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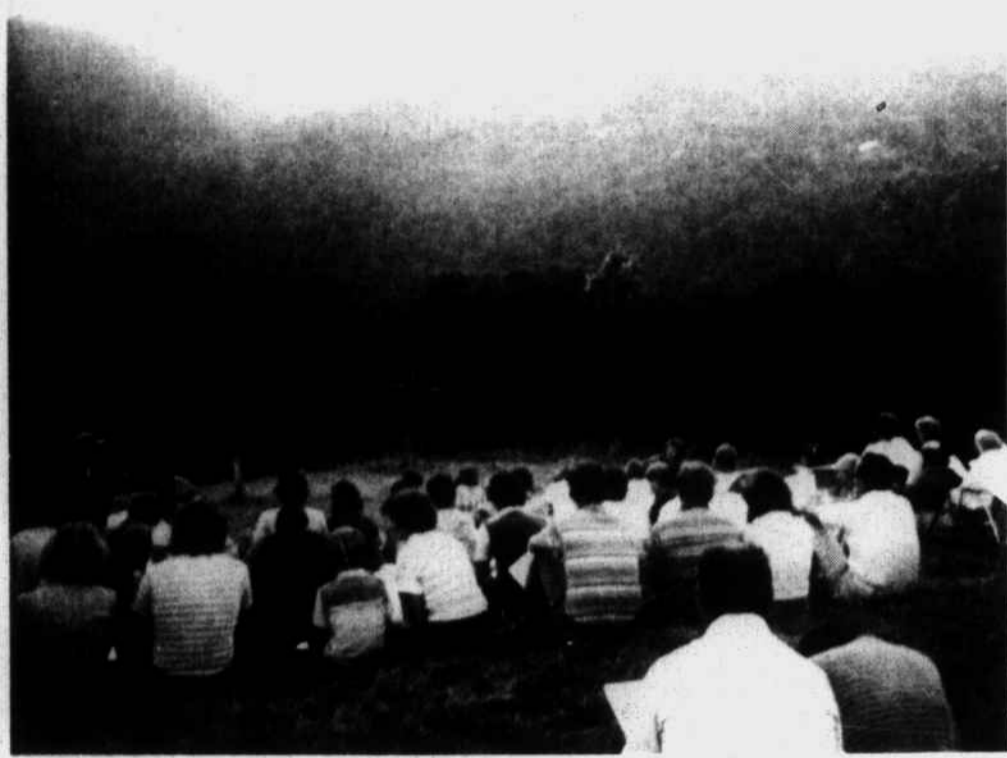
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## Election Hearing Set On July 24

The state Board of Elections voted Thursday to hold a hearing in Madison County July 24 into allegations of election irregularities there during the May 2 primaries.

Kenneth Babb of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board, said a time and place will be set later for the public hearing. Babb said the board voted to hold a

hearing in Madison County following presentation of findings by J.D. Barrett, assistant director of the SBI concerning allegations of irregularities in Madison County.



GLORY RIDGE, 30-acre picturesque camping facility near Walnut, was the setting of picture above last Saturday evening of an impressive religious service following a barbecued pig and chicken picnic supper enjoyed by 100 persons, including a group of campers from Warren, Ohio. The

Rev. George Moore, founder of the non-denominational facility, was host. A portion of those attending the brief service is shown facing the cross located on the mountainside. The Rev. John Shackleton delivered a brief message and group singing was enjoyed. (Photo by Jim Story)

## There's More Money In County Woodlands

The annual farm income of Madison County could be increased if all timberland was placed under a sound management program. Madison County farmers own 151,500 acres of forest land which is 71 percent of the total woodland. Of the remaining 29 percent, 22 percent is national forest land, 6 percent is owned by private individuals, and 1 percent is either public land or owned by a forest industry. The average farm woodlot is about 60 acres in size.

