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Sunday Accident Kills One

A Sodom Laurel man was killed instantly about 8:20 p.m. Sunday when the jeep he was riding in left the road, then flipped over in the highway.

State Highway Trooper Johnny Robinson identified the dead man as Jackie Ray Bullman, 24, of Marshall Rt.

4. Trooper Robinson said the accident happened on the Marshall by-pass near the Walnut Creek Road intersection. He said Bullman was a passenger in a jeep operated by Ronnie Wayne Cutshall, 20, also of Rt. 4. Robinson said the jeep left the road on the right

side, then was jerked back onto the road where it overturned and blocked one of the southbound lanes.

Bullman died of multiple neck and head injuries. Robinson said charges against Cutshall are pending.

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Services will be held at 2

p.m. Wednesday at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Arlan Bullman and the Rev. Joe Rice officiating. Burial will be in the Bullman Family Cemetery.

Palbearers will be Jimmy Wyatt, Eddie and Alvin Chandler, Leslie Bowens and

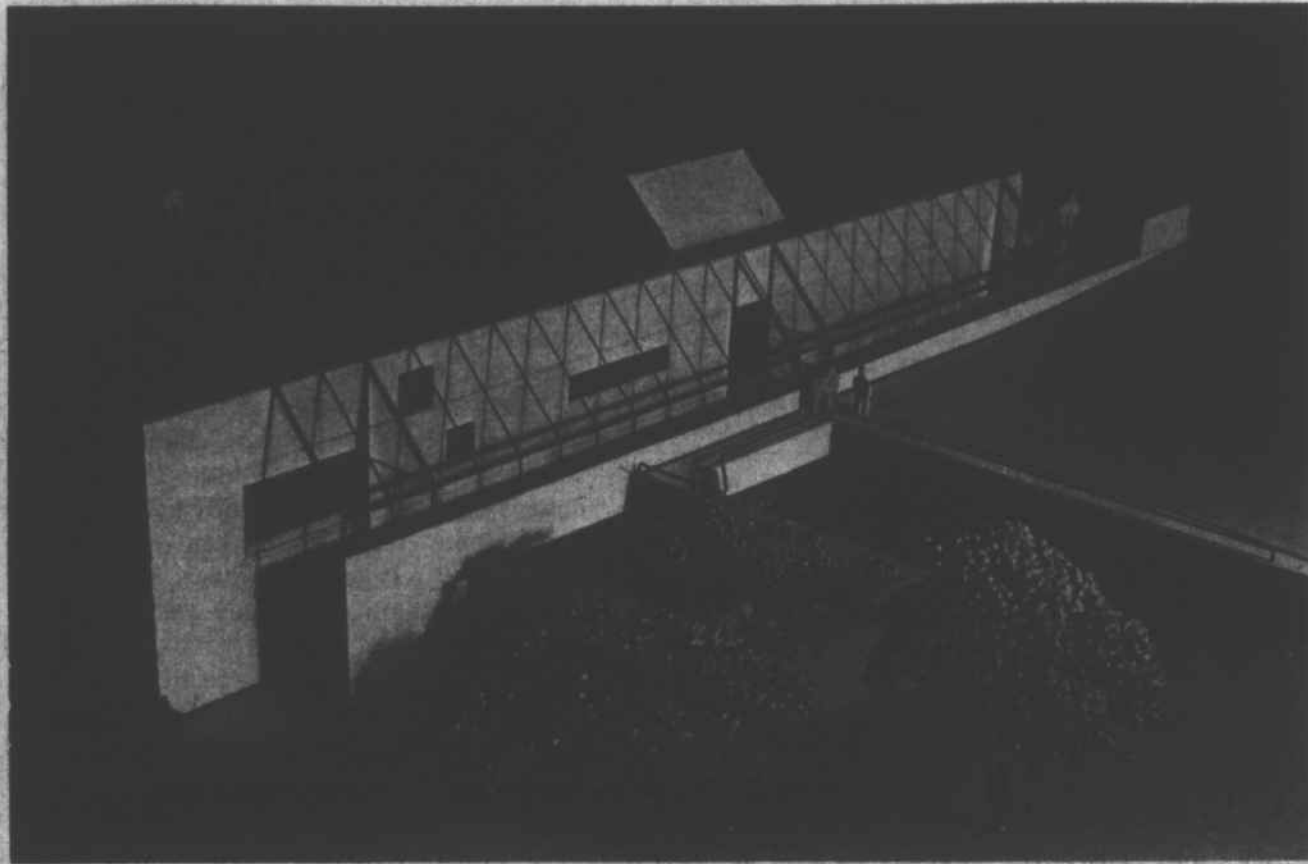
Roger Worley.

