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School Board To Discuss Funding With Commission

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Apparently unhappy with the Madison County Board of Commissioners' allocation of only \$550,000 in local tax money to the schools, the board of education said Friday there will be an "on-going discussion" with the commissioners about financial matters as the summer ticks down to the beginning of classes in August.

"I don't feel like we have enough money there to operate on," Supt. Robert L. Edwards said after reading a letter to the board from county finance officer David Caldwell. The letter said the commissioners had allocated \$525,000 in local current expense money and \$25,000 in capital outlay money to the school board for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

The board had requested \$700,727 in current expense money and \$175,000 in capital outlay money in its budget submitted to the commissioners in June.

School board chairman Bobby Ponder blamed the lesser county allocation on the "Reagan blight," as he called it, but commission chairman James Ledford indicated earlier in the week that he has been unhappy with the school board's slackness in accounting for incom-

ing revenue and expenditures. Ledford said "from now on" he wants to see a monthly report detailing financial matters from the school board.

"Come July 1 of next year, you will see some changes in the way things are done around here," Ledford said.

The school board was forced to table a \$25,829 bid on repairing the gymnasium roof at Hot Springs Elementary School because the county allocated only \$25,000 for school capital outlay.

The board went into closed session to discuss "legal matters" concerning the commissioners' allocation, but no action or discussion ensued, after the behind-the-door meeting.

Asked if the school board had rejected the commissioners' allocation, board attorney Larry Leake said, "I think it is fair to say that there is going to be an on-going discussion between the board of education and the board of commissioners about possible additional funding."

In other business, the board:

- Denied the transfer of an unnamed Sandy Mush area student to Erwin High School in Buncombe County. Parents of the student had written the board saying they were custodians at Erwin and felt their children needed close supervision.

The parents said they could provide that supervision by driving the student to the school each day.

The board denied the request after attorney Leake pointed out the student was named in the 1981 consent agreement governing the assignment of 41 Sandy Mush students. "I see nothing different about this child's situation," Leake said.

- Took no action on a State Department of Public Instruction letter informing the board that a new state law allows the board to excuse students and teachers for up to five days missed from school because of bad weather.

"Let the record show that we discussed it and recommended we continue to do as we've done in the past," Supt. Edwards said.

- Accepted all recommendations for hiring non-contract personnel (bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, substitute teachers and lunchroom personnel) from the seven school principals.

No ESEA Title I teachers' aides were hired because the U.S. Department of Education has not made its allocation of money to the state, according to Dr. Owen Fish, Title I director.

- Approved the hiring of Nancy G. Allen as principal at the Marshall-Walnut Elementary School. Edwards said the new school

will open on schedule in August and he read Ms. Allen's qualifications in to the meeting minutes.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the superintendent to transfer K-3 students from Marshall School to the Marshall-Walnut School.

- Accepted the resignation of Paula McDevitt.

- Accepted the resignation of Roy Reeves who retired from teaching effective July 1.

- Approved the granting of tenure to Nancy G. Allen as a teacher.

- Approved five budget amendments of undisclosed amounts.

- Approved a contract of an undisclosed amount to Garland Adams for maintaining the heating and air conditioning control units at Madison High School.

- Approved the 1982-83 School Food Service lunchroom personnel calendar which will coincide with the regular school calendar.

Also in School Food Service business, the board approved an application to the state for continuing the free and reduced breakfast and lunch program and approved offering a choice menu to the elementary schools for 1982-83.

- Approved the hiring of two persons to drive a van which will deliver food prepared at the high school to the Marshall-Walnut School.

