

28 Laurel Students Pedal For \$743 In Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon

Twenty-eight students from Laurel Elementary School recently completed a 7-mile bike-a-thon for cystic fibrosis. The students collected a total of \$743 in pledges and a grand total, including donations by churches, individuals and stores, of \$743.

The children obtained pledges from members of the community ranging from 5 cents to \$7 per mile completed. The pledge champion was Charlene Norton, who netted \$95; second was Tina

Rice with \$45; and third was Michael Cook, who brought in \$33.

"I think they did really well, considering the size of the community," said Rita Faye Norton, a teacher at Laurel and organizer of the bike-a-thon. "They got out by themselves and went door to door getting pledges and that's pretty hard to do for kids 7 to 15 years of age. And they all finished - even the littlest ones. And then the hardest part of all was going

back to their sponsors after the ride and collecting the money.

"We were just amazed by their determination," she went on. "They were almost obsessed with making it. One little boy wrecked, but he hopped right back on and pedaled the rest of the way. Charlene Norton had a wobbly wheel, but she wobbled all the way for 7 miles. No one was about to quit."

Many local businesses helped the effort with donations or by displaying a collection can for cystic fibrosis. Among the participants were Gunter's

Grocery, Gosnell's Grocery, Rice's Grocery, Penland and Sons, Roy Reeves, Hartford Tweed, Bantam Chef, Betty Jane Ramsey, H. Cutshall's Store, C. Cutshall's Store, the Trail Cafe, O. Cook's Store, the State Line Service Station, Martin's Service Station, Fred's Gulf Station, Ingle's, Brush Creek Gulf Station, Home Electric and Furniture Co., Bowman Hardware Co., Franklin's Grocery, Kathy Winkler, Gilbert's Grocery, D. Cook's Service Station, Laurel Fork Freewill Baptist Church, the N.C. Highway Patrol and Theresa Banks.



PLEASED WITH THEIR RIDE, the group poses for the camera: Dennis Johnson, Tim Chandley, J.R. Metcalf, Michael Gosnell, Charlene Norton, Ricky Jefferson, Lenny Blackwell, Jerry Wallin, Denise Cantrell, Deana Taylor, Michael Cook, Scotty Franklin, Angie Ramsey, Kim Shelton, Missy Ramsey, Herman Chandley Jr., Eric Johnson, Tina Rice, Robin Brackins, Lisa Shelton, Phaedra Darell, Patricia Shelton and Pam Hardin. Not pictured: Linda King, Jeanne Jay, John Wallin, Marsha Shelton and Stevie Wallin.

McAlister Is Chosen To Head State Fund

Maurice I. McAlister of Marshall has been appointed Madison County chairman of North Carolina State University Alumni Association's 1979-80 Loyalty Fund Campaign.

McAlister, a 1970 graduate of N.C. State School of Education who works with the Agriculture Extension Service in Marshall, will be responsible for coordinating the association's membership efforts in Madison County.

McAlister said: "There are 41 N.C. State alumni in Madison County, and we're counting on them to help sustain and expand our first true merit scholarship program."

The Alumni Association established NCSU's first unrestricted merit scholarship program, the John T. Caldwell Scholars Program, in 1974 and commits a large percentage of its annual loyalty fund revenues to the program.

McAlister will work with

Lawrence D. Curle of Waynesville, who is the association's coordinator of an 11-county area which includes Madison. Curle, a retired executive of the USDA Soil Conservation Service, is a 1950 graduate of N.C. State's School of Forest Resources.

Support of alumni in Madison County and the surrounding area will be a key in the association's efforts to raise \$390,000 during its current fund year. Overall fund-raising efforts are under the direction of Edwin Bounous of Morganton, chairman of the 1979-80 alumni Loyalty Fund Campaign, and Robert E. Black Jr. of Piney Creek, association president.

Homemaker Meeting Schedule

The area homemaker meeting schedule for November is as follows:

Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Sleepy Valley Community Center for Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Sleepy Valley Community.

Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Bleva Baptist Church for Laurel communities.

Nov. 20, 2 p.m., Marshall Housing Authority building for Marshall and Little Pine and surrounding communities.

Nov. 21, 2 p.m., Greater Ivy Community Center for Beech Glen, Mars Hill and Forks of Ivy communities.

Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., Bull Creek Baptist Church for Bull Creek and surrounding communities.

