

Pug Ravenel Will Visit Mars Hill College

Charles D. "Pug" Ravenel, political and economic leader from South Carolina, will be the first speaker in a series of lectures and seminars at Mars Hill College on the theme "The Future of the South." The series, known as the Mellon Scholars Program, is funded by a \$140,000 grant received from the Mellon Foundation earlier this year.

Ravenel will be on the Mars Hill campus Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 18 and 19 and will speak Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in Moore Auditorium in a meeting for the general public. A question and answer period will follow his address. He will also be meeting with students and faculty in small group discussions during the day Tuesday and Wednesday.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Ravenel earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1961 and holds a master's degree in business administration from Harvard's Business School. While at Harvard he received the Bingham Award as the school's top athlete and was one of 46 athletes nominated by Street and Smith Football Magazine as an All-America candidate. He was also elected First Marshall (president of his graduating class) and received a Corning Glass Works Fellowship in 1961 to travel around the world for eight months studying 27 na-

tions and their political and economic conditions.

In 1966-67, Ravenel had the distinction of working as a White House Fellow in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury. He served as an organizer and chairman of meetings in Washington between leaders in the financial world and White House leaders, including Dr. Henry Kissinger and President Lyndon Johnson. He became president of his own financial consulting firm in 1973.

Following Ravenel's initiation of the Mellon Scholars Program, seminars on Oct. 24 and 25 will deal with the topic "Growing Up Southern: Heritage or Handicap," which will be followed by a January Term theme of "Images of the South." Approximately ten January short term courses will be incorporated into this theme.

Themes related to religion and science will be developed during the spring semester. A film series related to the South will be shown March 10-14.

Other themes and topics of national and international interest will be developed in 1980-81 and 1981-82. The basic purpose of the Scholars Program is to provide another dimension to the community life at Mars Hill, enriching the environment and curriculum through the creation of new learning situations for the entire college community.



CLEARING AT MARSHALL'S new industrial site began recently under partly "cloudy" skies. The cloud is actually wood

smoke from burning trees off the cleared site. The work crew expects to finish bulldozing and grading in less than a month.

Suggestions For Grandparents

By E. SHARON CARTER, ASST. EXTENSION AGENT, 4-H

Americans newest holiday was Sept. 9 - National Grandparents Day! Hopefully grandparents in Madison County were remembered by a card, flower, big hug and a

kiss. The idea of having this grandparents special day was started by a West Virginia woman, Marion McQuale, who has 14 grandchildren.

I'd like to share some ideas on growing older gracefully with you, to go along with Grandparents Day. These were taken from Smiley Blanton's Book - Now or Never - "Aging is Just Young Getting Ripe."

DON'Ts

1. Don't let your attitudes harden like cement. Life is constant change; old ways of thinking and doing things are not necessarily the best.

2. Don't anchor yourself to the past. It is too easy to criticize today's children and idealize "good old days."

3. Don't be a hypochondriac. That is, don't bore everyone with the recitation of aches and pains.

4. Don't ever retire, if you can help it. Boredom will kill you. Find some work. Develop hobbies.

5. Don't give in to loneliness. Talk with others. Study history, current events, Bible courses; sports. Perfect skills or your favorite hobby - cooking, singing, etc.

DO'S

1. Try to keep your capacity for wonder. Marvel over nature and keep in touch with new things, new people and new ideas.

2. Keep on being creative. Some of our best writers and artists produced their best works in the '70s and '80s... Tolstoy, Voltaire, Rembrandt, Michelangelo.

3. Keep Trying New Things. Life is not measured by length. Life has depth, breadth, intensity. Life is

dynamic, not static. People who cannot change, cannot grow. Strive for a useful, influential life, and the result will be a happy one.

4. Keep in touch with people. The time to start is in the middle years.

5. Develop a philosophy of life. A collection of attitudes based on wisdom and experience will help us over the rough spots on the road of life.

6. Be yourself. This is not easy at any age. Abandon pretense. Put self-honesty into daily practice. The reward - peace of mind.

Social Services Holds Meeting

A foster care meeting will be held at the Marshall Day Care Center on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

The program, sponsored by the Department of Social Services, will include discussion of the following services available in Madison County:

- Protective services for children and their families.
- Foster care placement and planning.
- Recruitment of foster parents.
- Long-term foster care.
- Adoption.

