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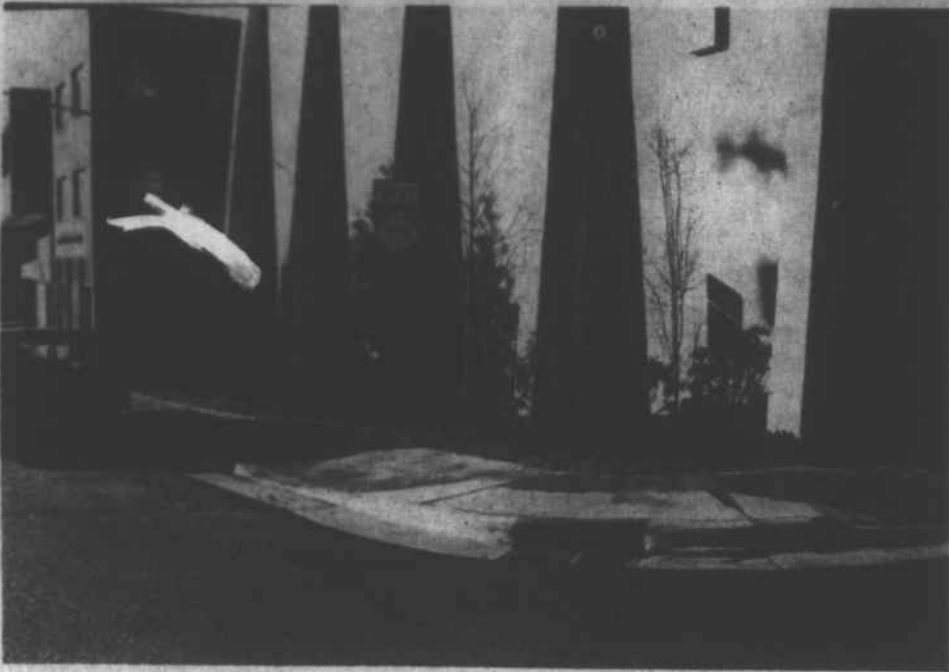
Patrol To Organize Saturday

An organizational meeting will be held Saturday night, Jan. 10, at 7 o'clock at the Madison County Courthouse for the purpose of organizing a Madison County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. The Patrol will consist of 25 members from different locations throughout the County.

Qualifications for membership are as follows:
1. Be 21 years of age
2. Be a citizen of Madison County for at least (1) one year.

3. Must have a special interest in law enforcement in Madison County and the state of North Carolina.
4. Must own a horse or have one at your disposal.
5. Must be willing to donate some time to the Patrol and attend meetings.
6. Must be able to donate some time for Patrol duties.
7. Must be able to take orders and follow directions as given by Patrol officers.

For further information call Sheriff E. Y. Ponder or Clarence Henderson (649-2628).



PEOPLE PASSING through Mars Hill can observe many beautification projects in progress. The completed site in the above picture is at the corner of Main Street and Highway 213. Mr. Bryson Tilson has furnished the time and expertise to develop many beautified areas in Mars Hill. Mrs. Mary Howell is chairperson of the Mars Hill Bicentennial Beautification Committee. (Photo by John Campbell)

Housing, Community Proposals Being Drafted

Madison County and the towns of Mars Hill and Hot Springs are once again preparing proposed applications to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Last summer a similar effort was undertaken and the result was a grant for \$187,000 to assist the town of Marshall improve the water system. That money will be spent this spring to construct two water lines in the downtown area.

If you have any suggestions about how Community Development monies could be spent, please attend one of the six public meetings that will be held in the county. As a guide, the eligible Community Development activities are:
1. Acquisition of real property which is: - blighted -

appropriate for conservation or rehabilitation; needed for eligible public works.

2. Construction or installation of public works and facilities.

3. Code enforcement in deteriorating areas

4. clearance, demolition and rehabilitation of buildings

5. special projects to assist the mobility of elderly and handicapped persons

6. payments for temporary housing and persons displaced by Community Development activities

7. payment of local match for federal grants

8. payment of cost of completion of existing urban renewal projects

9. relocation payments

10. activities necessary to

develop a comprehensive plan and a policy planning-managment capacity for CD and housing activities

11. payment of reasonable administrative costs

12. support of local social service activities in conjunction with and CD project in Mars Hill two public meetings will be held, the first will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, the second on Jan. 13 from 3 til 5 p.m. at the town hall.

In Hot Springs on Jan. 15 from 3 til 5 p.m., and on Jan. 16 from 3 til 5 p.m. at the town hall.

The county's hearings will be held at the office of the Dept. of Public Safety from 10 til 12 noon on Jan. 15 and 16 in Marshall.

