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PATIENCE AND SKILL are necessary for tatting, and Mrs. Alma Garrison has both. Using a shuttle in her right hand she transforms thread into tiny, delicate shapes which she stores in small plastic boxes until she needs them to decorate the notecards she

sells. Her equipment also includes manicure scissors which she uses to place shapes where they are to be glued. Flair tip pens are used for drawing part of the design, such as stems for the tatted flowers.

'Crafty' Mom Has Patience And Skill

"My crafty mother" — that's what one of Mrs. Alma Garrison's daughters calls her. To people who know her, the reason is obvious.

This Madison County resident enjoys making items that range from friendly looking stuffed frogs to delicate lace.

"I could get along without making things, but it gives me something to do," comments the soft voiced lady. Of course, there were several years when

she didn't have to look for something special to do. She and her husband, the late T. E. Garrison, reared nine children. Two sons, Arnold and Joe, live near her in the Bull Creek section of the county. Two daughters, Mrs. Emily Davis and Mrs. Helen Simpson, live in Asheville. The other children are scattered.

As a teenager, Mrs. Garrison learned tatting, the time-consuming process of making lace by hand. "All the

other young girls around were learning; and, of course, if they were, I had to," she recalls with a twinkle in her eye.

As her family grew up, she remembers trimming only a few items with her handmade lace. However, her husband always encouraged her to do what she wanted to, and a few years ago, she turned again to tatting.

Anyone who has admired the decorated notepaper in the Country Boutique on the campus of Mars Hill College has admired the results of Mrs. Garrison's skill. Using lace to trim cards is not her original idea, though, Mrs. Garrison explains. She once saw a Christmas card decorated in that way and adapted the idea to notecards.

First she buys pastel colored notecards made from high-quality paper. Then, using a combination of talents, she decorates them.

Miniature lace flowers peep from baskets which she draws by hand; butterflies, their wings adorned with tatted circles about the size of a pin head, hover over delicate

petals; birds and other animals also appear on her cards. In a box of 20 notes, all are different. Notecards are sold in boxes of 20 or packets of 2.

Mrs. Garrison doesn't mind demonstrating her craft, "It really isn't hard," she says reassuringly as she shows how the thread is placed on the left hand. With a rhythmic motion she moves the shuttle in her

right hand to the thread. She doesn't even have to look at what she's doing.

It takes at least one day to tat the decorations for 20 cards, glue them in place and make the hand drawings, she estimates. To make the lace to trim one pillowcase also requires a day.

Some department stores still

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Title VI-B Schools Project Approved

The Madison County School System has received approval for a homebound Project for Exceptional Children for the 1976-77 school year. The amount of grant is \$9,153.00.

Under this proposal, Mrs. Carolyn Briggs will serve as homebound teacher for "excluded" children who are either physically and/or mentally handicapped and cannot attend public schools.

"Excluded" children are children who were not served by any educational agency during the 1975-76 school year. Mrs. Briggs will visit the child's home twice a week and teach him individually. There will be no charge for this service.

For further information or to refer a child call the Madison County Board of Education (645-2424).

Quiet Artist

Local Painter Maintains Low Profile

By JOHN P. FERRE
(Special Writer)

Elizabeth Phillips, a Mars Hill artist, is one of the many Madison County residents who can market talent and still maintain a low profile. Her home, built off of a secondary mountain road between Marshall and Mars Hill offers her the quiet seclusion that she

enjoys with her retired husband. In reality, though, this rural hideaway is a work haven. Phillips often tells meticulously for three and four hours, taking time only for travels related to her painting.

Although Mrs. Phillips has been fascinated with art since her childhood, she has only been painting regularly since

the early '60s and only began selling her work during the next decade. She has advanced since beginning, however. Mrs. Phillips has participated in numerous art shows. She currently has a display in the Asheville Mall and will participate in the upcoming exhibition at UNC-A this

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Murder Charge Lodged After Revere Shoot-Out

Gary Cook, 23, of Candler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cook, of Route 3, Marshall, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon during a shoot-out at the Ruben Gosnell Store in the Revere section of Madison County. Two other men, Bernard Franklin and Shad King, of the Laurel section, were wounded in the affray involving several men.

Franklin is listed in fair condition at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville and King is listed in serious condition at Takoma Hospital in Greenville, Tenn.

Sheriff Ponder stated that it looked like both men were shot

more than once. He said that two guns, both rifles, had been seized and more weapons might be confiscated during a complete investigation of the incident which is still going on.

Martin Norton, 20, of the Laurel community, is in the Madison County jail, charged with the murder of Cook and assault with intent to kill Shad King and Franklin. Sheriff Ponder said here Monday. Ponder also said that Johnny Cupp of Asheville, formerly of Route 3, Marshall, has been charged with assault with intent to kill Martin Norton during the shoot-out Sunday afternoon.

Ponder said that he was holding several other men for questioning. "They haven't been charged with anything yet," the sheriff stated.