A question and answer session will follow the program.

"There is a new awareness throughout the state and county of a need for change in foster care," said Vicky Klein of the Department of Social Services. "Our department

can only help to bring about this change with the help of the county commissioners, social services board members, interested citizens, and foster parents. We urge everyone to attend the meeting. Babysitting services will be provided."

'Keenagers'

Thirty "keenagers" from the Marshall Senior Center enjoyed a picnic at Rocky Bluff recreational site on Spring Creek on Aug. 28.

There they met with Mrs. Vern Cody, "76 years young," and Mr. Gowan, who at the age of 88 is still working for the forest service.

All members of the party enjoy the conversations and the tour of the new child development center in Hot Springs, where there are 21 children. Workers at the center are also moving extra furniture to the dining room for senior citizens.

The members of the group all expressed their gratitude to the bus drivers for being so helpful and considerate of those who had difficulty getting on and off the bus.



TROY REID of Marshall stands beside the old gray granite wall that runs along the road by his house on the south bank of the French Broad River. Troy retired last year from 37 years of service with the Department of Transportation and "discovered" the sturdy, handsome wall hidden by honeysuckle, poison ivy ("I'm just lucky I don't catch it"), wild rosebushes, and thorn bushes. He started his own local civic project, clearing and applying weedkiller all the way to the main road at the foot of the Marshall bridge. "This is one of my little projects," says Troy. "I like retirement well. I guess every individual has just got to make up his mind to have something to do when he retires - a

hobby, or something. You just can't sit down and give up. I do a lot of carpentry, work on the house, cabinetry; I'm just a jack of all trades and not good at none of 'em." Troy and Faye Reid's house, shown in the background, has had its share of close calls over the years. During the flood of '77, the French Broad rose to the fourth step leading to the front door. Dedrick Bowman of Marshall, who used to live in the same house when he was a boy, recalls that during the flood of '76 the river "rose up to the keys of my mother's piano." It was a good piano, however - bought at the Dunham Music House in Asheville for \$113 - and it is still in use today.

Letter To Editor

Editor of The News-Record; I would like you to know that us boys helped with that bottle that was thrown from Marshall School. So we would like you to know the names of these third grade boys Mike Weaver, Dewayne Hudgins, Chris Tipton, Ben Fisher, Steven Clark, Joshua St. Amand, Shane Anders, Buddy Stines, Michael Davis, Shane Plemmons, Jackie Ramsey and Chris Stinson.

(Written by Mike Weaver) Editor's Note: In last week's edition of The News-Record, the article "Students Launch Message" was mistakenly titled "Girls Launch Message." A search is underway for the person responsible.

Heard And Seen...

By POP

The complexion of a football game can change quickly as was the case of last Friday night's game at the stadium here. After a lackluster first half in which the Reynolds Rockets put six points on the scoreboard there was little to excite the large crowd of fans. However, the second half proved much more exciting after Mike Hensley's TD scamper and his successful placement put the Patriots on top, 7-6. From this point on, the game grew most interesting but it wasn't until the final seconds the outcome was assured. The elated local fans voiced their delight as they yelled, grabbed each other, danced with joy, and congratulated the Patriots and coaches for the well-earned victory over the Big MAC Rockets. Players leaped with joy after the final buzzer and students rushed to the cafeteria where a Victory Dance was enjoyed. It was a great victory and the Patriots deserve the plaudits of local fans for their come-from-behind victory. It was truly a "team-effort" with the swarming defensive play of the Patriots outstanding, especially in the se-

cond half.

The sidewalk and drainage projects are continuing here and I've been impressed with the fellows who are doing such a good job. I don't know how much they make per hour but they deserve every penny they are paid. It is fascinating to watch the brick masons install the "boxes" in the draining system - they are experts. I also admire their friendliness they are showing as work continues.

