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Four Horsemen In June Heat

THESE FOUR HARD CHARGERS added to the dust, sweat and color of Saturday's horse show on Marshall Island. They are: (left-right) Joey Pegg, Kim Barnes, Jackie

Pegg and Charles Swann, all of Marshall. See related story and more photos on page 8. (Photos by Lewis W. Green)



OFFICIALS AT HORSE SHOW Saturday were (left-right) Ed List, chairman; John Kistler of Statesville, judge; and Maurice McAlister, ringmaster.

Blue Mold Crops Up Again

Blue Mold was found in a Madison County tobacco field last Friday. The field had not been treated with Ridomil. This affected field is located in the Rector Corner section and was not in tobacco last year. The disease is spreading in spite of dry, hot temperatures. Farmers who did not use

Ridomil should take every precaution. Those who have not transplanted should use Ridomil before the tobacco is set. Those who have already set and did not use Ridomil should start spraying immediately with maneb or streptomycin. These materials are used at the rate

of one pound for 100 gallons of water.

Contact your extension office at 649-2411 for information on the whereabouts of Ridomil. Continue to spray your plant bed until you have destroyed and plowed it up. Plant beds are the most likely source of blue mold spread.

Terminations

Fired County Employees Will Stay That Way, Board Of Commissioners Says

Few details were available following a Friday night meeting of the Madison County Board of Commissioners which saw discussion of the announcement last week that seven county employees would be terminated at the end of June.

The Board went into executive session to discuss some of the terminations, as they are allowed to do by State law.

Later the following statement was issued by the board: "In view of an article which appeared in last week's News Record, the Board of Commissioners wish to clarify the reason that the people listed in that article are leaving the employment of the County effective the end of June.

All of the individuals who are leaving the County's employment at the end of June have rendered excellent service to the County. Unfortunately, the Commissioners were faced with the dilemma of either having to reduce the work force of the County, or to

greatly increase the tax rate of the County. The increase which would have been required to continue the employment level of the county at the same level that it existed for the fiscal year 1978-1979 would have been in excess of thirty

cents per \$100.00 in valuation. "It was and is the feeling of the Board of Commissioners that with the state of the economy being as it is today that it would be unreasonable and totally unfair to the citizens of Madison County to

require them to incur such a great tax increase.

"The Commissioners remain firm in their commitment that the citizens of Madison will experience no tax increase this year."

At 2 Public Hearings

Speak Your Mind

The Town of Marshall will conduct two public hearings on June 19, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Madison County Courthouse and on June 20, 1980 at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall. The purpose of the hearings is to hear citizen comments on a final application for funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for community improvements in the Rollins neighborhood.

The final application includes the following community development activities: the rehabilitation of 40 units of homes, installation of 4" water line and seven (7) fire hydrants, installation of a sewer line down State Highway 213 to the Rollins interceptor, street and drainage improvements, landscaping, and acquisition of a site for a neighborhood park. The Rollins neighborhood includes

Hardwick Branch Road, Rollins Road, Highway 213 to the town limits, Paul Smith Hollow, and Highway 25-70 from the Hardwick Branch Road to the Town corporate limits.

All residents of these neighborhoods are urged to attend the hearing in order to learn more about the project. If the application meets all guidelines, work is anticipated to start by Oct. 15.

School Board

Reschedules Meet

The Madison County Board of Education has changed its regular monthly board meeting from July 7 to July 1 due to a conflict that has arisen. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison County Courthouse.

Marshall-Walnut K-3

Elementary School Construction On

A new elementary school for students from kindergarten through the third grade at both the Marshall and Walnut schools is in the works, according to Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Madison County Schools.

Edwards said the planned construction is adjacent to the Madison County High School and will likely total 10 new classrooms.

He said the Board of Education cleared the project two months ago.

Funds for the construction will come from \$273,433 in federal funds for the flood damage to the Marshall Elementary School in 1977; \$154,651 from the 1973 state bond money (if the plan is approved); and \$130,000 from local funds.

"We're going as far as we can," Edwards said. "We built 10 classrooms in Mars Hill for the

same amount of money two years ago."

Edwards said that plans are being considered to eventually consolidate grades from the kindergarten through the eighth grades "—but that will be a decision for a future board to make," he said.

Sub-Area Meeting Slated Monday

The annual sub-area meeting for Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Hot Springs rural communities will be held

on Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Hot Springs School house. The Marshall-Walnut meeting will be held at the Madison High School on June 23 at 7 p.m.

The purpose for these meetings is to elect directors to give a report to the members, and also to answer questions concerning the operation of the health program for the three sub-areas.

If you need medical help after hours and on week-ends and if you live in the Marshall, Guntertown exchange, dial 649-2112 toll free into Hot Springs where Payne will give you the information. Persons in Hot Springs may simply dial 622-3383. You will no longer have to talk with an electronic machine.

The medical center at Laurel should be completed by September, according to Tom Wallin, chairman. Dr. Plemmons will be starting practice in the Hot Springs Center in July, Wallin said.

The annual membership meeting for this year will be held at the Walnut School, the fourth Monday night in July at 7 p.m.

Market Plans

Plans Progress For Flea, Farmer's Style Sales

Plans for the opening of a downtown flea market and farmer's market on Saturday, June 21, were initiated Monday at an informal meeting of downtown businessmen at the Rock Cafe.

The plan is the opening action taken by the merchants to rejuvenate downtown so that the merchants will have more business and the consumers can have a place to go. For the first weeks, exhibit space will be free. A fee will later be charged.

"We must stress that not only will the flea market trading be lively, but that a place will be made available for the farmer to bring his produce

and sell it without having to spend money driving all the way to Asheville," one of the businessmen said.

He added the fowl and livestock might also be traded.

The area to be used for open-air marketing is in and around the American Legion Post parking lot on Back Street, just off Main Street.

Trading in the area is expected to see a leak-off of customers for the downtown businesses.

Another of the businessmen said he felt the burgeoning gas crisis will allow such an endeavor to take root and thrive.

Last week the merchants were talking openly of plans to utilize the downtown area for the flea-and-farmer's market, and of ideas to exploit the French Broad River as a place of recreation, fishing and camping for visitors.

However, the merchants feel that before river-use plans are developed too far something tangible like the founding of a good open-air market area should be undertaken. From that core many other ideas can be developed.

Information about space and requirements may be obtained by calling The Rock Cafe at 649-3000.



MEETING MONDAY in Rock Cafe were these business people who are pushing for a flea-farmer's market in Mars Hill. They are

Al Dirago, George Penland, Daris Tweed, Dean Shields, Ed Niles, Bill Hayes, Don West, Buddy Buchner and Julia Williams.