

# Commentary

# THE NEWS RECORD

## Editorial

### Clean Streams Day Is A Success

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the hundreds of Madison Countians who took part in the first local Clean Streams Day effort this past Saturday. From Spring Creek to Greater Ivy, Shelton Laurel to Redmon Dam and Bull Creek to Laurel River, volunteers patrolled our waterways and removed tons of debris from streams, rivers and creeks.

The large outpouring of support for the project shows that many Madison Countians are concerned with preserving the natural beauty and quality of our watersheds.

We are encouraged by the number of our young people who pitched in. Cub Scouts, Girls Scouts, clogging teams and 4-H members played a big part in the effort. They gave their time to remove trash left in our streams by adults. We can be justifiably proud of our young people for their devotion. We can best reward their efforts by showing respect for the streams and restricting trash to designated dump sites.

It may be too late to re-educate many of the adult slobs in our midst. At least our young people give us reason to hope that pollution-free streams are attainable.

We are most encouraged by the large numbers of our young people who gave freely of their time in this project. The discarded television sets, beer cans and other assorted filth removed from our streams were the result of careless adults, not children. If we can succeed in raising a generation of youngsters who will respect our natural resources, someday Clean Streams Day efforts may become unnecessary.

Until that fine day, we must continue to hold Clean Streams Days, both to encourage respect for our waterways and to remove pollution from Madison County streams, creeks and rivers.

We are fortunate in Madison County in that we do not have to contend with large industrial plants and the pollution they produce. Instead, our rivers and streams are marred by pollution of a household nature—plastic milk jugs, beer cans and the like. The few slobs among us who would use our waterways as personal garbage dumps must be re-educated. Efforts such as last weekend's Clean Streams Day is an essential part of the re-education process.

Those of you who participated in the effort can pride in a job well done. There's much more to be done. Years of neglect cannot be reversed in a single day, but we've managed to make a fine start. Well done, Madison County.

### Haywood Voters Support Schools

Congratulations are also in order for our neighbors in Haywood County.

Last week, voters in our neighboring county went to the polls and overwhelmingly endorsed a \$6 million school bond referendum to improve school facilities. The bond was the sixth such referendum in a row approved by Haywood County voters. Last year, our neighbors in Buncombe County also approved a bond issue for new school construction.

We are convinced that Madison Countians are as concerned about the conditions of their schools as residents of Buncombe and Haywood Counties. Madison County will support a similar school bond issue if they are presented with an equitable plan to improve conditions in our schools.

Inaction on the part of the county commissioners and school board is all that stands between Madison County and the progress our neighbors have shown.

For years now, our local officials have spoken of attracting new industries to Madison County. They must realize that modern school facilities represent an important lure for prospective industry. Until a school construction bond is offered and approved, both our neighboring counties will have an industrial recruiting edge that Madison County will be hard-pressed to beat.

### Yogi Showed Class

No one works for George Steinbrenner for very long. Ask Yogi Berra, King George's latest victim, or Billy Martin, Steinbrenner's next victim. Or ask Ralph Houk, Bob Verdon, Gene Michael, Dick Howser or Bob Lemon.

As he begins his fourth term as Yankee skipper, the question facing Billy Martin is not whether he'll be fired, but when the axe will fall this time. It might come next week, or next month. Certainly Billy will depart before Labor Day if the Yanks aren't in the pennant picture.

One of these days, King George should manage the club himself and save the money he keeps piling to his fleet of disposable managers. A few days in the dugout might teach the Yankee owner a valuable lesson.

Yogi Berra was one of the greatest players and most likeable men ever to play the game of baseball. After his latest dismissal, he smiled and told reporters he was going home to his wife and to play golf.

Throughout his long career, Yogi Berra's shown baseball fans a lot of that indefinable quality called "class."

That's more than can be said for his former boss.

## Heard And Seen

By POP STORY



### NEW RESTAURANT OPENS IN MARS HILL

Dennis Hyatt, manager of the new Western Steer Restaurant in Mars Hill, can be justly pleased with the grand opening held last Monday night. Hyatt and his staff entertained 226 invited guests who enjoyed a delicious steak supper in the spacious facility located at the junction of U.S. 19-23 and Long Branch Rd.

The dinner was a gala occasion and those present had the opportunity to see and tour the county's largest dining facility prior to the meal.

Dennis, an experienced and popular restaurateur, welcomed those attending. Although they were the very first meals served at the restaurant, the personnel was smooth, courteous and efficient.

The new restaurant features a seating capacity of 300 and has three banquet rooms available. It will employ some 44 full and part-time employees and offers a full lunch and dinner menu.

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

'Bill' and I were invited to the April meeting of the Whitehurst Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church last Friday at the home of Wade and Louise Huey. It would be an understatement to say that we enjoyed the dinner and good fellowship. We have always enjoyed visiting the Huey home.

Following the dinner, we men retired to the living room while the wives were busy with women's talk. They eventually joined us and we discussed many topics, including changes in Marshall in recent years. 'Dot' Renner said she enjoyed reading the clippings in this column from old copies of The News Record and insisted that I continue to use the excerpts.

Joe Eads, Wade Huey, John Corbett and I had a 'field day' as we talked about Marshall in the old days.

## Letters To The Editor

### Where Are The Guard Rails?

Dear Editor,

As I drive my 30 miles to work in Marshall, I wonder why, as a taxpayer do I have to drive the roads that I do?