Regional Council Granted Nutrition Funds

The Land-of-Sky Regional Council has been granted \$215,000 through the North Carolina Governor's Office for Aging from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue operation of the Title VII Nutrition Program for

older adults during calendar year 1976. Ten locations serve as meal sites in the four counties of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania and Madison. The sites and daily (5 days per week) meal allocations are Senior Opportunity Center, Asheville, 76 meals; South, Asheville Community Center, Asheville, 30 meals; New Mount Olive Church, Asheville, 43 meals; Weaverville Baptist Church, Weaverville, 26 meals; Black Mountain United Methodist Church, Black Mountain, 58 meals; Salvation Army Community Center, Hendersonville, 40 meals; Mars Hill Baptist Church, Mars Hill, 22 meals; Marshall Baptist Church, Marshall, 22 meals; Silvermont

Recreational Center, Brevard, 25 meals; Rosman Methodist Church, Rosman, 25 meals.

The Project Council for the Title VII Nutrition Program for Older Adults in Region B participated in the development of this application. The funds allocated to the program total of \$215,000. The majority of the money provides for the meal delivery service, with a small amount for administration, transportation and training of personnel. The funds are provided under the Older Americans Act. The Boards of Commissioners of Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania Counties, the City of Asheville, and the Towns of Marshall and

Mars Hill provide local funds to match the grant.

The programs success has pointed to the fact that the elderly population welcome

the opportunity to come together and enjoy a noonday meal in an attractive setting, where activities are provided for their enjoyment too. Educational programs have also helped to inform the participants on various subjects. Nutrition education and shopping assistance, counseling, information and referral are just a few of these on-going programs.

Mrs. Monica Mayes is Project Director for the regional council. Mrs. Mayes oversees the meal preparation and delivery handled through

subcontracts with an agency or firm in each county and provides technical supervision to meal site managers and other personnel.

Extradited

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder announced this week that Love Gunter and Isaac Gunter, of this county, and Louie Chandlery, of Manassa, Va., charged with a series of armed robberies in Tennessee in November, have been extradited to Tennessee at the request of the governor of Tennessee. The request was honored by Gov. Holshouser, of North Carolina.

The will stand trial in Tennessee.

Stolen Property Recovered

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said this week that more than \$32,000 worth of stolen property had been seized by his department in the past few weeks.

The most expensive item recovered was a Franklin Skidder, valued at \$29,000. The Skidder belonged to Austin Company of Knoxville, Tenn. The Skidder was stolen out of Cherokee National Forest in Greene County, Tenn., last October.

Vergie Garrett, of Route 3, Marshall, was hunting on the islands near Hot Springs last week and discovered the skidder hidden in cane breaks, Ponder stated. Mr. Garrett received the \$500 reward offered by the Auto Co.

Ponder also said that \$3,000 worth of stolen tools were recovered by his department recently and that three Weaverville youths were out on bond in connection with the incident. The three youths, charged with breaking and entering are Ricky Revis, Larry Carson and Johnny Edwards.

Also recovered recently was \$1500 worth of stolen property which was taken in the Walnut Creek and Laurel areas about three weeks ago. Items included refrigerator, stove, dryer, washing machine and other household items. Two Tennessee men have been arrested, charged with the offense.



MADISON COUNTY HIGH DAY CARE - Mrs. Karen Sams, teacher - Paula Gunter, DeWayne Slagle, Shon Hoyle, Dahn Cutshaw, Dana Ogle, Monica Cameron, and Melanie Rice.



MARS HILL HANDSCHOOL - Mrs. Gordon Mahy, Director; seated row one - Frankie Forester, Donny Denton, Mary Gunter; seated row 2 (back row) Revonda Payne, Selena Thomas, Jewel Ann Rice, Patrick Joyce.



HOT SPRINGS KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Emma Kate Davis, Teacher; left to right; row one - Brian Reese, Ann Glenn; row 2 - Jonathan Anderson, Tony Massey, Kevin Blake, Michael Garrett; row 3 - Timmy Holt, Stephen Goforth, Len Shannon, and Terry Gardin.



MARS HILL KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Briggs, Teacher; Back row - Elke Worley, Stacy Sears, Kim Smith, Angela Payne, Roy Newton; Middle row - Bruce Anderson, Robin Franklin, Jo Lloyd, George Filiss, Dylan Parker; front row - Dana Bell, Chris Parks, Carrie Lee Ann Chandler, Greg Crawford.



LAUREL SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Thomas, teacher; - left to right seated - Brad Burnett, Lyvonna Cantrell, Perry King, Jeffrey Shelton, standing - Kinap Franklin, McKinely Hensley, James Shelton, Kenny Griffin.



SEATED - Kimberly Shelton, Brad Burnett, Tom Franklin, Deana Taylor; standing - Billy Gossell, Robert Crump, Stacy Skyllas, April Brooks, Daniel Norton.

1975 Wool Marketing Year Ended

The 1975 wool marketing year ended December 31, 1975. Growers have a month or until January 31, 1976 to apply for payments on wool and unshorn lambs.

