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Miss Fitzgerald To Be Teacher At Seminary Course

Miss Sue Fitzgerald, Director of the Center for Christian Education Ministries at Mars Hill College, will be the teacher at a Seminary Extension Course to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at Asheville - Buncombe Technical Institute, in Room H 117 of the Rhododendron Building.

A recognized Christian leader, Miss Fitzgerald has been engaged in teaching seminary extension courses for the past eight years.

Classes will begin at 7 p.m. each Thursday and continue until 9 p.m. each week, with credit for the course, introduction to the New Testament, being given.

The Rev. Neils Larsen, pastor of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, chairman of Seminary Extension in the Buncombe Baptist Association, with the Rev. Luther Oament, WNC Area missionary, have been responsible for the planning of the Bible course.

County Schoolchildren Write Their Own School Books

"Hello! My name is David. I have a rooster and a cow and a horse and a hen. I catch butterflies all the time and flies. I catch fish in the creek - little tiny things - and little rabbits. I like to play with my dog. I like Madison County because it is a good county."

This and other stories written by Madison County first and second graders have recently been published in a new book, Hello! My Name Is... In their own words, children tell of the joys of Madison County, the mountains, and what it is like growing up in them.

Hello! My Name Is... a wonderful testimony of children to where they live, what they do, where they go and what they think about.

The book is published for students to read and then write and draw the things and people they know best: roads in Madison county, communities in which they live, their pets and farm animals, their favorite time of year, and the like. Students read what other children their own age have written and drawn and then are provided two pages in the middle of the book to do the same thing: write and draw about Madison County.

Hello.....was distributed to grades K through 2 in Mars Hill in January 1976. Students, parents, and teachers are excited about the learning that is going on in the classes using

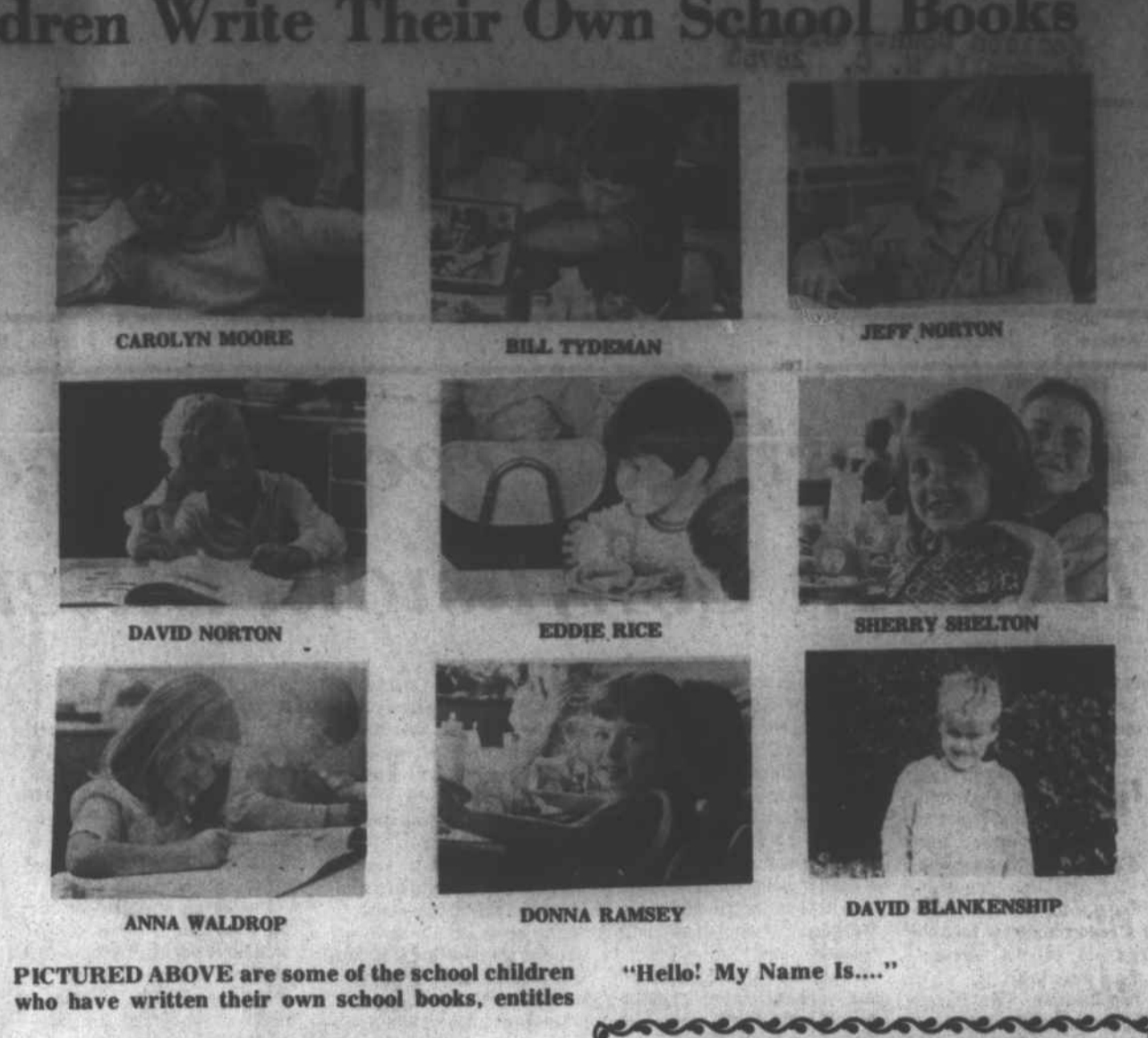
the book. Teachers who have used it have found that students who were never involved with reading and writing have developed new interest.

