

appeal after listing numerous TVA projects he said were not as vital as aid to Trousdale, Macon, Smith, Sumner and Wilson counties.

"There was a time when people thought everyone had to have electricity, and then telephones," Donoho told the Hartsville Project

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Historic Grave Vandalism Ires Mount Juliet

By PHIL WEST
Banner Staff Writer

Mount Juliet — Members of the local historical society are up in arms over vandals who recently destroyed the tombstone of the woman for whom this town is believed to be named.

Police are looking for the vandals who smashed the tombstone of Julia Gleaves — along with six others — in the Gleaves family cemetery on Old Lebanon Dirt Road.

Local historians believe the town was named after "Aunt Julia" Gleaves, who was 18 years old when the town of Mount Juliet was chartered in 1835.

The cemetery sits atop a hill believed to be the "mount" from which Mount Juliet was named. The mount was originally on the property owned by the Gleaves family.

Several of the 14 tombstones had been smashed to pieces, including that marking the grave of Julia Gleaves, who died in 1885.

"These people were among the earliest people who lived here," explained Mrs. Madelon Smith, president of the Mount Juliet-West Wilson County Historical Society.

"The cemetery was in the heart of the old Mount Juliet. But Mount Juliet was moved from the old stagecoach route when the railroad came through here."

Sumner Student

Johnny may not only be to read, but in Sumner Co a group of math teachers ously doubts he can either.

Instead of waiting for co entrance exams to prove correct, however, math t ers in Sumner County are ning programs to nip mat deficiencies in the bud before senior year.

A group of 25 math tea from Sumner County's high schools met with Sumner County School Bo a recent study session, an basic concern was that students are leaving school with no basic skill.

Follow-up sessions with board and central office planned in the spring. Bu cording to Superinten Benny Bills, each county school is responding to math deficiencies in its manner.

"These aren't new probl They've existed for quite time. We'll have a b county-wide approach to problems, but basic schools are developing own approaches," Bills s

Generally, discussion tered around programs as:

● Increasing the mini



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Madelon Smith and N. C. Hibbitt examine vandalized tombstone of Julia Gleaves.

Vandals

Historical documents refer to Mrs. Gleaves as "the watchful mother, the ministering angel of the neighborhood." She acted as the only nurse who tended to the medical needs of the community even before the Civil War, Mrs. Smith said.

She also was known for carrying food to the hungry in the area, Mrs. Smith pointed out.

N.C. Hibbitt, past president of the historical society, said the group is offering a reward for information leading to the identification of the vandals. In addition, a metal sign has been purchased to warn vandals that they may be prosecuted.

None of the 15 graves in the cemetery, however, had been disturbed.

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