



Russian men singing folk songs

Two Teachers Attend Festival

From Staff Reports
 Juanita Boone, a teacher at Marshall Elementary School and Diane Rutledge, a teacher at Reynolds High School in Buncombe County, were two of the five teachers selected by Wandra K. Polk, Folk Arts Consultant of the N. C. Department of Education in Raleigh, to receive scholarships to attend the 22nd Annual Festival of American Folklife. The festival was held on the Washington Mall in Washington, D. C. The festival is sponsored by the Folk Arts Division of the Smithsonian Institute and the National Park Service. As special guests of the Institute, the North Carolina teachers were housed at Georgetown University with the presenters of the festival. All festival activities centered around three basic themes: Migration to Metropolitan Washington; Making A New Place Home; Ingenuity and Tradition: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Music from Peoples of the Soviet Union.

education plan, are considered outstanding, and are being used as a model by other educational systems throughout America.

Of the annual festival of American Folklife, Ms. Juanita Boone said, "All of our festival experiences were exciting, but the most meaningful of all was a special informal song and dance fest put on for us by the Russian folk singers from villages in Rural areas of the Soviet Union. At the festival site, they performed in costumes worn in their native villages for celebrations; but at Georgetown, in regular clothing, their appearance was like taking a walk through time. Their clothing and hairstyles, added to work-worn hands, gave the impression of a group of Appalachian mountaineers on the way to prayer meeting during the 1940's."

"They had been provided dental work before coming to the United States and most of them displayed a mouthful of white-gold caps with toothy grins," Boone stated.

For the special video taping session, they sang, danced and told us their names. "At this point they all grouped together and after an animated discussion, they sang a beautiful Russian song which sounded like a hymn."



Russian women sing along.

Hot Springs Board Discusses Water Rates

BY HASSIE PONDER
 Water was the major concern at the Hot Springs town board meeting Monday night. The residents of Hot Springs will see an increase in their water rates. The rates were raised to \$10 for the first 35,000 gallons of water. This is \$5

for water and \$5 for the sewer. The new rates will go in effect beginning August 1. The town also issued a mandatory water conservation order. Hot Springs' water supply is low, and with the drought still in effect, water is becoming scarce.

Tugman Retires

Marshall's First Union National Bank will be missing a familiar face.

Assistant vice-president, Rosalene Tugman, retired July 1. Nevertheless, she's not gone yet. On July 29, all friends and customers are invited to come into the bank to wish Mrs. Tugman farewell.

Tugman has been in banking since 1945. She first worked at the Bank of French Broad, until 1970 when the bank was purchased by First Union National Bank.

"Banking now doesn't even compare to what it use to be," Tugman said. "There was a lot more work, but it was closer unit--more consolidated."

Tugman says she will miss working at the bank. "I enjoy working with people, I know I'll miss it. I am going to have to just take it day by day."

Mrs. Tugman would like to see all her friends and customers. She will be in the bank all day Friday, July 29.



\$65 Million Approved By DOT

The North Carolina Department of Transportation board approved \$65 million in secondary road funding during their July 8 meeting in Raleigh. The funds are to be used to improve unpaved state-maintained roads throughout the state.

The funds are distributed based on a formula based on the percentage of unpaved roads in each county. Madison County, with 289 miles of un-

paved secondary roads, will receive \$1,128,998. Buncombe County, with 317 miles of unpaved secondary roads, will receive \$1,239,609 in the 1988/89 fiscal year.

Attempts to contact DOT officials in Asheville for details regarding secondary road construction plans were unsuccessful on Tuesday. A more detailed account of secondary road construction plans will appear next week.

Leininger Appointed Dean

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 In addition to his duties at the college, he also was an associate editor and a member of the editorial board of "Perspectives in Religious Studies, the journal of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion; a member of the Planning Council of the American College Testing Program; and a member of the National

Consulting Network of the Council of Independent Colleges.

He has had articles, position papers and book reviews published in several religious and secular journals and has appeared in several productions of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre. He will assume the duties of the new position August 1.

Spring Creek School Discussed

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 surance. The board referred him to Madison County NCAE to request that they investigate the plan and present recommendations to the board.