Workshop

Asheville-Buncombe Technical College and Trinity Episcopal Church are co-sponsoring a workshop on teaching adult non-readers with special emphasis on English as a second language. The workshop will be held Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. Participants are asked to furnish their own lunch and coffee will be provided by the church.

Presentors will be Hamilton Gregory, Emily Gordon and Linda Lucree and topics will include the following: phonics, the Laubach method of teaching reading, using other books and materials for adult non-readers, tips for teaching English as a second language and the construction and design of supplementary materials and games.

Charge for the workshop is \$5. Please call the continuing education department to pre-register: 254-1921 ext. 137.

Coffee

A stork coffee was given for Mrs. Peggy B. Fender on Nov. 3 at the residence of Mrs. Debi Duyck of Woodhaven, Mars Hill. Honorary guests were employees of Western Carolina Telephone Company.



PROUD WINNERS are, from left: Charlene Norton, Tina Rice and Michael Cook.

7 County Youngsters Join Contest In Horticulture

A total of 45 young people in 10 counties - including John Langhi, Randy Fowler, David Shannon, Jimmy Shannon, Len Shannon, Sarah Shannon, and Arlene Young of Madison County - have participated in this year's Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest.

Participation in the program, which involves separate competition for annual crops and perennials, was the greatest since it was started 17 years ago.

The contests, which are sponsored by the commission in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture teachers of the area, are designed to recognize young people with outstanding horticultural projects and to encourage interest in this enterprise. Horticultural crops are the largest and fastest growing segment of agriculture in the western counties and are expected to have cash returns of about \$75 million this year or over one-third of the area's farm income.

Dr. R.G. Gardner and Dr. Jim Shelton of the Fletcher research station are co-chairmen of the contest committee and in charge of the judging.

The youthful contestants are judged both on the basis of on-site inspections of their projects and official record books.

The participants will be recognized and the winners announced at an awards

Bill Brigman

Welcomed

To Red Oak

The Red Oak Visitors' Club gave a welcome back dinner for Bill Brigman, the principal of Red Oak School.

Brigman was principal at Red Oak for seven years before moving to Marshall Elementary School for three years.

The dinner was given at the Red Oak School cafeteria on Oct. 28 during which Visitors' Club members welcomed Brigman with speeches, handshakes and kind words.

Singing

The second Sunday night singing will be held on Sunday night, Nov. 11 at the Alexander Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. All singers and listeners are invited to come.

banquet on Dec. 10 in Asheville. Cash awards totaling \$400 will be presented to winners of the two contests. First prize in both the annuals and perennials competition will be \$100.

Award sponsors in the contest for annual crops are Pigeon Valley Tomato Company, Canton; Francis & Wright and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville, and 3-D Farm, Fletcher.

Sponsors of the awards for perennials, including strawberries, shrubbery and Christmas trees, are Gerber Products Company; Barber's Orchards, Waynesville; Nettlewood Nurseries and Garden Center, Asheville; Rhododendron Farm, Mountain Home and Tuckasee Valley Nursery, Cullowhee.

St. Andrew Society

The St. Andrew Society of Western North Carolina will hold its regular meeting at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

All those of Scottish birth or descent, and their spouses, are invited.

The annual banquet in honor of St. Andrew's Day will be held on Dec. 1 at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Asheville.

Egypt announced the reopening of the Suez Canal to international shipping in 1975. The canal had been closed by the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967.

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Wachovia Says: Business Index Rose In September For State

The level of business activity in North Carolina moved upward in September, according to the Wachovia Business Index. The Index registered 157.3, 0.7 percent above the August level.

Increases in non-farm employment, the manufacturing workweek, and average hourly earnings all contributed to the September gain.

The growth in non-farm employment resulted from a 1.3 percent rise in the non-manufacturing sector.

Employment in government, bolstered by a larger than usual increase in school employees, and in construction registered robust gains, while trade and services employment rose modestly. An increase in durable goods employment was offset by a decline in non-durable goods employment; however, both

sectors reported increases in the average workweek. Average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries were slightly above the August level.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 5.4 percent in September, up 0.1 percent from August. The national rate for September 5.8 percent, down 0.2 percent from August. The unadjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina was 4.6 percent in September.

Unit sales of both cars and trucks were up in September, an apparent response to sales incentives offered by dealers and manufacturers.

DON'T EAT LONDON (AP) - A new development for dieters is a refrigerator tape-recorder attachment which asks, "Are you eating again?" each time the refrigerator door is opened.



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