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## Community Calendar

### Nuclear Dump Meeting Tonight At Mars Hill College

The North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development will hold a public hearing on the proposed nuclear waste storage facility being considered for the Sandy Mush area tonight at 7 p.m. in Moore Auditorium on the campus of Mars Hill College. The public is invited to attend.

### Baseball Boosters To Meet

There will be a meeting on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Marshall Elementary School gymnasium for all members of the Marshall Youth Baseball and Softball Boosters Club. The annual election of club officers will be conducted. All members are urged to attend.

### Open House In Hot Springs

The town of Hot Springs will host an open house at the new Town Hall on Main Street on Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen. Mayor Kenny Ramsey invites all Hot Springs residents to attend.

### Optimists Meet On Feb. 6

The Madison Central Optimists Club will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at Mary's Restaurant on the Marshall Bypass. All members are asked to attend.

### County Commissioners Meet Monday

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Madison County Court House.

### Mars Hill Board To Meet

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen will meet on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mars Hill Town Hall.

### Hot Springs Town Meeting

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hot Springs Town Hall.

### School Board Meets Feb. 5

The Madison County Board of Education will meet on Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison County Court House.

## Hendon Will Tour Proposed Dump Sites In West

By BILL STUDENC

ASHEVILLE — U.S. Rep. Bill Hendon will be traveling next month to at least one of three sites under consideration in the West for the nation's first nuclear waste repository.

Hendon, in an effort to keep a proposed federal Department of Energy nuclear waste dump out of Western North Carolina, will also introduce legislation that would prohibit the placement of a permanent dump within 400 miles of a temporary storage facility.

DOE has announced plans to locate a temporary storage site in Tennessee—possibly in Oak Ridge, only 76 miles from a potential permanent dump site in Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties.

Hendon's steps are part of a 10-point nuclear waste action plan announced by the 11th District congressman Saturday during a news conference at his Asheville offices.

"Without a doubt, this is the most important and most critical environmental issue of the 1980s and the 1990s for all of us here in Western North Carolina," Hendon said.

"We believe nuclear waste should be stored nowhere on the East Coast," he said. "We believe it should be put out West, in the deserts. We believe that's what deserts are for."

The 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act authorized the construction of a permanent nuclear waste repository, and also called for further study to locate a site for a potential second permanent dump.

Three sites are under consideration for that inaugural facility—Hanford, Wash.; Yucca Mountain, Nev.; and Deaf Smith County, Texas.

Hendon will visit the Hanford nuclear site in Washington state Feb. 2-4, to get a firsthand view of the operation there.

Hendon will also visit the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

necessary.

"What I learn on that trip could be very, very helpful to us here in Western North Carolina," he said.

As another prong of his plan, Hendon has already drawn up a rough draft of legislation that would prohibit a permanent nuclear dump site within 400 miles of any proposed temporary storage site.

DOE is looking at three sites in Tennessee—Oak Ridge, Hartsville, and the Clinch River Breeder Reactor site—for the temporary storage facility, called a "monitored retrievable storage" (MRS) facility. Hendon believes Oak Ridge will be selected for the MRS site.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act prohibits the location of a permanent, deep geologic storage facility in the same state as a MRS site. Hendon hopes to amend the act to prohibit the temporary and permanent storage sites from being within 400 miles of each other.

"We are saying that a manmade boundary—the Tennessee state line in this case—is irrelevant," Hendon said. "Sure, we want everybody to do their part. But if the MRS is in Oak Ridge, by golly, we are doing our part by the increase in transportation shipments that will come through here and we think this is a very fair and very equitable way to go about it."

The city of Memphis, for example, is 390 miles from Oak Ridge and would be automatically exempt from permanent storage of nuclear waste because it is in the same state as the proposed temporary storage facility. The WNC site, only 76 miles away, would not be disqualified under current law.

"For obvious reasons, the state that the state was exempted, we are going to exempt that region from deep geologic storage. We believe that if the MRS is there, we are doing our part via transportation and the proximity," he said.

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## Sheriff E.Y. Ponder Files For Re-election

Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder filed for re-election Monday afternoon, ending weeks of speculation regarding his plans. The 76-year old sheriff will be seeking his ninth term as Madison County's top lawman.

