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New \$1,000,000 Bridge Planned At Barnard; Completion, 1977

Residents of Madison County may look forward to a new bridge over the French Broad River to replace the existing bridge near Barnard, Department of Transportation (DOT) officials have announced. DOT engineers have concluded, that the old structure, having served that locality for nearly 60 years, can no longer safely carry loaded trucks and buses. Consequently, they have lowered the weight limit from

eight tons to five tons for single unit vehicles. DOT's Highway Administrator, Billy Rose, commented, "The new bridge will be built across the French Broad River adjacent to the existing bridge. It will be a two-lane, modern structure approximately 530 feet long with 30 feet clear bridge width as opposed to the present steel-truss structure which has only a clear bridge width of 11 feet."

A contract letting for the new structure is scheduled for summer 1976, and the tentative completion date is winter 1977. Estimated cost of the project, which includes the replacement of a nearby small, narrow, timber bridge over the Big Pine Creek as well as the bridge across the French Broad River, is one million dollars.

"I feel the loading restrictions on the existing bridge and the planned replacement are the best means to achieve safety and a prompt and lasting solution for a definite community need," Rose added.

The present bridge's five-ton weight limit has caused a 15-mile detour for school buses traveling from Barnard to Walnut Elementary School and Madison County High School. The Madison County Board of Education has devised a plan, supported by DOT officials, to alleviate the

detour. The plan calls for school children to get off their bus on one side of the bridge, walk across and board a second bus which completes the route.

The plan is being gradually implemented as parents give their written consent allowing their children to walk across the bridge. DOT bridge maintenance employees have installed fencing along the guardrails on each side of the bridge for the safety of the children.

The bridge is a part of the Board of Transportation's Federal-Aid Special Bridge Replacement Program and appears fifth on the priority list. Bridges included in this program are replaced as Federal-Aid Funds are made available to the State of North Carolina.

Greater Ivy Leases Beech Glen School For Center

A dream of the citizens of No. 4 Township in Madison County became a reality this week when the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association and the Madison County Board of Education signed a lease turning over the Beech Glen School property to the Association for use as a Community and Recreation Center.

Three Trustees were recently named by the Association to manage the property. They are: Dr. Grover L. Angel, President of the Association, Dean Ledford and Boyd Hill.

Corporation papers have been drawn up by the county attorney and filed in Raleigh designating the Association as a non-partisan, non-political, and non-profit community development organization. The official name henceforth will be The Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, Inc. The action will enable the citizens group to make application for federal grants for recreational purposes and community development projects.

The Greater Ivy Association is a federation of the 12 large communities in No. 4 Township. They are Beech Glen, Bethel, California Creek, Crooked Creek, Hamburg, Holcombe Branch, Middle Fork, Paint Fork, Paint Gap, Upper Metcalf Creek, Lower Metcalf Creek, and Walker Branch, and smaller communities which include: Sprinkle Creek, Fred Holcombe Road, Jarvis Creek, Higgins Branch, Shake Rag, Holland Creek, Turkey Branch, Polly's Branch,



GREATER IVY COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER (FORMER BEECH GLEN SCHOOL)

Ponder Creek, and Bailey Branch.

There are more than 500 families in the Township.

Since its formal organization in January of this year the Association has been one of Madison County's most active groups. In early spring it sponsored a township cleanup campaign which was one of the most effective in the county. This and many beautification projects enabled Greater Ivy to win first place in the county beautification contest and in September it went on to win first place in the 19-county Western North Carolina

contest. During the summer months it sponsored an outstanding recreation program, fielding 8 baseball and soft ball teams for both youth and adults.

Officers of the Association are: Dr. Grover L. Angel, President; Mrs. Gerald (Aida Jean) Young, First Vice-President; Shelby S. Buckner, Second Vice-President; Bill N. Clark, Secretary; and Mrs. Talmadge (Irene) Metcalf, Treasurer.

After minor alterations on the building are completed the Association plans many varied activities for the

Community Center including a year-round recreation program, an adult education program, arts and crafts, womens club, 4-H club activities, senior citizens activities and eventually a branch of the Madison county library.

The next meeting of the Greater Ivy Community Association, Inc. will be held on Monday evening, October 27th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Community Center if arrangements have been made for heating at that time. If not, the meeting will be held next door in the Beech Glen Baptist Church.



INTERESTING PICTURE - It's not known for certain but several observers who have studied picture believe it was taken sometime in the 1800's and shows Main Street in Marshall, looking up street. Corner of building on extreme left is where First Union Bank is now located. On left further up street is corner of Hill Street beside present Masonic Temple Building. Notice there were no electric

wires. Building on right is where Roberts Pharmacy is now located. The picture belongs to Miss Dorothy Sprinkle. There is no identification on picture as to date. Observers point out that mountain "has to be" the same now as it was when picture was made. If anyone can shed any "light" on picture, please notify The News - Record Office.

Masons To Present Awards Saturday

French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF & AM will present Veterans Awards at a meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Marshall on Saturday evening, October 25th.

