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SAY CHEEZE — Madison High School students assist in unloading 5,550 pounds of government surplus cheese at the Department of Social Services Wednesday afternoon. Anita

Davie, DSS director said she expected most of the 5 pound blocks would be distributed when food stamp recipients came to Marshall to pick up their food stamp coupons.

Intern Program Open To Senior Citizens

U.S. Representative Bill Hendon has announced that his office is now accepting applications from residents of the 11th Congressional District who are interested in participating in the 1982 Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program. The week-long program will take place May 17 through 21.

Applicants for the program, who must be 65 years of age or older, should have their applications into Hendon's Washington office no later than March 20. The successful applicant will be notified by April 1.

Criteria for applicants are that they must be: residents of the 11th Congressional

District, in good health (a physician's statement will be required from the individual who is selected), actively involved in senior citizen projects in the community with a good knowledge of the needs and problems of the elderly in Western North Carolina, and willing to work as a liaison between Hendon's Congressional office and the elderly in the 11th District after the internship is completed.

Individual letters of application should include background on the applicant's activities and why he or she wants to participate in the program.

All applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from com-

munity leaders familiar with the applicant's work with the elderly.

Interns spend one week in Washington attending a series of briefings and lectures on subjects of special interest to the elderly. They also spend time in the Congressional office and familiarize themselves with the federal government and how it operates — especially in the area of aging.

Applicants should write to U.S. Representative Bill Hendon, 212 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Further information is available by phoning the toll-free district office number in Asheville at 1-800-222-5840.

County Gets Road Funds

The North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated the last \$10 million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system here at its Feb. 12 meeting.

Madison County's share of the \$10 million allocation is \$180,848, based on a formula established by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relation to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Madison County has 296.09 miles of unpaved roads, while

the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 18,000.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved in November 1977, directed that \$75 million would be used to improve the state's secondary road system, while \$175 million was for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million was for the state's urban road system.

The highway bond funds will be used for improvements to the system such as new paving, widening existing paved roads, improving unpaved roadways to an "all weather standard," repairing and replacing substandard

bridges and strengthening paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions.

DOT board members and division engineers are in the process of reviewing secondary road needs in each county. As county by county improvement programs are compiled, they will be presented to each respective county board of commissioners.

Public meetings will be held in each county to give citizens an opportunity to express their views on secondary road needs. The commissioners then will review and forward recommendations to the Board of Transportation for implementation by state forces.



Citizens Questionnaire OUR FUTURE BEGINS NOW

What do you want North Carolina to be like in the year 2000? Planning for our future is too important to be left only to government. So the Commission on the Future of North Carolina, chaired by William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina, and leading citizens in all 100 counties, are working together in an effort called NC 2000 to find out what the citizens of our State want our future to be.

The questionnaire below has been prepared to give you a chance to say what you like about this State and what you think needs to be improved.

I urge you to speak out now. Together we can make a difference. This is what NC 2000 is all about.

1. The Commission believes the following qualities are important for North Carolina to have in the future. Please check the ten (10) you feel are most important.

- a. Adequate, affordable housing
- b. Enough good jobs
- c. An adequate, clean water supply
- d. Adequate protection from crime
- e. Adequate health care services
- f. Help for the needy
- g. Enough good farm land to keep agriculture strong
- h. Adequate community services (such as fire protection and sewer lines)
- i. Good quality education for our children
- j. Opportunities for job training for new workers and those who must change jobs
- k. A clean, beautiful, and healthy environment
- l. Cultural activities (such as art, music, theater)
- m. Good roads
- n. Recreational opportunities
- o. Controlled growth and prevention of urban sprawl
- p. Adequate mental health services
- q. Colleges that are affordable and high quality
- r. Efficient state and local governments
- s. Adequate energy
- t. Regard for the dignity and worth of every person
- u. Clean, fresh air
- v. Fair system of taxes

2. If there are important qualities missing from the list above, add those by filling in the blanks below:

- w. _____
- x. _____

3. In the future, which three of the qualities checked or added previously do you think will be the most important to improve? (Use the list to find the letter of the item which should be improved and fill in below):

- _____ most important to improve
- _____ second most important to improve
- _____ third most important to improve

4. In the future, which three of the qualities checked or added previously do you think will be the most important to keep as they are? (Use the list to find the letter of the item which should be kept and fill in below):

- _____ most important to keep
- _____ second most important to keep
- _____ third most important to keep

5. How old are you? _____ years

6. What is your sex? 1—male 2—female

7. What is your race? 1—American Indian 3—White
2—Black 4—Other

8. What is the last year of school you completed? _____

9. What county do you live in? _____

10. If you had five minutes to spend with the Governor of North Carolina to talk about the future of the state, what else would you say?



Please mail your questionnaire to:
NC 2000
116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, N.C. 27611

This questionnaire must be returned by March 26, 1982 in order to be considered.

In cooperation with the Commission on the Future of North Carolina and the North Carolina Press Association, the News Record is reprinting the N.C. 2000 Citizen Questionnaire as a public service to our readers and all residents of Madison County. Completed questionnaires must be turned in by March 24 at the following Madison County locations: Wachovia Banks in Marshall, Hot Springs and Mars Hill; First Union National Bank, Marshall; Northwestern Bank, Marshall; Department of Social Services, Marshall; French Broad Electric Membership Corporation; Marshall Senior Citizen Center; and Board of Education Office, Marshall. Or, the questionnaires may be mailed to: N.C. 2000, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. Questionnaires mailed to Raleigh must be received by March 26 in order to be considered.



GRANT GIVEN TO SCHOOL — The Madison Central Optimist Club has awarded a \$300 educational grant to Marshall Elementary School to be used for the benefit of the entire student body. Student representative Jeannie Pegg (left) receives the check from club member Emery Wallin.

Wednesday, April 21 Health Fair '82

Health Fair '82 will be held in Marshall on Wednesday, April 21 at the Marshall Presbyterian Church. Hours for the free health screening program will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health Fair Week will be observed in 33 locations in 18 Western North Carolina counties during the week of April 15-24. Sponsored by WLOS-TV and the National Health Screening Council for Volunteer Organizations, each local health fair will offer free tests for blood pressure, anemia, vision, height and weight. Optional blood chemistry tests will be available for a nominal charge of \$5.

Some locations will also offer oral screening, hearing and glaucoma screening. The screening tests are designed to screen for potential problems and do not replace examination or evaluation by a physician, according to Helen Hooton, Madison County coordinator for Health Fair '82.