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DOE Stopping Dump Study

The U.S. Department of Energy will announce this afternoon that it will suspend indefinitely its work on a second nuclear waste repository, Congressman Bill Hendon said at 1:35 p.m. today.

Hendon said he had received the following statement from Secretary of Energy John Herrington: "Based on progress we have made toward the first repository, I have reassessed timing for the second site and have decided to postpone indefinitely plans for any site specific work on a second repository."

That statement was scheduled to be read at a 1 p.m. press conference at the White House but it was postponed until 3 p.m., Hendon said.

"I am absolutely convinced that this statement is accurate," Hendon said. "I spent the whole morning with the assistant secretary of energy down at the DOE. They have told me that they are going to do this. I've been flying around up here in the clouds ever since. This is absolutely fantastic."

A rock formation beneath sections of Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties is among 12 sites the DOE has found potentially acceptable for burial of the nation's high level nuclear waste. DOE has been searching for a location to build a second repository in the East, following construction of one in the West.

— Bulletin from the Waynesville Mountaineer

Ledford Says Ambulance Service Won't Be Cut

By ROBERT KOENIG

The Madison County commissioners shelved plans to cut back the county's Emergency Medical Service during an hour-long work session Tuesday in Marshall. During a similar budget work session held last week, the commissioners discussed the possibility of closing EMS offices in Mars Hill and Hot Springs in response to cutbacks in federal assistance.

News of the proposed cutback in ambulance service brought a quick response from residents in both Mars Hill and Hot Springs. During Tuesday's session, Mars Hill fire chief Eddie Fox and Hot Springs Mayor Kenny Ramsey presented the commissioners with signed petitions opposing the cutbacks. Ramsey is a member of the Madison County EMS.

County commission chairman James Ledford told Fox, Ramsey and half a dozen other residents who attended Tuesday's session, "I'm sure the ambulance service will continue without interruption. We expect to have ambulances operating in Mars Hill, Marshall and Hot Springs. I'm glad to see the interest in the EMS program and you can rest assured it will remain this year."

During last week's budget session, the commissioners discussed trimming as much as \$140,000 from the EMS

budget by closing the Mars Hill and Hot Springs offices and eliminating as many as 10 of the emergency medical technicians positions. The commissioners said cuts would be made in other county agencies in order to maintain the present level of service.

The commissioners also approved an important change in the EMS capability during Tuesday's session. Kenny Ramsey presented the commissioners with a proposal to equip county ambulances with intravenous equipment. Ten EMTs have recently received training in administering intravenous injections through classes provided by Asheville Buncombe Technical College.

The EMTs completed their training and took final examinations last week. When certified, they will be able to administer intravenous injections en route to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

The county commissioners approved Ramsey's plan and appointed the Hot Springs mayor and veteran EMT to serve as the training director for the county's EMTs. Cost of equipment needed will be \$817.50. The plan is expected to begin about Aug. 1.

When operations begin, EMTs in Hot Springs will be able to provide intravenous injections to patients in

the Hot Springs, Laurel and Spring Creek areas. Marshall EMTs will provide similar assistance on calls in the Marshall and Mars Hill-Upper Laurel areas. Mars Hill EMTs, who have yet to take the required training course, will continue to make routine assistance calls in the Mars Hill area.



UNCLE SAM, better known as Harold Garrison of Weaver-ville, led the Marshall Memorial Day parade down Main Street Saturday afternoon.

Bray Receives Life



WILLIAM BRAY
 ...receives life plus 93 years

William Bray, convicted last week in the September murder of State Highway Patrol Trooper Bobby Lee Coggins, was sentenced to life in prison by the same jury which decided his guilt. The state had sought the death penalty in the case. Bray also received 93 years for lesser offenses.

Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens of Raleigh ordered that the life plus 93 years sentences be served consecutively. Stephens signed an order sending Bray to Central Prison in Raleigh immediately after sentencing.

Bray's defense attorneys, Joe and Stephen Huff of Marshall, filed a notice of appeal immediately following the sentencing.

The 23-year old Arkansas prison escapee was convicted by the Buncombe County jury of eight men and four women on May 20 following three days of testimony in the case. In addition to the murder charge, they found Bray guilty of robbery with a firearm, second degree burglary, discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle and larceny of a firearm.

Bray is reported to have offered to testify against his co-defendant in the murder case, Jimmy Dean Rios. A scheduled June 2 trial for Rios has been postponed due to the illness of his defense attorney, A.E. Leake of Marshall. Rios is scheduled to be tried in Madison County, but defense attorneys have filed motions seeking to have the trial relocated. Bray's trial was also to be heard in Madison County, but was moved to the Buncombe County court when repairs to the county courthouse were incomplete.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE LISTON RAMSEY, right, and Col. Edward Rector, a Marshall native and World War II hero, were among the guest speakers during Saturday's Memorial Day services in Marshall.

Memorial Day Marked In Marshall

Hundreds Attend Marshall Parade, Welcome Returned War Hero

By WILLIAM LEE

Little kids waved and smiled as Uncle Sam, known also as Harold Garrison, made his way down Main Street Marshall this past weekend. Threatening clouds faded as parade time came, and the sun shone on Marshall for the county seat's annual Memorial Day observance.

The parade, marshalled by retired Lt. Col. Ed Rector, Congressman Bill Hendon and State House Speaker Liston Ramsey, made its way across from Blannhasset Island and ran its route up and down Main Street, passing the reviewing stand in front of the courthouse four times in the process.

Each time they paused for cloggers, square dancers, and musicians to perform briefly for the honored guests, culminating as the Madison High School marching band played "God Bless America" for the special observance.

Under the waving flags along Main Street, Congressman Hendon addressed the crowd that lined the sidewalks, calling this "a time of special remembrance to those who fought and died for this country."

thank them for helping to keep America free." "We can and do salute their memory, their bravery, their faith in the cause they fought for, and the sacrifice they made on our behalf," Liston Ramsey pronounced later at a special commencement in the Marshall School gymnasium.

Members from the Marshall Class of 1934 were on hand for the event, to especially welcome home Lt. Col. Ed Rector. Rector, a Marshall native and graduate of the Class of 1934, was highly decorated during World War II. As a fighter pilot he was a member of the Flying Tigers squadron, which destroyed some 940 Japanese planes during the war. Rector was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, among other medals, for his heroism during the war.

Rector told his hometown friends and neighbors of his beliefs on national security and its strengths and weaknesses in America.

"Our national security relies on a strong industrial base," Rector said. "Yet we're dangerously on the route of being deindustrialized."

"We rely on our production in agriculture, yet there is a spectre on the future of the small farmer."

"We rely on our energy production and natural resources, yet are already 80 percent dependent to foreign producers for seven strategically significant materials."

"The education of our youth, in the final analysis is the most important pillar of our national security. We can not let them down."

Rector went on to briefly recount his war years, explaining that, "I don't tell war stories unless badgered into it."

"I remember the book called 'Fate is The Hunter.' Its author recounted his war days, stating that he survived only because fate was not hunting him."

"Having flown 360 flights, there are bound to be slicy situations. But fate apparently was not hunting me, or I wouldn't be here today," Rector continued.

"Others were not so fortunate," he said, "and that is why we are here today -- for them."



MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALL BOY SCOUT TROOP were among the many organizations to take part in Saturday afternoon's Memorial Day parade down Main Street in Marshall.