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**NO INJURIES** — No one was injured when this tractor-trailer left the road and plunged down a small ravine approximately three miles north of Marshall on U.S. 25-70 at 9:30 p.m. Friday. Trooper William C. Swanson of the N.C. Highway Patrol said no charges were filed against James Michael Jenkins, driver of the truck. Swanson's report said

Jenkins, 25, of Hot Springs, pulled to the right while meeting a car, causing the right wheels of the truck to drop into a side ditch. Jenkins was unable to pull the wheels back onto the road, careened over a culvert and driveway, and plunged into the ravine. Swanson attributed the accident to rain and bad weather. Jenkins was hauling furniture.

## Three Men Charged With Assaulting Hikers

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK  
Editor

Two men have been arrested and charged with assault and damage to private property at the Jesuit Parish in Hot Springs, according to Sheriff E.Y. Ponder.

The arrests followed a series of incidents, sparked by what the sheriff called a "drunken brawl," which occurred late Friday night and early Saturday morning at the hiker's hostel located on the parish grounds the sheriff said.

A warrant has been issued for a third man allegedly involved in the same incidents, according to Chief Leroy Johnson of the Hot Springs Police Department.

Michael Holt, 19, and Dean McCarter, 26, both of Hot Springs, were arrested Saturday after they allegedly attacked and beat two male Appalachian Trail hikers with plastic pipes just outside the hostel.

Chief Johnson said he has a warrant for the arrest of Tim Ramsey, 20, of Hot Springs, who is also charged with assault and damage to property in the incidents. As of Monday, Johnson said he had not been able to serve the warrant and that he heard Ramsey had gone to Indiana.

**THE HIKERS.** Dan Pieper of Portland, Ore. and Steve Parmenter of Los Altos, Ca., were attacked about midnight Friday while resting at the hostel, according to Frank McAloon, manager of the hostel which is primarily used now to house Catholics on retreat.

Pieper and Parmenter continued their trek northward on the trail after Pieper was treated Saturday morning at a nearby medical clinic for a large gash over one of his eyes and several bruises on his leg, forearm and stomach.

Ponder said bond was set at \$1,000 each for Holt and McCarter. Holt was released on his bond and McCarter remained in the Madison County Jail Monday, the sheriff said. Ponder said the hostel was also vandalized in the incident.

McAloon said the two hikers were sitting in a breezeway between his cabin and the hostel building when they were approached by two men. The hikers and the men began exchanging words and then the men began beating the hikers with plastic pipes. One of the assailants pulled a knife at which point Parmenter began running toward the town for help.

"FORTUNATELY, SOMEONE came by in a truck and picked him up" as one assailant continued to chase Parmenter, McAloon said.

Johnson was summoned to investigate the incident and McAloon said he took Pieper to the parish house where he was initially treated by a nurse.

Later, about 1 p.m., a car drove into the U.S. Forest Service parking lot adjacent to the hostel, McAloon said.

"There were four men in there and they were asking, 'What the hell's going on here,'" he said.

"At first, we didn't think they were being threatening. We just thought they were curious," he said. But the four men got out of the car and approached the building carrying clubs, he said. Holt, McCarter and Ramsey were later identified as three of the four men. The fourth man remains unidentified.

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## Graduates Urged To Take Responsibility For Future

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK  
Editor

"The world can not fulfill our dreams, it's what you do that counts," said Peggy Sexton, one of four student speakers addressing the Madison High School 1982 graduating class Sunday in O.E. Roberts Stadium.

Some 190 graduating seniors and over 1,000 parents, relatives and friends braved a scorching mid-afternoon sun to participate in the eighth graduation ceremony to be held at the consolidated high school.

Miss Sexton reminded her fellow graduates they had reached a milestone in life and said now is the time to "move forward, leaving behind old well-set ways and to face problems squarely without blaming others."

Senior Ronje Weathers recalled that in time of need great Americans like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. had been there to lead the country.

"The only way to make free enterprise work is to have leaders. Bold, fresh, innovative leaders," Weathers said. He urged the graduates to set high goals, motivate themselves and become leaders.

Laurie Melvin, a senior from Mars Hill, spoke to the graduates about mankind's advancements in technology and about man's lack of positive relations with his fellow man. "Let your guiding principal be truth," she said.

Mary Lisa Anderson recalled the past four years and said of all lessons in high school, learning how to live was the most important. "Continue to live life to the fullest," she urged the class.