Mrs. Jamie Briggs, a kindergarten teacher in Mars Hill Elementary School, said, "My children enjoyed the book. Even kindergarten aged children are picking out words. A highlight has been in writing their stories in the book."

Mrs. Jan Pressley, second grade teacher, said the program was great. "The way our class has worked producing these books is the best thing we have ever done. Students used to groan about story writing, now they love to write. It is fun and the kids are learning to read," she said.

Hello.....and another book, Grandparents in which other children write of their Madison County grandparents, are the first in a series of books written by Madison County children. They are the only supplementary readers available for use with elementary students that reflect the culture and the heritage of the people who live and work in the Southern Appalachian mountains.

With a grant from the Department of Health Education and Welfare the Madison County School Board last year established the Appalachian Ethnic Heritage Studies Program. Funds from that grant have been used to publish these books.



PICTURED ABOVE are some of the school children who have written their own school books, entitled

Remembering Madison County

By EDNA GENTRY ALEXANDER

What about all this nice Spring weather we've been having? Hard to believe that only two weeks ago snow covered the mountains and the fish pond was covered over with a solid sheet of ice. Now, iris, tulips and jonquil bulbs are pushing up green shoots in the flower beds and the ice has melted on the fish pond so the cows can come to drink. Hillsides are beginning to turn green, too. But we know that Spring is not really here to stay, it being only mid-February and the groundhog did see his shadow two weeks ago. Besides, we haven't had as many snows yet as we had morning glows in August. (Was it Dot Shupe who said we were supposed to do that?) Anyway, it's what old people used to believe. But it is time to start thinking about planting.

A few weeks ago, at the invitation of Lucile Burnett, I attended a meeting of the Beautification Committee at Walnut School. They have a marvelous idea for a community flower bed where residents of the community can go to get flower plants to set out in their own yards in order to help beautify their community. Walnut is my community - it's where I grew up, so naturally I am interested in all this and want to see these projects successful.

