

October 31, 1984

Cougars Down Patriots, 27-7
Lions Lose Fifth Straight

Community Calendar

The Marshall Merchants Association is sponsoring an Operation Child Find Halloween Party on Main Street on Oct. 31 from 3 until 6 p.m. Children accompanied by an adult will be fingerprinted for identification purposes at Town Hall. Refreshments will be served. Participating merchants will also distribute treats to youngsters.

Greater Ivy Fall Festival

The Greater Ivy Community Development Club will hold its annual Fall Festival on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greater Ivy Community Center. Singing, clogging and square dancing, cake walks, games and a haunted house will be featured.

Tobacco Stripping Workshop Set

A tobacco stripping and grading demonstration will be held on Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Madison High School. All farmers are invited to attend.

A second demonstration will be held at the P and E Grocery on Hwy. 19 in Middle Fork at 2 p.m. the same day. The sessions are being sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service and the Federal Grading Service. For more information, contact Wiley DuVall at 649-2411.

Support Group Meets Nov. 5

The Madison County support group for families and friends of the handicapped will hold their next monthly meeting on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Marshall Day Care Center. Gary Salazo, director of retardation services for the Blue Ridge Mental Health Center, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. Call 649-2137 for more information.

Mars Hill Christmas Parade

The town of Mars Hill and the Mars Hill Lions Club will sponsor a Christmas parade on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. All interested persons should call 689-3881, 689-4166 or 689-2308 for more information.

American Legion To Meet

American Legion Post 317 in Marshall will hold their monthly meeting on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Legion Hall on Back St. Supper will be served by members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Energy Assistance Available

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program will accept applications through Nov. 30 at the food stamp office on Main Street in Marshall. Applications are also being accepted at Senior Citizen meal sites throughout the county.

Town Boards To Meet Monday

The Boards of Aldermen for Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs will meet on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in their respective town halls.

Commissioners Meet Monday

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet Monday, Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison County Court House.

School Board Meets Nov. 7

The Madison County Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison County Court House.

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EPA Completes Clean-Up 95 Cyanide Drums Found At Smelting Plant

By ROBERT KOENIG

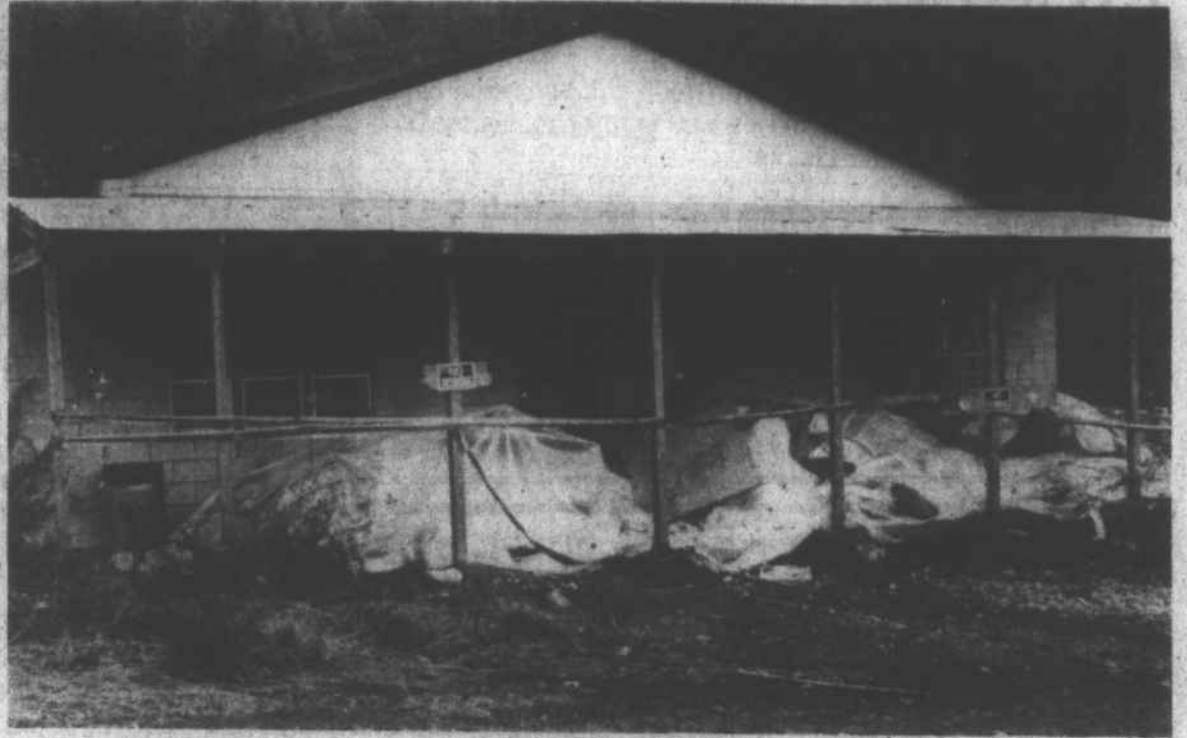
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a clean-up for toxic chemicals at an abandoned smelting plant in the Sandy Mush community.

