

A Dream Comes True For Mrs. Cheek

Being a 4-H leader for Mrs. Polly Cheek is like a dream come true. Polly Cheek has been 4-H leader of the Mars Hill Senior 4-H for the past two years. 4-H is a thrill for Polly because she would like to have had the 4-H experience during her own childhood.

When asked how she got started in 4-H she says, "Gary Ealey asked Genevieve Burda and me about forming a club in Mars Hill," she says. "I was wary at first, but now I am gung-ho about 4-H."

about 4-H was how it brings whole families, leaders and 4-H'ers to work together instead of having only adults present programs to the 4-H'ers; the 4-H'ers are involved and participate. The 4-H motto is "Learning by Doing" and that's exactly what these 4-H'ers do — they get involved. Polly especially enjoys the friendship that has developed between herself and the young people.

Polly has a degree from Wake Forest in English and a minor in biology and Latin.

What impressed Polly most Polly says she has never been bored and always enjoys anything she does. She especially loves people and

working with them.

The entire Cheek family is involved in all aspects of the county 4-H program. Ed Cheek, Polly's husband,

teaches at Mars Hill College and is the advisor of the newly-formed Mars Hill Collegiate Club. The three Cheek children, Edith, Edwin and Elizabeth, are active members in the following 4-H clubs: Junior and Senior 4-H clubs, Exchange Club and Collegiate Club.

Polly says that "4-H enables leaders, parents and children to grow together." When Polly was a little girl she decided she would live to be 99 years old and never stop learning. Polly feels by being a 4-H leader that this is an even greater responsibility.

"We are really lucky to have this energetic and creative lady working with 4-H," says assistant extension agent Sharon Carter. "I hope she'll still be backing 4-H at 99 years."



POLLY CHEEK

Dance Festival Set For Easter Seal

The Hillbilly Hoedowners, Green Valley Cloggers, and the Little River Jr. Cloggers are among the teams who will be dancing in the Second Annual Mountain Dew Country Dance and Music Festival for Easter Seal, co-sponsored by WWNC Radio.

Originally scheduled for 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. of Saturday, Nov. 10 — the Festival dates and time have been changed to Friday, Nov. 30 from 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The dance exhibition, as originally slated, will still be held at the UNC-A Lipinsky Auditorium in Asheville.

Peewee, elementary, junior, senior, and adult dance teams are encouraged to participate in the festival. Unlike last year, the festival is open to square dance and smooth dance teams this year. "This festival is a chance for all organized

dance teams to show they care about handicapped people in our area," says Mitzi Tessier, Chairperson of the Mountain Dew Country Dance and Music Festival. "The festival is for exhibition dancing only, so it will give the teams a chance to practice for competition and a chance to help others while having a good time."

Seminars Help Get Ready For Exams

"Getting Ready for the Graduate Record Examination" is the subject of the third "Saturday Seminars," Mars Hill College's series of non-credit classes dealing with special interests or contemporary issues one Saturday each month.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is administered to current college students or college graduates who wish to enter graduate school for a degree higher than the bachelor's. Graduate school officials use the GRE scores much the same way college administrators utilize

the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) that high school students take when applying to college.

The GRE seminar at Mars Hill will actually begin on Friday evening, Nov. 16 with an overview of standardized test taking skills and continue Saturday, Nov. 17, with emphasis on math skills, taking sample tests, reviewing vocabulary comprehension, and analogies with timed tests administered to check the student's progress.

Both Friday's and Saturday's classes will be held in room 224 of Cornwell Hall, the college's main classroom building. The Friday evening session is scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m., and the Saturday class will meet from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and again from 1 to 4 p.m. The seminar will be taught by Mrs. Patricia Phillips, coordinator-counselor of the college's special services; Dr. Mary Ibrig, Professor of English at the college; and Mrs. Geneva Maney, an adjunct faculty member of Mars Hill's math department.

Pre-registration is required for the seminar and the deadline is Nov. 14. Enrollment in the seminar will be limited to 30 on a first-come-first-served basis. The cost is \$15. As a part of the college's community service and continuing education efforts, the Saturday Seminars are open to the general public. Additional information is available from Raymond C. Rapp, Program Coordinator for Continuing Education, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754, telephone 689-1166.



MR. AND MRS. EVERETTE L. MASSEY of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Iva Jean Massey, to John Dale Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Coates, also of Marshall. The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Mars Hill College and is employed by the U.S. Postal Service of Marshall. A Dec. 1 wedding is planned at Enon Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited.

Sandra Burrill Selected By Country Dance Troup

Sandra Burrill of Mars Hill, a freshman at Berea College, has been selected as a member of the Berea College Country Dancers.

Burrill, the daughter of Milton Burrill of Mars Hill, was in competition with several other Berea students for membership in the organization established in 1938 as a club to preserve the folk culture of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

The Berea student dancers, led by Dr. John M. Ramsay, director of recreation at the college, perform Anglo-

American folk dances, singing games and storytelling drawn largely from the traditions of the Appalachian South, New England and the colonial period. The troupe's Morris dances feature lively tunes, tinkling bells and vigorous steps.

This past summer, members of the group made a seven-week performing tour of England where they participated in the Tyne and Wear Folkmoot, an international folk festival. The dancers have appeared on NBC's "Today" Show, made a "People-to-People" tour of Latin America, performed at the White House and toured with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in its mini-festival series.

Burrill is a graduate of Asheville High School.



SANDRA BURRILL

Two-Day Songfest In Walnut

Mark the dates on your calendar, there's a SongFest a-brewing! On Nov. 17 and 18 the Madison County Arts Council is sponsoring a celebration of the kinds of songs traditionally enjoyed in this county, all of them sung by Madison County residents.

On Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. gospel and sacred songs will be performed. Each performer or group will have 10 to 15 minutes on stage at the Walnut Elementary School, so within the three hours you'll be hearing many fine and favorite songs you can go home humming.

We've all been to some old-timey music festival or bluegrass festival or fiddlers convention; now here's a festival where the singing is more important than the picking. Bring the whole family + admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Proceeds will go to performers and to benefit the PAROTT project in Hot Springs.

The SongFest is being made possible in part by a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, in part by the cooperation of Sidney Harrison at the Walnut School and in part by Madison County Arts Council volunteers.

Look in The News Record next week for a list of the performers and for information about advance tickets.

Hospital News

Dr. John Lockard, Marshall optometrist, is a patient in the VA hospital at Oteen where he is undergoing treatment.



MR. AND MRS. HOBERT PAYNE of Route 1, Marshall, celebrated their 83th birthdays together on Oct. 28. The surprise party was hosted by their daughter, Mrs. Maythron McElreath of Leicester. They have two children — Mrs. McElreath and a son, Loyd Payne of Marshall. They have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Personal

Dr. and Mrs. J.L. McElroy returned Saturday to their home in Marshall from Gatlinburg, where Dr. McElroy attended a four-day meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. McElroy attended the Scientific Sessions of the meetings.

Students

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has an enrollment of 9,925 this fall, including two students from Madison County.

Madison is among 94 counties in the state that are represented by students at UNC-G during the current academic year.

The two students from Madison County are: Debra E. Johnson, P.O. Box 82, Hot Springs; and Nancy K. Zink, P.O. Box 63, Mars Hill.

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