

### Optimists Will Travel To Asheville

The Optimist Club of Madison County will go to Asheville in lieu of their regular Thursday meeting, to support the winners of the county oratorical contest. Winners Greg Wilde and Danette Middleton will be competing in the zone competition on March 28 at 7 p.m. at the S & W Cafeteria. All members are urged to come along and support their speakers. A car pool will meet at Mary's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

### Animal Shelter Closed Temporarily

The Madison County Animal Shelter has been closed temporarily for repairs, according to supervisor Emery Metcalf. If anyone should have an emergency, please call the Health Department (649-3531) or Metcalf (649-3178), rabies control officer.

### Benefit Gospel Singing

There will be a benefit gospel singing March 30 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church for the family of Lonzo Gosnell and the Clarence Lewis family. Both families lost their homes by fire. All singers and listeners are invited.



DUMPING TRASH in a river or stream on private lands is a violation of county ordinance 2868.1(14-134.1), according to Madison Community Development leaders. The ordinance says that it is unlawful for anyone to place "any trash, refuse, garbage, debris, litter, plastic materials, scrapped vehicle or equipment, or waste materials of any kind upon the lands of another without first obtaining written consent of the owner thereof, or to deposit any of such materials in any river or stream." A violation of this law can lead to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The scene above is a section of Hayes Run.

### Class Of '55 Planning A Reunion

The Marshall High School Class of 1955 is planning a reunion. Members of the class who would like to participate should contact Dale Metcalf at 6321 Linda Drive, Lewisville, N.C. 27023, telephone 919/945-5616. It is important that those who have an interest in the reunion get in touch with Mr. Metcalf within three weeks.

### Piney Grove Sunday Singing

There will be a singing at Piney Grove Baptist Church next Sunday night beginning at 7. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Hot Springs Health Center To Hold Open House, Auction

The Hot Springs Medical Center in Hot Springs is holding an open house March 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. The center has just completed renovating its offices and waiting room area and the public is invited to come in and look around.

## County Will Get \$533,948 For Road Work

(Continued from Page 1) county of 200 cars per day. Paving this road and replacing bridges No. 314 and 315 would cost approximately \$400,000. (See accompanying list of priorities.)

However, it is likely that the Board of Commissioners will decide at their next regular meeting April 4 to divide the available money among several roads rather than spend the entire sum in one place.

The meeting was attended by citizens who came to plead on behalf of their own unpaved roads. Howard Payne asked that Anderson Branch, road number 1155, be paved, pointing out that "in 48 years, since it was built in 1923, there hasn't been anything done on that road." Mrs. Hayhew, who came with Payne, said that there is one curve on the road that falls almost vertically

away and is gradually eroding. The road is presently priority No. 5 on the state list, with 18 homes and a traffic count of 144 per day over its 3.0 miles.

Arvol Coates of Grapevine asked for the unpaved section of upper Grapevine road to be paved — especially the 0.7 mile from the end of the pavement to where the school bus turns around. Presently the whole 4.8 miles of upper Grapevine is listed as priority number 46, without a breakdown for the first 0.7 miles, which is relatively flat and straight.

Lewis Gosnell and Larry McCall of Hot Springs put in a strong bid to have Lower Shut-in road paved. This stretch is number 14 on the list, with 2.1 miles, 16 houses and a traffic count of 125. Both men said that there was little point in a public meeting if the priorities were already established. Earl McEntyre replied that the priorities are set by formula, but that it is the commissioners' job to determine what work will actually be done.

"I wish we had more money," said McEntyre. "It would cost \$31.5 million or more to complete all the roads out here, plus the cost of replacing the bridge." With

McIntyre at the meeting were Robert Crumpler, district engineer for Madison, Yancey, and Buncombe Counties, and Dan Martin, assistant district engineer for maintenance.

Officials at the meeting stressed that no road work can be done unless right-of-way permits are secured from landowners. The Cutshalltown Road, for example, has been

priority number one for six years, but the rehabilitation has been held up by difficulties in obtaining permits. Thus whatever road or roads are selected by the commissioners can only be widened after permissions are gathered. It was pointed out that the cost of repairing Cutshalltown Road has doubled since the work was first approved.

### Mrs. Hoffman Heads Stewart Campaign

House Speaker Carl Stewart, a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, today announced that Jeanne T. Hoffman of Mars Hill has been named his campaign chairman in Madison County.

"I am delighted to have Jeanne Hoffman heading my campaign in Madison County," Stewart said. "She has an outstanding record of service to her community and state, and I have the utmost confidence in her."

Mrs. Hoffman has been active in Democratic politics for 20 years, having served as vice chairman of the Mars Hill Democratic Precinct Commit-

tee and of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee and as a delegate to the N.C. Democratic Convention.

A professional educator, she has taught at Mars Hill College and in the Buncombe County School system. She has served as assistant to the vice president of Mars Hill College and as executive director of the Council on Appalachian Women Inc.

She has gained national prominence as a spokesman for women's rights and has delivered the keynote address at a number of conferences and commencement programs.

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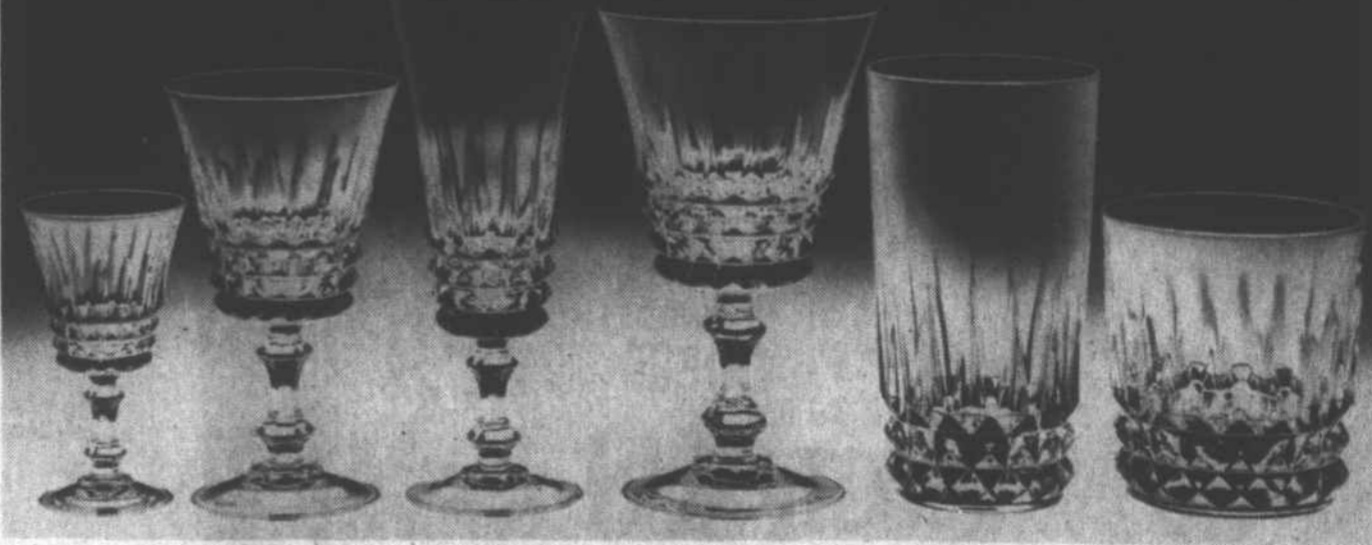
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