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'Pop' Slows Down

By ALAN ANDERSON

Veteran readers of The News Record have known Jim Story for many years; most of them know him as Pop, the man who "hears and sees." The fact that I call him Jim at all is a clue that I haven't known him very long, and this is true. While some of you might even have known him since as long as 1946 (is there anyone out there with that long a memory?), I have known him for only a week. But already I can understand why The News Record readers and Madison County residents have held him in

such high esteem for these many years.

Pop will be changing his work routine a bit from now on, taking things a little easier, perhaps lingering a few extra minutes over that lunchtime cheeseburger and enjoying some evenings out with his wife "Bill." Pop is "semi-retiring" this month, easing out of the busy life of deadlines and closings. He will devote more time to his printing business, to his checkers, and to his many interests and friends in the Marshall community.

Officially, Pop Story will be described on the masthead as "Columnist and Editorial

Consultant." He will continue to tell us of things heard and seen, and to report on matters and events that interest him up and down the French Broad. Unofficially, he will be much more than that. There is no way to continue publication of The News Record without benefit of Pop's 33 years of experience, and I for one do not intend to try. For though I shall have the title of editor from now on, I hope that Pop will want to stay around for many years as advisor, source of knowledge, and friend.

The history of The News Record itself is largely the same as that of the Story

family. Jim's father, H.L. Story, bought the paper as long ago as 1924, moving the family from Edenton to Marshall to take over the editor's chair. Jim was then 12 years old. By the time he graduated from Marshall High School in 1931, newspapering was in his blood. He learned the business as an apprentice in his father's shop, then gained further training with the Roanoke Rapids Herald from 1940-42 and the Skyland Post of West Jefferson from 1943-46. He then returned to Marshall to become associate editor of his father's paper, a position he held until his father's death in December 1964.

In that year, Jim Story became not only editor, but also publisher and owner of The News Record. He also served as vice president of the North Carolina Press Association and president of

the Western North Carolina Press Association. In 1971 Jim was honored as "Friend of the Month" by the American Soil Conservation Service, the first time a newspaper editor within North Carolina had won that award.

By the late 1960s many independent newspapers were being bought by larger organizations, and The News Record was no exception. In 1970 it was sold to Community Newspapers Inc., of Spartanburg, S.C., owners of several other western North Carolina papers. But in 1978 the paper was returned to local control when a corporation headed by Clifton Blake Metcalf, a Mars Hill native, purchased the paper under the name of the Madison County Publishing Co. Inc. Metcalf is managing editor of The Mountaineer in Waynesville.

Jim Story remained the editor through all these

changes, and maintained his leadership in the Marshall Baptist Church, the Marshall Civitan Club, the Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He also kept up his strong interest in school sports and in music, serving as P.A. announcer for the Patriots' football games, chief of the Marshall fire department, and organist for Bowman Funeral Home.

Like anyone who has devoted his life to running a newspaper, or to any other business, Jim will not find it easy to cut back on the throttle.

He grew up among the people who run Madison County — the people who are Madison County. He learned to listen to them, to work with them, and to speak for them through his newspaper. He will never lose this ability, for it is his life. I am proud to be working with him.



James I. Story

—No more worry about deadlines

Anderson Succeeds Story As Editor



ALAN ANDERSON

Beginning this week, Alan Anderson will become editor of The News Record. James I. Story remains with the paper as columnist and editorial consultant. This change is discussed at greater length elsewhere in this issue.

Anderson comes to the News Record from Springfield, Ill., where he was editor and co-founder of the Illinois Times, a downstate regional weekly newspaper.

Previous to his three years at Illinois Times, Anderson

worked chiefly for magazines, where he specialized in the fields of science, medicine, and energy. He has written for both regional and national publications, including Saturday Review, Time, Organic Gardening, Science Digest and The New York Times Magazine. He has also written several books on geology and natural history.

Anderson and his wife, Susan Sherard, live in Mars Hill.

Principals, Teachers Get New Assignments

R.L. Edwards, superintendent of Madison County Schools, announced this week the roster of school principals and faculty members for the 1979-80 school year. The list is as follows:

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
Principal David Wyatt, Assistant Principal Bruce Phillips, Doyle Ammons, Norris Gentry, James Boone, Jack Brown, Elizabeth Clayton, Michael Cook, Peggy Cutshaw, Karen Dillingham, Kathy Fefer, Stuart Forester, Paul Gunter, Janet Hall, Linda McCurry, Oscar McDevitte Jr.,

Le Kruk, Frances Ramsey, Roy Reeves, Hettie Rice, Cecil Rex Sprinkle, Mary Sprinkle, William Stell, Sandra Tolley, Patricia Waldrop, James Wallin, Ronnie Wallin, Larry West, Carol Whitt, Willa Wyatt, John Shackleton, Alda Jean Young, Louie Zimmerman, McClelland Rice, Glenwood Wallin, James Allen, Harold Baker,

Ronald McDaniel, Garland Woody, Jack Cole, David Cox, Linda Gardner, Maxine Gosnell, Irene Metcalf, Sheila Ramsey, John Ray, Wayne Robinson, Jacob Sams, Karen Sams, Bruce Sprinkle, Lucille Sprinkle, Winfred Ramsey, Jeff Treadway and Elsberry Wyatt.

