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Out Beyond The Hills — The Future

Madison High Class Of '80 Came Down To Final Day

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It is Sunday and they come down now to their time, that Class of 1980. Madison High School. It is that day, the one they always saw in the far future. Madison High School, where they learned some of the facts of life.

But it is also a fact of life that all of the rivers run down to the sea, and that fact is beginning to glimmer somewhere in the deep levels of their young hearts.

The gym began filling slowly, after the noon hour Sunday, then more parents and friends, and more and more. The people came to pay honor to those youth who had made the great hard struggle our state and society requires to inform the mind, broaden the life, deepen the spirit.

And while the parents gathered in the gym, outside in the hall the Class of '80 began to cluster, proud of the caps and gowns. They are the graduating seniors, with all that brief glory. Self-consciously they smoke, talk, hoot and push each other about.

One last time. The time of a new emotion to them. There is the movement

of something away from them, each of them and all of them. They evade each other's eyes. The universe is beginning to shift.

Yet there is still a bit of it left. They are still in the hall. The gym is filling, time is filling, running now like a quick creek toward a big lake.

The Class of '80, which seed was planted in the first grade in the early 1960s before the fire storms broke over the nation. The flow quickened, the streams were...

Each of them and all of them stand about. They came to this school from the coves and ridges and creeks, and it was stamped upon them; they came from the small Madison County towns and communities, and it was stamped upon them; and some of them had their family roots in other places and that was also very clearly upon them, but it is now Sunday in late May of 1980 and they are of one essence and of a singular experience and no one can remove that from them, or them from those days which led to...

Envious juniors bite their lips and stare as something quickens just beyond ken. There were those who

started with them so long ago in the first grades who didn't make it through to the victorious Sunday in May, for all the varied reasons.

Who? Where? There is not time to think of it now because the final moments are crowding together. It is running faster, faster.

Time fills. The eyes of some girls are beginning to fill. The psychic barometers are

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Woman Shot At Festival

A Buncombe County man has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injuries on an Asheville woman following a shooting at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at a rock festival on the Zeno Ponder farm.

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder identified the wounded woman as Rachel Vance of Jarrett Street in Asheville. Charged is Raymond David Ballard, 38, of the Ox Creek section in Buncombe County, he said.

The Vance woman underwent surgery at Memorial Mission Hospital Sunday night. Sheriff Ponder said her femoral artery, in the groin section was severed. The wound is usually fatal.

A two-day rock 'n roll festival was held on the Zeno Ponder farm this weekend.

Marshall Town Board Sets Meet Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of Marshall will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, in the Marshall Town Hall.

MHC Grad Says Thanks With Cash

A Florida couple whose daughter was a member of the graduating class at Mars Hill College last Sunday added a pleasant and surprising note to the commencement celebration in the form of a \$100,000

gift to the Baptist school. Mr. and Mrs. B.D. McMichael of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., presented the gift to Mars Hill president Dr. Fred Bentley "in recognition of and in appreciation for"

what the college had done for their two children. The daughter, Cheryl, received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in history and will be employed in the special collections section of the college library.

The McMichael family first became associated with the college several years ago when Claude Gibson, athletic director and head football coach, recruited Robert Dale McMichael to play football. A member of the Class of 1977, Dale is now affiliated with his father in the family's building supply business. In announcing the gift, Dr.

Bentley said half the money will be used in an improvement project planned for the college's Meares Stadium; the other \$50,000 will go into a fund for the enrichment of the library.

"This is a very significant gift," he explained, "which will benefit two major areas of the college. It will enable us to upgrade our facilities in the stadium, and it will provide funds by which the college librarians and the faculty can strengthen our library through the purchase of special collections and other appropriate items." In presenting their gift to

the college Mr. McMichael told Dr. Bentley he and his wife were impressed by "the excellent education and the quality of life" offered by the college. "We are also impressed by the way in which the college is run," he added. "Somehow, each year college officials manage to balance the school's budget."

Mr. McMichael, who has been active on Mars Hill's Board of Advisors since 1975, is involved in several other businesses in addition to the building supply firm. He and Mrs. McMichael are members of the First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Youth Wins 4-H Grant

Allen Stines, Route 7, Marshall, has been named winner of a \$500 scholarship from the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

Stines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond N. Stines, is one of 12 4-H members from across North Carolina selected to share in \$8,000 of scholarship money being distributed this year by the Fund.

Marshall Grant, Route 1, Garysburg, president of the Fund, says the scholarships are awarded to outstanding 4-H members for college study during the 1980-81 academic

year. The 4-H Development Fund, with headquarters at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, was organized in 1958 by friends and alumni of 4-H to help support certain phases of club work.

Grant explained that this is the 19th year that scholarships have been awarded. Recipients, he reported, are selected on the basis of their high school record, evidence of college aptitude and 4-H work.

