gillis, Supervisor of Madison County Schools, who is retiring after this term of school. Mr. Whitt also presented Mr. Pratt Buckner, a member of the faculty, with a "wedding gift" from the teachers and aides.

Prior to the presentation of gifts, the students who practically filled the auditorium sang several songs and this writer also played several selections on the piano as well as accompanying the students.

Miss Ann McKinney, a member of the faculty, then escorted this writer to the various departments in the three buildings. Included in the interesting tour were the Kindergarten, lunch room, teachers' lounge, science lab,

reading room, middle grades, elementary library, and other departments.

The Teachers' Lounge, as you enter the big building, is on the immediate right and is luxurious and comfortable. The Science Laboratory is also fine looking and will be completely furnished by next year, it was stated. The Middle Grades includes Ceramics, woodworking, art and typing. Members of this department have also sponsored a school annual which will soon be received. One of the highlights of the tour was the Reading Room, of which Sharon Sluder heads. Featured in the attractively decorated room is an artificial seasonal tree which is "dressed" with appropriately colored leaves for the various seasons.

The tour was interesting and I appreciate the kindness of Miss McKinney and the others

who made my visit so pleasant.

Although the new consolidated high school "on the

hill" is noted for its modern and elaborate facilities, the

school "on the Island" is also one which we can all be proud.



GROVER GILLIS, right, is shown receiving a gift from Principal Clive Whitt Monday morning during chapel period at the Marshall Elementary School on Island. Mr. Gillis, who has served many years as Supervisor of Madison County Schools, will retire at the end of this session.



THREE MARSHALL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS who will retire at the end of this session, were presented engraved silver plates by Mr. Clive Whitt, principal, here Monday morning in behalf of the faculty. Left to right, Mrs. Jessie B. Worley, Mrs. Viola Ramsey and Mrs. Anna W. White.



MARSHALL'S NEWEST INDUSTRY, Universal E. Systems, Inc., suppliers of a special lubricant, officially opened Monday in the former Mato Tomato Shed adjacent to the Marshall bypass. Open House Monday was attended by a number of industrialists and local citizens. Pictured above beside the huge oil container tanks are, left to right, Francis "Boke" Pizulo, designer and builder; Stan Robertson, plant manager; and Byron C. Yellon, vice president Engineered Lubricants Systems Corp., of Tampa, Fla.

Bicentennial Combined Meet At Laurel

The County Beautification and Community Development Committee of the Bicentennial Commission will meet in a combined session with the Greater Laurel Communities on Friday night, June 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Laurel School Lunchroom. This will be the first county-wide meeting of the groups since the clean-up drive began in April. This invitation to meet with the Laurel Community will eliminate the need for a special meeting of the group. Meetings were held on Feb. 22 and March 22.

Mr. Morris McGough of the WNC Community Development Association will be present. All Community Chairmen or Alternates are urged to attend, and all interested persons are invited.



CHEERING CHILDREN can be seen as they filled the Marshall Elementary school auditorium Monday morning when they enjoyed singing and watching a movie.

Madison Graduation

Graduation exercises will be held at Madison High School here next Wednesday, June 4 at 8 p.m.

Columbus Robb Terrell, of the Asheville Citizen-Times, will be the guest speaker.

The Madison High School Band will perform prior to the exercises and will sing "The National Anthem". It was announced that there will be an Entertainment Bureau.