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MRS. ROY YOUNG



DEAN LEDFORD

Mrs. Roy Young, Dean Ledford Receive Greater Ivy Honors

Mrs. Roy (Julia Martha) Young has been named "Woman of the Year" by the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association Inc. and thus nominated for the same honor in Madison County and the Western North Carolina Community Development Association.

A daughter of the late Levi and Pearl McLean, Mrs. Young is a retired elementary school teacher having taught many years in Madison and Buncombe County schools. She and her husband have one son, Bobby McLean, a teacher in Buncombe County, who resides in Weaverville. She has one grandson, Ricky McLean.

Mrs. Young is a graduate of the Asheville Teachers college and holds a masters degree from East Tennessee State University. In 1975 she was chosen "Teacher of the Year" in the Flat Creek School in Buncombe County. She is a member of the National Education Association, the North Carolina Association of

Educators, and has held various offices in Parent-Teacher Associations.

Currently, Mrs. Young is vice president of the Greater Ivy Woman's Club of which she is a charter member. During the summer she served as the community coordinator for the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre.

Active in the Beech Glen Baptist Church, Mrs. Young is chairperson of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church, Sunday School teacher for the Adult Women's Class, a member of the church choir, and has been principal of the church Bible school for the past 15 years.

Since its organization three years ago, Mrs. Young has been very active in the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, having served as chairperson of the Flea Market Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Telephone Committee, a member of the Beautification Committee,

and chairperson of the annual Halloween festival.

She has also served on the Community Census Committee, the Senior Citizens Committee and the Community Flower Bed Committee.

Mrs. Young has assisted in some way in practically every project that Greater Ivy has undertaken, including such things as making two quilts for door prizes, stuffed toys for prizes and drawings, baking and assisting in community bake sales, etc. Interested in all types of crafts, Mrs. Young recently taught a special crafts session for the Greater Ivy Woman's Club.

She and her husband, Roy, reside in the (Obadiah) Holcombe Branch area of the Greater Ivy community.

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Dean Ledford, who resides in the Walker Branch area of the Greater Ivy community,

has been named "Man of the Year" by the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association and nominated for the "Man of the Year" designation by the Madison County Community Development Council and the same contest sponsored by the Western North Carolina Community Development Association which includes the 18 counties in this part of the state.

Ledford, who is the son of the late Curtis Ledford and Mrs. Hazel Howell Ramsey of Weaverville, is married to the former Bob-Ann Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner of Paint Fork. They have one son, Jeff, who is a student in Madison High School.

The construction foreman for the rehabilitation of the abandoned Beech Glen High School building for use as the Greater Ivy Community Center project, Ledford is credited with saving the community many hundreds of dollars by careful negotiation in securing materials and cutting costs in the project which is about half completed. Remodeling of the building has been under way since April and Ledford has donated many hours of work beyond each normal day's schedule.

An active member of the Paint Fork Baptist Church for the past 20 years, Ledford has been superintendent of the church's Sunday school for four years and has taught the Intermediate Sunday School class regularly for three years. He personally made and erected a church directory sign for Paint Fork in 1976.

Since the Greater Ivy Community Citizens group was formed three years ago, he has been a member of the corporation's board of trustees, a member of the Community House Committee and chairperson of the com-

Chandler Retires From Bank



JONAS CHANDLER

Jonas H. Chandler, assistant vice president, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., NA, Marshall, retired on Sept. 30 following 17 years in banking. Chandler owned and operated Chandler Hardware in Marshall prior to joining the Citizen's Bank in 1961. This institution merged with Wachovia in 1974. He held various positions within the bank and was assistant manager of the Marshall office at the time of his retirement.

Chandler is a native of Madison County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas C. Chandler.

He attended both Weaver College and Mars Hill College as well as the Walsh Institute

in Detroit, Mich. He served in the U. S. Army from 1942 until 1946, attaining the rank of captain. Upon discharge from the Army, he was associated with Public Bamford Theatres of Asheville as auditor until 1953 when he returned to Madison County.

He and his wife, Anne, reside in Mars Hill. They are members of the Mars Hill Baptist Church and are active in civic affairs. They have two children, Marilyn, a teacher in the Henderson County School System and Byron, a graduate student at Western Carolina University.

Chandler was honored with a luncheon at the bank on Sept. 30 and was presented a set of golf clubs.

The Madison County personnel of the State Highway Department received service awards at an awards dinner held Oct. 5 at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly as follows:

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Conference Called To Study Economy

A conference on the economic situation of Madison County will be held next Monday at 7 p.m. at Madison High in Marshall.

The conference, which is open to the public, has been called by Gov. Jim Hunt to help North Carolina develop a

policy on balanced growth and economic development.