I enjoyed being at Walnut school again. It had been about 38 years since I was there last. The school itself still dominates the scene at Walnut, but inside it didn't seem too familiar to me. The library, where the meeting was held, has been expanded to take in the adjoining room which used to be the room where I was in 10th grade with Doris Lisenbee, Clyde Wardrop, Maye Randall, Helen Goforth, Margaret Woody, Margaret Stines, Mae Belle Blankenship, Mary Ramsey,

Queen Allen, Mae Doan, Harold and Ralph Baker, and Mae Wild. Miss Bernice Robertson was our home-room teacher and she also taught us French. I was a whiz at learning this delightful language, in fact, I made all A's, but sad to say, down through the years I "Unlearned" it, for I never had any reason to keep up with the language. I doubt that I could even translate half a dozen words, now.

Some mighty good times went on in that old school building. We had some fine "chapel" programs every Monday morning, with each grade taking part. These programs were usually begun with scripture and prayer by either the Rev. B. E. Guthrie, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church or by Rev. Hyde from the Presbyterian Church. There were some very good plays produced on that stage, too. I remember that Gertrude Gahagan and Howard McDevitt were usually the lead players in all the productions and I thought these two were really beautiful people. I was sorry, in a way, when they graduated and we didn't have them anymore.

We liked to stay after school and watch our girls' basketball team practice there in the auditorium. Catherine Rector and Mae Doan were star players on our team, and watching them play was really fantastic. And some days we could see a movie after school. I remember the first one I ever saw The Little Minister with Katherine Hepburn. I still think about our Glee Club Practicing their singing. We could hear them all over the school. Even yet when I hear someone singing "Whispering Hope," I think about Evoleen Reeves and Lillie Mae Stines. I always felt that no one would ever be able to sing that song like they could.

I liked the Letter To The Editor by William Stanton (Feb. 12, 1976). I agree with what he has to say. It's true that LOVE is the most important thing in the whole world.

For God is Love. It's as simple as that.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:
Dear Mr. Story:
With reference to Mr. William Stanton's interesting letter of Feb. 12 I would like to clear up some misunderstanding. In my letter of Jan. 29 I stated that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were Jehovah's Witnesses. Of course they were not Christians. When a group of God-fearing Christians in the year 1831 met together and decided to adopt as their name Jehovah's Witnesses, they were quite aware that there had existed for thousands of years before them other witnesses of Jehovah even before Christ Jesus came into the world. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11:4-38, gives a list of faithful witnesses before he became one himself, starting with Abel, Enoch, Noah and many others. He concludes by saying in chapter 12:1 "So then let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses lay aside every weight..." Those witnesses were these men and women? A record of their lives testifies they were Jehovah's Witnesses.

Some have great love and respect for such translations as the King James or the Douay Bible. All translations of the Bible are good. Some are more faithful to the original divinely inspired manuscripts, written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek than others. Some regard the King James translation made 365 years ago in 1611 was perfect and therefore should not be altered. Many are unaware of the fact that it has already been altered many times. The first edition of 1611 was followed by that of 1633 which showed over 300 differences. The Committee on Versions (1851-56) of the American Bible Society found 24,000 variations in six different editions of the King James version.

How can one evaluate the best Bible translation? The one which most faithfully and accurately reproduces the meaning of the original divinely inspired

manuscripts. How can this be done? By careful and prayerful study of it.
Norman M. Drysdale.

LIKES MARSHALL
Some places you go you just naturally feel at home. That is the way we have felt about Marshall since we first came here.

We have only been here a little over a year and yet we have more true friends than we both made in a life time in Atlanta.

We would like to thank this time and thank the people of Marshall for opening up their hearts as well as their town to us. We have to leave now for a while but we plan to come home again real soon. May God keep you all just as you are until we return.
- The Stan Robertsons

Attention Firemen
All members of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department are urged to bring all turnout gear to the fire house on Main Street at 7:00 o'clock this Thursday night, Feb. 19.

Clyde S&L Breaks All Records
Clyde Savings and Loan broke all its previous records for January in savings and in loans, according to Ed Broadwell, executive vice president.

