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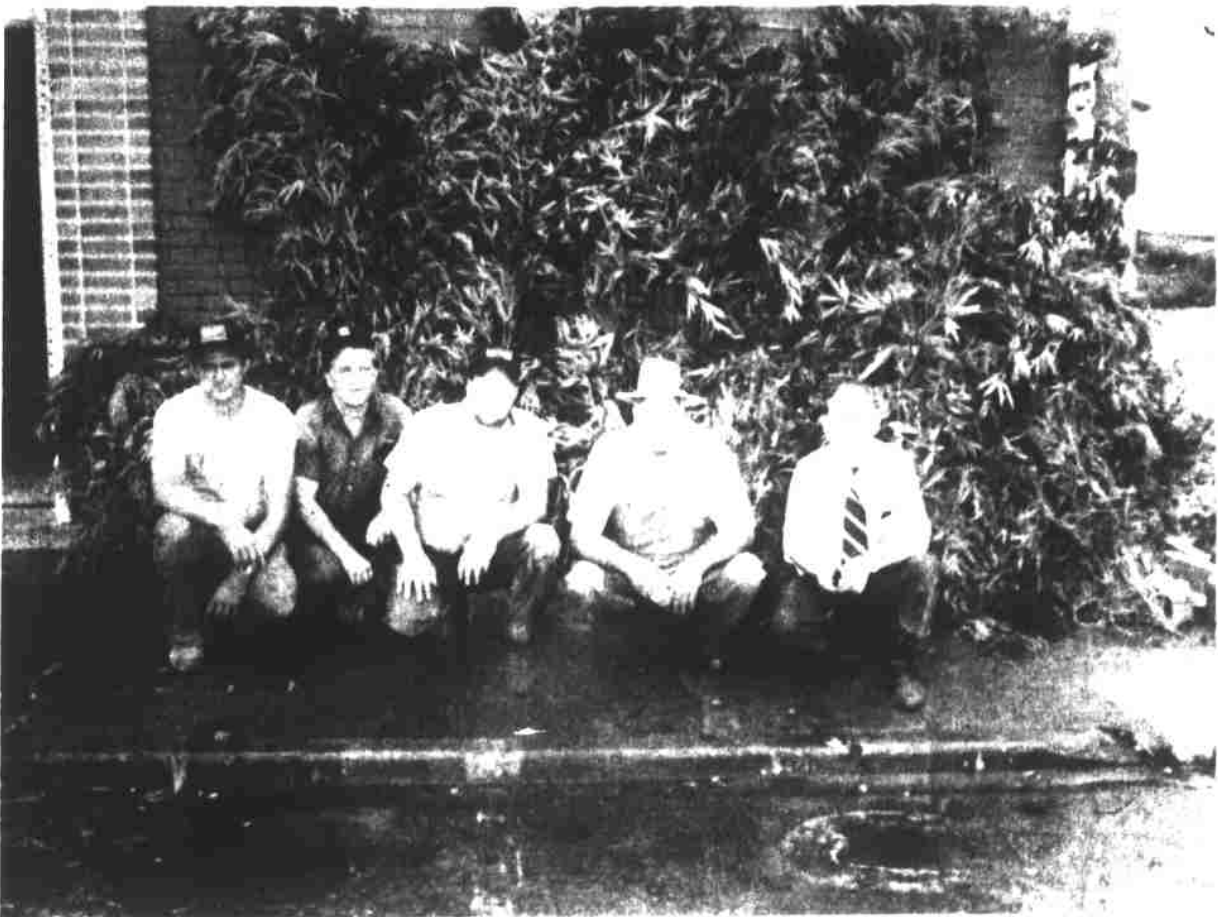
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Marijuana Seized In County; Six Men Arrested



MARIJUANA, valued between \$60,000 and \$75,000, was seized in Madison County last Thursday by Sheriff E.Y. Ponder and deputies. Shown kneeling in front of the illegal weed which was unloaded in front of jail are Joe Justice, who helped bring it to Mar-

shall, and Deputies Frank Ogle, Warren Edwards and Berry Edmonds. At right is Sheriff Ponder. In addition to the Marijuana shown above, 1,500 Marijuana plants were seized in the Spring Creek area on Friday.

