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MARSHALL HORSE Show
Officials are pictured just prior to the afternoon performance on the Island Saturday afternoon. Front row, left to right, Lloyd Thompson, of Asheville, Master of Ceremonies; Honorable David Bledsoe, of Fayetteville, Judge;

Lion Roger Wood, ringmaster; back row are members of the Horse Show Committee, left to right, Ed List, Jerry Plemmons, John Corbett, Maurice McAlister and David Caldwell. The annual show is sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club.

Marshall River Road Project Costs \$50,000

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has approved a \$50,000 highway improvement project for the municipality of Marshall.

Approval of the Marshall project came at the board's monthly meeting held in Plymouth.

This project is part of the

department of transportation's Small Urban Projects program and is financed entirely with state funds.

Members of the board of transportation instituted this program to take care of a need not previously handled by the Highway Improvement Program. In its April meeting the board approved the use of a

total of \$6,000,000 in statewide urban funds for new small urban projects. These funds are equally allocated among the transportation department's 14 divisions and the specific projects are selected for full board approval by the representative division engineer, secondary roads councilman and board of transportation member(s).

The Marshall project includes widening and resurfacing of River Road (Secondary Road 1136) from its intersection with US 25-70 Business west to the corporate limits of Marshall.

All work on this project will be accomplished by the department of transportation employees with the exception of the resurfacing which will be let to contract.

Citizens Want Greater Ivy Community Project

Sixty-three Greater Ivy Community residents told the Madison County Citizens Advisory Committee at a public hearing held recently in the association's community center on the county's final application for community development funds that they desired the old Beech Glen School building renovated as a site for a day care center, congregate meal programs for senior citizens, meals on wheels, adult education programs, meeting rooms for clubs and community organizations, a branch of the county library, regular health and mental health programs, crafts, year-round recreation facilities, dramatics and other entertainments, a volunteer fire department, educational movies, forums and discussion groups, and social service programs.

The hearing was conducted by Nick Kmecca and the following persons spoke to the group: Gerald Young, Jack Radford, Mrs. Irene Metcalf, Bill Clark, Dr. Grover L. Angel, Mrs. Aida Jean Young, Max Gibbs, Boyd Hill, Mrs. Mildred Phillips, Dean Ledford, Mrs. Lloyd Moore, Betty Bell, Mrs. Leroy Révis, Bacchus McPeters, Mrs. Julia Martha Young, Bruce Phillips, Mrs. Bea Clark, Mrs. Eileen Gibbs, Talmadge Metcalf, Mrs. Nell Angel, Mrs. Bob Ann Ledford, Mark Moore, and Ricky Anderson.

The purpose of the hearings was to discuss with the public the final application to be submitted to the Public Housing and Urban Development for a grant to provide facilities to help the county improve the delivery of basic human services.

Earlier this year three public hearings were held in the county to assess overall needs on a county-wide basis. The results of those hearings was a proposal for the building of neighborhood facilities in Marshall and Hot Springs, and the complete renovation of the

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Voluntary Dismissal For Bragg

Timothy Ray Bragg, 17, of Murray Mountain Road near Mars Hill, was given a voluntary dismissal in district court in Asheville Tuesday morning before Judge W. M. Styles at the request of James A. Freeman after "no probable cause" was found against Bragg.

Bragg, along with Johnny Chandler, of Chandler Creek Road, in Madison County, had been arrested on May 28 by Detective Bobby L. Medford of the Asheville Police Department in connection with a \$3,000 larceny at the Bavarian Cellar in Tunnel Road Shopping Center recently.

The News-Record published an account of the arrests a few hours after the preliminary hearing in Asheville but the newspaper was unaware of the hearing and was not notified in time for Bragg's dismissal at the hearing to be published.

Although the deadline on The News-Record was Thursday, June 3, the actual printing of the newspaper was on Tuesday afternoon.

"We regret that we were not notified of the hearing and the results in time for last week's issue and we are glad to clarify the dismissal of the charges against Bragg in this issue," Editor Story said.

MH Road To Be Widened

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has approved a \$15,000 highway improvement project for the municipality of Mars Hill.

Approval of the Madison County project came at the board's monthly meeting held in Plymouth. This project is part of the department of transportation's Small Urban Projects Program and is financed entirely with state funds.

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The Madison project consists of widening and resurfacing Bruce Road (Secondary Road 1354) within corporate city limits.

Teachers Acquitted Of Falsifying Records

History failed to repeat itself in superior court here last week as six teachers in the county school system were found not guilty by the jury on Wednesday. Charges were that they "knowingly and willingly" falsified pupil enrollment and attendance records.

The misdemeanor case went to the jury at 10:13 a.m. following the charge by Judge Robert D. Lewis of Asheville and the jury returned its verdict at 11:51 a.m., after one hour, 38 minutes deliberation.

Found not guilty were Larry S. Plemmons and Mattie Ray Ramsey, sixth and fourth

grade teachers, respectively, at Spring Creek Elementary School during the 1974-75 school year; and four from the Hot Springs Elementary School staff, third grade teacher Vera Sumerel, sixth grade teacher Elizabeth Staude, seventh grade teacher Isabell B. Maynard and eighth grade teacher Frances Lee Ramsey.

They had been found guilty in a non-jury district court trial last October and were subject to loss of their teacher certification, so had appealed the conviction. At the October trial three former co-defendants had been acquitted of the same charge.

