

Editorials

School Attendance Trial

In a Sept. 4 editorial concerning the then pending trial to settle the dispute between the Madison County Board of Education and 51 Madison children attending Buncombe schools, we said, "We hope the parents and attorneys representing the students, and the Madison County Board of Education, will work toward a speedy solution to this matter and spare the children from being punted back and forth across a county goal line."

In today's edition, we are happy to report that the matter was dispensed with efficiently, and justly in our opinion, in last week's special session of Civil Superior Court.

Other Editor's Say

Drinking Age

The Sylva-Herald

This fall the legal drinking age rises from 18 to 19 in Georgia and Florida, two more states which joined the trend to raise the age limit from eighteen. Another study, now underway in Massachusetts, is likely to add impetus to the trend.

Dr. Richard Douglas, of the University of Michigan, who produced two convincing studies of the increase in death from accidents when the drinking age was lowered, was recently quoted as saying that a new study at Boston University, weighing the effect of the hiked legal age in Massachusetts, would add significant factual data in this field.

In September, data from a study conducted in Michigan on the effect of the age hike there to 21 - in effect now over a year now - will be released. All indications are that it will be conclusive evidence many

The attorneys representing all parties and Judge John Jolly are to be commended on their promptness and wisdom in reaching the compromise solution.

We suspect that not all of the families involved will be perfectly satisfied with the judgment issued in the settlement, but we think the best solution has been arrived at for the majority of the children involved. At least now they know where they stand, and can continue this year's schooling in a stable atmosphere and plan accordingly for their education in the years to come.

lives have been saved.

Although Wisconsin, home of many breweries, rejects a move to hike its drinking age this year, the trend throughout the country is toward raising the legal drinking age. Such changes have already saved the lives of many young people - and innocent victims - and reduced the number of traffic accidents.

Alcoholic consumption, should, of course, be subject to strict laws. Other drug use is tightly controlled; yet we have been allowing glamorous advertisements about alcoholic beverages to go into every home to every age via television, and hard liquor has been sold freely to teenagers, many of whom are unprepared to cope with its effects, and die or kill or ruin their lives as a result - and those of others.

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY

This is the week for the American and National League playoffs to see who will play in the World Series. It's an exciting time for baseball fans. As a rule, I pull for the National League. Why? Because the National League has terms in Atlanta and Cincinnati, close enough to travel to, and because I think the National League is stronger and more aggressive. My good friend, Roy Reeves, disagrees with me, but I'll still stick with the National League.

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The passing of Robert G. "Bobby" Redmon, of San Antonio, Texas, on October 1, has taken another friend of mine. A former resident of Marshall, he and I were the first to play ping pong in Marshall. We played on a small table, using a string for a "net." The table was located in front of the News-Record building which was then located down the street where the new portion of the

First Union Bank is now located. Others soon started taking an interest in the ping pong games and joined Bobby and me in the sport. It soon became quite popular here and we built a regulation table with a real net and moved it upstairs in the building. Bobby was close friend and ping pong opponent. Whenever he visited T.N. and his sister, Nell Henderson here he would always come in the office and we would discuss the "good old days." Yes, I'm going to miss Bobby.

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A series of ham-turkey shoots, sponsored by the local Optimist Club, will begin this Saturday afternoon on the Marshall bypass. The Saturday shootings will continue for several weeks, Optimist members stated. All sportsmen are urged to participate.

Letters To The Editor

Editor: I would like to tell you about something I witnessed near Mars Hill Sept. 25, involving a school bus wreck and a tractor trailer.

Two of the first people who reached the scene of the accident were two Mars Hill College students, Brian and Nan Ramsey.

In place of panicking or wasting time, this young man turned his car and quickly headed for help. They were the first to get the word to the ambulance personnel and alert them that children were involved. In a matter of minutes, help was on the way.

As a passer-by who was in the crowd and overheard the conversations, I experienced the good feeling of knowing, that in these "modern times," our young people care and are willing to help another in any type of situation. These young people returned and helped all they could until help was there.

So many of us are only curious seekers at a time like this and are only in the way.

