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Madison, Yancey Officials Hosted By MHC

Mars Hill College was host to the County Commissioners and Boards of Education from Yancey and Madison Counties at a dinner meeting on

Monday, March 15. President Bentley expressed appreciation to the community leaders for their excellent service to the region. In ad-

dition, President Bentley spoke of the commitment of Mars Hill College to the people of the Southern Highlands and indicated his desire that the cooperation presently existing between the College and community leaders

continue to develop. Mr. Oscar Deyton, Chairman of Yancey County Commission, and Mr. James T. Ledford, Chairman of the Madison County Commission, discussed recent community development projects and

future plans for each county. Mr. Ed Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, Yancey County, and Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, Madison County, related recent developments in education.



MADISON AND YANCEY County officials were hosted by Mars Hill College on Monday, March 15. Pictured above are some of the officials who attended. Left to right, seated, Robert Edwards, Ed Hunter, William A. Banks. Standing, left to right, Don Anderson, Claude Vess, Romie Burns, Bill Roberts, Emory Wallin, Dedrick Cody, and Dr. Fred Bentley.

Tolley Named General Manager French Broad EMC

Charles R. Tolley, who has been serving as Acting Manager at French Broad EMC since August, 1975, has

been named permanent General Manager of the Corporation effective April 1, 1976. This action was taken by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting in March.

Mr. Tolley is a native of Madison County and a graduate of Mars Hill High School. He graduated from Clemson University with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering. He served in the Armed Forces attached to the 18th Airborne Corp and later the 160th Signal Group, and saw service in Vietnam. He is married to the former Sandra Landers and they have a one-year old daughter, Caroline Leigh.



CHARLES R. TOLLEY

Marshall Man Improving From Pistol Wound

Dennis Payne, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payne, of Marshall, is improving following a 25-caliber automatic bullet wound in the stomach which was self-inflicted, either accidentally or on purpose. The incident occurred last Saturday shortly

after noon at the Marshall Shopping Center on the bypass.

He was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital for treatment of the wound.

Sheriff Ponder stated that the reason for the shooting is not yet known.



CHAIRMEN of the Yancey and Madison County Boards of Commissioners are pictured above talking with Dr. Fred Bentley, President of Mars Hill College, at the dinner meeting held at the college on Monday night of last week. Left to right, Oscar Deyton, Yancey, James T. Ledford, Madison, and Dr. Bentley.

Hearing Set In School Dispute

By ED SPEARS
Citizen Staff Writer
Madison County Board of Education members and

Superintendent R. L. Edwards are scheduled to appear at 10 a.m. Friday in a show-cause hearing before Judge Bruce

Briggs here to determine if they have been in contempt of court in the recent discharge of Walnut Elementary School's principal, Mrs. Reeves (Jewel) Church.

Mrs. Church was discharged on March 17, school officials said Monday, and Frederick Anderson was shifted from the faculty of Madison High School to the Walnut principalship.

Mrs. Church was separated, according to school board attorney Ronald W. Howell, on the basis of her written statements saying she had participated in padding attendance figures at Hot Springs School during the 1974-75 school year.

Also pending in the situation, Howell said, is a petition he has made to the North Carolina Court of Appeals for mandamus and prohibition. This challenges the authority of Judge Briggs in his recent actions in the case after a former injunction issued by Judge Robert Lewis of Asheville on Feb. 26.

The dispute involves two political rivals, as Howell, of Marshall, has filed as a Democrat for nomination to the Superior Court judgeship now held by Briggs, a Republican resident of Mars Hill.

The tangled situation is an outgrowth of the investigations which led to charges of falsifying pupil enrollment figures against two principals and eight teachers last year.

In a District Court trial last October, three of the defendants were found not guilty and six were convicted. Those found guilty have continued in their teaching positions pending appeal to Superior Court, as conviction of records falsification is automatic grounds for dismissal, according to school officials.

Charges against Mrs. Church, one of the 10 defendants, were carried over for trial at a later date.

Testimony at the District Court trial was that the alleged padding of attendance would be of no direct benefit to the defendants, other than it might avert the loss of a teaching position at the Hot Springs and Spring Creek elementary schools where a total of 72 names allegedly had been added to student rolls.