Prior to the meeting members of the Eastern Star Chapter will serve supper to Masons and their wives, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Eunie Brown Injured By Tractor

Eunie Brown, of Marshall, was painfully injured last Thursday by a tractor he was operating near the home of his brother, Garland Brown.

According to reports, Eunie had gotten off the tractor and had left the engine running. He suddenly noticed the tractor going down the mountain and in an effort to overtake the machine, he was struck. Although he was alone at the time, neighbors heard Brown yell and saw the tractor rapidly going down the mountain.

He was rushed to the Memorial Mission Hospital where he is being treated for broken ribs, crushed chest and broken collarbone.

The tractor was a total loss.

Teachers' Cases Set For October 29-30

A criminal session of superior court is scheduled in the courthouse here on Wednesday and Thursday, October 29-30, for the trial of 10 Madison County school teachers who are charged with falsifying school records.

According to the court calendar each teacher will be tried in separate cases. The

witnesses in all the cases are listed as R. C. Thomas and James E. Rice. Teachers involved are Vera B. Sumner, Elizabeth W. Staude, Lois C. Moore, Isabell B. Maynard, Larry S. Plemmons, Frances Lee Ramsey, Mattie Ray Ramsey, Martha Kirkpatrick, Lucille R. Chandler, and Jewell

Church. Judge Robert H. Jacey will preside and District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts and

Assistant District Attorney James T. Rusher will be prosecutors for the State.

Outstanding Recognition Given Dr. Morgan

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, Chairman of the Department of Environmental Health at East Tennessee State University, was recently honored by his fellow colleagues, by being selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award for the year 1975-1976. The award was presented by Dr. D. P. Culp, President of the College during a Faculty Banquet.

Dr. Morgan originally from western North Carolina, became interested in environmental health while serving with the Air Force in Panama. Seeing the living conditions throughout Central and South America he returned to North Carolina and entered Mars Hill College. After transferring to East Tennessee State University, he earned his Bachelor's degree in 1960. His first position was as a Sanitarian with the Virginia Public Health Department. He later earned his Masters degree from the University of North Carolina.

In 1963, Dr. Morgan joined the faculty of East Tennessee State University to develop the program in Environmental Health. During a leave of absence he earned his Doctor of Public Health degree from Tulane University. He returned to develop a Masters program as a result of the realization that environmentalist need to become better educated to solve environmental problems. His dream is to establish a doctoral program in this field.

Dr. Morgan has been the recipient of many awards and

the philosophy given to him by his mother as a young man has guided him through life - "Give to the world your best and the best will come back to you." Dr. Morgan is a graduate of Marshall High School, Mars Hill College and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Morgan of Marshall.

Supervisor Attends Conference

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, general supervisor of Madison County Schools, attended the annual study conference of the North Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Greensboro, North Carolina on October 13, 14, and 15. The Theme of the Conference was "Curriculum Design for Motivating Today's Youth." Many outstanding

educators shared their ideas with supervisors from throughout the state of North Carolina. Among these educators were Dr. William C. Self, UNC Chapel Hill, Paul J. Scheller, Vice-president of Psychotechnics, Inc. and Dr. Fenwick English, Superintendent, Hastings, New York Public Schools.

Food Personnel Attend Meeting

Twenty Madison County School Food Services employees attended the annual district meeting at Asheville High School on October 7, 1975. Mrs. Lois Thorup, Dietitian at Memorial Mission Hospital was guest speaker.

Mrs. Anna Mae Tipton, Food Service Supervisor for the Madison County Schools, is Director of this organization which is composed of thirteen western counties, Asheville City and Hendersonville City Units.

French Broad EMC Names P.R. Director

French Broad EMC announces the appointment of Mrs. Ernestine R. Plemmons as Director of Public Relations and Member Services. Mrs. Plemmons has been employed by French

Broad EMC since 1964 and served as Executive Secretary prior to assuming her new duties. She is a native of Madison County and is married to Choice Plemmons. They have two sons, Joey and Mark.

Blue Ridge Shoe Company Interested In Hot Springs Location

Announcement was made this week that a major industry, Blue Ridge Shoe Company, headquartered in Wilkesboro, N. C. is considering locating a plant in Hot Springs.

The announcement was made by Hot Springs town officials and an official of Blue Ridge Shoe Company. The plant will be modern in all respects and will be fully air conditioned. The manufacturing schedule will be one shift (daytime only) five days per week, with scheduled overtime weekdays and Saturdays.

Location of the shoe plant in Hot Springs is dependent upon results of a labor survey that

is to be conducted at the Burlington Building.

Several interviewers from the company will be on hand to talk with anyone interested in employment in the Building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. It is very important that every person, including high school seniors who are interested in such industrial

work be present to complete a labor survey form and be interviewed on October 25. Results of the survey will determine whether the plant is located here.

Announcement of the industry's interest in Hot Springs is a culmination of discussions between the Company, the Hot Springs

Chamber of Commerce, Town Officials, Madison Industrial Commission, and State Officials. Similar plants are located in Wilkesboro, Boone, Sparta, Robersonville, Aulander, North Carolina and Mt. City, Tenn.

