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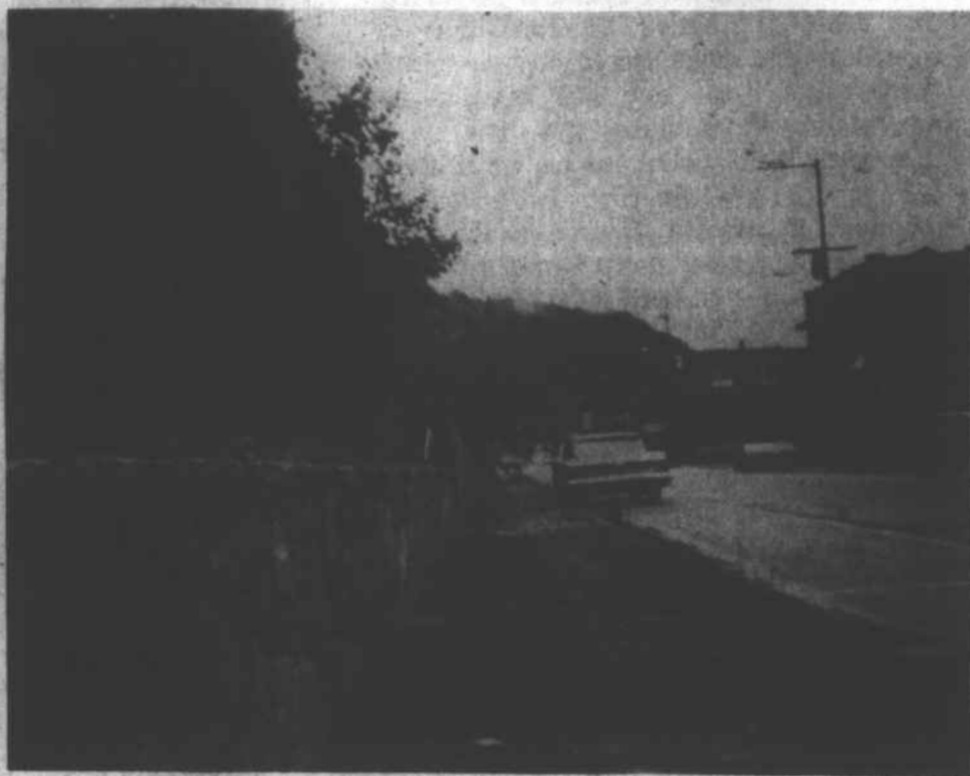
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Downtown Marshall To Get A Facelift

Sidewalks, Drainage, Paving



Mayor Lawrence Ponder and Aldermen Buford Marler, James Penland and Jackie Davis stated this week that work is scheduled to begin in the near future on three downtown projects which, when completed, will greatly benefit the Town of Marshall.

The three projects include new sidewalks along Main Street and the two Bridge Streets; new drainage lines leading from Main Street at the French Broad River; and the much-needed paving of Main Street.

The first job will be the removal of the present worn and broken sidewalks from the upper end of Main Street to the lower end of the street. This project will be done by the Town of Marshall. While this is being done, new sidewalks will be poured portion by portion by the Buncombe Construction Co. Although there will be inconveniences to local merchants, as well as the public, everything possible will be done to make these inconveniences at a minimum, it was stated.

In addition to sidewalks along Main Street, new sidewalks will also be made along Upper and Lower Bridge Streets, the officials said.

The Town of Marshall's portion of the cost of sidewalks is \$46,798, it was announced.

The Tennoca Construction Co. of Asheville was awarded the contract to install drainage lines, and will coordinate their work with the Department of Transportation (DOT). The town's cost for the drainage project is set at \$48,000 to be paid in five annual payments of \$9,600, interest free.

The bids for the paving project will be opened by the Department of Transportation Tuesday of this week and contracts will be let on Aug. 10, officials stated.

The paving of Main Street will be from the city limits to the city limits on US 25-70 Business.

The sidewalk project will hopefully start by July 30 with October 1 set as a possible date of completion.

The completion date for all three projects has been set for October 31, the officials said.

WORN, OUTDATED, unsightly sidewalks in Marshall are pictured above as they now appear. Left above, looking up Main Street from the News Record office, shows broken curbs and water along sidewalks which "sprays" pedestrians when cars pass by. Pictured at right above is the

sidewalk in front of apartments showing grass, coupled with uneven bricks which makes it difficult to walk. It is hoped that these conditions will be improved when new sidewalks, drains and resurfaced streets are completed soon. (Photo by Jim Story)

Signal Light Ruled 'Not Justified'; Editor Disagrees

The following letter was received last week by Mayor Lawrence Ponder from E.H. McEntire, division engineer, State Department of Transportation:

Dear Mayor Ponder:
I have recently submitted the request by the town of Marshall to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Upper Bridge Street to Mr. Billy Rose.