Teacher assignments in North Carolina schools are based on average daily attendance of pupils.

Before the October trial, Mrs. Church had obtained

from Judge Briggs a temporary injunction barring the Board of Education from proceeding under the Teacher Tenure Act to discharge her from the principalship.

Judge Lewis in his February ruling dismissed the suit on grounds that Mrs. Church, a Madison County native with some 18 years in the school system, had relief available under the Tenure Act which permits court appeals.

Mrs. Church again went to Briggs, and obtained another restraining order against the School Board.

The School Board on March 9 held a hearing under the Tenure Act and agreed to discharge Mrs. Church.

Judge Briggs held a hearing March 13 and issued the current injunction - while

denying a motion by Mrs. Church's attorney to find Howell also guilty of contempt. Briggs later signed the show-cause order to hold the board members in contempt.

The order applies to Emory Wallin, chairmen, and board members Bill Roberts, Dedrick Cody, Donald Anderson and Bobby Ponder; also to the superintendent.

The new Walnut principal, Frederick Anderson, 38, earned an associate degree from Mars Hill College and his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest. He earned an M.A. at Appalachian and has taken further graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Colorado.

He and Mrs. Anderson are parents of three children and reside at Mars Hill.

Easter Seal Society Dollars Stay Here

"People in Madison County like to help people here, and when they give to the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Easter Seal Society they're doing just that," says C.E. Bailey of Alexander, a member of the Board of Directors of the local agency. A large portion of those contributions are coming in now during the

Easter Seal Society's spring appeal, underway through Easter, April 18.

"When I'm talking to a person about Easter Seal, I can assure him that 92 cents of each dollar he gives stays right here to help people in our area," he says. The other eight cents is used to support state and national Easter Seal

programs.

The help to which Mr. Bailey refers includes a wide variety of direct services, from arranging transportation to the hospital for a girl with muscular dystrophy; to purchasing an artificial leg for a young man injured in an auto accident; and providing a walker for an older woman recovering from a stroke.

The Blue Ridge Chapter offers an equipment loan program through which a physically handicapped person can borrow a wheelchair, walker, crutches, or other medical equipment for as long as it is needed. Some items are needed a few weeks, and others for many years. Then the equipment is returned to the agency for someone else to use.

Sometimes a person needs information on programs available, or just someone who will listen. And listening often results in other Easter Seal services. "A few weeks ago a woman came into the office to ask about transportation for a friend," Dave Cottencim, director of the chapter, explains. "She and I started talking about her situation, and she said she had not been physically able to get into the bathtub for six years. All she needed was bath rails, which she couldn't afford. Easter Seal was able to

provide this equipment for her."

The Easter Seal Society tries to develop programs to fill other needs of handicapped persons, such as recreational needs. There are two Easter Seal camps in North Carolina, Camp Easter-in-the-Pines in Southern Pines, and Camp Sertoma near Winston-Salem. Both camps are designed to make swimming, horse-back riding, arts and crafts, sports events, and other activities easily available to people who are physically handicapped.

Anyone interested in any services of the Easter Seal Society may contact the office at 255-0783 or through the local health departments and Departments of Social Services. The agency's address is 10000 Haywood Road, Asheville, N.C., 28806.

Mounted Patrol To Meet Here Tuesday Night

The Madison County Mounted Patrol will meet next Tuesday night, March 23, at the Mainstream Office in Marshall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 o'clock and all members and prospective members are urged to attend. Officials stated that members of the Marshall Lions Club are especially welcome to attend and join the organization.

Whitleys

Now In

Tennessee

The Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Whitley recently accepted work with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and are doing full-time counseling and guidance work in the Baptist Children's Home in Chattanooga.

Mr. Whitley, a former pastor of Marshall Baptist Church, was pastor of a church in Crystal River, Fla., until a serious illness forced his retirement for a year.

Working with young people on a full-time basis has long been a desire of the Whitleys. They are responsible for 9 boys and girls, ages 2 to 18 in their home.

Western Square Dance

A few people made to the square dance lessons last Monday night and enjoyed it very much. Lessons will continue each Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of your friends' homes and join in the fun. We want to encourage the attendance of the community center.