Stines has compiled an impressive record of ac-

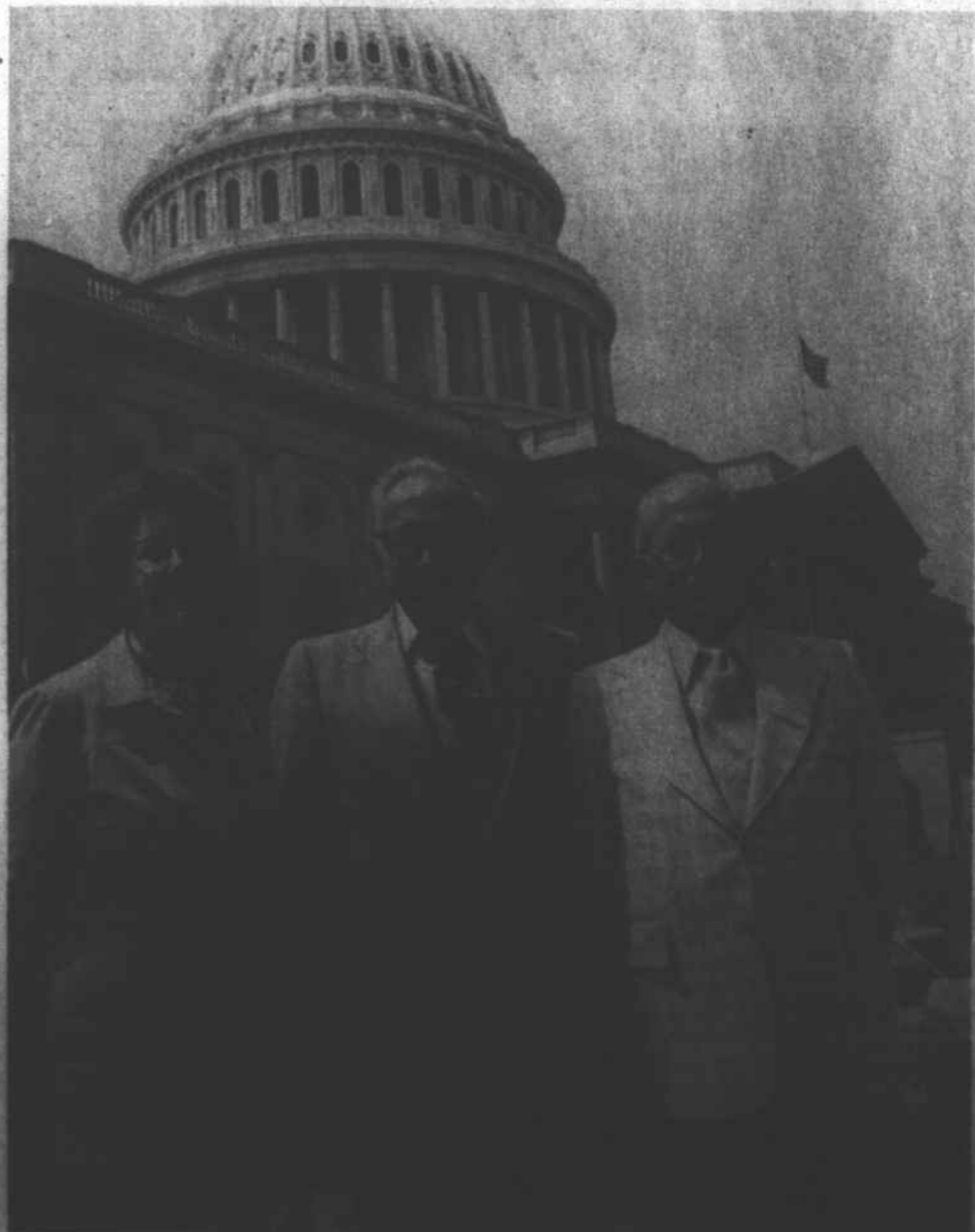
complishments during six years in 4-H work. He has served as president and vice president of the county 4-H council, president and reporter for his local club and vice president of the Western District 4-H organization.

He has completed projects in meteorology and junior leadership and won district honors in the artistic arrangements demonstration contest.

A senior at Madison High School, Stines plans to attend Mars Hill College.



Scholarship Winners Allen Stines



CONGRESSMAN LAMAR GUDGER with Senior Citizen Interns: (left to right) Mrs. Lucille Burnette of Marshall, Con-

Marshall Woman Served As Senior Intern

In terms of age, they're hardly schoolkids anymore. But the two Senior Citizen Interns sponsored recently by Congressman Lamar Gudger took to their Washington experience much in the fashion of the countless elementary, high school and college students who visit the Congressman in the Nation's Capital yearly.

Both Mrs. Lucille Burnette of Marshall and Ellsworth Rathburn of Columbus found the city's springtime beauty to be equal to its reputation. And both discovered the intricacies of the federal legislative system to be more complicated than the "folks back home" often give it credit for being.

The pair joined nearly 300 fellow senior citizens from across the country in the two-week intern program. Daily sessions made them familiar with the workings of Washington and gave them valuable information to pass on to senior citizens' groups in Western North Carolina.

"I've enjoyed the sessions," said Mrs. Burnette, who recently retired after 37 years of teaching in Madison County. "They've been informative, and we speakers have been very knowledgeable in their fields."

"I have more understanding of the system," said Rathburn, who retired in 1975 after 40 years with the Alcoa Corp., including a final pre-retirement stint in West Africa. "I'm not yet to the point where I think that everything that they do here in Washington is right, but I have a better understanding of why it takes months to get legislation through Congress instead of a week. And I'm not too sure I'd want to rush things too fast."

Both interns are chairmen of their county councils on aging. They were chosen for the internships when Gudger issued invitations for participants and when their regional advisory councils urged them to go. Neither had visited the Capital City previously.