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Grant Approved For Mars Hill Recreation Park

Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced last week that he will seek re-election as Representative of the 11th Congressional District, he made the following statement:

limits on State Road 1560 will be developed to include a multi-purpose athletic field; picnic shelter with grills, tables and trash cans; multi-purpose court area; a combination toilet - concession - storage building; two tennis courts; a playground; horseshoe and shuffle board courts; security lighting; roads; parking; and landscaping.



OFFICERS of the Madison County Community Development Council are (left to right) Bill Clark, president; Mrs. Emma Kate Davis, vice president; Mrs. Emery Wallin, secretary-treasurer; Earl Wise, county agent.

County Community Development Council Formed

Officers and members of the various Madison County Community Development organizations held a meeting in Marshall on Thursday evening, February 26th for the purpose of organizing a Madison County Community Development Council.

The meeting was chaired by Earl Wise, Madison County Chairman Agricultural Extension Service, and the following officers were elected: President, Bill Clark, Mars Hill, of the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, Inc.; Vice-president, Mrs. Emma Kate Davis, Hot Springs, of the Sleepy Valley Community Club; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Emery (Flo) Wallin, of Marshall, Rt. 4, of the Big Laurel Community Club.

Speaker for the evening was Dr. Grover L. Angel, Mars Hill, President of the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, Inc., who told of the organization of that Association in Number 4 Township of Madison County and its activities which led to its winning first place in

community beautification and development in Madison County last year and going on to win first place in both categories in the Western North Carolina Development contest during 1975.

Dr. Angel urged all communities in Madison County to participate in the county-wide clean up and beautification and development programs this year. He stressed the fact that there is no limit to what a community can do if it wants to.

R. Bryce Hall, of the First Union National Bank, Marshall, and Mrs. Elaine Willis, of the Mars Hill Branch of the Asheville Federal Savings and Loan, presented checks to the Madison County winners in the 1975 community beautification and development programs as follows: Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, Inc., first place in county beautification and first place in community development, \$100, presented to Dr. Grover L. Angel, President; Big Laurel Community Development Club, second place in county beautification, \$75, presented to Mrs. Edith Rice, current president, in the

absence of Mrs. Juanita Adcock, president of the club last year; Sleepy Valley Community Club, first place, Community Development (under 75 families), \$50, presented to Mrs. Marie Osteen, president.

Mrs. Ruth Gregory, Madison County Beautification Chairman, announced that the month of April has been designated as Clean-up Month in Madison County, with the kick-off day being Saturday, April 3rd. She urged all communities to participate in the county-wide clean-up drive and to organize citizen groups to pick up trash, cans, and litter from the roadsides in a mass effort to make the county more attractive.

The newly organized Council will hold quarterly meetings. The meeting for the second quarter of the year will be held at Wolf Laurel, Thursday evening, April 1st at 7:30 o'clock. It was stated that the Council will work closely with the Western North Carolina Development Association of which Morris McGough is Executive Secretary.

Congressman Roy A. Taylor To Retire

Following Congressman Roy A. Taylor's announcement last week that he will not seek re-election as Representative of the 11th Congressional District, he made the following statement:

"I shall not be a candidate for reelection to Congress. This decision has been reached with reluctance and after much thought because I love the Congress as an institution and have great respect for its Members whose public image does not do them justice.

My 16 years in Congress has been challenging and rewarding, and I am grateful to the Democratic Party and to the thousands of people who placed their faith in me and elected me to nine terms in the House of Representatives.

For 30 years I will have been a public official at either the state, county, or federal level. It has been my life and I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

Now I am at the right age and in the right mood to seek a more relaxed way of life. I desire to come home to Western North Carolina while my wife and I are still young enough and healthy enough to enjoy life at a less strenuous pace.