"We gained over \$2 million in savings and closed more than \$1 million in loans," said Broadwell. "I'm encouraged by these figures. It indicates that Western North Carolina is recovering from the recession and is growing again," he added.

Clyde Savings and Loan celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year and will be opening branches in Skyland and Weaverville. It has assets of almost \$54 million.

Personal Mention
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tweed, of Greeneville, Tenn., were in Walnut last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snelson.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rice, Sr., spent the week-end with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Rice, and son, Jerry III, at Cullowhee. While there they attended a high school basketball game and also the college game.
Frank Roberts, who is a student at N. C. State University in Raleigh, spent the weekend in Marshall with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts.
Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett spent the week-end in Bowling Springs as guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sanford, and their three daughters.
Mrs. Willie Runnion, Mrs. Minnie McLean, Mrs. Eva Sams and Mrs. Emma Kate McDevitt spent Sunday in Greenville, S.C. where they visited Mrs. Runnion's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Runnion.
Mrs. Anna Mae D. White returned Saturday from Florida where she spent several weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Katherine Kinser in St. Petersburg; and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McClellan Deaver in Orlando.

CARD OF THANKS
For the many acts of kindness shown during the long illness and death of our loved one, we offer our sincere thanks. For the beautiful floral offering, cards, phone calls, visits, food and words of kindness. To you who contributed to the Memorial Fund or the Cancer Fund, we are most grateful.
May God bless each of you.
The family of Lorado Ponder

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To Dr. and Mrs. Eric Blackwell of Winston-Salem a son, David Elam, February 6, 1976 in a Winston-Salem Hospital. Mrs. Blackwell is the former Janis Elam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Elam of Mars Hill. Dr. Blackwell is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell also of Mars Hill.

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Madison County singing convention will be held Sunday February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Davis Chapel Church. Several groups are expected. Everyone welcome to come.

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Health News

Do copper bracelets really work?

Are copper bracelets for arthritic and rheumatoid pain for real? Do they actually work? Stories pro and con abound. Some of my customers swear by them. Others are skeptical. But what's your opinion?

If copper helps to reduce pain from arthritis or rheumatism for you then write a letter to my Clipping Service and tell me about it. For your testimonial I'd like to send you a summary of the most recent theories of how and why copper bracelet work. Send your self-addressed, stamped envelope to Clipping Service, Box 5051, Raleigh, NC 27607, and look for your reply shortly.

As a reminder to take good care of the old ticker, our nation is celebrating American Heart Month this month.

...Krause Becomes
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Asheville recently that he will seek another term.

Krause, a 1973 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the enforcement of pollution laws from 1969 to 1973. He is a 1969 graduate of Tufts University where he received an engineering degree.

Krause said he favors a state law making all county school boards elective on a non-partisan at-large basis, the abolishment of municipal boards of election with their functions taken over by county boards, and a balanced approach to land development in the mountains with concern for both environmental and economic factors.

Krause is a member of the Mars Hill Municipal Board of Elections. The municipality was one of several which exempted itself from the uniform municipal election machinery under county boards.

He also listed a balanced budget and a progressive tax structure (North Carolina law requires a balanced state budget), repeal of the sales tax on food with a corresponding increase in liquor, cigarette, income and inheritance taxes, as legislative goals.

Krause said he favors

Cystic Fibrosis Fund Drive
The Madison County branch of the N. C. Chapter of the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has placed canisters in various business establishments of Madison County as a means of raising money for research concerning this children's disease.

A crash campaign is being conducted in Madison County during the month of February, and it is hoped that Madison County residents will support this worthwhile cause. Some of the Madison County banks, business concerns, and civic associations are making separate donations.

Further information may be had by contacting Mrs. Gerald Young, president, route 2, Mars Hill; or by telephoning Mrs. Young at 689-3724 or Mrs. Bill Clark, secretary, at 689-3510.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of children and young adults. One baby in every 1,500 is born with cystic fibrosis.

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