Much of this farm woodland is not producing up to its full potential because it is not being managed properly. It is being allowed to grow up in low quality hardwoods which are of little or no value. If farmers manage their woodland properly and use the proper harvesting techniques, they can be assured of a valuable stand of timber in the future. When landowners allow only the best trees to be removed and leave all the low quality trees, eventually all

they will have will be unmerchantable cull trees. The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources has a program to help private landowners improve their forest land. Upon request, the division will send a forestry specialist out to examine an individual's woodland. This professional forester will draw up a forestry management plan and make recommendations to the landowner. This service is paid for through tax funds,

there is no charge to the landowner. The landowner's personal objectives are taken into consideration. He is under no obligation to follow the recommendations. Charles Craine is the Madison County forest ranger. His office is in a log cabin located on Highway 25 and 70, three miles northwest of Marshall in the Walnut community. Craine's office number is 649-3821. "Many people think all the N.C. Division of Forest

Resources do is fight wild-fires," Craine stated recently. "This is a very important part of our program, but we do much more," he said. "Any private woodland owner who would like their timber examined should contact my office or our district office in Asheville" (phone 667-5211), Craine stated. "If all forest land was managed properly and produced up to its full potential," Craine said, "it would be a boost to the economy of Madison County."



PART OF THE 100 persons who attended the picnic supper at Glory Ridge last Saturday just

before the Rev. George Moore, host, shouted, "Come and get it."

## Civil Court Starts Here Next Monday

The June term of District court for the trial of civil cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge J. Ray Braswell presiding.

Cases on the court schedule include: Lois S. Chandler vs. Doyle Cecil Chandler; Kathleen B. Robinson, et vir, vs. Glenn Roberts, et ux; Jimmy Edward Wyatt vs. William Floyd Caldwell; Donald Harrell, et ux, vs. Edwin G. Howard, et ux; Daniel H. Boone vs. Travelers Indemnity Co.; Mary Lee Price vs. Thomas Price Jr.; Nancy Jo Roberts vs. Allen Sams, et al; Earl Faris Carver vs. C & P Motor Co., Inc.; Jarvis Ball Treadway vs. David Treadway; Norman Lee Ball vs. Patricia T. Ball; Frances Rice Gardner vs. Clyde Gardner; James Frank Snelson vs. Irene Gosnell Snelson; Jane Mathis Holcombe vs. Harold Eugene Holcombe; Julia Kodayar vs. Allahyer Kodayar.

Jurors drawn for the term are as follows:

Chester Hensley, Marion Grady Cook, Peggy Mae Goforth, William C. Gardner; William Blane Solsbee; Floyd John Henderson; Pearl Fowler Clark; Lee Vaughn Barnett; William Arthur Buckner; Donna Matthews Worley; Harlon Shelton; Zerilda Sarah Metcalf; Cora Wallin Gosnell; Chester Hobert Gosnell; Gertrude Bradley

Corn; Clyde Lyndall English; Connie Dockery Glenn; Doyle Cody; Juanita Keener; Will Honeycutt; Mrs. Hugh Fisher;

Dan Finley; Evelyn Rainey Balding; Neta Norton Rice; Hattie (Dwight) Buckner; Milt Ray; Hardie E. Merrill; Dempsey Woody; Jennifer Diane Greene; Otto Buckner; Estie Banks; Jackie Ball; Willie Garrett; Marilyn Diane Wyatt; Irene Church Reeves; Clyde F. Yelton; Jamie Lee R. Briggs; Billie Caldwell; Edith L. Radford; W.C. Silver Jr.; Ola Mae Shook; Harold Ray Gentry; Kenneth Waldroup; Debra A. Judy Honeycutt; and Shelby Jean Boyd.

## School Board Meets Tuesday At Courthouse

R.L. Edwards, superintendent, announced this week that the Board of Education will meet next Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the courthouse. The public is invited.



JAMES O. ROBERTS, (left) a native of Mars Hill, has been named assistant director of the physical plant at Mars Hill

College. On right is James Fish, of Mars Hill, Physical Plant director.

## N.C. Young Democrats To Install Officers

Adlai E. Stevenson, Illinois' junior senator and chairman of the newly established Senate Ethics Committee, will be the main speaker for the 1978 North Carolina Young Democrats Installation Banquet to be held July 15 at the Inn On The Plaza in Asheville.

