

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MARSHALL'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT, a new American La France fire truck mounted on a GMC Chassis, has arrived. The new truck is a 750 gallon per minute pumper valued at more than \$22,000. The truck has a two-speed axle, five-speed transmission and is equipped with the latest fire-fighting apparatus. The lease contract was signed by Mayor Lorado Ponder and Aldermen Roy Wild,

Fleet Nix and George Penland last April. A few of the Marshall volunteer firemen are shown with the new truck, as follows: Joe Fisher, chief; and Ray Crowe, assistant chief (kneeling); James Penland, Kelley Davis and Bobby Pegg; (first row); Edward McLean, Frank Davis and Ralph Worley. (back row.)

Marshall Lighting Contest Winners Are Announced

Judges have reported to the Marshall Garden Club contest chairman the following

No Rural Deliveries On Friday

The post offices in Madison County have announced that no rural deliveries will be made on Dec. 25 and also no rural deliveries on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Barn Burns

The barn owned by Bill Tipton, who resides in the Hayes Run section of Marshall, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. Cause of the blaze is unknown. It was stated that the barn had a large supply of hay in it.

Local firemen arrived at the scene but too late to save the barn.

winners in the Christmas Decoration and Lighting competition:

First: Merchants Association for lighting in the town of Marshall because of its good taste, its beauty and the pleasure given to so many people.

Second: Mr. and Mrs. Craig Roberts for an exceptionally attractive doorway.

Third: Mr. and Mrs. Maco Wallin for the magnificent star back of their house.

First honorable mention: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nix for the arrangement of candles in every window.

Second honorable mention: Luther Nix and Joe Nix residences on the Asheville highway which were apparently planned and decorated as a unit.

"It is hoped that more people will participate in the

contest next year, particularly Marshall Garden Club, homes outside the city limits, sponsors of the annual contest, one of the members of the



PICTURED ABOVE are Lion officials at the Mars Hill Christmas Party Monday night: reading from nearest camera are: Lions Harry Trull, Gudger Cabe, guest speaker: Wade Huey, Bruce Phillips, Harley Jolley, Mrs. Jolley, Wiley DuVall and Mrs. DuVall.

Pageant Ends Eighth Year Here Tuesday

The 1970 presentations of the Christmas Pageant here were concluded Tuesday night with what some observers claimed was the largest crowd in the Pageant's history of eight consecutive years. Hundreds of spectators braved inclement weather last Saturday night at the first performance but fortunately Monday and Tuesday night's performances were held in comfortable weather.

As usual, the characters were splendid as they portrayed the incidents which preceded the birth of Christ and the Nativity as they approached the Nativity scene and setting on the courthouse lawn. The live animals, the huge star on the opposite mountain and the beam which lighted the manger again made Marshall's pageant one of the most impressive in the nation.

Soloists for the three-night performances were Dr. Arthur F. Williams, of Marshall, and Mrs. David M. Roberts, of

Mars Hill. Members of the choir were from various churches in the county. Dean Shields was coordinator of the Pageant.

APPRECIATION

In addition to the furnishing of the animals by Aaron Serence and Alton Payne, officials of the Marshall Merchants Association, sponsor of the Pageant, also wish to thank all those who assisted. Mr. Payne, who has furnished the sheep for the eighth consecutive year, was unable to be present this year due to illness but his family furnished them in his absence.

Local firemen and policemen were especially commended for their part in directing traffic and their many other duties during the Pageant.

The Hospitality Committee who served hot coffee and cookies in the courthouse hall after each performance were also highly commended.

"We appreciate what everyone did", an official stated.

Mars Hill Lions Entertain Wives And Blind Monday

The Mars Hill Lions Club observed Ladies' Night in the Mars Hill school cafeteria Monday night when more than 65 Lions, Lionesses and guests attended.

Special guests at the oc-

casions were many blind and visually handicapped residents of Madison County. Although the three Lions Clubs in the county aid the blind and visually han-

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SHOWN ABOVE is a portion of the more than 65 Lions, Lionesses and guests at the Christmas Party in the school cafeteria Monday night.