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder and deputies brought in the largest amount of marijuana Thursday afternoon ever seized in Madison County.

Ponder stated that 430 plants were taken from the Roy Grammer Farm in the Roaring Fork section of Madison County. He also said he cut down 500 plants in the Lower Roaring Fork section and 1,230 plants in the Lower Spring Creek section in Hog Wallow Cove. Ponder said the marijuana was gathered from five different crops, or 11 patches from three different farms. The confiscated weed ranged from 24 plants to 960 plants per location. The plants ranged from two to twelve feet high.

The total 2,500 plants is valued at an estimated street value of from \$60,000 to \$75,000, with the price per plant ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Assisting the sheriff in the raids last Thursday were Deputies Frank Ogle, Warren Edwards, and Berry Edmonds. Joe Justice and others assisted the officers in placing the marijuana in several vehicles and bringing it to the jail here where it was stored.

Sheriff Ponder said 1,500 marijuana plants were found Friday, in addition, to that seized on Thursday, in the same general location.

SIX ARRESTED

Charged and released on \$5,000 bond each were Richard Stockton, 26; Bill Bagley, 25; James A. Whalley, 28; Ray Campbell, 31; Joe Grimer, 23; and Robert Rouillard, 25. All live on Route 1, Hot Springs, at separate residences.

A hearing in Madison County District Court has been set for August 13.

MARIJUANA BURNED MONDAY

A great deal of excitement and curiosity took place here Monday morning about 9:30 o'clock when Sheriff Ponder, aided by deputies and others, started loading a pick-up truck with the marijuana. The marijuana was taken to the Island and put in the school incinerator. With the aid of fuel oil being poured on the green weed, huge billows of smoke and flames started rising as many spectators watched an estimated \$75,000 worth of marijuana go up in smoke.



AN ESTIMATED \$75,000 WORTH OF MARIJUANA is shown going up in smoke Monday morning in the Marshall Elementary School incinerator. The illegal weed was confiscated last Thursday and Friday in

the Spring Creek section by Sheriff Ponder and deputies. Many local people went to the Island here to see the event.

Outstanding Recognition Given To Dr. Monroe Morgan



DR. MONROE T. MORGAN

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, Chairman, of the Environmental Health Department of East Tennessee State University has repeatedly merited regional and national recognition for his leadership in the field on environmental health. East Tennessee State University holds numerous firsts in this comparatively new discipline. Several years ago, the department sponsored an Environmental Health clinic which attracted notable leaders from over the nation representing both academic and business professional areas.

It was a tribute to Dr. Morgan when he was elected to serve as President of the National Environmental Health Association last year, culminating a long period of devoted and innovative service. It was likewise a tribute when he was presented the association's Outstanding Award at the national conference this month, the first time in the 39 year history of

the association that this particular award had been made.

The inscription on the plaque cited Dr. Morgan for "distinguished service, leadership and devotion to the profession and the association." In making the presentation the incoming president, Dr. Oris Blackwell of EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY credited Dr. Morgan with giving environmental health "a new direction, a new image and a new mission." Dr. Morgan is a graduate of Marshall High School and Mars Hill College and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Morgan of Marshall.

Greater Ivy Association Has Meeting

July 24, 1975 marks an important date for members of the Greater Ivy Community Association. A special meeting was called for this date and held at the Bethel Baptist Church.

A written contract (concerning the Beech Glen School property) stating the responsibilities of the Association to the Board of Education through the Recreation and Parks Commission was given to each member attending. This was read aloud by Dr. Drover Angel, President and then discussed by the members. It was voted unanimously to adopt the contract and send it to the aforementioned officials for approval. The members eagerly await this decision.

The Association needs a responsible person or persons with a trailer to live on the School grounds for security purposes. They offer free rent and a complete set-up job in exchange for the above ser-

VICES. Anyone interested in this offer should contact Gerald Young at 689-3724.