State government representatives will join with local officials and the general public to discuss the specific issues facing Madison County. Hunt termed the conference as an "information-gathering session," as well as an opportunity for state government to hear local citizens' ideas on improving North Carolina's standard of living.

All attending will have an

opportunity to engage in roundtable discussions on agriculture, the manufacturing and processing industry, and service industries, including transportation, finance, wholesale and retail sales and tourism.

The purpose of the conference is to find out what local communities believe are their own economic problems and what they suggest local, state and federal government should do to help solve them.

During October, similar conferences will be held in each of the state's 100 counties. Reports coming out of these local county conferences will feed into a larger statewide gathering on balanced growth and economic development in January, 1978, and will be used by the State Goals and Policy Board for advising the governor on North Carolina's future economic policy. For additional information contact Nick Kmecca, 649-3901.

Municipal Candidates Announce

The following candidates have filed for mayor and aldermen for Mars Hill, Marshall, and Hot Springs for the Nov. 8 elections. (x) denotes incumbents. Filing deadline was Tuesday.

Mars Hill — mayor, William Powell (x); alderman (elect 3), Carl Eller (x), Arthur Wood (x) and Douglas G. Randolph (x).

Marshall — mayor, George Penland (x), Lawrence Ponder and Sammy Lunsford; alderman (elect 3), Donald Jackson Ramsey (x), Ed L. Niles (x), James R. Penland (x), Mrs. Faye Reid, Mrs. Pearl H. Rector, Jackie Davis, James Buford Marler and T. F. Sams.

Hot Springs — mayor, Joe R. Henderson (x), Manson Holt and Jimmy Summeril; aldermen (elect 3), Hoy Plemmons, Frank Roberts, Jack Ebbs, George K. (Red) Ramsey, Kenneth Summeril, Gene Autrey (x) and Jerry Ramsey (x).

Hot Springs Man Killed In Tennessee Slayings

Larry Eugene Ricker, 21, of Route 2, Hot Springs, was fatally shot last Thursday during a triple slaying at the Smoky Mountain Club on U. S. 25-70, a mile east of Newport, Tenn. District Attorney Gen. Al Schmutzer said that Ruble G. "Butch" Williams, 24, of Newport, turned himself in to police shortly before 9 a.m. Friday, about seven hours

after the shooting. Williams is charged with three counts of murder. Sgt. Harold R. Medford, 36; Johnnie Thomas Jackson, 30, of Swannanoa; and Ricker were fatally shot.

Ricker and Jackson were bystanders in the building at the time.

Cocke County Sheriff Bobby Stinson said Medford, who was off duty, was seated at a bar in the tavern when Williams shot him in the back of the head at close range with a 45-caliber pistol.

Franklin Jarnigan, the bartender at the tavern, said Williams then chased Ricker into the kitchen and shot him twice in the chest as the two men were fighting over the gun.

Jarnigan said Jackson also had moved toward the kitchen and was shot during the scuffle.

The bodies of the two men, who police said were apparently not together, were found in the doorway and Medford's body was slumped over the bar.

Medford, who had been on the Newport police force 10 years, had arrested Williams last November on a warrant from the Knoxville Police

Department.

Williams was one of four men indicted on grand larceny charges in Knoxville in connection with a drug theft from a pharmacy but the charge was later dropped. Schmutzer stated he knows of no motive for the slayings other than the fact Medford had arrested Williams.

County Towns Get Powell Street Funds

A record number of 452 North Carolina municipalities are sharing more than \$32 million in local street maintenance funds, it was announced this week by State Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr.

Madison County's shares of the Powell funds are as follows:

Mars Hill, \$21,589.07; Marshall, \$14,509.89; and Hot Springs, \$11,747.40.

Services for Ricker were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairview United Methodist Church near Hot Springs. The Rev. Mr. Queen officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Ricker Jr. of Hot Springs; two sisters, Mrs. Roger Whitson of Asheville and Mrs. Michael Roberts of Knoxville; and a brother, Charles K. Ricker of Hot Springs.