An EPA crew completed the week-long clean-up last Monday according to Carol Walsh of the EPA's regional office in Atlanta. The clean-up crew located 95 drums containing cyanide at the site of the former Western Carolina Smelting Co. plant on N.C. 63 in Sandy Mush. The clean-up crews also neutralized drums of unidentified acids found at the site.

Walsh reported that "Our work is pretty well concluded" on the clean-up which was funded by the EPA's 'Superfund' for disposal of hazardous wastes.

The site of the former smelting plant has been sealed off and the toxic chemicals have been moved from the plant. Walsh said that samples of the chemicals have been taken and that her office is awaiting approval for disposal of the waste.

The drums of neutralized acids and solidified bases from the plant will probably be taken to disposal facilities in Alabama, Walsh said. The drums containing cyanide will be transported to Detroit, Mich. for processing.



Cyanide Site

FORMER WESTERN CAROLINA SMELTING CO. site was found to contain 95 drums of cyanide. Environmental Protection Agency crews cleaned up the site in Sandy Mush last week. Photo by Bob Koenig

Jury Convicts Rathbone Receives 8-Year Sentence In Shooting Of Brother

By ROBERT KOENIG

A jury of seven men and five women found Clyde Rathbone guilty of voluntary manslaughter Friday afternoon in Madison County Superior Court. Rathbone had been charged with second degree murder in connection with the June 11 death of his brother, Charles Rathbone. Judge Charles E. Lamm sentenced Rathbone to eight years in prison.

The jury deliberated for less than two hours following two days of testimony. In his instructions to the jurors, Judge Lamm told them they could find Rathbone guilty of either second degree murder or the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Rathbone sat expressionless as the jury was polled following the announcement of their verdict. Rathbone held his wife's hand as Clerk of Superior Court Jim Cody polled each of the jurors individually. Christine Rathbone sat at her husband's side throughout the trial.

The trial opened Thursday morning with testimony from Boyd Norton, a member of the Emergency Medical Service who was the first to arrive at the Sleepy Valley home following the shooting. Norton testified that he found both Clyde Rathbone and his wife bleeding from gunshot wounds when he arrived at the home.

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Photo by Bob Koenig

Convicted

CLYDE RATHBONE, center, is escorted by sheriff's deputies during a recess in murder trial last week. Rathbone was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in June 11 shooting of his brother, Charles.

Martin And Edminsten On The Issues

By GINNY CARROLL
The News and Observer

Democratic Attorney General Rufus L. Edmisten and Republican Congressman James G. Martin, each assigning top priority to education needs is elected governor, rely heavily on the state's economic growth to increase taxation revenues for implementing their programs.

The News and Observer questioned the candidates last week on some of the issues to be faced by the next governor, including changes in taxation, educational proposals and the environment.

To stimulate business growth and bolster jobs, both men say they would sponsor changes in the intangibles tax on savings accounts, stocks and the like, and on the inventory tax applied to goods on hand at the end of the year.

Edmisten favors a gradual repeal of both taxes, allowing businesses a tax credit on the inventory tax and eliminating the intangibles tax for retail people.

Martin favors repeal of the intangibles tax and a 10 percent credit on the inventory tax.

To reduce the 4 1/2 percent intangibles tax revenues and 2 1/2

million in inventory tax revenues that are funneled yearly to local governments, both would draw on the state general fund.

Besides the level of anticipated growth of the general fund, Edmisten would propose a crackdown on state laws for non-payment of taxes, which he said would produce several million dollars a year. Martin proposes an efficiency study of state government, which he said would result in a savings of \$225 million annually.

At a news conference after the interviews, Martin proposed repealing the state sales tax on food and non-prescription drugs, saying the loss of revenue could be offset by projected growth in other state income. Edmisten responded by saying the repeal of the taxes would restrict spending on schools and "a lot of things that will make the state go forward."

In the interviews, the candidates were asked if the Legislature should repeal the construction-work-in-progress (CWIP) which allows utilities to charge customers for power-generating facilities before the plants are even begun.

Martin said he thought "it would be a

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RUFUS L. EDMISTEN

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JAMES G. MARTIN