Leake Public **Moul**th

Nurse Here

irs. June Franklin Leake, R.M., off Route 4, Marshall, her duties as a Public hillurse here on October

She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Asseville - Buncombe Tech in 1979 and has been associated with Memorial Mission al in Asheville for the past two years.

She and her husband, Worner Leake, have two Elizabeth, 16, and

Masons To Present Awards Oct. 25

Broad Lodge No. M. AM will present Mards at a meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Marshall on day evening, October

to the meeting es of the Eastern Star er will serve supper to as and their wives.

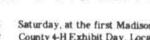
Mrs. Neple Adams Retires As Teacher At Laurel

After 32 years in the Madison County school system Neple Adams retired on August 19, 1975.

Mrs. Adams is the wife of Adams, member of the County Board of ners. She is the of June Gahagan and

appduate of Asheville College, Mrs. Adams Principal of Revere for her first two years dervices. The remaining 30 were spent at Laurel A master teacher, no. Adams taught all grades from 3:8 during her tenure and them well. was instrumental in

start a successful Title *Accountability in gram at Laurel. gram attempts to take did where he is and let ogress at his own rate a progress at ms out a firm ever in this concept of g. She was a great er and will be missed in



County 4-H Exhibit Day. Local

NEPLE ADAMS

Madison County Schools, Mrs.

Adams says she wants to

become more active in Church

and voluntary work after she

catches upon some of her

She was replaced by

Christia Wallin, a former

Reading teacher at Laurel and

Kindergarten teacher at

'sleep'

A CHECK FOR \$2,202.13 was presented to Bill Stell, Madison High School

Band Director, last Thursday by Mrs. Jenny Cody, Philanthropic Chairman,

and Mrs. Donna Rice, president of the Beta Omega Sororiety. This check is the

result of the recent Walk-A-Thon for Band Uniforms. Left to right, J.C. Wallin,

Tar Heel residents have en-

joved for more than 100 years.

shown in the country's most

up-to-date facility, the Fair

will include more than 11,000

exhibits involving about 3,000

exhibitors from nearly all of

Opening ceremonies will be

held adjacent to the Governor

Kerr W. Scott Building at 2

Two special exhibits

"Turfs Up" and "Land of

Horses," housed in Charter -

ASC Community

Committee election this year

will be held on December 1.

1975. Ballots will be mailed to

voters about 10 days before

the election. The voted ballots

must be mailed or returned

The ASC Communities in the

County are known as: A-1

Marshall; B-2 White Rock; C-3

Mars Hill; D-4 Beech Glen; E-

5 Pine Creek; F-6 Hot Springs:

Voters will be sent a ballot

for the community in which

their principal farming in-

A slate of at least six

nominees will be developed

for each community. A letter

informing voters of the right

to nominate candidates by

petition has been mailed. A

blank petition suitable for this

purpose is printed on the back

and G-7 Ebbs Chapel.

terest is located

the State's 100 counties.

p.m. opening day.

With the livestock being

N.C. State Fair Opens Friday

Spheres, dome-shaped

pavilions, will highlight two of

In Dorton Arena and on the

outdoor stage visitors will be

entertained by such starts as

Brenda Lee, Jim Stafford,

O.B. McClinton, the Duke

Ellington Orchestra, Sonny

James and the Country

Gentlemen, Danny Davis and

the Nashville Brass, the

Dupont Marionettes and the

On the Midway they'll thrill

to the bright, lights ,rides,

ASC Community Committee

Elections Set

of the letter. If additional

petitions are needed they can

be obtained in the ASCS Of-

fice. Each petition submitted

must be: 1. Limited to one

nominee. 2. Signed by at least

three eligible voters in the

certification that the nominee

is willing to serve if elected. 4

Received at the County ASCS

Office not later than October

If six or more eligible

candidates are nominated by

proper petition, no further

nominations will be made. If

less than six are nominated by

petition, the present Com-

munity Committee will add

the number of nominees

needed to complete the slate of

six. If a person who is

nominated by petition is found

ineligible, he will be notified

and given 15 days to appeal.

