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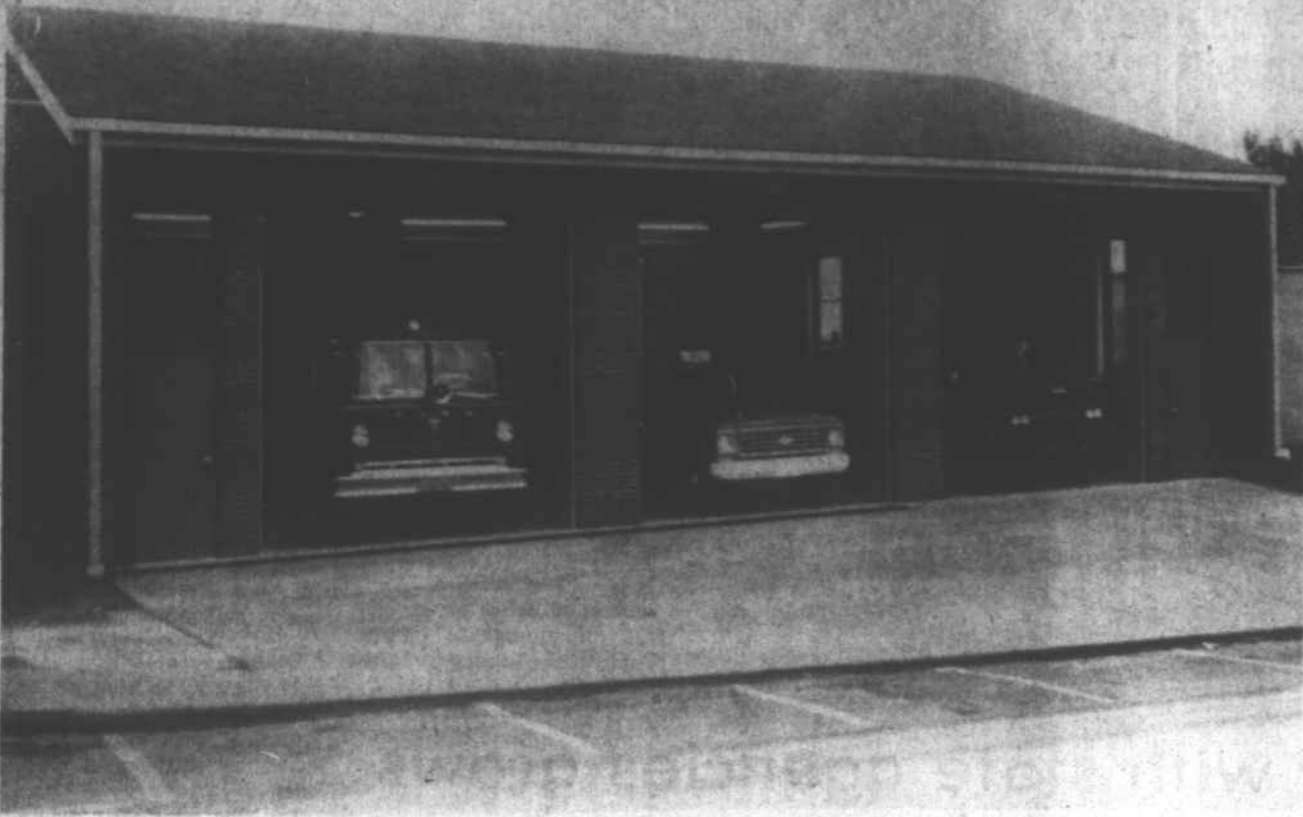


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MARS HILL'S attractive fire house on Main Street.

## Mars Hill Firemen To Hold Open House

Members of the Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department will observe open house at their recently constructed fire building on Main Street. The week-long observance will begin this Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and will be open for visitors each night through Oct. 8 from 7 to 9. This week-long observance is appropriate since next week is National Fire Prevention Week.

The public is cordially invited to visit the new headquarters and observe the equipment on display, inspect the fire trucks and meet the members of the department.