"It looks like this thing started about midnight Saturday following a 'rock or mountain music festival' which was held in the Rice Cove section of Sodom Laurel on the Morris Norton Farm," the sheriff said.

Ponder told the News Record Monday that he received word that some misconduct and arguments were going on at the site of the festival around midnight Saturday and he and a deputy went to the scene and told the men involved in an argument to go on home and behave themselves. He stated that he believed 11 men were involved and when he asked them to go on home, they obeyed.

But, the sheriff commented, the Saturday night incident seemed to flare up again Sunday afternoon.

Ponder said that several men, according to witnesses, were in the Ruben Gosnell store Sunday afternoon, some of them shooting pool while others were either watching or just standing around. About 4 p.m. a truck drove up to the store and he said those on the truck included Jerry Wallin, Johnny Cupp, Freddie Patterson, Bernard Franklin, Shad King, Gary Cook, Michael Franklin, Dale Gunter and Michael Johnson, of the Laurel area.

Ponder said that it appeared that "both sides" in the dispute were armed and that more than one gun was used in the shootings.

"They were hurt so we got them to the hospitals and it looked like both the wounded boys were shot more than once," Ponder stated.

According to witnesses, the sheriff said that Franklin,

King and Cupp were not at the festival but came up near midnight.

Sheriff Ponder stated Monday that he had not found out definitely what the men were arguing about or what ignited the fatal shooting Sunday.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Services for Cook were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Belva Baptist Church.

The Rev. Gordon Ball officiated. Burial was in Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Emerson and L. C. King, Jerry and Randy Wallin, Ralph Ramsey, Dale Gunter and Lewis Franklin.

A native of Madison County and a Candler resident for two years, he was employed by Bohannon Construction Co. and was a Navy veteran of Vietnam.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)

Madison Summer Business Picks Up

Retail business in Madison County has been considerably better this summer than last, according to statistics compiled by the N. C. Dept. of Revenue and the N. C. Merchants Association.

Retail sales totaling \$1,865,040 were reported in June, 1976, up \$200,000 over June, 1975 sales of \$1,660,876 but off slightly from May, 1976, when sales totaled \$1,941,802.

Yancey County merchants reported retail sales of \$2,469,145 in June, 1976, compared to \$2,181,521 in June, 1975, and \$2,218,839 in May, 1976.

Wells Yield 811 Gallons Per Minute

Workmen have been drilling for additional water supply in the Marshall area for several weeks and the efforts have paid off.

A well (No. 8) on the Landon Roberts property on Walnut Creek yields 172 gallons per minute and was hooked up to the main water supply last Friday, according to Donald Ramsey, alderman. In addition to this well, another well (No. 7) yields 114 gallons per minute and will be developed in the near future.

Two wells on the B. G. Fortner property in Marshall yield a total of 525 gallons per minute and will also be developed.

"The combined total from the four wells is approximately 811 gallons per minute," Ramsey stated.

He said that out of the eight wells drilled and inspected, four will be developed. "This concludes the well drilling projects," Ramsey said.

"We are pleased with the results of the projects and feel that with these added supplies, Marshall is in good shape, waterwise," the alderman stated.

Hunt To Be Honored At Dinner

Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will be honored at a dinner Oct. 1 at Madison High School which also will be attended by Mrs. Betty McCain, newly-elected chairman of the state Democratic Executive Committee.

The dinner, to be held from 6 to 10 p.m., will be sponsored by the Democratic parties of Mitchell, Yancey, Madison and Buncombe counties.

County Schools Adopt New Report Cards

R. L. Edwards, superintendent of the Madison County School System, announced this week that experimental report cards have been adopted for the Madison County schools for the 1976-77 school year. At the end of the school term, the report cards will be re-evaluated before adoption is made for the 1977-78 school year.

For the first time, kindergarten children will receive a report card. They will be evaluated on such items as social adjustment and academic achievement, but no letter grades will be given. This is an attempt to keep the parents better informed on their child's progress.

A different report card has been selected for grades 1-3 and grades 4-8. In grades 1-3, the child will not receive letter grades. The teacher will indicate if he is doing satisfactory work or if he needs improvement. The report card is in more detail than the old report card used in the past. For example, not only will the teacher indicate the child's progress in reading, but he will

also indicate the particular area of reading, such as reading comprehension, in which the child needs additional improvement. There is also a place on the report card for the parent to indicate if he would like to have a conference with the teacher.

In grades 4-8, a similar report card has been adopted, but grades in letters and the numerical value of each letter will be placed on the report card. New areas have also been added.

In grades 9-12, last year's grading system will be used, but the student will receive a report card from each of the subject teachers and these do not need to be returned. This system enables the student to discuss his grade with his teacher and will reduce errors in recording grades.

This newly adopted reporting system is an attempt at better communication between teachers and parents. This will be an experimental year and all suggestions from parents and teachers for revision will be appreciated.



Mars Hill Artist Elizabeth Phillips