"Senator Stevenson has more than demonstrated that he is one of the rising stars in the Democratic party as well as the United States Senate by the aggressive role he is playing in the development of a national energy strategy," said Larry Leake, president-elect of the Young Democrats. Stevenson, whose father served as governor of Illinois and as the Democratic candidate for President in 1952 and 1956, comes from a long line of politicians from the "Land of Lincoln". His great-grandfather, the first Adlai E. Stevenson, served in the House of Representatives and then as vice-president under President Grover Cleveland. "He is considered by many to be Presidential timber," said Leake, "and we are more

than honored to have such a distinguished gentleman address us." First elected to the United States Senate in 1970, Stevenson began his political career in 1964 as a candidate for the Illinois House of Representatives. All candidates were forced to run at large that year because of a court decision invalidating the state's legislative districting. Stevenson led all 236 candidates of both parties. A Harvard Law School graduate, Stevenson serves on

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## Byard Ray Festival Is Saturday

The second annual Byard Ray Festival, named in honor of the old-time fiddler from Madison County, will be held from 6 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday in Thomas Wolfe Auditorium. The festival, aimed at preserving the heritage of the art form being passed on from generation to generation, will present a wide variety of mountain performers ranging from ballad singers to English country dancers to old-time string bands. Dancers will include the Kenilworth Kapers Dancers, the Carolina Cloggers, the Pisgah View Ranch Smooth dance team and the Haw Creek Wee Smoothies.

Instrumental numbers will be performed by Liz and Lynn Shaw and J.P. Fraley and Byard Ray on twin fiddles; Jerry Read Smith on hammered dulcimer; Sheila Rice

on banjo; and Morris Norton on tune bow. Quay Smathers will lead a group in shape note hymn singing.

String bands scheduled to perform include Byard Ray's "Appalachian Folk," Quay Smathers' "Dutch Cove String Band," "Luke Smathers String Band," Tommy Hunter's "Hornpipers," Joan Moser's "Mountain Women's Cooperative String Band," Mark Anderson's "French Broad Jumpers," Gordon Freeman's "Pink Mountain Boys," Harper Van Hoy's "Fiddler's Grove String Band" and "J.P. Fraley's Family Band."



BYARD RAY

## Roberts To Help Run Mars Hill Physical Plant

James Oren Roberts, a native of Mars Hill and former star athlete at Mars Hill High School, has been named assistant director of the physical plant at Mars Hill College.

A 1978 graduate of North Carolina State University, Roberts is familiar with the college campus, having literally grown up there. Both his great-grandparents and his grandparents played prominent roles in the history of the Baptist school, and his

mother, Dorothy Weaver Roberts, is a member of the faculty in the music department. Roberts' great-grandfather, Dr. Robert Lee Moore, was president of the college from 1897 until 1938; and his great-grandmother, Edna Corpening Moore, served in various capacities from 1897 until her death in 1949. Roberts' grandfather, O.E. Roberts, was a catcher for the Cincinnati Reds and served as

head coach and athletic director of the college for many years; and his grandmother, known affectionately as "Miss Nona," was a member of the faculty for 50 years, teaching music and French. Roberts was a member of the last graduating class at the local high school before it was consolidated into a new county high school at Marshall. At N.C. State he majored in business management, earning a bachelor of science degree. During his college career he was a member of the East Campus Student Council, serving as treasurer his senior year, played on several intramural athletic teams, was a member of the Economics Club, and was named to the dean's list on several occasions. Mars Hill's physical plant encompasses 150 acres with over 28 major buildings for instruction, administration, and residence with numerous cottages and other buildings and facilities for allied needs. The plant staff, which numbers 46, is directed by James M. Fish.

## Fire Destroys Mobile Home

A \$25,000 double wide mobile home, belonging to Lawrence Davis was completely destroyed by fire early last Wednesday morning. The home, located on Sweetwater Road about four miles from Marshall, was vacant when the fire was discovered about 3:30 a.m. by his mother, Mrs. Hall Davis who lives a short distance away. She notified the Marshall Fire Department but flames engulfed the structure and the home had

burned when firemen arrived. Davis is employed in Tennessee and has been residing there for some time. The mobile home was said to have been one of the finest in the county, having three bedrooms, two baths, large livingroom with fireplace, a patio and other conveniences. There were 1,500 square feet in the building. According to reports, there was no electricity in the home and the origin of the fire is unknown.