The new building, located on Main Street, was finished by the contractors about a month ago and since that time the firemen have finished the downstairs and added the finishing touches to the entire building. The building consists of a three-bay parking area for trucks upstairs and a large meeting room-kitchen combination and a service room complete with grease pit downstairs. Paving and landscaping are not yet complete but the members of the fire department are continuing to improve the new facilities. Phil Briggs is fire chief.

## Roads Funds Allocated

State Secondary Roads Councilman Ted Smith of Swannanoa announced last



week that \$105,400 of supplemental road construction funds have been allocated for use to improve secondary roads in Madison County. This allocation is part of a \$4.6-million statewide supplemental allocation of secondary road construction funds for fiscal year 1976-77 and was approved by the Board of Transportation last month. These funds are in addition to the \$30-million allocation enacted by the General Assembly during its second 1976 session. Madison County's share of the \$30-million allocation released in July was \$682,200, bringing the county's total share of secondary construction funds for this fiscal year to \$787,600.

The Madison County share of the funds is based on a formula that puts all counties on an equal footing by considering estimated local construction costs, the number of unpaved miles of secondary roads in any given county and the relationship of this mileage to the overall mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state," Smith explained. There are 329 miles of unpaved secondary roads in Madison County and the average cost of constructing a

single mile of roadway in Madison County is estimated at \$70,350.

Smith will coordinate the planning and selection of construction projects within Madison County that will be

financed by this supplemental allocation. "We will be working very closely with the county commissioners in determining what projects to present to the Secondary Roads Council for its final approval," concluded Smith.

## Tobacco Loan Rate Proposed

A proposed schedule of grade loan rates for 1976-crop burley tobacco was announced on Sept. 20 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The proposed loan rates range from 75 to 120 cents per pound and reflect an average support of 109.3 cents per pound — 13.2 cents per pound above the 1975 level. As in the past, no loans will be available on any tobacco graded No-G (no grade), U (unsound), W (doubtful keeping order), or scrap. Marketings of these grades, however, will be charged against the quotas for the farms upon which they were produced.

The cooperative associations through which advances are made available will be authorized to deduct one cent per pound to apply against overhead costs. Comments regarding the proposed rates will be considered if submitted in writing by Oct. 23 to the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. The comments will be available for public inspection in the office of the Director, Room 5752, Agriculture Department's South Building, during regular business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Mountain Music, Dances

# It's Festival Time Again On The Hill

The ninth annual Bascom Lamar Lunsford "Minstrel of the Appalachians" has been set for Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2. Billed as the "world's most authentic festival of mountain music and dancing," the festival was established by

Lunsford and Mars Hill pharmacist Ed Howard. Lunsford, internationally known for his vast knowledge of mountain ballads, music and dancing, worked at a number of professions before returning to his first love, mountain music. He became a virtual one-man repository of old tunes and conducted a crusade to rekindle the pride of his own people in their music.

## Gudger Certified As Winner

The State Board of Elections official figures showed today that Lamar Gudger won the Democratic nomination to Congress in the 11th District by 772 votes in the Sept. 14 primary.

The official figures gave 22,767 votes to Gudger, an Asheville attorney and state senator, to 21,995 for Glenn Brown, a Waynesville attorney.

## Voters

### To Register In Precincts

The Democratic judge of each precinct will be at the polling place within their precinct on Sept. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. for the purpose of registering voters. This service is available to all unregistered voters, regardless of party affiliation.

### Voter Registration Deadline October 4

Only three days are left to register to vote for the Nov. 2 General Election. The office of the Board of Elections will be open Thursday from 4:30 to 9 p.m. for the convenience of those who are unable to go to the office during

County High School in Marshall starting at 7:30 p.m. Beginning, junior and adult classes will be featured. An admission charge of 50 cents for all students and \$1 for adults will be made. The money raised during the weekend will go to support the Southern Appalachian Center.

