

Luncheon Will Honor Community Groups

The 30th annual awards luncheon for the Western North Carolina Community Development Program will be held Dec. 1 at the Asheville Civic Center. Over 600 rural, business and civic leaders from throughout the area are expected to be on hand for the event.

Highlighting the agenda will be the announcement of top winners in one of the nation's oldest "self-help" rural community improvement programs.

According to Richard B. Wynne of Asheville, president of the Western North Carolina Development Association, which sponsors the program in cooperation with the N.C. Agriculture Extension Service, a record \$10,000 in area awards are being presented

this year. This is in addition to approximately \$15,000 in county awards which have already been presented.

Among those scheduled to present awards are Sen. Robert Morgan, congressman Lamar Gudger, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, Chancellor H.F. Robinson of Western Carolina University and Dr. Chester D. Black, associate director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The luncheon is open to the public. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$3.50 per person and tickets are available at the Agricultural Extension office in each county and at the WNC Development Association, Room 420 in the Asheville City Building.

Winners of the community club division of a special mobile home improvement and safety contest, the first effort of its kind in the nation, will also be announced. These will go to the organized communities which have done the best job of promoting mobile home improvement during the year.

Judging of communities to select those making the most outstanding progress during the year was done earlier this month. Representing Madison County in contention for top area awards are Sleepy Valley in Division "A" (less than 100 families); Walnut in Division "B" (100-200 families); Greater Ivy in Division "C" (over 200 families). Mars Hill represented the county in final judging to select the communities making the most progress in overall youth program.

The Community Development Program, which is sponsored by the WNC Development Association, the Extension Service and local sponsors and agencies in each

county, was started 30 years ago as a grass roots, self-help effort of people organizing and working together to build community centers, recreation areas, start volunteer fire departments, organize beautification projects and work on other improvement projects.

This year 100 communities in 16 of the western counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation took part, along with a number of civic, garden and youth groups that competed in a special beautification contest. Winners of this were announced previously.

A total of 35 communities in the three divisions of the program were in the final judging as county winners.

In Division "A," less than 100 families, contenders are: Dix Creek No. 2, Buncombe; Culberson, Cherokee; Snowbird, Cherokee Reservation; Mountain Page, Henderson; Norton, Jackson;

Bethlehem, McDowell; Scaly Mountain, Macon; Sleepy Valley, Madison; Stony Knoll, Polk, Whitehouse, Rutherford; Grassy Branch, Swain; Balsam Grove, Transylvania.

Finalists competing in the "B" division, 100 to 200 families, are: Green Valley, Avery; Cane Creek, Buncombe; Bridgeport-Enon, Burke; Martins Creek, Cherokee; Big Cove, Cherokee Reservation; Crab Creek, Henderson; Cashiers, Jackson; Ashford, McDowell; Clark's Chapel, Macon; Walnut, Madison; Union Mills, Rutherford, Whittier, Swain; Quebec, Transylvania.

In the "C" Division of over 200 families, the area contestants are: Big Ivy, Buncombe; Brindletown, Burke; Hanging Dog, Cherokee; Yellow Hill, Cherokee Reservation; North Hominy, Haywood; Barker Heights, Henderson; Savannah, Jackson; Otto, Macon; Greater Ivy, Madison; and Little River, Transylvania.

Patriot Basketball Season Begins At Home Friday Against Erwin

The 1979-80 basketball season begins this Friday at Madison High School as four Patriot teams take on Erwin.

The junior varsity girls' team will begin their game at 3:30 p.m., the JV boys at 5, the varsity girls at 6:30 and the varsity boys at 8. The community is urged to come to the gym to cheer on their favorite Patriot team and to wish varsity coach, Joe Kruk, good luck in his first game at Madison.

Singing

The regular first Saturday night singing will be held at the Hopewell Baptist Church this Saturday night beginning at 7 p.m.

Among the singers expected will be the Followers Quartet of Asheville.

The pastor, Rev. Ralph McDevitt, welcomes all singers and listeners.

