

## Heard And Seen

By POP

People haven't gotten over the cold weather we had around here last Friday night... in fact, it was cold enough for snow flurries on the parkway, at Wolf Laurel, and other high elevations... I attended the Athletic Banquet at Madison High and almost froze walking from my car into the school... cold rains and cold temperatures have plagued this section for several days... a sweater or topcoat still feels good during the early hours.

I enjoyed the Athletic Banquet Friday night... it was different than usual and I liked the change... the opening program, including the talk by Clark Gaines, of the New York Jets, the talks by coaches, and the recognition of athletes, was held in the Little Theater at the school... after an abbreviated session, we then went to the cafeteria for the dinner which consisted of delicious hamburger patties, baked potato, salad and dessert... under the watchful eyes of Jack Cole and Garland Woody, the ham patties were prepared with great expertise.

I was again present Saturday night at the School Bond Rally in the school cafeteria... plates were \$25 each but I didn't have to pay since I was invited to 'cover' the affair for the paper... (sometimes it pays to be a newspaperman)... anyway I enjoyed sitting at the table with Dr. and Mrs. Grover L. Angel, who have been close friends for many years. The talk by Bishop Paul Hardin, of Lake Junaluska, was superb... he was invited as guest speaker after U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan was unable to attend... although the 125 guests were disappointed when it was announced that Sen. Morgan could not be there, they were more than pleased with the talk by Bishop Hardin. He is a great orator and delivered a fine address.

There's plenty of excitement in store for horse lovers and Bluegrass music fans this week-end... the Marshall Lions annual horse show on the island here Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and the Bluegrass Festival near Zenina Lake on Zeno Ponder's property which concludes Saturday night. It's going to be impossible for me to 'cover' the events mentioned because I'm planning on attending the wedding of my grand-niece, Denise, Saturday afternoon in Asheville.

Monday, Memorial Day, was real quiet in Marshall... only a few places were open and only a few people were in town.



RALPH VON ORDEN, 9½-year-old Doberman, is shown reading a copy of the News-Record last Saturday. Note sunglasses he prefers to wear while reading.

The jet black pet belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kingston of Marshall, who recently moved here from Texas.

## Hot Springs Club Organized

A Community Development Program of Western North Carolina has been organized in Hot Springs with a great deal of interest being shown. The first meeting was held May 21 at the Community

Center. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Frank Moore, president; Mrs. Charles Smith, vice president; Miss Frances Ramsey, secretary; Mrs. Edna McCall,

treasurer; Mrs. Jeanette Nix, Mrs. Mary Lee Smith and Mrs. Frank Moore, reporters.

Officials expressed hope that many people will become involved in some part of the community development plan.

The first step will be to clean up litter and remove "eyesores" and encourage citizens to do whatever needs to be done to improve the looks of the Hot Springs area.

Groups offering support include the Girl Scouts, Madison High Beta Club, Forest Service, Lions Club, Friendship Club, Cub Scouts and the Girl Guards and Men's Club of the Salvation Army. Other groups are welcomed.

"Each citizen can improve his own property and beautify it. At a later date bulbs and flower seeds will be available at no charge from the Hot Springs Community group.

If anyone has a junk car on their property that they want removed call 622-3214. This is a free junk car pickup service. Projects will continue year round," Mrs. Moore, president, commented.

**SOFT WATER-SEPTICS**  
MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Studies conducted by the University of Wisconsin soil science department and the National Sanitation Foundation indicate that effluent from water-softening appliances stimulates biological activity in septic tanks.

## Letter To The Editor

**FAVORS SCHOOL BOND**  
Editor, The News Record;  
I am concerned about the school board issue which will be presented to the county on June 12. I hear some objections which may be valid but do not reduce the need to place the Marshall children in a school other than the one on the island.

It appears to me that the school building situation in the county is critical. All of the buildings except Madison High School and the new building at Mars Hill need a great deal of work. However, the Marshall School has been labeled by one state official as in worse condition than the recently condemned Black Mountain School in Buncombe County. We are lucky that a Marshall child has not been very sick or even died from the germs that are deposited by the French Broad River after each flood.

## Mars Hill

### J.C.'s Sponsor

### Reading Train

Some of the stops on the route of the Mars Hill Reading Train include people, animals, and places, crafts, how-to, and fix it, romance, mystery, adventure, science fiction, folklore, and fun. The summer reading program is being sponsored by the Mars Hill Jaycees through the Mars Hill public library.