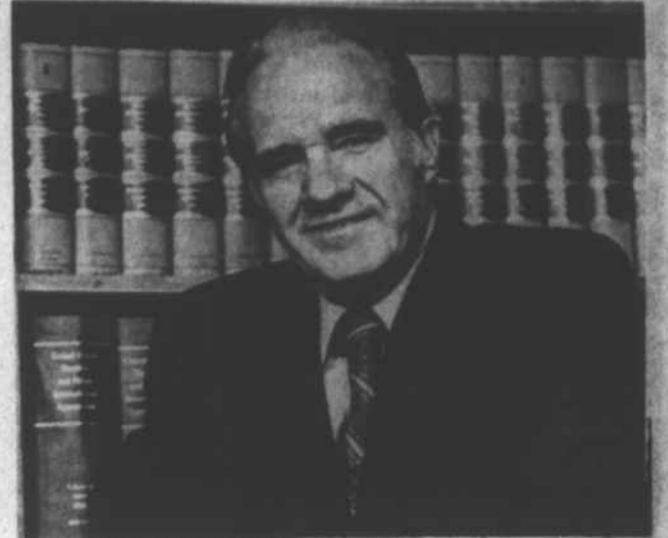
The ear infection which placed me in Bethesda Naval Hospital last October caused a substantial hearing loss in one ear which hampers communications. It is better for the country that Congressmen retire too early than too late.

Supporters tell me that reelection is no problem, to "stay in there but take it easy", but it is not right that I occupy a seat in Congress without exerting my best efforts. I have found no way of

doing an effective job here without working 12 or more hours a day and I, Mrs. Taylor (unpaid), and my staff members have worked hard. Seniority not only provides opportunities for leadership, but it means more responsibility and a heavier work load.

It has been my privilege to serve as a Member of the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation during my entire period in Congress and to be Chairman of the 25-member Subcommittee for the past nine years. This work has taken perhaps a third of my time, and I take pride in the fact that during these years the national park areas in the nation have been doubled.

Time flies and there are many things I want to do - to devote some time to law practice, to public and political affairs, but to be free to do many things that I have not had time to do - to travel, spend time with our grandchildren - time for recreation, especially golf and time to go



to our family farm at Leicester on a sunny day and just watch the grass grow and the cows pick.

I want to express appreciation to the many people who have conveyed expressions of goodwill and confidence to me during the last ten days while I have been finalizing my decision. No

Congressman has been treated more kindly by his constituents or has had the opportunity of representing a fine group of people in Washington. I thank you and will continue representing you to the best of my ability during the balance of my elected term in office."

Rate Increase Delayed

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation learned late Friday afternoon (Feb. 27) that the Federal Power Commission has delayed for two months the request made by Carolina Power & Light Company to increase wholesale rates. This means they will not be allowed to put into effect the wholesale rate increase on March 1 as previously requested. In

delaying this request, the FPC has also ruled that Carolina Power & Light Company will have to file any new request at a lower level than the 34.5 percent requested.

This will mean French Broad EMC will not be required to raise rates on the March 20 bill as previously announced. Any further details of this ruling will be passed on as we receive them.

Lamar Gudger To Run For Congress

Lamar Gudger, Asheville attorney and state senator from the 15th Senatorial District, announced Wednesday as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 11th Congressional District, subject to the August 17 Democratic primary.

Gudger, who has been a state senator since 1971, also served in the N. C. General Assembly in 1951 as a representative from Buncombe County.

He is a former Superior Court solicitor and is a member of the law firm of Gudger and McLean which includes the former resident Superior Court Judge of this District, W. K. McLean.

Gudger, 56, was chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections, and much of the legislation he developed involved law enforcement and the corrections system.

Mr. and Mrs. Gudger the former Eugenia Reid of Dobson, live at 189 Kimberley Avenue in Asheville. They have four children.

Gudger made the following statement in announcing his candidacy: "I have just been advised that Roy A. Taylor will not seek re-election to represent the 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am hereby announcing my candidacy for the office. "Congressman Taylor is to be congratulated for his outstanding record of public service. We are all grateful to him for his consistent support of legislation beneficial to our Appalachian region, for his leadership in Congressional committees responsible for our national parks and particularly, our Blue Ridge Parkway, and for his daily conscientious attention to the duties of his office and the needs of his constituents.