LAUREL ELEMENTARY
Principal Vernon Ponder, instructional personnel: Joyce Thomas, Lena Mae Thomas, Kathy Johnson, Glennis Ray, Lena Norton, Ruth Landers, June Plemmons, James Shelton, Harvey Franklin, Vickie Carver, Christa Wallin, Elmer Chandler, Betty June Ramsey and Rita Norton.

HOT SPRINGS
Principal J.C. Wallin Jr., instructional personnel: Emma Kate Davis, Shirley Franklin, Selma Wallin, Dorothy Chandler, Larry Wyatt, Elizabeth Staude, David Richards, Mattie Ramsey and Sharon Baker.

MARS HILL
Principal Frederick Anderson, Assistant Principal Lewis Ammons Jr., Shirley Cody, Marie Cody, Jamie Briggs, Marsha Boyd, Patsy Hoyle, Dianne Sams, Ruby Anderson, Carolyn Ponder, Sadie Wallin, (Continued on Page 5)

Resident Of Mars Hill Fatally Shot

Vance William "Butch" Chandler, 34, of Route 2, Mars Hill, was fatally shot shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday on N.C. 197 near Whittemore Branch Road in the Barnardsville section.

Buncombe County deputies said Teddy D. Ray, 28, of Route 1, Barnardsville, has been charged with murder in the incident. He is being held in the Buncombe County jail pending a bond hearing.

Chandler was shot in the chest, according to officers, who said Ray was arrested at the scene. The men were said to have been standing in the road when the shooting occurred.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY
Chandler, a native of Madison County, was a farmer and a son of Walter and Arbutus Elkins Chandler of Mars Hill.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the wife, Eulalia Blankenship Chandler; two daughters, Rhonda Lynn and Christie Ann Chandler of the home; two brothers, David and Jeff Chandler of Mars Hill; the maternal grandmother, Alice Elkins of Mars Hill; and the paternal grandfather, Horace Chandler of Mars Hill.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Capps Funeral Home. The Rev. H.L. Wilson and the Rev. E.W. Jenkins officiated. Burial was in Middle Park Baptist Church Cemetery.

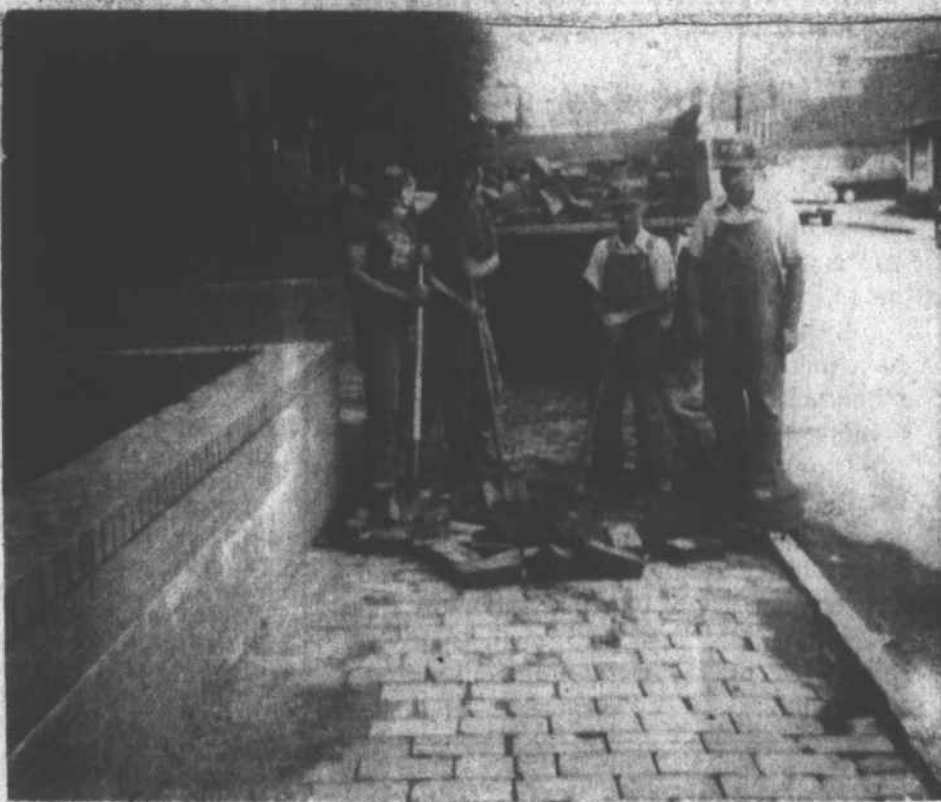
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Schools Open Next Week