PATRIOT SCHEDULE, 1979-80

Date	Home Team	Away Team
Nov. 30	Erwin	Home
Dec. 4	Reynolds	Away
Dec. 7	Mountain Heritage	Away
Dec. 8	Rosman	Home
Dec. 11	Mitchell	Home
Dec. 14	N. Buncombe	Home
Dec. 18	Owen	Away
Dec. 19	Hendersonville	Away
Jan. 4	W. Henderson	Away
Jan. 5	Rosman	Away
Jan. 11	Erwin	Away
Jan. 12	Edneyville	Home
Jan. 15	Reynolds	Home
Jan. 18	Mountain Heritage	Home
Jan. 22	Mitchell	Away
Jan. 25	N. Buncombe	Away
Jan. 26	Edneyville	Away
Jan. 29	Owen	Home
Feb. 1	Hendersonville	Home
Feb. 8	W. Henderson	Home

Heard And Seen

Thanksgiving passed off very satisfactorily around here so far as I know... after a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, I watched the football games on TV after watching part of Macy's Parade in the morning... I said part of the parade because I decided not to "waste" the entire morning in front of the television set... I came down to the office and while everything was quiet, I straightened up the newspaper files, including all issues in 1978 and 1979... we're now ready to start the 1980 files... anyway I feel it was "productive" to do this Thanksgiving morning instead of waiting until the last minute.

After Thanksgiving, it always seems that Christmas is upon us... which it is. I wonder when the persons in charge of the annual Christmas Pageant here will begin rehearsing? I also wonder if the downtown merchants will again have the annual Christmas promotion?

I agree with Larry Pope and many other sports writers about too many bowl games... actually four major bowls are enough (Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange) and even maybe the Gator Bowl... but it's ridiculous to have about 16 bowl games... instead of deserving teams being selected for the major bowls, it's gotten so that about 32 teams participate... it's no longer superior teams with outstanding records but it's becoming teams with mediocre records... some who certainly do not deserve bowl consideration. It's too much of a money-raising racket and promotion instead of the best teams. Don't get me wrong... I like to see bowl games regardless of records but too many bowls take the original thrill and incentive out of the game.

The downpour Sunday night had everyone around here apprehensive, to say the least... warnings of possible flooding caused many merchants and property owners to come down town Sunday night... including this writer. About 10:30 p.m., I came down and discovered about an inch of water in the back of the News Record office... I put planks down so I could walk without getting "drowned." Monday morning most of the floor in the building was covered with surface water about one-fourth of an inch... thank goodness the rains stopped early Monday a.m. and the water subsided somewhat.

The French Broad River quickly shot up but no damage was reported... however, parts of the island were covered with water, and school was postponed. Sunshine and clear weather Monday really relieved the situation.

Congratulations to the Marshall firemen for their alertness during fires and other emergencies... although they (the firemen) are not paid and are strictly volunteer, they stand by ready to serve. For instance, Sunday night when heavy rains threatened the town, I saw several firemen at the station surveying the situation about 1 p.m., ready to help in case flooding started. They deserve a pat on the back.

Clinic Schedule

Edward A. Morton, health director for Madison County, has announced the health department clinic schedule for December. Clinics listed are held at the health department unless otherwise specified.

Dec. 4: Eye Clinic, by appointment.

Dec. 5: Child Health Supervisory Clinic, by appointment.

Dec. 6: General Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m., by appointment.

Dec. 7: General Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment; WIC Screening, by appointment.

Dec. 10: General Clinic, trailer on left, Hot Springs Program Grounds, 1-3 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, trailer on left, Hot Springs Program Grounds, 1-3 p.m.

Dec. 11: Maternity Clinic, 9 a.m.

Dec. 14: General Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment; WIC Screening, by appointment.

Dec. 17: Family Planning Clinic, by appointment.

Dec. 18: Family Planning Clinic, by appointment.

Dec. 21: General Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment; WIC Screening, by appointment.

Dec. 24-26: Christmas holidays.

Dec. 28: General Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment; WIC Screening, by appointment.

At all General Clinics, protection is available against diphtheria, poliomyelitis, whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), measles, rubella and smallpox. Blood testing and tuberculin skin testing are also available at the General Clinics.

Animal Shelter Shut Until Dec. 4

The Madison County Animal Shelter has been closed temporarily as of Nov. 26. It will reopen Dec. 4.