Survivors include the widow, Howardette Mars Bullman; two sons, Scottie and Jackie Ray Bullman Jr.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chandler of Marshall; two brothers, Joey Bullman of Alexander and Wayne Bullman of Marshall; two sisters, Polly Ann Robinson of Mars Hill and Cathy Ramsey of Arden; the paternal grandmother, Polly Bullman of Alexander; and maternal foster grandfather, Earl Ramsey of Marshall.

He was a native of Madison County and was employed by Asheville Construction Co. and a member of the church.



One Man Died In This Jeep



Proposed Media Center

For Media Center

Mars Hill College Receives Big Gift

A \$700,000 bequest from the estate of the late J. Meade Harris of Roanoke, Va., was announced during graduation weekend by Mars Hill College President Dr. Fred B. Bentley.

The money will be used to construct a unique media center, most of which will be underground. Details of the unexpected legacy and the unusual building were presented to the college's board of trustees during their semi-annual business meeting here.

Harris, who died in August 1978 at the age of 80, was a feed and grain dealer in Roanoke. A lifelong Baptist who apparently had no official ties with Mars Hill, he stipulated in his will that the building should be named in memory of his wife. The structure, on which construction will begin this summer, will be called the Marlene Reader Harris Media Center.

Designed and engineered by Six Associates of Asheville, the building will be partially underground for programmatic and energy conservation reasons. It will be located on the corner of Dormitory

Drive and the Marshall Highway (N.C. 213), flanked on the east side by Memorial Library and just across the road from Wall Science Building. The site is a natural valley ideally suited for the

type of building planned. According to the architect, the building's sod roof will eliminate heat load requirements on the roof, which is the major peak heat gain. (Continued on Page 2)

MHC Closes Year

Grads Hear Message Of Hope From Dr. Fred Bentley

Mars Hill College's 124th academic year came to a close Sunday, May 18, when college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley awarded diplomas to the 264 members of the Class of 1980.

The threat of rain did not

deter the crowd of families and friends from attending the Baptist-related college's colorful graduation exercises. The 2,000 seat Moore Auditorium was filled to capacity for both the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service and the 3 p.m. commencement.

Dr. Bentley was the primary speaker during the afternoon's ceremonies, after individually presenting the graduates with their diplomas. He told them that while many would say that this is a terrible time to be graduating from college with runaway inflation, the economy in a recession, and instability in all parts of the world, he chooses to look at the situation in a different light.

"The times and circumstances demand reasonable solutions to extraordinary problems," he stated, citing as an example that the college, with the help of two of its trustees, has managed to cut consumption of oil by 79,000 gallons per year even though a major new building, Blackwell Hall, has been added to the campus.

Through their studies, he told the graduates, "you have gained both specific and broad knowledge, coming to a better

understanding of your talents and abilities. In reality," he said, "you are the ones who will build our tomorrows. Be open to new solutions and ways of doing, even, I hope, creating some new solutions."

Dr. J. Wesley Grayson of Laguna Hills, California, also addressed the students during the commencement ceremony. Dr. Grayson gave Mars Hill \$1,123,000 in 1978 to fund the J. Wesley Grayson Scholars from Appalachia Program, the school's most

prestigious scholarship award.

Dr. Grayson paraphrased Elizabeth Barrett Browning's well known "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways," verse from her "Sonnet of the Portuguese," into his own reasons for loving Mars Hill College: scenic beauty, the skills and knowledge gained in studying here, and for the friends made here. He urged the seniors to make up their own list of reasons, noting that

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State, Local Runoff Vote Set June 3

The Madison County Board of Elections announced today that at a special meeting of the state Board of Elections on May 15, the board ordered a second primary to be conducted for the office of state auditor between Democrat Edward Renfrow and Democrat W.S. (Bill) Chestnut.

Also, there will be a run-off for District Court judge 24th Judicial District between Republican Roy Alexander Lyerly and Republican Edwin D. (Ed) Taylor.

This election will be held June 3. The polling places will be open for voting between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Paper ballots will be used for this election.

Civil Suit Dismissed Against The Sheriff

A civil suit asking \$300,000 damages from Madison Sheriff E.Y. Ponder for mistreatment of a prisoner was dismissed in U.S. District Court by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Woodrow W. Jones last week.

