

New Year Greetings

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Public Hearing Friday On Zoning Ordinance

The Madison County Board of Commissioners at its December meeting approved holding a public hearing January 2 at 2 p.m. to receive public comment on a recommendation made by the Madison County Planning Board. Notice was posted in courthouses December 8, 1975. The Madison County Planning Board at its November meeting approved a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that the zoning ordinance be amended in order to clarify the intent of the ordinance with respect to the prohibition of use, by right of land in the RA 26 district as a site for an electrical power generation plant. This is not to say that the Planning Board disapproves the construction of the CP & L Plant in Madison. The Board, to the contrary, has gone on record endorsing such a project. However, the Board is concerned that during the construction period there will be an influx of construction workers and as such there will be placed a substantial burden upon the county to provide basic services (police, fire,

garbage collection, school classrooms, etc.). Therefore, the Planning Board feels that the intent of the zoning ordinance, to require of CP & L a rezoning change, be clarified. The recommended technical change to the Madison County Zoning Ordinance is as follows: That section 801.1 be amended to exclude the following: Public works and public utility facilities such as transformer stations, pumping stations, water towers, and telephone exchanges, provided: (a) Such facilities are essential to the service of the community and no vehicles or materials shall be stored on the premises; (b) All buildings and ap-

paratus shall be set back at least twenty (20) feet from all property lines and shall be designed and landscaped in such a way as to blend in with the surrounding area; (c) Any public utility facilities that generate electrical power such as nuclear, steam, or hydroelectrical plants are not permitted in the RA26 district. That section 809.1 be amended to read as follows: Any public works or public utility facilities including: service yards, transformer stations, pumping stations, water towers, telephone exchanges, sewerage lift stations, electrical power generation plant.

The public hearing is scheduled for January 2, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Madison County Courthouse. The public is cordially invited to attend. -James T. Ledford
5 December 1975



THE MOBILE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Norton, located on the Marshall bypass, was knocked from its foundation Saturday morning when it was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Harriette Darnell Freeman, of Asheville. Mrs. Norton and six of her children were inside the trailer when it was struck but were not injured. Mrs. Freeman also escaped injury. Damage to the trailer and car were not determined.

Water Situation Improved

Perhaps the best news for local citizens occurred Friday when the critical water shortage in the Marshall community was alleviated and things began to get back to normal. Problems on top of problems confronted town officials and workers during the past two weeks including lack of water supply going into reservoir and also a major obstruction at the reservoir. Alderman Roy Wild, who serves as water commissioner, spent countless hours trying to solve the problems and had local workmen doing everything they could "the clock around". In addition to the leaks found in the main supply line, sub-freezing weather made it difficult to work in the frozen ground. "The water supply in the

reservoir dropped to only four feet a week ago," Wild said. The shortage caused several businesses to close and all citizens were warned to conserve every drop of water possible. Fortunately, the Marshall school and Madison High School were enjoying the Christmas holidays during the worst part of the emergency. Had it not been for the holidays, schools would have been forced to close due to the water shortage.

Miraculously, by Friday afternoon all businesses were able to reopen and schools were able to start operations here Monday. Although the water situation here is greatly improved the public is urged to use judgement in using water and not unnecessarily waste it.



DON ANDERSON, chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, has been named to the Land-of-Sky Regional Council's "208" Area-wide Planning Advisory Committee on Water Quality Management Planning.

Attention Motorists

RALEIGH - Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles reminds motorists to be especially careful over the upcoming New Years Holidays. Statistics for the two-day New Year's holiday last year showed that driving under the influence and speeding were major factors in traffic accidents and fatalities. Four people lost their lives during the holiday period last year and another 223 were injured on North Carolina streets and highways. Increased travel, adverse weather conditions, and early

darkness contribute to the high traffic accident rate during the holidays. Powell said 1,334 people have been killed in North Carolina traffic accidents over the past 11 months. "This figure represents the lowest death rate in ten years," commented Powell. The Commissioner added, "that if every motorist will drive defensively and cautiously during the New Years holiday that the death rate could still be lowered." HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEARS!

Major Change In License Registration Starts Jan. 1st

raleigh - North Carolina motorists will see a major change in license plate registration starting January 1, 1976. Instead of purchasing a new plate for 1976, owners of private automobiles will keep their 1975 red and white plate and will receive a validation sticker for 1976. The validation sticker must be placed in the upper right hand corner of the 1975 plate to validate it for 1976. The 1975 plates will be used until 1979 with a new validation sticker issued each year. Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles

said "This new semi-permanent registration system starting in 1976 will save the tax payers of North Carolina 2 1/2 million dollars over the next five years." Powell added that there might be some confusion over the new system so the Division of Motor Vehicles is installing posters in 102 license plate branch offices across the state that explain the new system and give instructions on applying the validation sticker to the 1975 plate. Powell emphasized that the semi-permanent registration

system applies only to private passenger vehicles. He stated that new 1976 plates will be issued for all trucks and buses as well as official plates and personalized plates. The 1976 plates for trucks and specialized plates will be green and white. Also new this year will be special "Disabled Veteran" plates and "Prisoner of War" plates authorized by the legislature. These plates will be red, white and blue and will be issued free of charge to all North Carolina residents who qualify.

Letters Still Cost 10 Cents

WASHINGTON - It still costs 10 cents to mail a first-class letter despite attempts by the Postal Service to increase the rates. Postal officials had scheduled an increase to 13 cents effective Sunday but the price hike is still unresolved in court. U. S. District Judge John J. Sirica said that the Postal Service ordered the temporary increases for Dec. 28

without first submitting a valid request to the Postal Rate Commission to make the increases permanent. He said a similar request was needed for other postal increases scheduled for Jan. 3. The Justice Department appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, which will hear arguments on Monday. It was not clear when the court would reach a decision.