Thanks again to these young people and all others who helped those children in this emergency.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M.B. Doyle
Asheville

Editor

I wish to express my appreciation to all the people who assisted at the scene of the school bus collision on Highway US 19&23 bypass on Thursday, 25 September 1980.

A special thanks to Trooper Johnny Robinson and other Emergency Medical Technicians who rendered "on-the-scene" medical treatment to my son and to the other injured children, secondly, to the Mars Hill Fire Department, the Mars Hill and Marshall Ambulance Services for their quick response and the transportation of the

injured children to the hospital, and thirdly, to the Mars Hill Police Department for their assistance to the Highway Patrol in protecting the accident scene and directing traffic during the time Trooper A.L. Cooper was conducting the investigation.

It is gratifying to know there are still citizens who don't mind "getting involved", and I'm deeply appreciative to each one, both private and professional, who assisted.

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Editor

Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 41 from Marshall High School. I would like for those class members who are interested in a reunion next spring during the alumni

meeting to contact me. I will be happy to help interested members make plans for the reunion.

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A Review

TOWER OF BABEL; The Growth Of Nuclear Power In The South

TOWER OF BABEL: The Growth Of Nuclear Power In The South.

The USA's Southland - traditionally celebrated for its benevolent climate, easygoing lifestyle, and hospitable charm - has become, over the past two decades, the focus of intense interest by both private and federal nuclear entrepreneurs who relish the non-unionized work force, cheap land, and welcoming attitude of "progressive" local officials.

Tower Of Babel, as Southern Exposure's 100-page report is called, documents, with charts, graphs, and maps, the extensive development of the Southern states by an economically and politically beleaguered industry seeking to expand its controversial operations into areas where local resistance is minimal.

According to the report, the South ranks high on almost every aspect of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Charleston, South Carolina, was the first US port authorized to handle incoming foreign

nuclear waste products (now Portsmouth, Virginia, does this hazardous job since Charleston passed a city ordinance in 1979 forbidding further shipments, following the Three-Mile Island accident). Maxey Flats, Kentucky was the country's first commercial nuclear waste dump (the South handles over half of the nation's commercial waste, 30% of its high-level waste, and 40% of its military waste).

Four key facilities needed for the production of nuclear warheads produce the materials for three warheads a day; there are 19 operating nuclear reactors, with 49 more in construction. Columbia, South Carolina has the world's largest nuclear fuel fabricating plant.

Aiken, South Carolina, is the potential site for the nation's first permanent high-level waste dump (despite unanswered questions about its suitability for such use due to its situation in a class-three earthquake zone and over an aquifer - a water supply).



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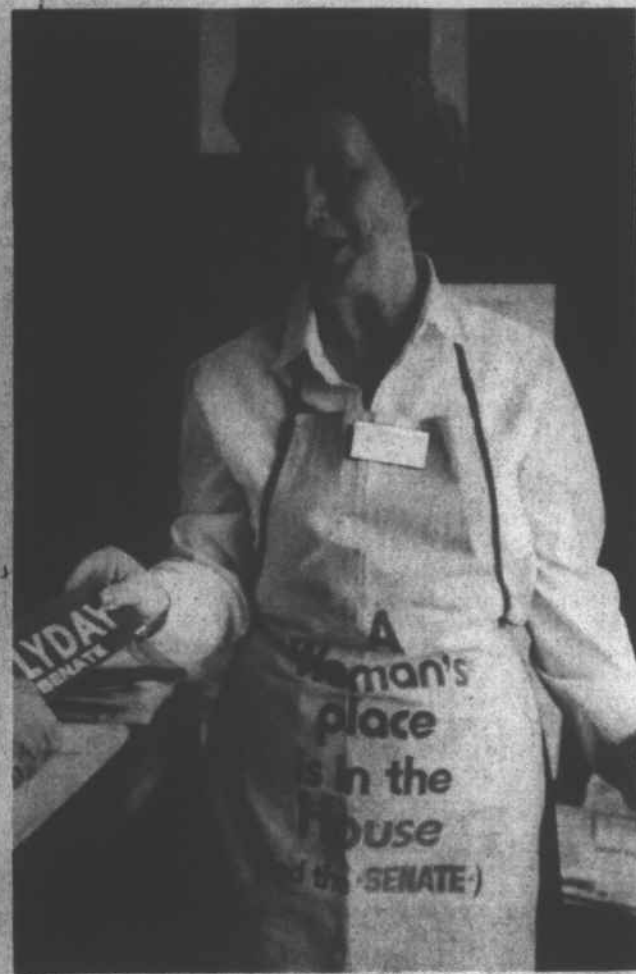
Scott Lunsford