"I am aware it will take a dedicated effort on my part to maintain the strong sense of public confidence which he has brought to this office. "It is my hope that my own record of public service in the North Carolina Senate, sustained by the integrity of my professional and private life, will prove that I am qualified for this office.

"In the State Senate, I supported legislation to increase appropriations for law enforcement, legislation designed to improve the efficiency of our courts, and legislation to improve public education with emphasis on educational opportunities for



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the handicapped.

"I will take to Congress a determination to work for fiscal integrity and a balanced national budget. Following Congressman Taylor's example, I will continue to support legislation designed to conserve our national resources and improve our National Parks and our Blue Ridge Parkway.

"I will support a strong military posture and an adequate defense budget; but I will oppose substantial foreign aid and every other form of international tribute. "I believe in Governmental concern for the elderly, the handicapped and the disadvantaged; but I oppose wastefulness of any kind and consider that Congress has the duty to review all programs, foreign and domestic, to guarantee the economic and effective use of all appropriations."

Democrats Plan For Convention

Madison County Democrats are planning for the county convention which also includes the County Democratic Executive Committee's Organization Meeting. The event will be held at the Marshall School on the Island on Saturday afternoon, March 6, beginning at 1 o'clock.

It was also announced that a hearing concerning the controversial Hot Springs Precinct meeting will be held at this meeting. All Democrats are urged to make plans to attend.

N.C. Senate Seat Sought By Robert S. Swain

Robert S. Swain, Buncombe County attorney and former solicitor, announced Wednesday that he is a candidate for the North Carolina General Assembly from the four-county 26th Senate District.

Swain, Democrat, will seek the seat that will be vacated by Sen. Lamar Gudger, who announced Tuesday as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sen. I. C. Crawford of Asheville has indicated that he will seek re-election to one of the two Senate seats and Edward Krause of Mars Hill announced Feb. 15 that he will be a Republican candidate for the Senate. The 26th Senate District includes Buncombe, Madison, McDowell and Yancey counties.

A native of Buncombe County, Swain was educated in Asheville city schools, Mars Hill College and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina. He was appointed a U.S. commissioner in 1951 and

served for three years, resigning to run for solicitor of the 19th district composed of Buncombe and Madison counties.

Swain served three four-year terms as solicitor. Since 1966, he has been involved in private law practice.

Swain was an unsuccessful candidate for the N.C. Senate in 1974.

In his announcement, Swain said among his reasons for entering the senatorial race is a "firm persuasion that this state must take a long hard look at the increase in crime, particularly crimes of violence.

He said that his long experience as solicitor will enable him to better serve the people of North Carolina and particularly the 26th District, solving the problems of crime in the streets.

Swain said he feels that changes must be made in the Criminal Procedure Act to insure that "justice is certain and swift, but not to the



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detrimment of protecting individual rights." Swain said he is also concerned about the unemployment situation.

"North Carolina must attract more and better industry," he said, "...and particularly Western North Carolina must protect and expand the tourist industry."

Swain said, if elected, he "pledges to do all in my power to improve the lot of teachers and state employees." He said he is also concerned about the retired employees of the state.

The Democratic primary will be held Aug. 17 and the general election on Nov. 2

Swain, a former president of the Buncombe County Young Democrats Club, is a member of the Buncombe County Bar Association, N.C. Bar Association and Sardia Methodist Church. He has held office in the VFW and was charter president of the Asheville Sertoma Club.

Men Injured In Freak Truck-Train Wreck

An unusual pickup truck-freight train accident occurred here last Thursday morning and the two county men involved are fortunate to have escaped with minor injuries.