Mr. Rose advises the studies made at this intersection will not justify the installation of a traffic signal at this intersection.

If we can assist in any safety matter in the town, please be in contact at any time.

E.H. McENTIRE
Division Engineer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above request for a signal light at the above intersection has for

years been one of Marshall's most urgent needs. It is hard to understand why such signal is not justified. Vehicles entering Main Street from Upper Bridge Street are often forced to go halfway into Main Street because it is impossible to see traffic up and down the street. Being situated at this intersection, it is easy to observe that this is a most dangerous intersection. Mr. McEntire's

last paragraph states, "If we can assist in any safety matter in the town, please be in contact at any time." If this isn't a safety matter, what is?

Near-serious accidents occur almost daily at this intersection. There used to be a signal light at this point. With vehicles constantly going in and out of Bridge Street to and from the post office parking area, the need of a signal light is more necessary than ever.

Mars Hill Meeting Is Tuesday

The Mars Hill Community Development Organization will hold a community wide meeting on July 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mars Hill Elementary School Cafeteria. Charles D. Brookshire, an active member of the prize winning community of Newfound in Buncombe County, will be guest speaker. All Mars Hill residents are invited to attend the meeting and invite their friends and neighbors.

Aug. 4, is CLEAN-UP DAY in Mars Hill. Those who can help clean public areas should be at the town hall at 9:30 a.m. to receive trash bags and assignments.

Hot Springs \$12,960 Grant Approved

A grant of \$12,960 has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the town of Hot Springs, Congressman Lamar Gudger has announced.

The money is for wastewater treatment construction works.

Marshall Sewer Funds Promised

The officials of the town of Marshall have succeeded in their effort to get the 201 sewer program under way. According to a recent "draft" copy of the Federal Grant Funding List for FY 1980, the town of Marshall is scheduled for Step II Design Funds and Step III Construction Funds beginning in the first quarter of FY 1980 (October 1979). Also scheduled for funding during FY 80 is the design portions of the existing lines which need to be rehabilitated but were not included with the new design work. The Step III or construction phase for the lines to be rehabilitated is scheduled for

funding during FY '81.

The Sewer System Evaluation Report has been submitted for approval by state and EPA officials. It calls for removal of storm water from the existing sewer system by disconnecting roof drains from several buildings along Main Street, and replacement of some existing manhole covers which have holes with covers which do not have holes.

The target date for beginning the design phase is August with construction to begin as soon as plans and specifications are approved by state and EPA.

Auto Show

8th Edition This Weekend At Mars Hill

For the eighth consecutive year the Mars Hill Fire Department will sponsor a car show at the Mars Hill Elementary School.

This year the show will consist of some forty classes of antiques, customs, vans, 4 x 4 vehicles, motorcycles, street rods, and classic type automobiles. The Fire Department expects more than 100 entries this year.

The show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday the 28th and from 9 a.m. until trophy presentation at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the Fireman of the Year

day the 29th. A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy will be awarded in each class plus ten special awards to outstanding entries.

On Sunday, the 29th, the Fire Department will have a chicken dinner at the school cafeteria from noon until 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available from any Fireman or may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Along with the trophy presentation at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the Fireman of the Year

will be presented with a plaque. This award goes to the Fireman who has done the most outstanding job for his Department as voted by his fellow firemen.

The Mars Hill Auto Show has grown in quality and quantity of cars every year and it is expected that this year's show will be the best ever. A large number of California type vans is expected this year as well as several antique autos that have not been to our show before. There will be vehicles that will be of interest to everyone, no matter what your favorite type might be.

The Annual Mars Hill Auto Show is the major fund raising

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Older American Day To Be Observed Here

Older Americans Day will be observed on Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 o'clock at Madison High School cafeteria, according to Mrs. Roy Young, chairman for the celebration.

All Keen Agers, 60 years of age or older, are urged to attend the festivities which will include singing, special music, dancing and a display of crafts. A delicious lunch will be served free of charge to all Keen Agers at noon time.