*Dropout Prevention Coordinator, Willa Wyatt discussed the proposed discipline policy for Madison County schools. Motion was made by James Baker to approve the discipline policy with the clarification by legal statutes as presented by Ball and amendments that the board had given Mrs. Wyatt at a previous meeting. Motion was made and passed 3-1-1. Jenkins opposed the motion and Young abstained.

*Gerald Young made a motion to grant approval to proceed with a program designed to break the cycle of illiteracy in which the children of under-educated parents become dropouts. The program, to be administered by the Madison County board in cooperation with Asheville-Buncombe Community College will work with three and four year old children. Madison is one of four North

Carolina Counties to receive grant funds for the project. Madison County will receive approximately \$50,000 for this project. The motion to approve the project was passed unanimously.

Pearson, O'Hara Indicted For Robbery

Madison County grand jurors have returned indictments against two men in connection with the April, 1987 beating and robbery of an elderly Grapevine man.

John Eric Pearson and John Joseph O'Hara have been charged with armed robbery. The bill of indictment states that the men robbed Baird Peek, 88, of \$1,300 in cash after beating him with a blunt instrument. Other items, including a knife and wrist watch, were taken. Peek was hospitalized as a result of the attack.

The two men are currently in Kentucky where they are being held on similar charges according to a spokesman for the Madison County Sheriff's Dept.

Rezoning Requests Proposed By Mars Hill Aldermen

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struct 13 units on the site, creating 26 apartments. Construction could begin in three to six months, he said, although not all 13 units would be built at once.

Last month, J.F. Robinson and Kyle Boone presented the aldermen a proposal to build a 40-unit apartment complex on Carl Eller Rd. just outside town limits. The board agreed to consider the proposal after determining if water supplies would be adequate.

Several Valley Street residents said water pressure in the area was too low to allow expansion to include the 26 units Phillips proposes to build. Mars Hill Fire Chief Eddie Fox agreed, telling the board members, "We've seen hydrants on Mountain View drop from 850 to 200 gallons per minute in the last few years."

Valley Street, Fox explained, is served by a four-inch water line.

Despite Phillips' protests that the town is obliged to provide water service within the town, the board voted unanimously to reject his request.

In other water-related matters, the

aldermen asked Mars Hill residents to practice voluntary water conservation. Town manager Dahryl Boone reported that the town's current water supply is adequate, but warned that the driest months are still ahead.

The aldermen also awarded the construction contract for repairs to the town reservoir spillway. Buncombe Construction Co. submitted a low bid of \$281,260 for the project and was awarded the contract on the recommendation of the town engineer, Gary McGill.

The aldermen also approved a contract with the Land of the Sky Regional Council for planning assistance. The contract will cost an estimated \$3,448.

Aldermen also agreed to sell a 1982 Chevrolet used by the Wastewater Dept. as surplus property and hired Owen Curtis Jones, 21, as a police officer.

Town treasurer Clayton Willis reported that all town departments were within budget as of May 31.

Mayor Godwin opened Monday's meeting by announcing that long-time town employee Manuel Briscoe has been hospitalized by a stroke. Godwin said Briscoe is recovering at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Marshall Police Chief Fired

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right. And I think just about every merchant in town can tell you who's trying to do right."

Town clerk Linda Dodson said the three policemen would increase their shifts and hours until a replacement officer could be found. Two certified alternates are also available, she said.

More Action Taken

From Staff Reports

In other business at the Thursday, July 7, meeting, the board: The Marshall Board of Aldermen voted to scrape and gravel a lot on

Back Street for use by town employees and local businesses. According to town secretary Linda Dodson, the lot should help ease the parking situation in downtown Marshall, a situation the board has been asked to address repeatedly in the last several years.

*Agreed to board up a building in Rollins owned by the Madison County Board of Education.

*Considered having an anniversary day for the town of Marshall. Retha Ward presented and volunteered to coordinate the activities.

*Purchased an I-beam for the Morlin plant in the Rollins community to keep the building structurally sound so it could be occupied.

The meeting then went to executive session to discuss personnel matters concerning policeman Bill Lisenbee.

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