According to reports, Russell Franklin, about 45, and Quinton Troy Norton, also about 45, both of Marshall Route 3, were apparently turning around the 1960 Ford

pickup truck which Norton was driving and backed onto the Southern Railway tracks at the Cody used car lot at the lower end of Main Street on the Redmon Road. At the same time a freight train headed toward Tennessee came by and collided with the pickup truck. It is not clear whether the train struck the truck or the truck struck the train.

Both men were taken to the Memorial Mission Hospital but were later released not serious injured. Franklin received head lacerations and bruises and Norton fortunately received only bruises, it was reported.

The pickup truck was demolished.

Western Square Dancing To Be Taught Here

Final arrangements have been made to have Mr. Richard Silver come to Marshall to teach Western Square Dancing. The first of a series of lessons will be held at the Marshall Community Center on Monday, March 22nd at 8 p.m. The charge will be \$1.50 per person per lesson.

At least 40 people are needed to make this successful. If you are interested in learning to square dance and you want to have a lot of fun, please contact either Nina Williams at 649-2495 or Francis Pizzulo at 649-3035.

"We would like to see a big class for Mr. Silver and hope that this will be the first of many activities in the recreational area for Madison County," Mr. Pizzulo said.

"We are still trying to arrange lessons for those under 16 years of age. Our problem is we do not have a public address system at the Center which is absolutely necessary in order to teach. We have several leaders out to get one and as soon as we do, we will announce it in the News-Record," Mr. Pizzulo stated.

Time Capsule Planned For County Bicentennial

Do you ever wonder what was happening in your particular community a hundred years ago? Wouldn't it be exciting if we had a Time Capsule to open for our Bicentennial Celebration so we would know what our forefathers were really doing and thinking? With the help of

various Madison County communities, the Bicentennial Commission will answer some of these questions for our great-grandchildren.

On Sunday afternoon, July 4, a Time Capsule will be buried near the Country Boutique on the Mars Hill College campus. At this time there will be a special Bicentennial program, and the communities who have

filled boxes for this event will place them in the vault.

Several Madison County communities have already indicated their interest in taking part in this activity, and others are also being contacted. Just contact Mrs. Doris Bentley in Mars Hill for further information and a registration blank. The deadline for registering to be a part of the Time Capsule project is April 1.

Parents Urged To Start Immunizations

R. L. Edwards, Madison County School Superintendent, reminds parents that a record of adequate immunizations must be presented at the time of registration for school in order for a child to be admitted into kindergarten or first grade. General Statute 130-90 states that each child must receive 3 doses of DTP vaccine, 3 doses of oral polio vaccine, and the red measles vaccine prior to entering school. Immunizations of young children helps ensure their good health while it prevents the spread of disease. Protecting children in this way gives them a healthy start in their school year. Since there is a waiting period

between some shots, it is advisable for parents to start getting immunizations now in preparation for the 1976-77 school term. Mr. Edwards reminds the parents of those children who do not have the shots listed above that the shots are available through the family doctor or the local health department. The local health department clinic schedule is as follows: at all General Clinics, protection is available against diphtheria, Poliomyelitis, Whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), measles, rubella, mumps, and smallpox. Blood testing and tuberculin skin testing are also available at the General Clinic.

Arts Council Beneficial To County; Next Meeting March 19

If you are interested in music, crafts, painting, writing or drama you should be interested in the new forming Madison County Arts Council. In the county there is a great resource of creative talent in all of these areas.

An arts council could act as a sponsoring organization to

promote and encourage the arts of Madison County. It could also serve as a central co-ordinating agency to serve all those interested and involved in all areas of the arts. The programs and services of an arts council is unlimited. Here are only a few suggestions:

It can survey cultural resources in the county and develop long-range plans for community development, develop educational programs in area schools using local talent; sponsor local drama and arts and crafts exhibits; sponsor programs, classes and groups which promote and encourage the arts through the N.C. Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Taylor Sentenced

Buncombe Superior Court Judge Harry C. Martin suspended a 24-month sentence with three years probation for Charles Taylor, 45, of Snake Run Road in the Coppermine section of Western County Tuesday of last week.