FUNERAL SATURDAY

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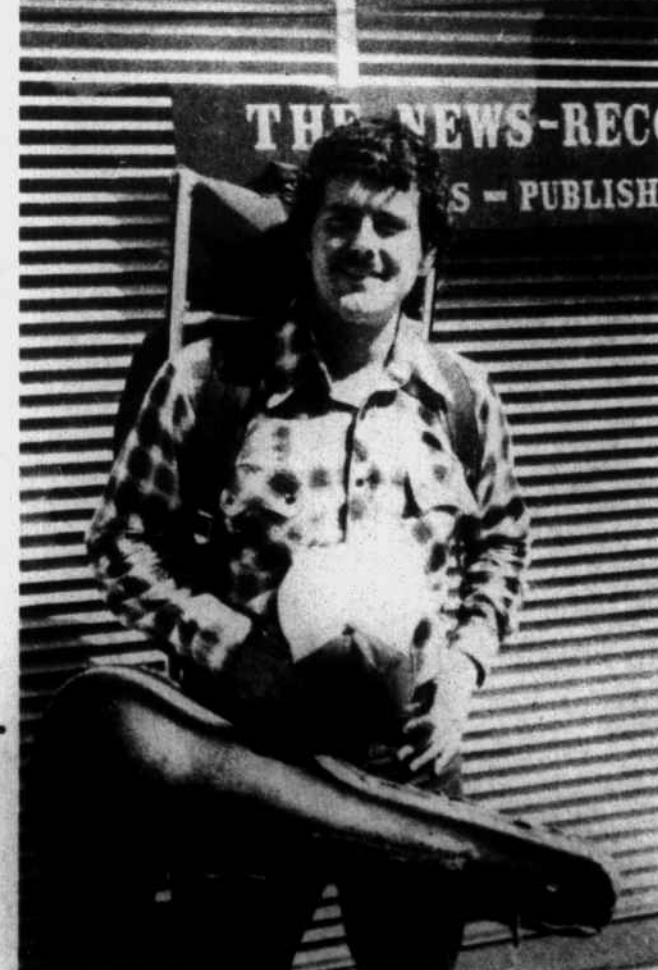
Highway Personnel Cited

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DAVE McKNIGHT of Fayetteville, campaigning across the state on foot for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate, visited in Madison County last Tuesday and Wednesday. He is shown above with his pack and fiddle in Marshall last Wednesday. (Photo by Jim Story)

Court Continues Monday

The second week of superior court for the trial of civil and criminal cases will resume here Monday morning with Judge Lacy Thornburg presiding.

Cases list on the docket for criminal trials include:

Junior Lyons, armed robbery; Freddie Tilson, armed robbery; George Keville, DUI & NOL; Burlin Junior Johnson, DUI; Willard Lee Ray, DUI & NOL; Walter Gunter, discharge firearm into occupied motor vehicle, and damage to personal property; Robert Cantrell, DWLR; Charles Carroll Ray, breaking, entering and larceny; Hubert Church, assault with deadly weapon; Denny Boyd Ramsey, DUI & SWLR; Anthony Daniels, public drunkenness; Richard Davis Anderson, DUI; Jack Gregory Grindstaff, leaving scene of accident; Johnny Goings, burglary; Earl James Robinson, manufacture controlled substance; and possession with intent to distribute controlled substance; James Hensley, false pretense; Robert Goforth, DWLR.

A list of Jurors drawn for the Oct. 17 term follows:

Alta Coates, Green Waddell, Pearl Roberts, Boyce McCarter, Clay Roberts, Maxa Mayhew, Edward H. Carter, Erlene Bertie Briggs, Ralph Bryan, Fred Freeman, Dan Norton, Malcombe

6 Pairs Of Shoes Later He's Still Campaigning

Democratic U. S. Senate candidate Dave McKnight visited Madison County last week on his campaign walking tour of North Carolina.

McKnight, who announced his candidacy for the Senate back in January, has been crossing the state on foot since April in an effort to meet people on a one-to-one basis from the coast to the mountains.

He visited Mars Hill on Tuesday, and Marshall on Wednesday, of last week. He also made a stop in the

Petersburg community on his hike from Mars Hill to Marshall.

At Mars Hill the candidate met townspeople and students at Mars Hill College.

"I've worn out six pairs of shoes on this trip, and I got myself a patch job on these shoes over at Mars Hill so I could make it to Asheville," he said.

The campaign walk will take McKnight to a final stopping point at Murphy on Oct. 22.

Madison was the 53rd county he has visited on foot since

beginning the tour on the North Carolina coast at Manteo on April 2.

"It's been a great way to meet a lot of people along the way, and I was glad to have a couple of days to hike through part of Madison County," he said.

By the time McKnight reached Madison County, he had covered some 1,500 miles on foot — more than enough miles to get him from Manteo to Murphy and back had he traveled along a straight line.

"I've been following country

roads and not the interstates, and I've been taking quite a few detours to visit towns along the way," he said.

After visiting businesses and stores in Marshall and stopping by at the Madison County Courthouse, McKnight proceeded along U. S. 25-70 into Buncombe County for a stopover at the Democratic Party's Vance-Aycock Dinner in Asheville.

McKnight's campaign theme has been "doing more with less" and he has expressed concern about "the

squeeze on small business by big government, big labor and big business."

He has advocated simplification of the federal tax code and overhaul of the welfare system.

Besides his backpack, McKnight has been carrying his fiddle along with him during the mountains portion of the campaign walk.

"There are plenty of good fiddlers around in this country and I wanted to be sure to find out where they're hiding out," he said.