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Editorial

County, Town Commended

With our county often receiving criticism and "bad publicity", often unwarranted, it's a pleasure to hear someone speak complimentary of our county. After all, we do deserve some of the adverse criticism but by the same token, we deserve commendation and "good publicity", too.

We felt proud Monday morning when, after he administered oaths to the new county officials, Judge W. K. McLean complimented our county and our people on their stability. His remarks were appreciated by a courtroom filled with persons who had come to hear the oaths administered. One person remarked to us after Judge McLean's talk, "Wasn't that a good sermon?" To us it wasn't exactly a sermon but it was an impressive and appreciated talk. We thank Judge McLean for his remarks.

On Tuesday morning we received a most gracious letter from Miss Pat Edwards, St. Mary's Junior College, Raleigh, after we had sent her some information about Marshall which she requested. The letter was so nice we believe it's worth publishing:

Mr. Jim Story, Editor
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Raleigh, N. C.
December 7, 1970

Dear Mr. Story:

I received your letter on December 7, a day after I returned from Marshall. If I had received your letter earlier, I surely would have stopped by the newspaper office.

I found Marshall to be very fascinating and the most unique town I had ever visited. I still can't get over how friendly and "down-to-earth" everyone was. The town was like something one reads about but never thought existed. After only spending one night there, I no longer felt a stranger, perhaps because no one treated me that way.

The people that linger mostly in my mind because of their helpfulness and friendliness are Mr. Ed Morton (county health inspector) and his son, Michael, who never hesitated to help me get my car started Sunday; the man at Rock Cafe (I never got his name, but I think he runs the place as he waited on me) who helped me locate someone to start my car and who also rendered some interesting and funny stories behind your fine town; the policeman who also went out of his way to help me; Mr. James W. Cody, who I had a chance to meet and talk with; Mr. J. C. Dodson, who gave me directions to Weaverville; and Mrs. Bessie Penland, whose place I stayed at and never got a chance to thank her.

You can be sure that the next time I'm around Asheville, I'll drop by again.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Pat Edwards

THE DEMANDS OF THE COMMITTED LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for December 13
MEMORY SELECTION: "It is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing." — (1 Peter 3:17)

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 9:57-62; John 15: 12-20; 1 Peter 3:13-17.

It has too often been said of a Christian: "He is no different from others who are the so-called 'unsaved'."

All too often, there is a great deal of truth in that statement, for — let's face it — there are an awful lot of "lukewarm" Christians in the world! What everybody tends to overlook is the fact that acceptance of Christianity, in its purest sense, calls for commitment — total commitment!

And an unashamed display of this total commitment all too often subjects the motivated Christian to ridicule...most especially in this day and time, when it is fashionable to be blasé and often derogatory towards "old-fashioned" tenets. Indeed, persecution is not entirely the precept of "bygone days"! Some present-day Christians have found their dedication to the Lord to be extremely costly!

To be a truly committed Christian calls for an amazing staunchness of spirit, a driving sense of responsibility; and, upon reflection, these are attitudes which do not come as easily to us in our present day, relatively soft environment, as they did to our founding fathers in a more difficult and often dangerous era!

Christ was a gentle man, an understanding teacher but He was a committed man. When a convert applied to Him to be admitted to the fold, the applicant had to measure up to the rigors demanded by the Christian faith. In the matter of spirit, Christ would not be gainsaid, or easily fooled. God must be first and foremost in the new life He offered. Anything of the flesh — comforts, possessions, wealth — must be put on one side, and put on one side cheerfully! Man's heart and his interests could not be divided.

Perhaps the most telling phrase is: "Ye are my friends, if..." Christ demanded more than lip service; He demanded action. His offer of kinship, however, was not intended to carry strings; rather, it was intended to uplift man to the heights of which he was capable. In this process man was to grow, spiritually, and his fellowmen would benefit from this individual growth.

Christ promised His followers no easy path, and in so doing He was being selective. Christianity needed people of strong spirit, of dogged will, of over-reaching faith. Only thus could the doctrines of Christianity envelop the world. In presenting His case fairly He culled the wheat from the chaff.

Christ offered freedom from sin, but that offer also entailed a deep-rooted sense of responsibility. It still does. If we have accepted Christ's death on the cross as absolution of our sins, then we have accepted the great debt

HEARD AND SEEN

By "Pop"

Subscribers in other states often write and ask me to put in his column what kind of weather we're having...for their benefit I often mention the weather (after all, we who live here know what kind of weather we're having)...it's been mighty cold here most of this week...mostly, the weather has been fair and crisp...the kind which makes you walk a little faster and breathe a little quicker...not too cold for the hunters but

entirely too cold for swimming...received my first Christmas card this week...it was from Butch, Jeanette and Chris Phillips of Mars Hill...incidentally, Jeanette can "drive with ease" now cause I saw her get her license a few days ago...attended the oath-taking at the courthouse Monday morning and thought Judge McLean did a good job...and his talk afterwards was impressive...the more I see the Christmas lighting across Main Street the more

beautiful they are, especially at night...I appreciate the golden plaque given me this week by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service...I am proud to have it hang on the wall of my office here...done any Christmas shopping yet?...I've talked to several who have said they had finished shopping...for me, I haven't begun...make plans now to attend Cantata at Baptist Church next Sunday night...understand it's going to be beautiful, as usual....

