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County Adopts \$4.7 Million Budget



BALLAD SINGERS, including five persons from Sodom Laurel, are pictured above as they appeared recently in Washington, D.C. at the Festival of Folklife. Left to right,

Della Norton (at mike), Brazila Wallin, Sheila Rice, Evelyn Ramsey and on right end, Cas Wallin. The other three men were not Madison County singers.

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved and adopted an overall county budget of \$4,725,045 for fiscal year 1976-1977.

The approved tax levy is 95 cents per \$100 valuation, representing an increase of 10 cents over fiscal year 1975-1976. This increase is due to taxes levied for school construction and renovation.

Following is a summary of the approved 1976-1977

budget:	90,800
General Fund	1,267,555
Library Service Fund	48,786
Revaluation of Property Fund	4,500
Social Service Dept. Fund	2,132,359
Health Dept. Fund	234,674
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund	170,000
Total County Administration	3,877,874
School Debt Service Fund	
School Current Expense Fund	560,221
School Capital Outlay Fund	114,000
Hot Springs School District Debt	2,150
School Capital Projects	80,000
Total Board of Education	847,171
Total County Budget 1976-1977 Fiscal Year	4,725,045
Total Tax Levy	760,034

Mars Hill Auto Show Will Be Held Saturday

The fifth annual Mars Hill Auto Show will be held at the Mars Hill Elementary School on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The show is sponsored by the Mars Hill Fire Department. Admission to the public is \$1.

This year's show is expected to be the biggest and best ever. Provisions have been made for 32 classes of antiques, customs, vans, trucks, and motorcycles. A first, second, and third place trophy will be awarded in each class. In addition, several special awards such as best paint, best engine, best overall entry, etc., will be presented. Awards will

be presented around 4 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday night, the fire department will sponsor a

barbecue dinner at the school cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Tickets are available from any fireman or they may be purchased at the door.

County Swim Meet Tuesday

The Madison County Recreation Department is sponsoring a swim meet at the Madison Recreation Pool located on Skyway Drive Aug 3 beginning at 1 p.m. There will be races of various distances for different age divisions. For information or to register, contact the swimming pool 649-2213 or the local recreation center. There will also be a diving contest involving four areas (1) standard (2) most original (3) biggest splash (4) football throw. To enter the meet, you must register by Aug. 2. Awards will be presented at the meet.

This year there is a new attraction at the car show in the form of a Rod Run. Such an event involves modified cars called street rods which are of pre-1948 vintage. The Rod Run is being sponsored by the Street-Tiques of Asheville, a very active street rod club, consisting of some 30 members, many of which own, build, and drive street-rods. It is reported that two neighboring street-rod clubs will also participate in the Rod Run plus many individual rod owners.

This should be a very exciting weekend in Mars Hill for anyone who likes any form of motor vehicle. Come on out and get in on the fun and the food and at the same time, help the Mars Hill Fire Department in its fund-raising effort.

Harrison Is Walnut Principal

T. Sidney Harrison of Hot Springs has been named principal of Walnut Elementary School and has assumed his duties here. He replaces Fredrick Anderson who is now principal at Mars Hill Elementary School. Harrison received his B.S. and Master's degrees at Appalachian State University. He also attended Warren Wilson Junior College where he was a member of the basketball team.

For the past two years he has been chairman of the social studies department at Madison High School. In 1971, he toured North Africa on a trip, sponsored by the United States Office of Education, to study the culture there. The tour was with 37 other educators under the direction of Western Carolina University.

He is a member of the Hot Springs Baptist Church and the Hot Springs volunteer fire department. He is also a member of the NCAE and the NEA. He has taught before at Laurel and Hot Springs schools, serving as PTA president at the latter for two years.

He is married to the former Miss Christine Etherton and they have three children, Troy Sidney Jr., Lora Christine and Kelly Stephen.

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Folklife Festival

Madison County Represented In Washington Event

Western North Carolina was well represented at the Festival of American Folklife in Washington, D.C., during the second week in July. Presented by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service, and sponsored by American Airlines and General Foods, the festival brought together musicians, craftspeople, dancers, cooks and workers in celebration of America's diversity.

At the invitation of

Smithsonian folklorists, the group from WNC included: Thomas Hunter, old-time fiddler from Mars Hill; Byard Ray, Lou Therrell and Erle Wright, folk musicians from Marshall; and the Southern Appalachian Cloggers which includes Peggy Black of Asheville; J. W. Finney of Hazelwood; Christine Flinn, Martha Lee Hyatt, Aileen "Poochy" King, and Franklin King from Canton; Robert Robinson and Charles Summey of Waynesville.