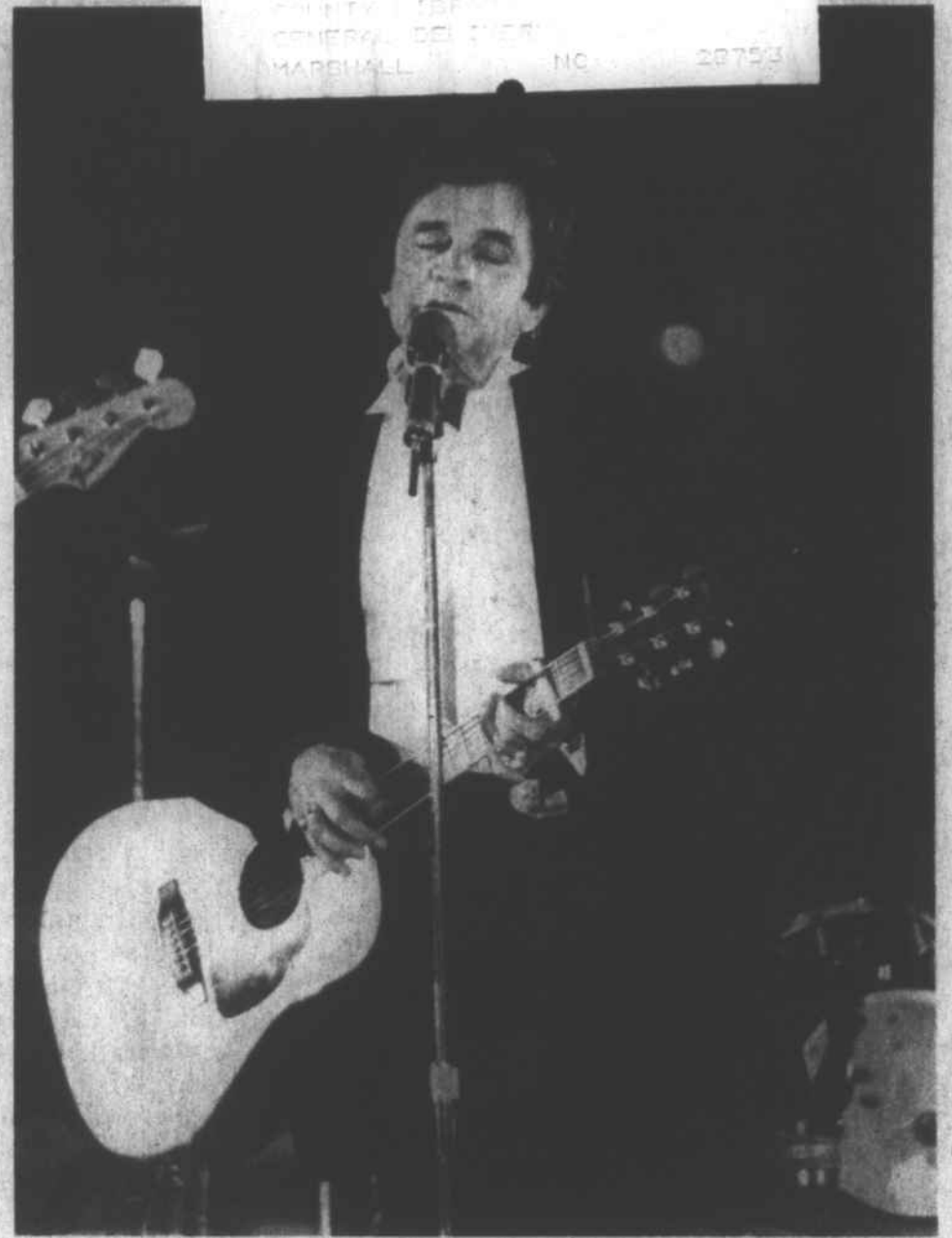


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MAN IN BLACK — Country music entertainer Johnny Cash performed before some 65,000 Fourth of July celebrators in the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium Sunday during the "Star-spangled Spectacular" sponsored by the United States

Pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville. Cash made the holiday event a family affair with wife June Carter Cash and son John Carter Cash also on the program. For scenes of local July 4th celebrations, see story and photos on Page 3.

Man Dies After Fall From Bull In Rodeo

A Colorado man stationed in North Carolina died early Sunday from injuries sustained during a bull-riding contest following a Saturday night rodeo in Marshall, the Madison County Sheriff's Department said.

The victim was identified as Timothy Dalke, 24, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point.

Charlie Treadway, of Ernie Treadway's Rodeo of Asheville, said Dalke's head was thrown forward when the bull he was riding came out of the chute. When the bull lifted his head to buck, Treadway said, Dalke was hit in the face and was knocked off. The bull's hind legs then landed on Dalke and crushed his chest and collapsed his lung.

Dalke was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where he died at approx-

imately 12:37 a.m. Sunday, officials said. An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Dalke was among 40 riders in the rodeo, Treadway said. Riders who are not able to participate in the regular rodeo show are given the opportunity to ride bulls during the "slack," a rodeo term for the ride time after the show.

Dalke, who did not ride the rodeo show, was riding a bull during the "slack" time.

The rodeo was held at the Marshall Elementary School ballfield from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The rodeo was sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and the Southeastern Rodeo Association of Charlotte.

Marshall Native Charged With Murder

An Asheville man was stabbed and killed early Tuesday, June 29 after he and a Marshall man began fighting while traveling in a car enroute to Marshall from an Asheville nightspot, officials said.