One of the primary functions of the Lunsford Festival is to involve younger musicians and pass on mountain music traditions. On Oct. 1, these younger musicians will join the more established musicians and dancers in a festival of traditional mountain music and dancing. This event will be held in the college's Moore Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be an admission charge to this event of 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

Saturday has always been the busiest day of the festival, and Oct. 2 will be no different. Beginning Saturday morning, there will be workshops in clawhammer and bluegrass banjo playing, guitar playing, ballad singing, the dulcimer, and the fiddle conducted by outstanding mountain

musicians. Workshops in smooth and clog mountain dancing will also be conducted.

Weavers, whittlers, quilt-makers, spinners and woodworkers will be demonstrating their crafts and skills all day Saturday in front of the Country Boutique. A special demonstration of home cooking skills will also be held Saturday. This demonstration will feature woodstove cooking including pie making, bread baking, general meal preparation, as well as soap making, jam and jelly making and butter churning.

A "jam" session will start around 2 p.m., and will give newcomers and oldtimers a chance to pick and sing as well as renew old acquaintances and make new friends among the many musicians who will attend.

Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30 in Moore Auditorium, musicians and dancers will gather to honor the memory of Lunsford and to carry on the tradition he began nearly 50 years ago. Dancers from the previous nights' activities will also participate. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents for all students and \$1.50 for adults.

### Giving Blood Has Become

### Cody Tradition

Donating blood to the American Red Cross has become a tradition in Marshall's Cody family.

Kermit Cody Sr. has been awarded a gold pen for contributing five gallons of blood. That works out to 40 points, or 40 visits to the bloodmobile, since donors are limited to one pint at a time.

His sons, Kermit Jr. and Teddy, have started their own donations. Kermit Jr. has now joined the two-gallon club having contributed 16 pints, and Tedd has given his first.

### Boy Scout Bake Sale Here Friday

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The Marshall Troop of the Boy Scouts of America will hold a bake sale Friday at 10 a.m. The members of the troop will sell such items as cakes, cupcakes, candy, etc. in an effort to raise enough money to buy Scout uniforms for each boy belonging to the troop. We appreciate the support given to these boys during the last bake sale which netted \$57.11, and we shall appreciate any support you can give them during the sale coming up.



A FOREST SERVICE crew is shown on the French Broad Ranger District constructing a log dam which will cause a hole to form in the stream bed. This work is being done on Cold Springs

Creek and will improve trout fishing in that area. Neal Barnett, forestry technician, said that four structures have been built and that 25 more are planned for later construction.

# Greater Ivy Does It Again! First Place In WNC Contest

The Greater Ivy section of Madison County has done it again!

The energetic citizens and leaders of this progressive township which consists of 600 families and 214 miles of roads received top honors for beautification in the Western North Carolina Community Development Program for 1976.

Announcement of the winners — WNC Beautiful '76 — was made at an awards luncheon at the WNC Conference in the Asheville Hotel this past Thursday with 100 leaders and officials of 18 western counties in attendance. A total of \$1,700 in awards were presented by 20 members of the Western North Carolina Community Development Program.

Association, which sponsors the community development program in cooperation with the U. S. Agricultural Extension Service. This year for the first time the beautification contest was set up in two divisions, one for organized community clubs and one for unorganized community clubs.

took part in the beautification phase of the program and 21 organizations in 7 counties participated in the non-community club division. First place winner, Greater Ivy, was followed by Newfound County in second place and Little River Township in third place. Honorable mention awards

went to Hickory Nut Gorge, Rutherford County; Norton, Jackson County; Clark's Chapel, Macon County; Snowbird, Cherokee Reservation; and Grassy Branch, Swain County. The Greater Ivy Community Association has been involved in a massive and highly successful clean-up and beautification drive this year.

There are 600 families in the area and 210 miles of roads. Roadside clean-ups have been a familiar sight. One all-out clean-up day this past spring brought out 500 people and resulted in 20 large truckloads of litter going to the county land fill. Members of the Greater Ivy Community Association

improved and 37 roadside flower beds were put out. The residents had two million community clean-ups to improve their appearance. The Greater Ivy Community Association has been involved in a massive and highly successful clean-up and beautification drive this year.