Persons nominated should

28, 1975.

Common Ground...all free.

the State's industries

principal of MHS; Mrs. Cody, Bill Stell, and Mrs. Rice.

The North Carolina State

Fair will open its annual nine-

day run here Oct. 17, showing

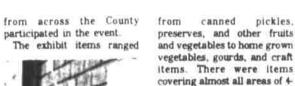
off a new crafts building and

livestock pavilion, plus a third

consecutive year of ad-

mission-free entertainment

and other frills and thrills that



Madison County. Judges for the event were: Mrs. Ethel Wallin, Home Economics Agent in Madison County and Mr. Brookshire, President of the Newfound Community Club.

H project work carried on in

They awarded prizes for first quality work with blue ons and recognized other workmanship with red rib as. They reportedly found the over-all quality of work quite good and were impressed by the variety of items on display.

Gary Ealey and Dale Everett, Madison County Extension Agents, with the 4-H program stated, "We are well pleased with our first Exhibit Day, with the number of 4-Hers and leaders par-

Westco Explains Request For Rate Increase fallen from \$2.6 million in 1974

Summary: Declining earnings, reduced ability to compete for investment capital needed for expansion push Westco Telephone Company to seek new rate relief.

Declining earnings, a trend that has already hurt its ability to compete for expansion capital, has been cited as the reason Westco Telephone Company must again seek a general rate increase.

According to Norman Gum, president, "It's true that we just had an increase, but it simply was not enough to offset the continuing drop in our level of earnings. We filed for that increase in May, 1974, using year-end 1973 financial

shows and games of the James

E. Strates Show while in the

Grandstand, they'll watch the

daring exploits of Jack Koch-

From displays of hand-

crafted wares, to shows of

North Carolina's finest farm

animals, to foot-long hot dogs

and sticky cotton candy, the

State Fair draws a larger

crowd than any other event in

the state. The fun starts when

the gates open at 9 a.m. every

day except Sunday when they

be currently engaged in the

operation of a farm and be

well qualified for committee

work. In general, a farmer is

eligible to be a community

committeeman if he lives in

the community in which he is

The duties of community

committeemen include: 1

Informing farmers of the

purpose and provisions of the

ASCS programs; 2. Keeping

the County Committee in-

formed of local conditions; 3.

Recommending needed

changes in our ASCS farm

programs; 4. Participating in

community meetings as

necessary; and 5. Performing

other duties as assigned by the

ASCS Committee elections

are open to all eligible voters

without regard to race, color,

religion, sex, or national

The Women of the Greater

Ivy Community Citizen's

Association will close (for the

season) the Flea Market and

Rummage Sale this Saturday

There are a lot of good buys

so come by and get in on the

Don't ferget Saturday October 18th from 10 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. in the Beech Glen School House near Mars Hill.

"If you don't like our prices,

October 18th at 5:30 p.m.

goodies we have to sell.

make us an offer,

Flea Market

To Close

Saturday

County Committee

man's Hell Drivers.

data. We received our answer in May of this year, but then were granted only 60 percent of what we knew was needed to improve our company's economic health.

'We're like any other business that has been caught up in the present cycle of inflation. Our costs, like those of the retailer or manufacturer, have increased and we must again offset the effects with a compensating increase in what we charge for service. The increase we're asking for would add no more than from \$2.65 to \$5.20 a month to basic residential rates, and no more than \$42.95 per month to

business individual line rates. "Also proposed is an increase in residence extensions to \$1.35 a month and \$2.10 a month for businesses; charging \$30.00 for new installations and \$17.50 for installations where the previous customer has left the existing phone in place; and other related changes for supplemental services and

equipment. The combined increase would generate approximately \$1.2 million in

additional annual revenue. "Today's harsh reality is that the company's net income has actually declined by some 25 percent when compared to year-end 1973," Gum pointed out, "and this is a trend that cannot be allowed to continue if me are to protect the integrity of our company and its service to the customer. It's already severly impaired our ability to attract outside investment capital that historically is used by our industry to finance ex-

pansion He said the company is unable to meet most of the standard economic tests used by investors in measuring the safety of investment opportunities. 'Our only alternative has been to use funds generated from within the company as much as possible, but this has provided us with only a minimum of dollars and we therefore have had to cut back our construction program accordingly," Gum added.