A beautification report was given by Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey. The list of things that will be judged in the contest was stated by her. She is still urging people to clean-up the roadsides, remove junk cars, beautify and plant flowers around mailboxes, churches, and homes.

Mrs. Bill Clark, Scrapbook Chairman, asks that material to be used in the scrapbook be in to her by August 16.

It was voted to give Dean Ledford the authority to buy and erect three community signs.

Mrs. Ledford stated that she has made reservations for 65 people from "Greater Ivy" to attend the "Ark of Safety" at Owen Theatre, August 3, 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marjorie Young, Chairman of the Flea Market

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Board Denies Parents' Plea In School Row

By BILL HENRY

Following a half-hour executive session, the Madison County Board of Education Wednesday night of last week voted to deny parents' petitions that 45 Madison County students be allowed to continue attending Buncombe County schools.

The meeting was attended by 18 parents who live in Madison but whose children have been going to Red Oak School and North Buncombe High School.

Mrs. Claudia Greene, an organizer of the parents' protest against the board's decision to reclaim the students, said she was not surprised at the wholesale denial by the board.

"We have no other alternative but to appeal, and that's what we plan to do," she said.

For many years, through an informal agreement between

the Madison and Buncombe Boards of Education, students living near the confluence of the Ivy and French Broad Rivers in Madison County have been able to attend school in Buncombe.

Several parents said that they prefer the Buncombe schools because the roads on the Madison side of the area are unsafe for school bus travel.

In March, Madison Supt. Bob Edwards requested that the Buncombe board not accept any more Madison County students.

Letters from the principals at Marshall School and Madison High were presented Wednesday night, stating that the principals consider the roads in the area as safe as most secondary roads in the county.

The board adopted two criteria for judging the parents' requests that their children be released from the Madison school system. The requests would be granted if (1) the road the child lived in is considered generally worse than most Madison County roads, or (2) a doctor certified that the child should not attend Madison Schools for health reasons.

State statute 115-176 requires that pupil assignments be made with regard to the "health, safety and general welfare" of the pupil and the "orderly and efficient administration of public schools."

The board discussed the applications in executive session because, said member Dr. Don Anderson, "it would not be appropriate to discuss

in open forum medical information relating to the children."

The board granted one request for release, concurring with the parents' medical reasons given. The application for that child's brother, however, was turned down. Decision on two more applications was delayed because medical reasons were cited but not specified.

The board is required by law to notify all the applicants of its decision by registered mail. The applicant may, within five days, request a "prompt and fair" hearing on the application.

If the board's decision is upheld at the hearing, the applicant may then, within 10 days, appeal to Madison County Superior Court for a trial before a jury.

Ray Caldwell Injured

Ray Caldwell, of Marshall, narrowly escaped death last Friday morning when his mobile home he and others were placing on a lot adjacent to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge McLean, on Hayes Run, suddenly slid off blocks and fell on him.

He was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital where it was discovered he had a broken right leg, cuts and bruises.

Even though a broken leg is serious, nevertheless, he is most fortunate to be alive.

According to details, the mobile home which was being moved from Route 1 to the new location was ready to be placed when the accident occurred. "Tubby" Deaver and Caldwell were under the structure when it started

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NC 213 CONSTRUCTION between Marshall and Mars Hill is continuing. Short detours, such as shown above, are commonplace. The above picture was taken Saturday near residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Teague on Hayes Run. The long detour near Mars Hill has been removed, much to the delight of everyone. The completion date for the relocated and improved highway is set for 1977.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER BROWN, of Marshall, have a unique location to grow tomatoes, as shown above. Mr. Brown is shown beside some 64 tomato plants which are grown at the back of their home. This particular row is 30 feet long which also runs 24 feet beside the home. Some of the stalks are over 7 feet tall and bear as many as 32 tomatoes. He estimates more than 12 bushels from the vines. He and Mrs. Brown also have a large garden with a variety of beautiful vegetables. "My wife does most of the work but I help as much as I can," he said. "Maybe this location for growing tomatoes will give others an idea."

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