Students in grades one through 12 are invited to register at the library now and throughout June. Everyone who reads 12 books and fills out a reading card by Aug. 30 will receive a certificate worth \$1 at Bantam Chef.

Mars Hill public library is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"Go there to climb aboard the Reading Train. It is on the track to adventure and entertainment as well as a hamburger or milkshake," one of the sponsors said.

I understand the concern over the site next to the high school, but this is a very common way to save money on sewage and water facilities. In my previous hometown, there is a senior high school, junior high school, and elementary school on the same site. They have separate principals, faculties, and buildings; and there is virtually no contact between the schools.

I hope each citizen will think mainly of the children on June 12 and not themselves. Any raise on taxes is tough on us all; but if we save the life of one child with this money, I think it is worth it. I believe the situation is that serious, and I believe the State of North Carolina will soon condemn the Marshall building even if we do not construct a new one.

Please vote "yes" for the children on June 12.

JOHN M. HOUGH JR.  
Dean for Continuing Education

## Bishop Hardin Speaks At School Bond Rally

An estimated 125 persons attended the \$25 per plate Madison County School Bond Rally held in the Madison High School cafeteria Saturday night.

Following the turkey and dressing dinner, three members of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre (SART) of Mars Hill College entertained the crowd with musical poems, vocal solos and songs in which the group participated.

Robert L. Edwards, superintendent, then made a statement concerning various meetings throughout the county in the interest of the \$2,500,000 bond referendum to be held June 12. He discussed the amounts pinpointed for elementary school repairs and improvement including Spring Creek, Laurel, Hot Springs and Marshall, and emphasized the importance of a new Marshall-Walnut Elementary School building.

Dr. Don Anderson of Mars Hill, who presided at the rally, then recognized the members of the board of education who were seated at the speaker's

table with their wives. Bobby Ponder, chairman of the board, spoke briefly concerning the referendum on June 12 and what it would mean to the county's progress.

Other leaders present who spoke in favor of the passage of the bond referendum included James T. Ledford, commissioner; Rep. Liston B. Ramsey; D.M. Robinson; William "Bill" Moore, chairman, Madison County Democratic Executive Committee; Zeno Ponder; Bill Roberts; and Mrs. Jeanne Hoffman.

Dr. Anderson then introduced the guest speaker, Bishop Paul Hardin of Lake Junaluska, who was "pinch-hitting" for U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan, who was unable to attend due to pressing duties in Washington.

Bishop Hardin, who served 22 years in the Methodist pulpits of Western North Carolina before being elected and consecrated a bishop, held the audience spellbound with his fine delivery and inspira-

tional address. Mixing humor with profound topics, he proved one of the most able speakers ever heard in Marshall. He said that it was a duty and privilege to do everything possible to advance the educational system of our nation.

"Your slogan for this rally is most appropriate as he pointed to the printed words on the speaker's table which read, 'Our Children Are Our Future.'

"Education is a creative idea by which we learn to think, to see more beauty and music, to improve the mind and character," he said. He stated that if the teachers do not go further than textbooks in serving our students, in his opinion, "we're sorry teachers."

He referred to many of our great men of the past who used their education not only to inform and teach others but to serve mankind.

"Anything you can do to advance education is an investment in our future," he concluded.

## Madison Wagon Train Rolls Again

The Original Madison County Wagon Train Committee wishes to extend a welcome to anyone interested in going on this year's annual trip.

The wagon train will assemble on June 30 near Gabriels Creek Road on NC 213, Marshall-Mars Hill Highway. July 1, riders will travel across Bone Camp, up East Fork, Bear Wallow, and Bear Branch to Ebbs Chapel School. July 2, the wagon train will travel Streets Gap to Higgins Creek and Camp at Parley Rice's property. July 3, riders will leave the campsite taking the route of Rice's Creek down Foster's Creek to the Claude Cody property to camp. July 4, the wagon train will journey across Walnut Mountain and down Grapevine.

Anyone wishing further information should contact Ernest Boone, 649-3827; Wayne Boone 649-3749; or Bill Murray 689-2918.



BISHOP PAUL HARDIN of Lake Junaluska is shown speaking to an estimated 125 persons who attended the School Bond Rally at Madison High School last Saturday night. Shown at Hardin's left is R.L. Edwards, superintendent, and at right is Dr. and Mrs. Don Anderson. Dr. Anderson presided at the \$25 per plate rally. Members of the board of education and their wives were also at the speaker's table. (Photo by Jim Story)

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