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Bill Lisenbee

Police Chief Is Easy-Going, Friendly

William Robert (Bill) Lisenbee is a quiet, easy going sort of person who tries to get along well with everyone in his job as a police officer for the town of Marshall.

Lisenbee joined the Marshall Police Department four years ago when commuting to Biltmore on the south side of Asheville became difficult for the Madison County native.

"That's back when there was a gasoline shortage and people had to wait in long lines to buy gas," he said. Lisenbee applied for a job at the police department in order to find work closer to home.

Since becoming a police officer, Lisenbee has taken nearly 240 hours of training in basic law and police science at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Town alderman Jackie Davis appointed Lisenbee police chief on July 15. Davis said the time had come when a chief was needed to coordinate the business and activity of the police force.

Lisenbee said he enjoys working with the department and has "stayed in law enforcement because I like to help people whenever I can."

At Burnsville Hearing

Judge Decides To Continue Court Order

After a hearing in the Yancy County Courthouse on Monday, Judge Frank Snapp agreed to sign a preliminary injunction continuing a Superior Court order restraining the Madison County Board of Education from enforcing the assignment of 51 Madison County students to Madison schools.

Attorney Ronald K. Payne, representing the 51 students, said Judge Snapp also agreed to contact the Administrative Office of the Courts in Raleigh to arrange for a special session of court during the week of September 8 in order to have a jury trial concerning the assignment of the students.

A special session of court would expedite matters concerning the case, whereas, placing the case on the regular court docket could leave the issue pending for as long as a year.

Individual testimony was not heard at the hearing as each student had submitted affidavits through their attorneys. Parents had signed the affidavits on behalf of the students.

The original court order had been requested and obtained by attorneys for the students on Friday before school began on Monday, Aug. 11 in Madison County Superior Court Judge Robert W. Kirby issued the restraining order in Asheville.

Meanwhile, the students, living along the Madison-Buncombe County line in the Sandymush and Oak Grove communities, began attending Buncombe County schools Monday, the first day of school in that county.

The official policy of the Buncombe County Board of Education is to allow the Madison students to attend Buncombe schools if the students are released by the Madison County Board of Education, or by a court as in the case of the Superior Court order, according to Andy Miller, superintendent of the Buncombe County schools.

YCC Program Benefits Youth, Madison County

School has started, and summer as most students know it is over. Now their thoughts have turned to homework, team sports and making it through another school year. But many young men and women in Madison County have the summer memories of hard work and accomplishing goals, and of looking back and saying, "Hey, I did that!"

The hard work and the goals were provided by the Youth Conservation Corps program. It's administered each summer by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the U.S. Forestry Service.

The YCC was established by Congress in September, 1974 through Public Law 93-408. The purpose of the Act is to "further the development and maintenance of the natural resources of the U.S. by America's youth."

Three objectives were set out in the law: (1) Accomplish needed conservation work on public lands, (2) Provide employment for 15-18 year old males and females from all social, economic and racial backgrounds, and (3) Develop an understanding and appreciation in participating youths of the nation's natural environment and heritage.

This summer 20 young people took advantage of the YCC program in Madison. They rolled up their sleeves, donned safety helmets and work gloves, and took on a variety of out-of-door jobs under the supervision of the French Broad Ranger District in Hot Springs.

Steve Burns of the Forestry Service acted as camp director for the French Broad camp, and explained in a recent interview some details of the YCC program in the county.

The local 8 week program was funded with \$24,000 from the USDA. The money was used to pay salaries, to rent two vans for transportation, purchase equipment, materials and supplies, according to Burns. With the exception of the van rentals, "all the money was spent in Madison County," he said.

As camp director, Burns hired three crew leaders to supervise the youngsters working in the program. Spencer Rollins, a timber technician for the Forestry Service; Marilyn Wyatt, an environmentally conscious school teacher; and Clyde Stewart, a surveying engineer, were chosen for their expertise in their fields and their leadership abilities.

Burns stressed that emphasis is placed on work safety and discipline in the YCC program. Also, 10 hours per week is spent on environmental education, usually pertaining to the specific job the



YCC WORKERS in Hot Springs take time out for group photo. This crew built canoe and boat landing. From left: Steve

Roberts, Scott Moore, youth leader, Tim King, T.J. Gahagan and Will Barron.

youngsters are doing.