Kenneth Terrance F. Harris, 36, a resident of the Vanderbilt Apartments in Asheville, was dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital after a single pocket knife wound in his chest pierced his heart, according to Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder.

Billy Ramsey, 40, of Route 2 Marshall, was being held without bond in Madison County Jail Tuesday on a charge of murder, Ponder said.

Ponder said Harris had picked up his girlfriend, Linda Waller, of Route 2, Marshall, and Ramsey Monday evening to have dinner in Asheville.

The three later visited O Henry's bar in Asheville. They left the bar about 2:45 a.m. Tuesday to make the trip back to Marshall, the sheriff said.

Ponder said that at Petersburg between Mars Hill and Marshall, on a road off N.C. 213, the two men got into an argument. Miss Waller, who was driving the car, pulled over to the side of the road and stopped about the time that the two men opened the door and rolled out of the car fighting, the sheriff said.

After seeing that Harris had been injured, Ponder said Miss Waller put him in the car and took him to Memorial Mission Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Ponder set the time of the stabbing at about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Law enforcement officials arrested Ramsey in Marshall Tuesday morning.

Mars Hill College Receives \$1.4 Million Grayson Grant

Dr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Grayson of Laguna Hills, CA., already the most generous living benefactors in the 126-year history of Mars Hill College, have just given the Baptist college another \$1.4 million.

A retired former government economist and financial consultant, Dr. Grayson had given the college \$1,123,000 in 1978 to establish and endow the Grayson Scholars from Appalachia program, the most prestigious scholarship program at the college.

The latest gift, in which he was joined by his wife, was officially made last Tuesday when the couple flew to Winston-Salem to sign documents transferring to the college a large block of oil company stock valued at \$1.4 million. Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college, was on hand to accept the gift and co-sign the official documents.

When Dr. Grayson made the

first gift to the college in September 1978, it was the largest single gift ever received by the school. Since then he has made additional annual gifts to the institution in order that the scholarship program might be initiated. During the recently ended 1981-82 school year 35 students from the Appalachian area have held Grayson Scholarships amounting to approximately one-half the school's tuition charge.

"This new gift by Dr. and Mrs. Grayson," said president Bentley, "will enable Mars Hill to move closer to the goal of making these scholarships a full-tuition award."

The scholarship program's goal is to provide capable, informal leaders for Appalachia by recruiting top students from within the region and enrolling them in special programs which give them a greater appreciation of the history and culture of the area, as well as increase their

sensitivity for the unique problems of the region.

Long associated with education and finance, Dr. Grayson earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. He taught economics and finance at the University of Kansas and Ohio State University. He established and managed the Ohio office of a brokerage firm and later was an economist and tax consultant for several government agencies in Washington.

Mrs. Grayson, the former Pauline Wall, is an alumna of Mars Hill, Class of 1934, and has close family ties to the school. Her mother and father, the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wall, both attended the school, as did her brothers and sisters. Her uncle, Dr. Robert Lee Moore, was president of the college from 1897 until 1938.

Madison Students In Mars Hill Scholastics And Arts Program

One hundred and forty-two elementary and secondary school children are participating in three special sessions this summer at Mars Hill College especially designed for gifted and talented children.

Entitled "Summer Scholastics and Arts Program," the experience includes 54 fifth and sixth graders for two weeks early in June. For two weeks during late June and early July, 54 seventh and eighth grade students will be on campus. The program will conclude with three weeks of study for

36 ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students July 11-30.

Students from the Mars Hill area participating in the program include David Allen Lamberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale A. Lamberson, a seventh grader at Mars Hill School; and Julia Anne Pfaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Pfaff, a tenth grader at Madison High.

According to Dr. Smith Goodhue, director of the program, the summer sessions are not a "drop your kids off and let them go play volleyball for a while," but rather the objectives of the summer classes

are to enhance the regular school experience, to continue the enrichment of scholastic discovery, and to advance personal growth. To accomplish this, carefully structured programs are offered along traditional study lines, expanding basic concepts.

The fifth and sixth graders choose between "Mathematics, Chemistry and You," "Biology — the World of the Unseen — and Mathematics," and "Creative Expression through Dramatics."

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HOG HEAVEN — Donnie Franklin Jr. of Hot Springs sits with his prize, a 350-pound hog, after winning the porker in the Hot Springs Lions Club July 4th raffle. Donnie's mother

said the four-year-old youngster had cried earlier when he found out he couldn't simply buy the hog with his dollar.