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In District Court

Assault Cases Are Heard

Two unrelated assault cases occupied most of the session of District Court held Friday in Marshall. Judge Phillip Ginn presided over a probable cause hearing involving a felonious assault charge against Douglas Sawyer during the morning session of court. The entire afternoon session was taken up with a case of simple assault involving Nickey L. Adams of Mars Hill.

In the probable cause hearing, the court heard testimony from several Sanford, N.C. residents who testified that Sawyer shot at their canoe while they were traveling down the French Broad River to Hot Springs. George and Zeta Fields of Sanford testified that Sawyer shot at them while they sat in their canoe near the Stackhouse community.

Mrs. Fields was wearing a life preserver at the time of the incident, and it stopped a bullet from wounding her. She told the court she was stunned by the bullet which hit the jacket over her chest.

After hearing testimony from the Fields and several other Sanford residents who were along on the canoe trip, Judge Ginn found probable cause for the felony charges and sent the case on to Superior Court for trial.

Sawyer had waived counsel for the hearing. He sat at the defense table with his wife and daughter.

During the afternoon session, the court heard of an alleged assault last Nov. 10 outside Peabody's, a Buncombe County package store and bar on the county line.

Both the prosecution and defense presented witnesses who told the court widely varying versions of the incident.

Graylon Carlton of Weaverville told the court he was assaulted by Nickey Adams of Mars Hill. Carlton, who is black, said Adams had followed him into the bathroom at the bar several times during the night of the incident. Carlton told the court that Adams had blown cigarette smoke in his face several times and told him, "I'm going to get you, nigger."

Carlton said he was hit as he was leaving the bar and that Adams kicked him several times while taunting him. He said both Adams and his girlfriend, Susan Chapman of Mars Hill, had attacked him during the incident. The complainant told the court he sustained injuries to his teeth and tongue.

Marshall attorney Steven Huff served as the prosecuting attorney.

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Illegal Bouquets

SHERIFF'S DEPT. deputies Tommy Rector, left, and Clayton Grindstaff carry portion of marijuana crop discovered in Monday's raid in the East Fork section.

Walnut School Graduates

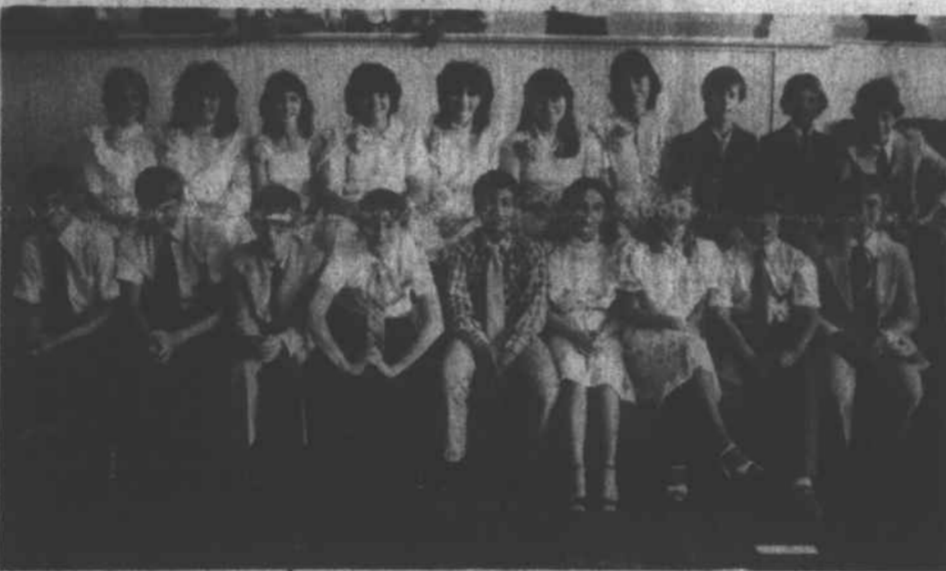


Photo by Bob Koenig

WALNUT SCHOOL held graduation ceremonies recently to honor graduates of the eighth grade and the kindergarten class. The eighth grade graduates are: front row, from left to right, Jason Chandler, Darrell Sawyer, Scotty Waldroup, Troy McDevitt, David Russell,

ushers Calina Baker and Tina Messer, Shane Treadway and Jackie Chandler. In the back row are Missy Snelson, Tammy Davis, Angie Bullman, Denise Chandler, Becky Thomas, Kim Price, Annette Ramsey, Tim Goldsmith, Wesley Bullman and Ricky Rice.

East Fork Pot Raid Nets 89 Plants

The Madison County Sheriff's Department conducted a raid in the East Fork section late Monday afternoon searching for marijuana. Officers uncovered 89 young plants ranging in size from several inches to three feet.

Deputies Frank Ogle, Tommy Rector, Clayton Grindstaff and Jasper Treadway conducted the search after the

sheriff received information from a "reliable" source that the illegal crop was being grown on rented property.

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder reported that the tenant, Junior Cutshaw, will be arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana for resale. Cutshaw remained at large Tuesday morning.

No street value of the seized crop was available.

The successful raid in East Fork followed an unsuccessful search of another farm in the Paint Fork section.

Earlier last week, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department reported seizing approximately 1,100 plants in a raid on a farm north of Weaverville.

Fugitive Apprehended

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder also reported that the department apprehended a fugitive wanted in eight states early Monday morning. Joe Russell Dill, also known by six aliases, was abducted by the sheriff at 3:30 a.m. Monday in the Sandy Bottom section of the county.