Blue Ridge Shoe Company is an equal opportunity employer.

Marshall Book Club Met Monday With Mrs. Ramsey

The Marshall Book Club met Monday evening, October 20th, in the home of Mrs. R.R. Ramsey.

Mrs. Leonard Baker, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. Wade Huey reported for the anniversary arrangements committee. Plans were approved to hold the annual anniversary luncheon on Monday, November 10th at 12:30 p.m. at the S & W Carousel Buffet in Asheville.

All former club members are to be invited.

Mrs. Wade Huey reviewed "Some Are Born Great" by Adela Rogers St. Johns - a book about American women that the author has known and calls great. Included are Amelia Earhart, Carry Nations, Rachel Carson, Anne Morrow Lindberg, Judy Garland, Bess Truman, Marion Davies, Isadora Duncan, Marie Dressler, Margaret Mitchell, and scores

of others. She relates lively and controversial tales of some of the extraordinary women of her 50-odd years of covering the news.

Members present were Mrs. J.B. Tweed, Mrs. O.A. Gregory, Mrs. Clyde H. Roberts, Mrs. James Stacy, Mrs. Leonard Baker, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, Mrs. Wade Huey and Mrs. R.R. Ramsey, and two guests, Mrs. Martha Catherine Thompson and Mrs. Sam Clements of Macon, Ga.

Second Drug Abuse Meeting Sunday

A second meeting of concerned citizens relative to the drug abuse problems in this area will be held this Sunday afternoon in the courthouse beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

In addition to the citizens, various county officials and officers of Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs and other areas are expected to attend to discuss what remedies might be found to curb the

alleged abuses.

At a previous meeting held on October 12, a committee composed of J. C. Wallin, Bruce Phillips, Charles Deaver, the Rev. Jimmy Buckner, and Jack Ramsey, was named to contact public officials concerning the meeting here Sunday.

The public is invited to attend.

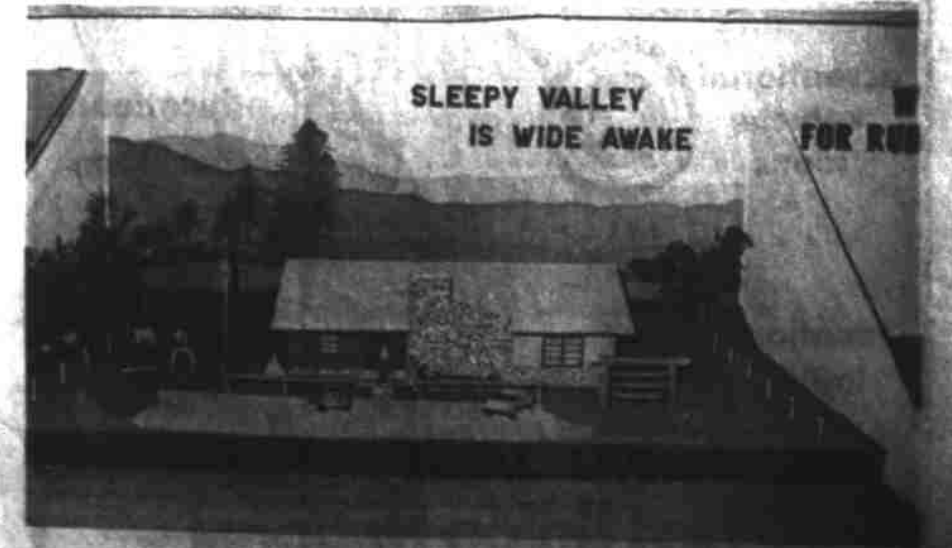
Mars Hill Woman Is Guest Artist In Hendersonville

Mrs. Thelda C. Roberts is the featured artist with the Arts League of Henderson County for the month of October. The exhibition opened on Sunday Oct. 6th with a reception in Opportunity House in Hendersonville, N.C. The October exhibit also includes painting by the Arts League members but featured will be the twenty-four paintings by Mrs. Roberts.

Born and reared near Mars Hill Mrs. Roberts attended Mars Hill College and graduated from Carson - Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. However, she did not study art and never began painting until after her retirement as an elementary school teacher.

Mrs. Roberts is partial to portraits and her favorite subjects are wild life, animals, and portraits. She has exhibited in the Asheville Mall, Brevard Annual Court House Art Show, sponsored by the Transylvania Art Guild, McAllister Square in Greenville, S. C. and the Hendersonville Main Street Sidewalk Show, in which she recently participated. It was during the sidewalk show which included over sixteen hundred pictures by artists from surrounding areas, that she was invited to be guest artist at the Hendersonville gallery.

A member of the Transylvania Art Guild she is also a member of the Artistic Group in Asheville. The Hendersonville gallery at Opportunity House is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



SLEEPY VALLEY was selected as one of the eight communities in North Carolina to put on an exhibit at the North Carolina State Fair this week. Sleepy Valley is a picture portraying the work that Sleepy Valley has done in beautification. They will receive \$400 in prize money for their exhibit.