The state's senior sheriff in terms of both experience and age, Ponder was first elected in 1950. He was unseated in the 1962 election, but was returned to office in 1966.

In announcing his plans to seek a ninth term, Ponder told The News Record, "I'm feeling fine and I believe I can still do the job the people of Madison County elected me to do."

Ponder's decision to seek re-election is expected to keep other Democrats from the race. Several interested candidates have been waiting to see if Ponder would file before announcing their plans. In 1982, the sheriff waited until the final day of the filing period before announcing his plans.

Ponder told reporters he planned to run several weeks ago, but police business prevented him from filing before Monday afternoon.

Sheriff Ponder's younger brother, Zeno, won't be making a bid for county office this year. Rumored to be considering a run for the county commission following his acquittal of federal mail fraud charges, the younger Ponder announced on Monday that he would not become a candidate in the May primary. In a telephone interview, the former county Democratic Party chairman said, "I've promised the good Lord and a lot of people that I wouldn't run and I intend to keep my word."

Sheriff Ponder is not expected to face a primary fight. He will most likely face Republican Dedrick Brown of Mars Hill in the November election. Ponder defeated Brown in the 1966 election to win back the post.



SHERIFF E.Y. PONDER  
...to seek ninth term



DR. REESE A. STEEN  
...enters county commission race

## John Hensley Enters Race

John A. Hensley of Marshall entered the Democratic primary race for the County Commission on Monday, becoming the second Democratic challenger to incumbents James Ledford, Virginia Anderson and Ervin Adams.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, the 63-year old businessman is married to the former Edith Nix Fisher.

In announcing his candidacy, Hensley told The News Record, "I just want to do the best I can for the people of Madison County. I don't say I have all the answers, but I'd like to see a little progress here. I haven't seen a thing change in Marshall in the last 35 years."

A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, Hensley was discharged as a Staff Sergeant and obtained his high school equivalency certificate while serving in the military. Following his discharge, he returned to Madison County where he engaged in farming and trucking.

He later took a job in Greenland with the J.A. Jones Construction Co. He returned again to Madison County and served as Sheriff E.Y. Ponder's first deputy for 15 years. For the past

18 years, he has owned and operated both the Riverview Gulf Service and Grocery and the John A. Hensley Construction Co. in Marshall.

Hensley served two terms as a member of the Madison County Board of Elections and worked with the Madison County chapter of the American Red Cross. The upcoming primary is his first attempt at elective office.

Hensley describes himself as a "fiscal conservative," saying, "The people have a right to know where their tax money is going. I believe that the future depends upon our youth and that they must be educated to the very best of our ability."

He said that economic development would also be one of his priorities. In his announcement, Hensley said, "We must not stop working for more industrial jobs until every single person willing to work has a job."

Hensley has a stepson, John H. Fisher, two children, Allen and Holly, and two children and three grandchildren from a previous marriage. He was formerly a member of the Madison County chapter of the American Red Cross.

## Reese Steen Enters Commission Race

Dr. Reese Steen of Mars Hill filed for a seat on the Madison County Board of Commissioners late Monday afternoon. Steen will face incumbents James Ledford, Virginia Anderson and Ervin Adams and challengers Bobby Capps and John Hensley in the May 13 Democratic primary.

A native of Rockingham, Steen came to Madison County in 1973 to help establish the Hot Springs Health Program's dental clinic. The following year, he moved to Mars Hill where he established a private practice.

In announcing his candidacy, Steen told The News Record, "I want to be a voice for the taxpayers of Madison County, to hold meetings at times when working people can attend, and to change county governments priorities to strengthen our educational system and improve our economic base."

Steen is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also received his degree in dentistry from UNC.

He ran unsuccessfully for the county commission in 1982, finishing fifth in the Democratic primary, 100 votes behind the incumbents and challenger Bobby Capps.

Dr. Steen is the president of the Mars Hill PTA, chairman of the Mars Hill Planning Board and president of the UNC Alumni Association of Western North Carolina.

He and his wife, Lynn, are active members of the Mars Hill Baptist Church. They have three children; Justin, 6, McKenzie, 8, and Tracy, 10. Justin and McKenzie are enrolled in Mars Hill Elementary School and Tracy attends special education classes offered in Asheville.

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