Mrs. Oleta Shelton and Mrs. Rena Shelton are in charge of entertainment; Mrs. Mary Howell, Mrs. Helen Lamkin, Mrs. Sue Pangle, and Mrs. Agnes Caldwell are to solicit for prizes; and Mrs. Maria Cox will be in charge of the

meal, assisted by the meal site managers.

Mrs. Young urges all persons, 60 or above, to come to this fulfilled day. One does not have to be a regular participant at a meal site to attend. There will be prizes for the oldest man and woman, the person with the most children and grandchildren, and several other categories.

If you need transportation, the bans will be available for those who sign up early at the meal sites or check with the managers about the route the vans will take. Site managers are Mrs. Josephine Goforth, Marshall; Mrs. Pat Worley, Mars Hill; Mrs. Chris Schaffer, Hot Springs; and Mrs. Mae Gillis, Greater Ivy.

Blue Mold Strikes Hard!

By MAURICE I. MCALISTER, Assoc. Agricultural Extension Agent

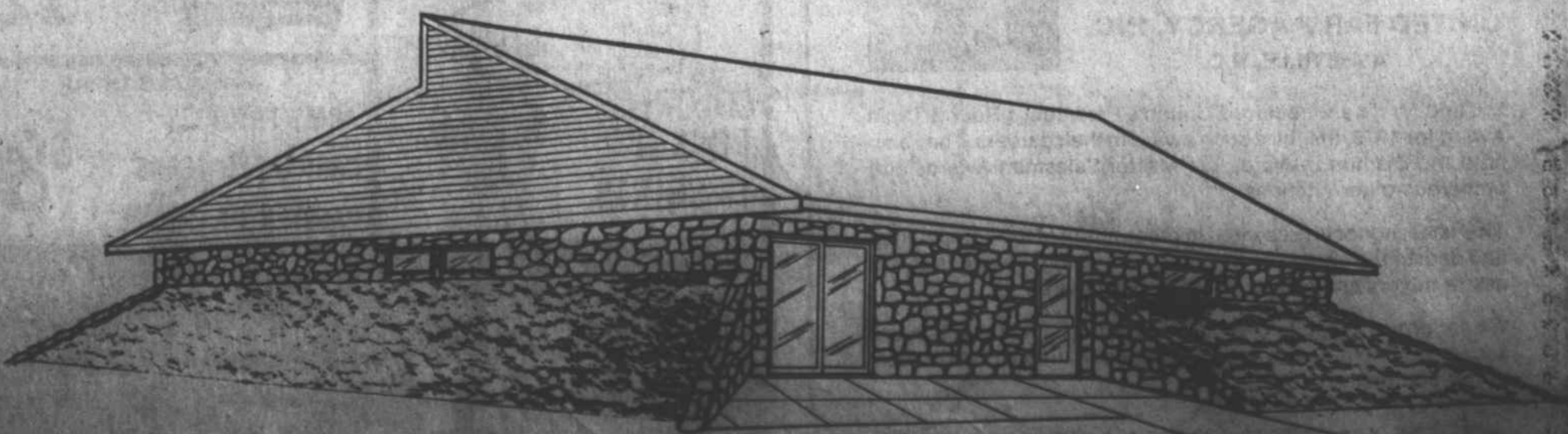
A fungus disease called Blue Mold is striking most of the burley tobacco fields of Madison County and Western North Carolina. The first stages of blue mold appear as yellow spots on the top side of the leaf between the veins. In all cases closer examination reveals a blue mold growing on the under side of the leaves where the yellow spots appear. The real damage occurs as this mold spreads to cover the entire leaf and into the stalk area causing the leaves to turn yellow and in extreme cases fall off the stalk.

In the case of any mold hot dry weather is best remedy; however in the case of extremely damp weather such as this past weekend fungus

diseases spread rapidly.

The Agricultural Extension Service is recommending that tobacco be sprayed as soon as possible with the fungicide Manzate or Maneb at the rate of 1 tablespoon full per gallon of water in a hand sprayer or three tablespoons full in a mist blower. The spray should be directed so that good coverage on the bottom of each leaf is obtained. The effectiveness of a mist blower should prove far superior to pressure sprayers for this job. Growers who have tobacco in the pre-bloom stage should consider spraying at least once. It is much better to spray before actual damage occurs since the fungicide will not kill the mold but will slow down its spread.

For further information concerning this problem contact your Agricultural Extension Office. (669-9411).



OUTSIDE VIEW of the proposed Laurel Medical Center drawn by the architect. The facility will be located at Belva, at intersection of N.C. 206 and

N.C. 212. Construction of the 2,400 square foot center is expected to begin in early fall.