

Heard And Seen

By POP

Vocational education is big business at Madison High School... I was vividly made aware of this last Thursday night while attending open house and touring the facilities... last Thursday night there were no vocational students present and this made it possible for the various instructors, headed by Jack Cole, to let us see the great advantage students have today in comparison with years gone by... it was exciting to see and hear the instructors explain the modern techniques available and it made us proud of the facilities at Madison High... so impressed was this writer that I returned Friday morning to take some pictures of the different departments while students were in class or working on cars or in the wood-making department... I wanted to stay longer and take more pictures but time ran out on me... maybe I can go back soon and take more pictures of what I didn't get the first time. I do want to express my thanks to the instructors, principal and students for their kindness.

The weatherman's predictions are sometimes wrong and sometimes right... I know predicting weather in the mountains is a tricky business... my friend, Bob Caldwell, predicted snow, snow a few nights ago so I got all prepared... started to have my chains put on but decided to wait... glad I did because it didn't snow... but next time it just might snow when he says so... I never know for sure... and I don't think the weather bureau who furnishes Bob with the predictions, knows either. Anyway, Bob does a good job, right or wrong.

Imagine my surprise a few nights ago when I saw Roger Wood jogging along Main Street... all attired in a neat jogging outfit... and, by jove, not far behind him was Linda, his wife... she was also jogging... Roger says he's trying to lose a few pounds... well, Roger, I might even try jogging sometime because I, too, need to lose a few pounds.

Now that high school basketball has ended for the Madison teams, there's a lull until baseball and softball season... before saying farewell to basketball, I congratulate the players and coaches on the past season... maybe the teams didn't have winning seasons but they gave the opposition plenty of competition and never showed signs of giving up.



PICTURESQUE but devastating snows have blanketed Michigan as can be seen in pictures above. These photographs were sent

The News-Record by Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks of Ypsilanti, Mich., subscribers.



BOOKLETS GALORE — Zeb Hocutt, director of driver services for the Division of Motor Vehicles, displays newly reprinted Department of Transportation driver's handbooks. Some 250,000 of the booklets have been reprinted at a cost of \$35,000 and distributed to 190 drivers'

licensing stations across the state. "Another reprint is planned, and the booklets are also being made available to libraries throughout North Carolina," commented Hocutt. "Everyone who needs a driver's handbook should be able to get one," added Hocutt. (NCDOT Photo by B. Jones)

Foodservice Forecast
Americans now spend about one out of every three dollars spent for food at a foodservice establishment, either some type of restaurant or an institutional food-service/cafeteria operation.

Letter To The Editor

Editor, the News Record:

I would appreciate it if you would publish the following letter in "Letters to the Editor" column:

For too long, retarded and handicapped adults have been treated as second-class citizens. Their special needs have not been met by our school systems, job market or community. They have been shoved into back rooms, referred to as "children" and generally forgotten. Parents have suffered from guilt feelings and the unwarranted stares and pity of their neighbors.

Now we are finally realizing that all of us have handicaps in varying degrees. We have also recognized the right of every person to have the opportunity to learn and grow and find a meaningful place for themselves in our society. Even the retarded and deaf can learn.

Consequently, the Unaka Center was created to provide a developmental activity program for mentally and physically handicapped adults in the northern Madison County area. Dedicated to helping handicapped adults gain the ability to function on their own in everyday society, the Unaka Center offers, without charge, individualized training in community living skills.

The Unaka Center is a community operated and supported non-profit corporation with membership open to the public. Besides county, state, and federal financial support, private contributions are essential. To receive federal money, a locally generated matching sum is required. For each dollar raised locally, the Unaka Center gets three

dollars from the government.

We need your help this year in raising part of our local match. The Unaka Center is expanding its program in order to serve more residents of the county. A county commission grant has enabled us to purchase a van. We need an additional \$500 locally (which matches \$1,500 federal dollars) to meet the daily transportation costs for the coming year.

The Unaka Center belongs to you, the residents of northern Madison County. It provides a needed and valuable service to local citizens. It needs your help.

Please send your donations to: Unaka Center, P.O. Box 33, Hot Springs 28743.

Contributions are tax deductible.

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Builders Sponsor Meet

Two organizations are teaming to sponsor an area meeting for people interested in the use of wood in home construction.

The day-long meeting, which will be held March 30 at Inn on the Plaza, will be sponsored by the N.C. Home Builders Association and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Ethel Wallin, Madison County home economics extension agent, said the purpose of the meeting is to offer builders, architects and other interested persons practical information on the use of wood in home construction.

N.C. Home Builders Association estimated that the information could save

builders from \$150 to \$500 in the construction of an average house. It could also result in the wood lasting longer and being more satisfactory to the homeowner.

Mrs. Wallin said that the Asheville meeting is one of nine such meetings planned across North Carolina in March. Speakers will come from the School of Forest Resources at North Carolina State University, the Southern Forest Products Association, American Plywood Association and National Particleboard Association.

Persons interested in attending the meeting should contact the Madison County extension office or the local chapter of the N.C. Home Builders Association.

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L.A. TIX GO HIGH
LOS ANGELES (AP) — There were audible gasps among sports fans in the City of the Angels when Los Angeles officials announced that the average cost for tickets to the 1984 Summer Olympics might go as high as \$25 apiece. Los Angeles is favored to get the role of host city.

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