Before handing out diplomas, Principal David Wyatt presented nineteen special awards to outstanding graduates. Donna Franklin was recognized as class valedictorian, having earned the highest grade point average. Russell Lambert was recognized as class salutatorian.

Other award winners according to category were: Dewitt Bishop and Jackie Gardin, social studies; Russell Lambert, mathematics; Mary Lisa Anderson and Laurie Melvin, gifted and talented English and college prep English; Kathy Dodd, home economics; Sandra Deltz and Julian Roberts, physical education; Richard English, trade and industrial education; Tammy Phay, chorus; Brenda George, French; Erick Henderson, band; Grady Justice, agriculture; Russell

Lambert, biology; Marie Messer and Marla Reese, business; and Jessica Newton, science.

Ten students were presented with Madison High Honors Scholarships. The new \$1,000 scholarships donated by R.D. Williams, president of World of Clothing, Inc. of Hendersonville, went to Dewitt Bishop, Alex Filliss, Lisa

Fisher, Donna Franklin, Jackie Gardin, Tammy Henderson, Russell Lambert, Tommy Ray, Peggy Sexton and Ronnie Weathers.

Diplomas were awarded by assistant principal Bruce Phillips, Wyatt, and senior Sandra Griffin. Stuart Jolley, president of the student body, gave the benediction.



Photo by N. Hancock

**GRADUATION** — Peggy Sexton addresses seniors and audience during Madison High graduation ceremony Sunday

## Marshall Reservoir Runs Low, Closes High School

A water shortage here last Tuesday forced the closing of Madison High School and several businesses and left about half the town's residents without water.

Early Tuesday morning town workmen discovered the one million gallon reservoir on Derringer Drive was nearly empty.

Marshall Mayor Lawrence Ponder blamed the shortage on a pump which failed to come on when water in the reservoir dropped below a certain level.

A power outage apparently

caused the pump's malfunction at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, officials said.

Water was restored to most area residents by late Tuesday.

"All pumps are constantly pumping water now. Chlorination has been stepped up and water from a standby reservoir is being added to the system," said Madison County Sanitation officer Michael Bradley.

When workmen discovered the problem at 5:45 a.m., the reservoir contained about 1,000 gallons.

## Marshall History Contest Winners Advance To Maryland Nationals

Six Marshall Elementary School students took top honors recently in the state level of the National History Day Contest in Charlotte and will advance to national level competition at the University of Maryland.

Dawn Phythian, Elizabeth McBride, Kay Rice and Autumn Taylor won 1st place in the group category for their project, "The Railroad Era In Madison County." Jeannie Pegg and Carol Fox won 2nd place in the group category for their "Contributions and Controversies of a Small Town Industry."

The state level competition was held at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The students advanced to

the state level after winning 1st and 2nd places in district competition held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

Thirteen other students from the school won 1st and 2nd places in all categories at the district level. Listed are the students, title of entry, category, district results and state results: Tony Payne, "Capitola: Its Influence on Industrial Change Past and Present," Historical, 1st, 4th; Kevin Clark, "The Industrialized America," Individual, 1st, 4th; Danny Brigman, "Presbyterian Influence on Trade and Industry in WNC," Media, 1st, 6th; Randy Riddle, "Tourism as an Industry in

WNC," Media, 2nd, 3rd; Scott Boone, "Down on the Farm in Madison County: a Family Industry and History," Individual, 1st, 4th; Mark Rice, "The Peddler: Memories of a Forgotten Trade," Individual,

1st, 6th; Monica Cody, Teresa Keller, Buck Davis, Jimmy Treadway, Tony Martin, "The Cadillac Comes Home: Rural America Searching for Jobs," Group, 1st, 3rd; Edd Reemes. (Continued on Page 3)



**GROUP PROJECT WINNERS** — Jeannie Pegg (left) and Carol Fox of Marshall Elementary School were recent winners of the group project category of the N.C. History Contest held at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Their project was titled, "Contributions and Controversies of a Small Town Industry."

## Public Meetings

The June meeting of the Madison County Board of Education will be held Friday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the courthouse on Main Street in Marshall.

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom at the Madison County Courthouse.

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet Monday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall on Main Street.

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet Monday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall on Andrews Street in Hot Springs.

The Mars Hill Town Council will meet Monday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall on Main Street.