Meet The Other News-Record Photographer

Scott Lunsford, 18, is another young man who is helping the News Record - in the photography department. The Mars Hill native is currently attending Asheville-Buncombe Technical College in preparation of attending photography school in January.

Mars Hill Lions football games for the News Record. However, his interests in photography goes beyond photographing athletic events.

A sample of his work can be seen on the next page. The News Record is grateful to Scott for his photographic contributions.



Mary Jane Hollyday

Candidate

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is up to the individual states to "see that their laws are such that all citizens are treated equally."

During her campaign swing through Madison County, Mrs. Hollyday said she had found the people in Madison

"extremely nice and friendly."

"Win or lose the election, I'll go right on fighting," she said.

Mrs. Hollyday, a Republican, is running for one of two seats in the N.C. Senate. Her opponents are Democrats James McClure Clark and Robert Swaim.

French Broad Has Been Dumping Ground'

Fishermen, rafters and boaters along the French Broad River which runs through Western North Carolina's Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe and Madison Counties, say pollution, trash and poor access are causing major recreational problems.

A survey headed by Dr. D.D. Tarbet, a North Carolina State University assistant professor of recreation resources administration, polled the river's users to get insights into the problems.

The survey which was funded by federal agencies through the Southern Appalachian Research Management Cooperative, was designed to identify stream-related problems in the region where states are heavily dependent on recreational resources and tourism.

Rivers are major sources of recreational opportunity in North Carolina, Tarbet explained. "It's important to get the users' insights. The problems have to be identified before they can be solved."

The consensus among stream users is that natural hazards such as falls, rough rapids and wild terrain should be left alone.

Most people who use the river want to see it cleaner and free of man-made hazards like dams and cables, Tarbet noted.

Unfortunately, the French Broad has been a dumping ground for refuse for years, he said.

The guilt can't be assigned to a single group," he said. "Both recreation and landowners along the river have been negligent in this regard."

Old abandoned autos, animal carcasses, trash and

garbage can be seen along the banks and floating down stream, he said. The high incidence of flooding along the French Broad facilitates the movement of trash and increases the chance of some forms of pollution.

Another major problem that the survey identified is the conflict between landowners and those who use the river.

"Owners complain about trespassing which results in their crops being trampled, fences being broken and animals escaping," he said. "The user maintains that he has a right to reach and use the river."

There is no right and wrong in the argument, Tarbet says. "Both sides have a good point, and the only realistic answer is compromise."

He cited a multi-county organization in the western part of North Carolina called the Land of the Sky Regional Council as an appropriate group to handle the problem.

As a result of the successful survey on the French Broad River, further NCSU management studies in the Southern Appalachians have been funded by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station.

According to Tarbet, the recent survey has found that most recreational users and landowners concur on one point.

"They both want the opportunity to govern their own streams and rivers with as little federal regulation as possible," he said.

"If we don't solve the problems ourselves," he said "the federal government is going to solve them for us."

LETTERS WELCOMED

We welcome letters to the editor. All we ask is that they be reasonably brief, in good taste and contain no libelous statements. However, letters will not be published if they are not signed by one or more individuals. "Parents" or "Concerned Citizens" does not constitute a signature. Please include your return address and phone number.

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Hot Springs CD Meeting To Be On Oct. 15

The Town of Hot Springs will conduct a general meeting for the public at the Community Center Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss HUD guidelines for the Community Development block Grant Program

operating in Hot Springs. Officials from the HUD Area Office in Greensboro will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

All citizens of Hot Springs are encouraged and invited to attend the meeting.