Data from all applications timely filed will be included in the determination of the national average price of wool and whether or not payments will be required to bring the farmer's returns up to the support price. Payments will be made to producers in April if required.

All wool producer's should file an application and present bills for wool shorn in 1975 to the Madison County ASCS Office at the first opportunity but not later than January 31, 1976, in order to be eligible for a payment should one be necessary.

Phone contact the ASCS Office if you own sheep or if you have marketed shorn wool during 1975 - you may be eligible for a Wool Payment.

N.C. Stickers For Auto Tags Don't Work

RALEIGH - North Carolina motorists, using validation stickers in 1976 instead of new license plates, have encountered problems.

It seems the stickers, intended to show that the plate has been validated and the license tag fee paid, are missing when they are applied and are useless.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Edward Powell said Friday all persons who have had trouble applying the new stickers to their tags should bring them to their local license plate agent or DMV headquarters in Raleigh and a sticker will be issued at no cost.

"We don't know the extent of the numbers of the damaged stickers, but I have instructed the registration officials to begin an intensive investigation into this matter," Powell said.



Jeff Strom Earns Eagle Scout Award



JEFF STROM

An Eagle Scout award ceremony for Jeff Strom was held Tuesday evening, December 9, 1975, at St. Christopher of the Sea Episcopal Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Joe Strom of Corpus Christi, formerly of Hot Springs; and the grandson of Mrs. Florence Strom of Kingsport, Tenn. also formerly of Hot Springs.

Bernie Duncan was master of ceremonies. Color guard captain was Steve Doty. Color guard bearers were Gary Bird and James Hydrick.

The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. W. D. Broadway, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Zeph Pease was the voice of the Eagle. M. D. McNair gave the board of review report, and Don Daniels presented the Eagle charge. The Eagle oath was administered by Elvin Loyd Sr. and Daniels also made the Eagle presentation.

Jeff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strom of 702 Elm St.,

also took part in the ceremony of pinning on the Eagle medal.

Refreshments were served. A patriotic theme was featured, with the table cloth, napkins, plates and cups in the red, white and blue colors.

Red carnations, white gladiolus, spider mums, and bows of red, white and blue ribbons formed the centerpiece.

Mrs. Gwen Dugat served the cake, which was decorated with a replica of the Eagle Scout medal, small American flags and stars. Mrs. Mary Russell poured punch.

Farmers May Apply For New Grower Quota

Farmers are reminded that applications for new grower quotas for burley tobacco must be filed with the ASCS Office no later than February 15, 1976. To be eligible for consideration of obtaining a new grower quota for burley tobacco a farmer must own a farm, derive at least fifty percent of his income from farming and have proof of

experience in raising burley tobacco for two years of the last five years on a farm having a current burley tobacco quota.

Any farmer who is interested in obtaining a new grower quota for burley tobacco and thinks that he may be eligible should contact the ASCS Office in Marshall, N. C.

Roberts Resigns Post

River Road Hot Springs, N. C. Dec. 30, 1975

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with G. S. 163-141 a of the Election Laws of North Carolina, I hereby submit my resignation as a GOP Judge of Precinct 6 (Hot Springs) so as not to violate either the letter or the spirit of the state election laws. This law, which was passed by the 1975 session of the State Legislature, precludes my serving as both chairman of the Hot Springs Precinct and a Judge of Election in same. Thus, I shall be happy to remain as chairman of the Hot Springs Precinct for the Republican Party.

Republicans in the Hot Springs Precinct, it has been recommended that Mrs. Irene Cribb Roberts be considered by the Madison County Board of Elections as my replacement as Republican Judge of the Hot Springs Precinct for the 1976 elections. The Madison County Board of Elections has been formally apprised of these two actions in separate correspondence.

It is my conviction that free and honest elections in Hot Springs and in Madison County will do much to promote democracy, bring in new industry, and improve the atmosphere and quality of life in our fine county.

Respectfully
- G. E. Roberts

IF YOU DON'T HAVE PRESCHOOLERS in your home, I'm going to let you in on a secret! If you do then I will explain something about the stories your little ones have been bringing home from school. There really is a live "storyland" in our county. She is Virginia White, and she works with the Madison County Public Library Outreach Program. If you pass a Vega stationwagon loaded with books traveling to Spring Creek or Laurel or a dozen other spots in our county - you have met the storyland on her weekly rounds. Follow Mrs. White and you will find yourself at our eight county kindergartens, four day care centers, three Headstart groups, and one children's handschool. In addition to this she schedules the conducts monthly community storyhours in Marshall and Mars Hill. The children smiling in these pictures are a small part of the audience. Listeners soon discover books can be fun, and reading something to yourself is one of the goals of the outreach program. More pictures and information on the public library outreach will follow in next News Record.