Revival

The Carmen Church of God will hold a revival, beginning Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Morgan Davis, evangelist, will be the speaker. Pastor James Underhill invites you and your family to come and share.

Shakespeare's 'Tempest' Opens

Shakespeare's magic isle will come to life when "The Tempest" opens at Mars Hill College Dec. 5 for an extended run through Dec. 16. The production will be directed by William Martin, nominated for a Tony (the stage's equivalent of the movie's Oscar) for his Broadway direction of "The Lieutenant," which also was nominated for Best Musical of 1975.

"At the time Shakespeare wrote 'The Tempest,' new worlds were being discovered and sailors' tales about new lands, storms at sea, shipwrecks, monsters, and the like," commented Martin, "Shakespeare was a populist writer and many aspects of his time are included in this play."

The story revolves around two groups of people, those shipwrecked on the island and the island inhabitants. Those shipwrecked are human of course, but the island's inhabitants are sprites, monsters and fairies, all con-

trolled by the magician Prospero. To show the island in its relationship to the natives there, special sets and costumes were designed.

Dr. Virgil Gray, professor of theatre arts, designed the stage and Sara Stewart of Hendersonville, who has designed costumes for several Mars Hill productions as well as for the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre and the Hendersonville Little Theatre, was called on to make the costumes.

Dr. Gray utilized the entire stage of Owen Theatre by building a variety of platforms, and draping the set with a cotton mesh cloth normally reserved for scrim. The costumes of the island's inhabitants will be made from the same material.

"Shakespeare moves so rapidly from locale to locale that it is difficult to construct scenery that can be moved as quickly as the changes occur," noted Dr. Gray. "The platforms allow the maximum

amount of area for the actors to work in, and our lighting allows the locale and time of day to shift rapidly."

"The Tempest" will open Dec. 5 in Owen Theatre and will be performed through Dec. 16. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. each evening with the exception of Dec. 9 and 16. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. each evening with the exception of Dec. 9 and 16 which will feature Sunday matinees beginning at 2:30 p.m. There will be no performance on Dec. 13. Reserved seats are required and may be made through the box office which will open Dec. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. and can be reached by calling 689-1239. Arrangements for groups may be made in advance of the box office opening by contacting James W. Thomas, chairman, Department of Theatre Arts, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill 28754, telephone 689-1203.

Special Service At Dry Branch Saturday

The first Saturday night special service at the Dry Branch Free Will Baptist Church will begin this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Several singing groups will entertain, and the Rev. Jerry Scalp of Kingsport, Tenn., will speak. Everyone is welcome.

Hoffman Renamed To State Council

Speaker of the House Carl J. Stewart Jr. of Gastonia announced today the reappointment of Jeanne T. Hoffman of Mars Hill to the North Carolina Internship Council.

The North Carolina Internship Council has the responsibility for the determination and selection of student interns assigned to the governor's office and various offices of the state government. It screens applications for student interns and determines the appropriateness of proposals for work projects in which the student will participate.

In announcing the reappointment, Speaker Stewart noted that Mrs. Hoffman has had extensive experience in the field of education and has been active in civic and community affairs for many years. She was honored as one of the Outstanding Young Women in America in 1972 and served in 1976 as President of the Appalachian Council on Women.

The sheathbill, found only in the Antarctic regions, comes in two species which make up the family Chionidiidae of the plovers.



A STUDENT FROM MARSHALL is among three freshmen pre-journalism majors at the University of Georgia chosen to receive student assistantships. Scott Cutlip, dean of the university's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, is shown with assistants, left to right, Linda A. Paterson, daughter of Rosemarie Paterson, Dunwoody, Ga.; Darlene Brackins, daughter of Delano and Alma Brackins of Route 4, Marshall; and Sheri A. Fox, daughter of Wanda Fox of Perry, Ga.

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Workday Scheduled At Times Theater

The Madison County Arts Council has scheduled a workday on the Times Theater in Hot Springs for Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The material to cover the remaining 40 seats, donated by the Western Economic Development Dept., has come in at last.

All of you who are tired of going to the theater to see something that is a staple gun or a staple gun.



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