Ponder said that Dill faces at least 21 outstanding warrants on charges of car theft and writing worthless checks.

Dill faces charges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. In North Carolina, Dill faces

charges in Madison, Burke and Mecklenburg counties. He is charged with writing more than \$27,000 in worthless checks.

Dill remained in the Madison County jail Tuesday morning pending a bond hearing.

Crop Insurance Deadline Set

Sam Riddle, director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) has announced that June 25 is the final planting date for insured tobacco in Madison County.

"Acres of Type 31 Tobacco planted by June 25, insured by FCIC (or by a private company reinsured by FCIC), must be reported by July 15 to receive full crop insurance coverage," says Riddle.

Acreage planted after June 25 must also be reported on the July 15 acreage report as be-

ing planted too late for insurance.

"Farmers unable to plant prior to June 25 because of excess moisture conditions may sign a 20-day late planting agreement, which permits insurance coverage, but provides for a lower guarantee due to the late planting," Riddle explained.

Farmers wishing additional information about the new late planting agreement should contact their local, authorized crop insurance agent.

One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Treasure



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Trash can be found just about everywhere — and often in places where you'd least expect it.

Most Americans live literally surrounded by materials made from recycled paper and cardboard. In the home, it's the gypsum board for the inside walls, tar paper for the roof, and thick waxed paperboard placed under hardwood floors so they won't squeak.

In the car, it's the glove-compartment panels and stiffening for the sun visors, door panels, and backs of the upholstered seats — 50 to 300 pounds of it.

Recycled materials are the primary medium of a successful California artist whose sculptures sell for thousands of dollars.

Refuse is also the subject of scientific scrutiny as sociologists seek insight into human behavior from an analysis of what people throw away.

Dr. William L. Rathje, leader of a "garbology" project at the University of Arizona, said, "People will tell you what they do or think they do, or what they think you should do. But the only way to know what they really do is to look at what they throw away."

For example, while only one family in four in a specific area admitted in interviews to drinking beer at home, beer cans turned up in the refuse of three out of four.

In America, our garbage by weight, is about 30 percent paper, 10 percent glass, 10 percent metal, 6 percent plastics and no more than 15 percent is food waste.

United Nations officials estimate that in many Third World cities "1 to 2 percent of the population is supported... by refuse from the upper 10 to 20 percent." In Cairo, certain communities made up primarily of Coptic Christians make their living by collecting, sorting, and using much of the city's household garbage.

In 1971, Max Spindlove, a research director with the U.S. Bureau of Mines, popularized the term "urban ore." He believed science could mine the iron, aluminum, copper, zinc, tin, lead, and brass from garbage. "Our refuse is richer than some of our natural ores," he said.

But his economic recovery plans set up to mine urban refuse have not been successful. "We have not found a way to make garbage pay," he said.

converting trash to energy. The Refuse Energy Systems Company in Saugus, Mass., burns 1,200 tons of garbage a day in a giant boiler whose walls and ceiling are a mass of steel tubes filled with water. The resulting steam is piped a mile away to fuel a General Electric plant.

The affluent city of Mountain View, Calif., happily receives all of San Francisco's garbage — some 2,250 tons a day. "We're paid \$3.32 a ton," says the mayor; the filling of former floodplain is extending the city's desirable open spaces by hundreds of acres — including a new golf course.

Within such landfills, bacterial decomposition of moist organic matter produces methane, which cities such as Mountain View can put to good use. Shallow wells extract the combustible gas with vacuum pumps. Then after removal of moisture, purification, and compression, the methane can be piped into existing commercial networks that bring natural gas to customers for cooking, heating, and air conditioning.

This is the only way to make garbage pay in the U.S. says the author and Gary, which is why the city

Gilmore Enters Race

Former North Carolina state representative Tom Gilmore formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor last week in an address on the steps of the State Capitol in Raleigh.

Gilmore served in the state House of Representatives from 1972 until 1978 when he resigned his seat to become the deputy secretary of the state Department of Human Resources. The former Guilford County legislator most recently headed a committee to defeat a proposed amendment that would have extended terms of General Assembly from two to four years.

As part of Gilmore's plan to work at a variety of different jobs, the candidate will visit Madison County on July 25. At the invitation of News Record editor Bob Koenig, Gilmore will sit in the editor's seat for a day. The candidate's spokesman, Michele Reed, announced on Monday that Gilmore has accepted the invitation.



TOM GILMORE

Marshall Holds Bid Opening

Bids on the proposed Marshall sewer project were opened in an open hearing Friday in the Town Hall. The bid opening was the second to be held in connection with the project. An earlier bid opening failed to produce the necessary three bidders.

The latest round attracted three contractors. Bill Lapsley, an engineer with Butler-McGill Associates, the project's planners, announced the bids.

Taylor and Murphy Construction Co. of Asheville submitted the low bid of \$28,198.33. The next lowest bid was submitted by the Hendersonville firm, Hines, Inc., with a bid of \$30,000. The high bid was submitted by the C.F. Davidson Engineering Firm of Hickory.

submitted the low bid for another contract in connection with the project, was the only additional bidder in the second round of bids.

Before a contract can be awarded for the job, the bids must be approved by the Farmers Home Administration, the project's principal funding agency. A representative of the FmHA present at the Friday bid opening said that the approval process will

take several weeks. Mayor Lawrence Ponder said that he hoped work on the much delayed project could begin sometime in July.

The second round of bidding on the project may have saved Marshall \$20,000. Lapsley told the Board of Aldermen that Taylor and Murphy's original bid on the project was \$30,000 more than the bid submitted Friday afternoon.

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