Just A Woman's Observations

By DOROTHY BRIGMAN SHUPE

Well, another birthday has come and gone and we had a delightful day at school! My first three classes didn't like me, but the fourth and fifth period classes, bless their hearts, gave me some nice gifts and had nice refreshments for the whole group. I don't really know who was responsible for all the fun, but Shirley Wallin, Judy Bowens, Janice Worley, Vickie Tweed, Betty Buckner and David Windsor seemed to team up with Mrs. Sprinkle and Mr. Allen to get me out of the room during fourth period.

Then after lunch, Jerry Haynie was supposed to run down the hall for me to chase, but I soon smelled a rat and discreetly loafed in Mr. Whitt's office until they came for me! I believe that Janet Cooper, Verlan Davis and Jim Baker were the leaders for the afternoon party. Rickey Barnes and Gene Nix went for the record player, but we couldn't get anyone to dance a jig. My, this time last year, Freddie and Cheryl spent half the night before wrapping my gift from my English class

around 2:30 o'clock in the morning!

I haven't been home yet, so I don't know what Shupe got me, but I expect a card or two from some of my former students. Phyllis Cooper came through this morning with a lovely card and surely Barbara Rice won't forget me! Oh, yes, this is my 52nd birthday and many of my students thought it must be my 62nd! Called Pop to tell him I'd be this afternoon (Tuesday) before finishing this mess, so if it doesn't get in the paper this week, he can use it next!

I'm disappointed that we aren't getting tickets for purchases this year. I never expect to win anything, but I always faithfully sign my name to all those cards as if I just knew that I would win \$500 for each one! I like the new town decorations, but there's just something to anticipating being a winner that we miss when the merchants do not use them as this year. Maybe next year!

Say, you must soon get your ticket for the Red-Head ball game that will be played here

the week after Christmas. That is the crowd of red headed girls that play men's rules and can beat about any team they play. I understand our team will be composed of Coaches Willett, Reeves, West, Cole, former coaches Morton, and J. C. Wallin, (?) James Allen and Enloe Boone and others. You know it will be a fun thing and it's all for the good of the school, so come on out everyone!

OBSERVED—Enjoyed a short chat with John Dedrick Ray's grandmother up at Plemmons Restaurant Saturday night—She's just 85 years young and as spry as most 18 year olds—She was headed with John to the regular Saturday night dance at the Community Center—Glad many of the sick are getting better, Marvin McClure, Mrs. Bernie Payne, Roy Laws, Mrs. Arthur Whitehurst—Know the annual Christmas display of the Extension Homemakers at the library will be excellent as usual—The public is invited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, I believe—Have a good day!

At Mars Hill College

Choir Concert, Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill College.

Sun., Dec. 13, 4 p.m.—Vivaldi's "Gloria," sung by college's Oratorio Singers, and Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," sung by women's chorus.

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(Note: Mars Hill College will be closed from the end of fall semester classes, Friday, Dec. 18, until the start of spring semester classes, Monday, Jan. 18.)

that it entails. We are constrained to pattern ourselves after His exemplary life on earth; we are constrained to prove our worthiness regarding inheritance of the Kingdom He promised would be ours!

Our religious beliefs must be our staff as we journey through the pitfalls of mortal life; it must help us over the rough spots, and give us strength to bear the burden of those weaker than ourselves. It must provide the inner fire, the inner hope, without which we are, indeed, lost.

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Extension Corner

Phone 648-2491
Home-Economics — 4-H



A six-week school on tomato production will be conducted in the county again this year beginning January 11. The Employment Security Commission and Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute will cooperate with the County Extension Service in making the school available. If you are interested in attending the school, please contact the County Extension Office, phone 648-2491.

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How To Select Wallcovering—When adding pattern and design to your decorating scheme, wallcovering is practical for you—if you choose the kind most suitable to your needs: Wallpaper—Most wallpaper is easy to hang, easy to keep clean. Most papers have a vinyl finish which adds to the washability; others may be cleaned with a dough-type wallpaper cleaner. Recently a new feature—strippability—means that wall-covering can be easily removed without steam or water for redecorating.

Vinyl-impregnated Papers and Fabrics—Recommended for areas likely to receive hard wear, vinyl-impregnated papers and fabrics are grease and stain resistant, scrub-

bable, easy to hang and easy to remove. Fabric wallcoverings are especially useful in rooms where the plaster is old or in poor condition as the covering tends to strengthen the wall structure.

Machine and hand-printed wallpapers and vinyls are sold in conventional rolls (each roll approximately 36 square feet). Some require pasting, others are pre-pasted and need only to be cut, wet with water, and hung. Pre-pasted papers are ideal for the beginning do-it-yourself-er and make it possible to decorate without upsetting the whole room.

Style design, and color are being constantly updated. Visit the wallcovering department of your stores and keep up-to-date on what is available.

PIONEER 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Pioneer Jr. 4-H Club of Madison County, met Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bacchus McPeters. Officers were elected as follows: Bobby Jamerson, president; Debra Ferguson, vice president; Randy Rice, secretary; and Vickie Radford, treasurer.