Taylor Asks Lower Burley Quotas

Reacting to declining burley tobacco market prices, Rep. Roy A. Taylor Friday urged the U. S. Department of Agriculture to reduce poundage quotas for 1976 by at least 10 percent. In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, Taylor blamed sagging prices being paid for the 1975 crop on overproduction resulting from the government's decision to increase production quotas for the year by 10 percent. "The 10 percent increase in the 1975 burley tobacco poundage quotas plus the veto of legislation passed by Congress last summer providing a 10 percent in-

crease in tobacco support prices have brought about economic disaster for growers in Western North Carolina and throughout the burley belt," Congressman Taylor said in his letter to Secretary Butz. Noting that current warehouse prices have been running at least 10 percent below last year's prices, Taylor recalled that he, other congressmen from the tobacco-growing states, and agricultural leaders had warned against the consequences of increasing 1975 quotas and had also "protested strongly the price support veto."

1976 County Committeemen

At the County Convention held in the Madison ASCS Office in Marshall, December 15, the delegates re-elected Claude A. Cody of Laurel section to a three-year term on the ASC County Committee. The delegates also elected Mr. Cody as Chairman of the

committee, Eugene Wills as Vice-Chairman and Albert Freeman as Member. Charles Eastman was elected as first-alternate and Emory Robinson as second-alternate. These committeemen will take office January 1, 1976.

A LASTING CHRISTMAS
I keep a part of Christmas, for it helps to add a glow
To the January darkness and the February snow.
If March is cold and blustery, and the April brings us
rain
The peace and warmth of Christmas with it's hap-
piness remain.....
There's a beauty when it's Christmas; all the world
is different then.
There's no place for petty hatred in the hearts and
minds of men.
That is why my heart is happy and my mind can hold
a dream.
For I keep a part of Christmas with it's peace and
joy supreme.

Winners

Hundreds attended the three drawings held at the courthouse here last Wednesday afternoon, December 24. 36 persons were awarded various prizes, as follows:

LIONS CLUB
Cass Wallin, Route 4, Marshall, Microwave Oven; Mike Allen, Route 1, Marshall, Remington Shotgun; Myra Morton, Marshall, Chain Saw; \$50 in Toys, Randy Wallin, Route 4, Marshall.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION
\$25.00 Trade Certificate: Ruby Hensley Roberts, Route 1, Marshall; Mack Rector, Route 4, Marshall; Ruth Taylor, Asheville; Agnes Wilson, Marshall; Mrs. Tom Merrell, Route 6, Marshall; Clyde Rathbone, Marshall; Maggie Haynes, Route 3, Marshall; McKinley Worley, Route 5, Marshall.
\$50.00 Trade Certificate: W. F. Edwards, Mars Hill.

MADISON BOOSTERS CLUB
The following were given hams or turkeys:
Thelma Ray, Marshall; Charles Powell, Mars Hill; Bob Frisby, Marshall; Selma Wallin, Hot Springs; Bobby Johnson, Walnut; Marvin Bell, Route 6, Marshall; Bob Frisby, Marshall; Dedrick Roberts, Marshall; R. J. Flemmons, Marshall; Bobby Johnson, Walnut; Harold Roberts, Marshall; Roger Wood, Marshall; Bob Frisby, Marshall; Page Lee, Mars Hill; Margaret Williams, Marshall; Oscar McDowell, Marshall; Thelma Ray, Marshall; Roger Wood, Marshall; Ernest Ramsey, Marshall; Maynard Cook, Route 6, Marshall; Baby Chandler, Marshall; Gene Clayton, Mars Hill; Ruth Wilson, Walnut.



WILLIAM P. POWELL, mayor of Mars Hill and former State Senator, has been appointed by Governor Jim Hunt, to serve on a 21-member North Carolina Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Seeks Historical Material

Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Number 461 (Camp McCloskey) was located between Lake Tahoma and Buck Creek Gap in McDowell County in 1933. At that time Earl F. Olson served at the Camp as a Forester - foreman with crews working in the Pisgah National Forest. Mr. Olson, now of Norris, Tenn., is making his collection of photographs available to the U. S. Forest Service for inclusion in the historic files of the Pisgah National Forest. These files will be used during the next few years to provide material for Bi-centennial theme displays which will deal with the history of the National Forests in North Carolina and their impact on the public. The U. S. Forest Service is interested in contacting others who may have material that could also be used. Contacts may be made with any District Ranger's office or with the Office of the Forest Supervisor, P. O. Box 3780, Asheville, North Carolina, 28802.



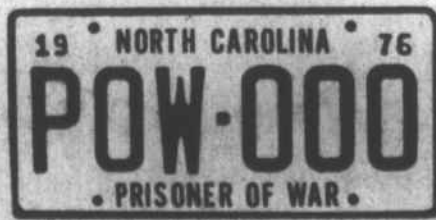
SEMI-PERMANENT PLATE
Validated by sticker - applicable to private automobiles only.



ANNUAL PLATE
Issued for trucks, buses and special vehicle classifications.



FREE DISABLED VETERAN PLATE
Only 1971 series licensed Disabled Veterans eligible. Available at Raleigh Office Only.



FREE PRISONER OF WAR PLATE
Only POW's who were residents of North Carolina at time of capture eligible. Available at Raleigh Office Only.

Organizations Thank Public For Cooperation

Officers and members of the Marshall Lions Club, Merchants Association, and Madison Boosters Club wish to express their thanks to the

public who supported their promotions. "We especially wish to thank those who made it possible for the Lions to give

baskets of food and other items to the blind and visually handicapped", Jerry Flemmons, president of the Marshall Lions Club, stated.

Happy New Year