Hunter's fiddle playing is

filled with the syncopation and driving power generally associated with Southern Old-Time fiddling. For some time, Hunter had his own string band, "Orange Blossom Special" and he recently completed an album with John McCutcheon.

Ray, Lou Therrell and Wright presented a demonstration of the music popular in the WNC area. Ray and Lou Therrell have played the fiddle and banjo, respectively, all their lives and now play together in a group called the

"Appalachian Folks."

Byard Ray has played background fiddle music for a few movies, one being the ABC movie, "Zachariah." He has appeared on the David Frost Show and has also played for several TV soundtracks.

Lou Therrell is also a tall talented musician and besides the banjo she plays the harmonica, guitar and dulcimer.

The Appalachian Cloggers held a dance workshop each morning on the main stage of the Regional American area. Festival visitors who

congregated to watch the performances were invited to try clogging themselves.

The cloggers danced to the music of the famed Sam Younger String Band from Mt. View, Ark.

The festival, which closes on Sept. 6, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sundays. All events are free. For additional information write: Festival of American Folklife, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560 or call (202) 381-6525.

Football Practice Monday!

The first football practice for the 1976 football season at Madison High will be Aug. 2.

All young men in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades who are planning on playing either on the 10th grade or varsity teams are to report to the school gym by 6 p.m. They are to bring shorts, T-shirts, and shoes with them. They can pick up their helmets sometime Friday or they can wait until Monday evening.

Coach McFee stated that during the first week of two-hour practices we will be placing a lot of emphasis on fundamentals, techniques and conditioning. We felt that since we have been having some hot days here lately, that it would be better to practice in the evening when things cool off. We will start promptly at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

"Our freshmen team will not begin practice until school starts, but if they would like to attend our practice session, they may," Coach McFee said.



Cuttin' The Grass

MARIJUANA is back in the news in Madison County as can be seen from above pictures. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder and deputies cut down 1,091 plants in 3 patches in the Doe Branch and Coley Gap sections and 334 plants in 2 patches in the Ivy Creek section last weekend. Ponder stated that the plants were

found in remote areas of woods far from any house. The marijuana was from knee-high to six feet tall. Street value of the marijuana if matured was estimated at \$30,000. No arrests were made and the "weed" was burned on the Island here Monday.

Mars Hill Lions Install Officers

The Mars Hill Lions recently installed officers at a meeting in Mars Hill following a prior dinner at Pisgah View Ranch.

The officers are: president, Roy J. Edwards; first vice president, Bobby Capps; second vice president, Grover Angel; third vice president, Max Gibbs; secretary, Ronnie Wallin; assistant secretary, Jack Radford; treasurer, Ron Kiser; assistant treasurer, Boyd Thomas; Lion Tamer, Junior Lewis; Tail Twister, Hubert Briggs. New directors are Jake Drake and Clyde Yelton.

The new president, Roy Edwards, gave a report on his recent trip to Hawaii where he was a delegate to the International Lions Convention. He was accompanied to Hawaii by his wife and daughter, Kathy.

School Administrators To Attend Workshop

All Madison County school administrators will be attending a workshop July 26 to Aug. 6. The workshop is sponsored by Mars Hill College. Those attending will be R. L. Edwards, superintendent; Bobby Jean Rice, supervisor; principals: David Wyatt, Bill Briggman, Fredrick Anderson, J. C. Wallin, Larry Flemmons, Vernon Ponder, Sidney Harrison; assistant principals: Huey Ray and Bruce Phillips; and school board members: Emory Wallin, Bill Roberts, Bobby Ponder, Don Anderson and Dedeck Cady.

Varied topics will be included in the two-week workshop: "Crucial Issues in Education," "The Administrative Process," "School Board Staff Development - Collective Bargaining," "The Role of the Principal in Curriculum

Development," "The Accreditation Process," "Public School Law," and "The School of the Future."

Some of the consultants participating in the workshop will be Dr. Elizabeth Koonits, assistant state superintendent for teacher education; Culver Dale, director of Western Carolina Regional Center; Dr. Raleigh Dingman, executive secretary, North Carolina School Boards Association; Ms. Doris Huchinsman, director of staff development, Greensboro Public Schools; Calvin Morrow, principal, Clinton Elementary School, Greensboro; Dr. Jerry Blue, professor of education and administration, Western Carolina University; Dr. Guy Brundage, head, Department of Administration and School Personnel, Western Carolina University.