District School Board Meeting Held At Madison High School

The annual meeting of the North Carolina School Board Association met at Madison High on Wednesday, March 17 at 4 p.m. Principals, superintendents, school board members and members of the legislature from Asheville City, Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Madison and Haywood counties attended.

Entertainment was provided by the Bald Mountain Cloggers under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Wallin, Mrs. Beverly Hough, and Mrs. Edna English. Music was provided by the Appalachia Folk, a local group, Harold Wood, Jr. sang a ballad. An added attraction was the appearance of "Lula Belle" Wiseman, the country music star and now representative of the North Carolina Legislature from Mitchell County. She sang "Mountain Dew."

Dr. Don Anderson is the president of the Sixteenth District North Carolina School Board Association. The meeting will be held in Mitchell County in 1977.

New officers of the association are Marcus Blanton Mitchell President; Mrs. William Pennell, Asheville, Vice-President; and Phillip Goupe, Mitchell County, Secretary.

The following members of the legislature attended the meeting: Joe Palmer and Cecil Hill, Senators from the

27th District; Myrtle Wiseman, Representative from the 39th District; Glenn A. Morris, Representative from the 41st District; Claude DeBrulh, Mary Nesbitt, and Herbert Hyde, Representatives from the 43rd District; and Ernest Messer and Liston Ramsey, representatives from the 44th District.



DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS, center, State Supt. Public Instruction; Dr. Don Anderson, left, president of the 16th district school board association; and Madison County Superintendent R.L. Edwards, are pictured above at the speaker's table at the annual 16th district school board association meeting at Madison High School on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Phillips was guest speaker.

Bloodmobile Nets 47 Pints Here

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returned to Marshall last Friday when 47 pints of blood were donated at the Madison High School.

According to reports, almost half of the donations were made by high school students and many more volunteered but were rejected for various reasons. 25 pints were actually collected from students. It was also stated that only three out of 56 faculty members donated blood.



BYARD RAY'S string band entertained at the District School Board meeting at Madison High on Wednesday night of last week. In front of "Lula Belle" is Lula Belle Wiseman, the country music star and Representative from the 27th District.

Countywide Clean-Up, Fix-Up Campaign In April

A county-wide "Clean-up Fix-Up Campaign" will be waged in all of Madison during the month of April. The kick-off day will officially be Saturday, April 3, and a few communities are already well into plans for cleaning up

littered roadsides, streams and properties. Tricky April weather during last year's campaign resulted in the decision to extend the efforts to a one-month plan.

All areas of the county are urged to develop some plan, if only a temporary one, that will involve as many residents as possible. Madison County now has eight organized communities working to improve conditions, by neighborhoods. This number should grow with the help and encouragement on the way!

The County Landfill will make an effort to give extra assistance in removal of heavy items, junked cars and additional Green Box service if schedules can be worked out. It is a matter of pride that all schools in their respective districts are taking a more active part in beautification. Laurel, Hot Springs, Mars Hill, Marshall, Spring Creek and Walnut schools will try to assist in community projects as well as cleaning up at school.

Survey the places needing attention in your neighborhood. Need construction in some communities offer an extra challenge. Community's parking areas need to be

considered - those parking containers scattered over our mountains, hedges and streams. Look around in the neighborhood...what can YOU do?

Angel, Krause Directors State C.F. Foundation

Dr. Grover L. Angel of Mars Hill has been elected to serve as honorary member, board of Directors, North Carolina Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Dr. Angel was among the few people who helped found the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 1955. He currently is First Vice President of the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He and wife, Nell English Angel, are retired and living on California Road in Mars Hill.

Edward B. Krause, attorney, of Mars Hill, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors, North Carolina Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was organized in 1955 and the North Carolina Chapter was chartered in 1966. The Foundation's principle goal is to find a cure or control for cystic fibrosis and other incurable lung diseases in children. 150,000 North Carolina youngsters are affected by such diseases.



SHIRLEY BROOKS, Check-out on the new Howard Ranger District in the Spring. She received a Certificate of Merit from District Ranger Bob Haddy for her outstanding performance. Shirley also received a Quality within Grade pay increase.

Veterans Office In New Location On Main Street

Don West, Veterans Service Officer, announced this week that the Veterans Office, formerly located on Lower Bridge Street, is now located

above the Marshall Thrift Store in the office formerly occupied by Attorney Ron Howell.