Westco's annual construction expenditure has the demand for improved service is still there. We have

to the estimated \$1.8 million

"That's a particularly

disturbing curve to us because

for 1976.

done a lot over the past few years to meet customer needs, including major improvements in long distance service and the elimination of multi-party lines, but there's still more to do, and we know it. Yet we can only go as far and as fast as our available dollars will let us."

In discussing his company's drop in net income, he said it is tied directly to a corresponding rise in company expenses. For example, the company's total operating expenses rose by an average of more than 2 percent a month from December, 1973, to May, 1975, and it is now costing Westco 33 percent more to run its operations than 15 months ago.

The state of the economy and inflation during this period contributed to the rise in costs generally while specific factors have included a 31 percent increase in interest expenses on borrowed money and a 54 percent jump in the cost of maintaining equipment and facilities.

At the same time, the company increased its overall investment in equipment by 14 percent and now has more than \$221/2 million behind the telephones, poles, cables, vehicles and other facilities serving customers. This averages out to approximately \$960 invested in each of the 23,500 phones served by the company

'We know we can't meet the customer's needs without putting more money into service improvements. Yet we can't build without capital, and we can't get that capital unless we're earning enough to attract the outside investor

'If what we earn is inadequate, then that investor will simply turn away from us and put his money elsewhere. We know we have an obligation to provide the most reliable service possible, but that can only be done if we have the mony to do the job."

Medlin Named New Highway Engineer Of Division 13

12 years.

Secretary of Transportation J F Alexander has named James H. Medlin, 42, of Durham to serve as Chief Engineer of Highway Division 13. effective November 1 Medlin moves up to the Chief Engineer post in Division 13 from the position of Assistant to the Chief of Operations for the Division of Highways.

As head of the division, he will oversee the maintenance and construction of highways in Buncombe. Burke, Mc-Dowell, Mitchell, Madison, Rutherford, and Yancey

Secretary Alexander, in making the announcement, praised Medlin's capabilities and said, "I am confident he will do a tremendous job in

Counties

Medlin succeeds F L Hutchison who retired September 30 after having served as Division Engineer for over

A graduate of North Carolina State University with a degere in civil engineering. Medlin has been with the Division of Highways since 1958. His past positions include: trainee in the High way Engineer Training Program; Assistant Resident Engineer, Durham; District Engineer, Clinton; Resident Engineer, Wilmington: Assistant Division Engineer, Wilmington; and Division Engineer, Wilmington.

Medlin, a native of Wilmington, is married to the former Betty Fogleman of Durham, and they have two

Elementary Guidance Counselor Employed

(Tennessee)







LADY JUSTICE again adorns the courthouse done here. The new model was erected last Friday. Bottom photo shows men starting to raise the 6-fee tall, 75 pound stature. On left is W. C. Stanton; sometimes referred to as "Brother Rat", sculptor of the new figure, watching. On right is Cordell Massey, courthouse custodian. Center photo shows Lady Justice on way to dome and top photo shows Lady Justice again on top of dome. (Pictures by Jim)

Sen. John Glenn Vance-Aycock Speaker

RALEIGH -Astronaut John Glenn, who won election to the United States Senate from Ohio in 1974, will be the keynote speaker for the Vance -Aycock Dinner in Asheville on October 18. That tre







description of the Hems on exhibit at the first Madison County 4-H latest Day held at the Shopping Center, Saturday, October 11.