Living in the mountainous region of North Carolina, common sense tells me that we would be more entitled to guard rails than the Piedmont and Coastal regions of the State. Many of the embankments range from 50 to 1500 ft. I can say from experience that rolling off the side of a mountain is no fun. Not only did I total my car, I broke my nose, blacked my eye, and jammed my knee. My jaunt down the mountain was over 60 ft. I was luckier than those truck drivers that went off the Hot Springs mountain. What really stunk was this: there were no guard rails to begin with.

One truck driver was seriously injured...still nothing done.

It wasn't until a 2nd truck driver was killed that the D.O.T. decided to put a guard rail up. Perhaps if they had acted quicker, it might have saved that man's life.

I have lived in this county for 3 years and I am appalled at the road conditions. Don't the people of Madison County realize that these "Snuffy Smith" roads can be fixed? If they can't be fixed then guard rails could be a giant step out of the past and into the present. Don't they realize that we pay modern day gas prices, modern day car prices, but

drive on yesteryear roads?

Do they not understand that every time they buy gas for their car, boat, tractor, lawn mower, etc. they are building wonderful interstates and super highways in the Coastal and Piedmont regions of the State? Do you know that very \$5.00 worth of gas purchased you are paying \$1.05 in taxes? Did you know that .45 cents goes to Federal funds and .60 cents goes to the State of North Carolina? Do they know where the gas tax is supposed to go? All gas tax is supposed to go to the funding of building roads and highways.

From the By-Pass-Walnut Creek Intersection to my driveway in Revere, there is less than 250 ft. of guard rail. If you ever get a chance to drive this way, pull over, stop your car, and look down the sides of these mountains.

It is time for Madison County residents to get concerned. Every time you buy a gallon of gas you are building a road somewhere, and that somewhere is not in Madison County. In 15 years we will be living in the 21st century. 20 years ago it was an idea that by the 21st century we would all be riding around in space cars, what a joke! Those people must have never visited Madison County, North Carolina.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Starr Ray  
Revere

## Schedule Of Public Meetings

### School Board Meets Friday

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

### County Commissioners Meet May 6

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Madison County Court House.

### Mars Hill Board Meets May 6

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen will meet Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Mars Hill Town Hall.

### Hot Springs Board Meets May 6

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

## Know Comment

BY JOSEPH GODWIN



Dreams have always fascinated me.

I am not referring to daydreams. Daydreaming is shifting the body into neutral and letting the mind idle. I refer to night dreams with which we all are familiar.

When our dreams are bad, they frighten us and we call them nightmares. When they persist, they annoy us and we dread them.

When our dreams are pleasant, we try to remember them; and some of us bore others stiff telling them our dreams.

I do not know very many people who are deeply interested in dreams "we" have at night.

Research indicates that all of us dream every night whether or not we remember the dreams. Furthermore, dreaming seems to be necessary to our emotional stability and mental health.

Healthy dreams are pleasant and do not recur often enough to worry or annoy us. Such dreams do not indicate emotional or mental difficulty.

Conversely, if our dreams frighten us, or cause us to walk and talk in our sleep, or recur often enough to worry us, it means that we have some unresolved emotional or mental conflict within us.

We control and monitor our thoughts fairly well while we are awake. Even so, we sometimes fail to reach our goals or satisfy our needs. While we sleep, we try to succeed where we have failed when we are awake. Sometimes, these efforts succeed.

It is a mistake to divide our existence or experience into conscious and unconscious depending upon whether we are awake or asleep. An unbroken continuum exists between waking and sleeping.

We refer to "consciousness" while we are awake and to an "altered state of consciousness" when we are asleep and dream.

Of course, you remember missing some part of a news telecast or something the pastor said in his sermon because you were "sitting there half asleep." (By implication, you were also half awake.)

What does it mean to dream? While we are dreaming, what is really going on?

First, we never fully forget any experience we ever have unless, of course, it is destroyed in the memory area of the brain.

Every sensory experience, all that we have gathered through hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, and tasting, remains with us to serve as individual segments which we put together to form thought. That is what thinking is: putting these bits of sensory experience together in a controlled sequence to serve our own purpose.

But when we sleep, our control over the nature and sequence of these bits of experience is lost. Yet, at all times, all of these stored segments of experience are active, and the strongest of them are those which manifest themselves and cause us to experience a dream.

Intense dreams are primarily of two kinds: those in which the mind tries to provide what we profoundly need, and those in which the mind tries to deliver us from what we genuinely fear.

(Hence, very hungry people dream of food; and unusually anxious people often dream of an attacker of some kind.)

In trying to solve these two problems since we are not awake and the mind is not in control of the selection process, strong but awkwardly mismatched experiences burst their way into the service of our deep needs, and we dream.

Often these dreams are bizarre, and sometimes they are accompanied by a cry, a scream, an emission, or laughter.

Besides daydreams and night dreams, there is another kind. Two brothers from Ohio dreamed that sometimes they would fly. J. C. Penny dreams that his stores will be located from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A young man named Kraft dreams of becoming the world's largest cheese dealer. Henry Ford dreams of a time when every American could ride. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreams of the time when every American would be free.

The lumberjack's son dreams of becoming a doctor; the tenant farmer's son dreams of becoming a minister; the bootlegger's daughter dreams of becoming a nurse; and the working widow's son dreams of becoming a nuclear physicist.

It is not the dreams people have while they sleep that bother me. It is the millions of people young and old who are afraid to dream while they are awake.