Two major jobs completed in the Hot Springs area this summer were a boat and canoe landing on the French Broad river and a parking lot for Appalachian Trail hikers adjacent to the Hikers Hostel at the Catholic Mission.

The canoe landing was constructed by Steve Roberts, Scott Moore, Tim King and T.J. Gahagan, all of Hot Springs, and Will Barron of Shelton Laurel. They worked two weeks on the landing reworking 240 feet of small trail to the river's edge. Clearing and grading was done by hand. Then, rock and gravel were spread between anchored railroad ties to form a clean, easily traveled access to the river.

In addition to the canoe landing, these young men built 10 "stream structures," or small dams and put a roof on a house during the remaining six weeks of the program.

Over at the Hikers Hostel, another crew of YCC workers turned a trash dump into a 12 car parking lot for hikers using the Appalachian trail. Many hikers drive to the spot and leave their cars for day hikes along the trail.

Again the basic construction materials were railroad ties, crushed rock and gravel. The project took six weeks to complete.

Burns said he enjoyed working with the young people who



SPENCER ROLLINS, crew leader, watches YCC workers put finishing touches to canoe landing at site just north of Hot Springs.

choose the YCC for summer employment, and he likes the concept of the program. "It gives any young person, male or female, the opportunity of a summer job and the chance to learn something about themselves and the environment."

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Silver Screen To Light Up



The screen has been blank and darkened, and the clackety-clack of the projection room silenced for the past three and one-half years at the Mars Hill Theater, but light and sound and life will fill the theater again when it opens its doors to the public on August 25.

Charles (Mac) McFarland, owner of the theater for the past 20 years, said all the remodeling work will be completed at the facility, and the projector will be ready to roll on Monday night.

"We're going to open with Rocky II for three days followed by The Jerk starring Steve Martin on Thursday, Friday and Saturday," he said.

McFarland plans to show two movies per week, the first running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the second running Thursday through Saturday. Initially, only one movie will be shown per night beginning at 7:30, but "if there is a demand for it, we will run two showings per night," he said.

"Admission prices will be \$1.50 for children up to 12 and \$2.50 for adults and children over 12," he added.

Special semester prices will be available for Mars Hill College students.

The 388 seat theater is equipped with a wide screen for Cinemascope, 35 millimeter films.

EMC Rate Increase Effective September 1

New retail rates for members of French Broad EMC will go into effect on all bills rendered on and after September 1, 1980.

This rate increase is due to an increase in the wholesale rate that the Cooperative must pay Carolina Power and Light Company for power. CP&L had originally asked for this increase to be effective on June 17, 1980, but the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

issued a two month delay. This also delayed the increase to Coop members from July 1 to Sept. 1.

The increase the Coop must pay CP&L on the base rate amounts to 30%, and to recover this increased cost the Coop must increase its overall base rate approximately 20%. The amount of your monthly usage will determine what percentage increase you will see. The average residential

consumer using 750 kwh per month will see his bill increase from \$36.36 to \$44.25 or a 22% increase, but a person who uses 2000 or more kwh in a month will see an increase of 26% or 28%.

The General Service rate, under which stores, service stations and public schools are billed, shows an increase for 1000 kwh per month of 20%. Larger uses will show a larger percentage of increase. These

figures do not include the Purchase Power and Fuel Adjustment Charge.

The Purchase Power and Fuel Adjustment Charge is over and above the amount billed on the rate schedule and goes directly to Carolina Power & Light Company. A higher cost on this fuel adjustment will mean a larger percentage increase than the rate schedule alone indicates. We have no control over this

figure and cannot predict what it will be on their new rate. Their filing with the FERC estimated little or no fuel adjustment and possibly a "credit" but recent news articles from CP&L indicate that the fuel adjustment charge will be higher due to their Brunswick nuclear plant being down for modifications. Power normally generated by this plant had to be generated by other more expensive

sources. Below are new rate schedules adopted by the Board of Directors for their North Carolina consumer-members.

Schedule A-A, Farm, Home, Church, & Frat. Org.: \$5.50 Basic Facilities Charge, first 1000 kwh at 5.2 cents per kwh, over 1000 kwh at 4.4 cents per kwh.

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CHARLES McFARLAND, owner and operator of the Mars Hill Theater gets ready to welcome movie-goers on August 25.