The tenth person charged as a result of N. C. Department of Public Instruction investigations in April, 1975, and a follow-up probe by an SBI agent for the district attorney's office was Mrs. Jewel Church, the former principal at Hot Springs who is no longer a school system employee.

Mrs. Church was a key witness in the trial of the six teachers, admitting that she had told teachers at Hot Springs to pad their enrollment records if necessary to avoid any loss of teaching positions at the school.

Mrs. Church testified that she had not been promised immunity to prosecution, and District Attorney Clyde Roberts said in his closing summation that she would be tried later.

In his charge to the jury,

Judge Lewis said separate verdicts would be required for each of the six defendants. He said their decision not to testify should not create any presumption against them, and that it was up to the state to establish three elements of proof: that each defendant was a teacher, that while so employed he or she made a false report of daily attendance, and that such false reports were made knowingly and willingly.

In his review of the evidence, Judge Lewis noted that State Department of Public Instruction suspicions of enrollment padding led to a visit by James E. Rice, pupil accounting supervisor, to Plemmons, teacher and acting principal at Spring Creek

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\$176,746 Grant For Hot Springs Health Program

Congressman Roy A. Taylor has announced the approval of a grant of \$176,746 by the Appalachian Regional Commission to the Hot Springs Health Programs, Inc.

The grant represents the fifth and final year of funding of the Hot Springs Health Program, which is the network of primary care centers serving the communities of Hot

Springs, Laurel, and Walnut.

In addition to primary medical care services, the program also provides primary dental care, home health care, school health education and pharmacy services.

The ARC grant will be combined with state funds of \$28,000 and local funds of \$188,964 to provide the total project cost of \$393,710.



OFFICIALS DISCUSSED various issues facing mountain counties at a dinner meeting at Madison High School on May 28. Among the regional and local officials participating are pictured above. Left to right, James T. Ledford,

chairman Madison County commissioners; Robert Shepherd, executive director, Land-of-Sky Regional Planning Organization; Virginia Anderson and Erwin Adams, commissioners.



DAVID MCFEE

McFee New Coach, A. D. At Madison High

David McFee, coach for the past five years at Charles D. Owen High School in Buncombe County, has been named head football coach and athletic director at Madison High School. It was announced Tuesday by the board of education.

Coach McFee played high school football at Clyde A. Erwin High School in Asheville. During his senior year he was co-captain of the team, and was also honored by being selected all-county, all-conference and all-Western North Carolina.

In 1968, he received a grant-in-aid to Mars Hill College where he started as offensive guard for three years. He was also the team's starting specialist, set three records, and was selected to the all-Knoxville football team in 1970. He has coached at various schools in the area.

in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree and began his teaching career at a junior high school in Asheville where he coached football, basketball, and track. The following year he moved to Charles D. Owen High School where he has taught biology and coached football, wrestling and track for the last five years. In 1973 coach McFee received his masters degree in education from Western Carolina University.

He is married to the former Jo Nell Ramsey and they have one son, Greg. They have been attending New Hope Baptist Church for the past six years where they coach. McFee is president of the local Automobile Club.

Mars Hill Horse Show To Be Held Saturday

The eighth annual Mars Hill Lions Club Horse Show will be held Saturday on the Mars Hill School grounds.

The afternoon show will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the night show at 6:30.

In case of rain the event will be held on June 13, officials announced.

The Mars Hill Lions Club is going all-out to cash prizes, trophies and ribbons.

"We are expecting the most

successful horse show ever held in Mars Hill," one official stated.

There will be 15 classes in the afternoon and 18 in the night show, including championships.

Officials for the event will be:

Judges: Hon. Kenneth D. Lowrey, Knoxville, Tenn. (Walking Horses); Hon. Dean Crowder, Idaho, (Western); Rickie Horse Judge will be

announced at the show. Randy Houston, Marshall, will be master of ceremonies; Ralph Brooks, Asheville, will be Farrier; and Phil Briggs, Mars Hill, will be ringmaster.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks, etc. will be available during both afternoon and night shows. It was stated.

Classes in order, according to program:

Saturday Afternoon
Lead Line (6 years and

under), Pleasure Ponies (50 inches and under), Halter - English, (Division No. 1-2 years and under), (Division No. 2-3 years and over), Pepsi Cola Race, Juvenile Racking (16 years and under), Halter - Western, (Division No. 1-2 years and under), (Division No. 2-3 years and over), Open English Pleasure, Ladies' Western Pleasure, Barrel Race, Open Racking Class, Appaloosa Western Pleasure,

Buddy Pick-Up Race, Open Madison County Pleasure, Open Western Pleasure, Ladies' Racking Horses

Saturday Night

Lead Line (6 years and under) Pleasure Ponies (50 inches and under), Pick-Up Race Championship, Two-Year-Old Walking Horses, Barrel Race Championship, Ryle Racking Horses, Juvenile Walking Horses,

Pepsi Cola Race Championship, Ladies' Western Pleasure, Three-Year-Old Walking Horses, Racking Horse Championship, Open English Pleasure, Four-Year-Old Walking Horses, Open Madison County Pleasure English Pleasure Championship, Amateur Walking Horses, Western Pleasure Championship (Challenge Trophy), Walking Horse Class (Challenge Trophy)