I had a most unusual experience last Sunday morning while serving as an usher at the Marshall Baptist Church - while standing in the vestibule with the other three ushers in walks the cute little black kitten of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kingston - it calmly walked down the aisle toward the pulpit and had traveled several feet before I could pick it up - fortunately, he was calm and let me pick him up without any resistance - A bit befuddled, I took him up the street and turned him loose - five minutes later he again rushed in the front door and again started down the aisle, determined to go to the pulpit. Again I went down the aisle and pick-

ed him up as many of the congregation smiled as we made our exit. This time I decided to put him in my car which was parked in front of church, leaving the windows slightly cracked so he could get enough air - slightly cracked was too much, however, as the friendly little kitten crawled out of the car and I captured him again. This time I put him in a Sunday School room but stayed near him during the service listening to our new pastor, the Rev. Mike Minnix. I phoned the Kingstons but they were not at home - so I cat-sat with the kitten at the News-Record office until "Bill" left the church after the after-service dinner and we took the cute little kitten up the hill to a neighbor of the Kingstons. This was my first experience of cat-sitting during a church service. I enjoyed it.

"Bill" and I enjoyed our trip to Cullowhee last Saturday where we were guests of Chancellor H.F. Robinson at his home along with many other invited guests. We also enjoyed the football game Saturday night between Tenn. Tech and WCU Catamounts, in which the Cats were victorious.

Editor's Column

Richard Dillingham is a young man with a lot to do these days. He is primarily responsible for getting the Rural Life Museum ready to open in Mars Hill by next month and administering such a complex project is a new kind of experience for him. He grew up in Forks of Ivy and has lived in this region all his life, with the exception of a tour of duty in the U.S. Army and one of his goals in life has been never to be "director" or "administrator" or "boss" of anything. Yet he has been named director of the Rural Life Museum and, though he has tried out other titles such as coordinator and even custodian, he is stuck with the title for the time being.

Early one morning last week I found a chink in his schedule and we talked about his hopes for the museum, which will take form in Montague Hall on the college campus.

"I don't want this to be a typical museum," he said, sipping his morning cup of coffee. "The furniture and decorations you see in most of them don't really tell us much about the way most people lived in Madison County a century ago. The vast majority - I'd say 98 percent, and that includes people like you and me - led very simple lives. The difficulty is that most of the things that were saved here were kept by the upper class - the kind of things you see in the Vance Birthplace. The things most of us used are much harder to find. But if we are going to show what life was really like, we have to find them."

"When I became a young man I began to become aware that people elsewhere in the country were describing us as poor. Well, I'd never been anywhere else in the country, and I'd never thought of us as poor. Then I began to see things like the 'Beverly Hillbillies' and 'Hee Haw' on television, and I knew that those people had no idea of what life was like here."

"Well, I've lived here all my life, and most of the people who have been working with me on this museum project - Jerry Plemmons, Kim English, Peggy Harmon, Diana McWilliams - have lived here all their lives, and we want the people of Madison County to know the truth about how their ancestors lived. We want them to know they weren't dum-dums, and they weren't Beverly Hillbillies; because they weren't."

Dillingham became interested in Madison County history through studying his own ancestors throughout the Ivy region. His ancestors include the Andersons, pioneer settlers on Ivy; the Sams, also pioneers on Ivy; the Dillinghams, pioneers in North Buncombe; the Carters, pioneers in Democrat; and the Weavers, who settled Weaverville. He majored in English at Mars Hill College, and his full-time hobby was tracing his family tree. This interest expanded into studying the entire history of the Ivy region, all the way over to the French Broad River. He has been studying that region for 12 years now, and estimates he is about two-thirds ready to publish his findings.

After graduating and serving with the Army in Vietnam, he worked at Hammarlund Electronics and, when the plant closed in 1970, at part-time farming, ditch-digging, building porches, additions, decks - miscellaneous jobs "to support myself so I could keep on with my research." Then he became involved in starting SART - the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre. "I wanted to be able to put on plays that the mountain people wanted to see; plays that treat things the people know about, and that do it honestly."

Likewise, he wants the museum to show life of the 1850s honestly - without Hee-Haw jokes on the one hand, or lace curtains on the other. The interior of Montague Hall will resemble an old-timey mountain home, with a complete kitchen, bedroom, and so on. The kitchen will be the center of activity, as it was in the last century. There will be a wood-framed bed held together by pegs, with ropes supporting the split oak matting, then straw ticking, then feather ticking, then the mattress, quilt and coverlet.

"Even those of our ancestors who were middle class and below had a comfortable bed and good food then," says Dillingham. "I slept in a

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