The suit had been filed by Alonzo M. Crews Jr., presently serving a sentence of 180 years in the state prison at Raleigh for the murder of two Yancey County men in a remote area of Madison County

three years ago. Crews and a co-defendant, Phillip Eugene Turpin were both found guilty of murder and given long sentences.

Sheriff Ponder was represented in the action by A.E. Leake, Marshall attorney. Witnesses for the sheriff included Leroy Johnson, Clyde M. Roberts, Linton B. Ramsey, Phillip Elam, in Rusher, Robert S. Swain, Thomas H. Morrissey and Cleo Grindstaff.

Hunt Installs McDevitt As State YDC Head

Gov. Jim Hunt officially installed Wayne McDevitt of Madison County as president

of the state Young Democrats Club Saturday night at ceremonies at Deer Park in

Biltmore Estate, touting him as one of the young party leaders destined for higher things.

Gov. Hunt installed the entire slate of officers at the group's annual banquet, which saw an array of Democratic Party luminaries address the gathering.

Also speaking were Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, 11th District congressman Lamar Gudger and U.S. Rep. Jack Brinkley of Georgia, in addition to a number of YDC speakers.

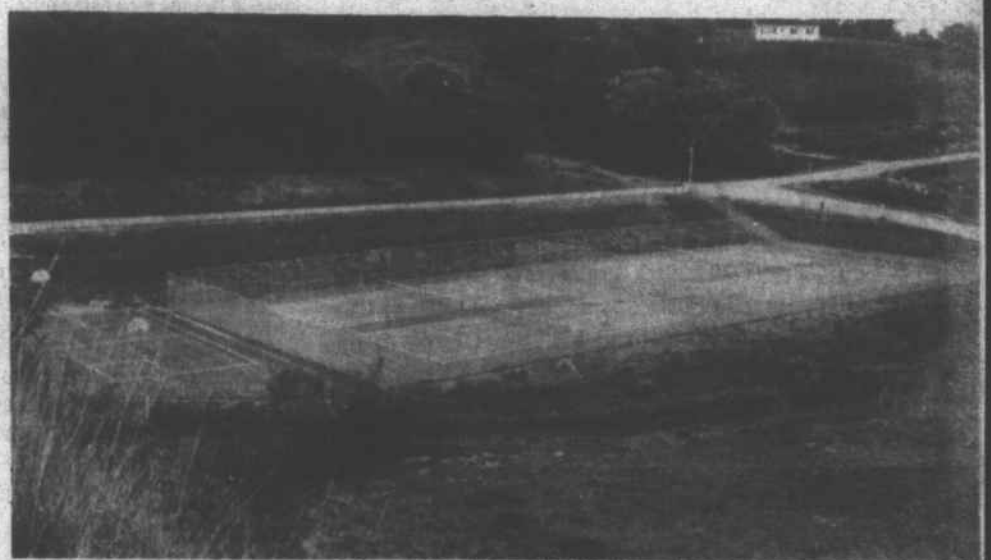
During his speech, Hunt said that John Anderson's independent candidacy will have a negligible effect on the presidential re-election efforts of Jimmy Carter in North Carolina and the governor predicted that Carter would defeat Ronald Reagan this fall.

In his acceptance speech, McDevitt said that he would work to expand the base of the Democratic Party in the state to include all those who now felt excluded — including conservative young people.

He said the YDC would more than likely work hard to carry certain issues, including the ERA.



GOVERNOR JIM HUNT congratulated Madison countian Wayne McDevitt on his installation Saturday night as president of the state YDC. The installation was held at Deer Park in Biltmore Estate.



Mars Hill Rec Park Complex

Rec Park Opens June 2

The Town of Mars Hill is opening its recreation park for the first full season, on June 2 and town manager Roger Swan is urging citizens to take full advantage of the facilities offered by the town.

Most of the park was ready last year, Swan said, but a few finishing touches remained and so few programs were offered.

He said hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 1-5 p.m.

Sunday. The park is located on Crooked Street in Mars Hill, and park supervisors will be Marty Cann, a recent graduate of Mars Hill College; Ellis Tyson, a student doing an internship there; and Ruth Davis, who is doing field work.

Facilities available include a multi-purpose picnic area, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, and volleyball, badminton, croquet, shuffleboard and a combination

softball and baseball diamond.

Swan asked that anyone interested in using the baseball diamond to contact the Mars Hill Town Hall, also picnic groups larger than 12 people.

He said there will be tennis workshops and tournaments offered this year.

Other activities and schedules will be announced in the News Record.