The Madison County schools will open on Aug. 6 at 8 a.m. for teachers. On Aug. 7 teachers will report at 8 a.m., and students will report at 9 a.m. for orientation and assignment to home rooms. All students will report on Aug. 8 for the first full day of the 198 school-day schedule; lunch will be served.



SIDEWALK bricks are shown being torn up last Friday in preparation for pouring new sidewalks from the upper end to the lower end of Main Street. Shown in pic-

ture above, left to right, are: Steve Randall, Roger Hensley, Fred "Shorty" Rector and Buford Marler. (Photo by Jim Story)

SART's Season Ends Sunday At Mars Hill

The Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre's (SART) 1979 summer season draws to a close this Sunday with its

production of Inherit The Wind. The play runs nightly Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15 with a 2:30 matinee on Sunday.

chdefender of fundamentalism would be William Jennings Bryan.

Inherit The Wind is directed by James W. Thomas, SART's managing director. The large cast is headed by Susan King as Rachel Brown; Carlton T. Bortell as the Rev. Jeremiah Brown; Dean Hiatt as Bertram Cates; Ron McIntyre as E.K. Hornbeck; Theresa Edsall Phillips as Mrs. Matthew Harrison Brady; Terry Burgler as Matthew Harrison Brady; and Doug Oleson as Henry Drummond.

Reservations are required and may be made by phoning the Owen Theatre Box Office at (704) 689-1239. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Women Vote League Gets \$3,784 Grant

A grant of \$3,784 has been approved for the Asheville-Buncombe League of Women Voters by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Congressman Lamar Gudger announced.

The money is for a public participation training program in Buncombe, Madison, Henderson and Transylvania counties.

The drama by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee flashes back across history to 1925 and the celebrated "monkey trial" in Dayton, Tenn. The locale is unspecified in the play and the names are fictitious, but there is never for a moment any pretense of fiction. John T. Scopes, the young schoolmaster who violated Tennessee law by teaching Darwin's theory of evolution, is called Bertram Cates; Henry Drummond, the lawyer who defends him, is clearly Clarence Darrow; and by whatever name, the ar-



MATTHEW HARRISON BRADY, played by Terry Burgler (standing at right), disclaims Darwin's theory of evolution as he examines the youthful witness,

Howard Blair (Jason Thomas), about this "monkey business" in the classroom in the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre's production of Inherit The Wind.

Farm Group Honors Silver

Harry G. Silver, long-time Madison County resident, has been awarded the Superior Service Award by the Valley Test-Demonstration Association, a seven-state association.

Silver is a retired district agricultural extension supervisor for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He lived in Marshall from 1955 to 1970 and now resides with his wife, the former Gail Grubbs, at Weaverville.

The award was presented by O.G. Ramsey, a dairyman in Henderson County, at the close of the association's annual convention held this year at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Abingdon, Va.

Silver worked hard throughout his career to improve the mixture of crops raised in Western North Carolina and is given much of the credit for the rapid increase in tilled tomato production during the last 20 years.

He argued vigorously, often over strong opposition, that the small, hilly farms of this area are best suited to horticultural crops that require little land while bringing a high return for labor. He promoted, among other things, Christmas trees, native ornamental plants, and home gardens for improving family health.

His special interest was in promoting intensive tomato production, and he traveled to Tennessee, Ohio, Florida, California and other states to study tomato marketing and technology.

Silver's concern for struggling families on mountain farms arose from his own experience as a child. He was born on a small mountain farm near Site Toe River in the Bandana community of Mitchell County. As a youngster he worked hard to aid his family both on the farm and in the mines.

He finished high school in the Depression, then joined the old Civilian Conservation Corps. He moved on to N.C. (Continued on Page 5)

Hot Springs Wins \$10,865 Housing Grant

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded \$10,865 to the Hot Springs Housing Authority, Congressman Lamar Gudger announced today.

HUD spokesman said the funding is to improve management efficiency and maintain the level of services presently provided to residents.

Mrs. Christine Harrison is director of the Hot Springs Housing Authority.