

# 4-H'ers Honor St. Patrick With Fashion And Talent

The scene was set with a spotlighted stage at Moore Auditorium Saturday night for the annual Madison County 4-H Fashion and Talent Show.

The 4-H'ers celebrated St. Patrick's Day by showing their talents in singing, dancing, piano playing and performing skits. Immediately

following the talent show, the 4-H Fashion Revue was held. The top three winners of the talent show each received a check for \$25 and the oppor-

tunity to compete in the District 4-H Talent Show in Henderson County in June. The three top acts were: Sleepy Valley 4-H vocal group — Kenny and Charley Davis, Lisa, Sonia Fox, Michelle Gahagan, Sherrie Reeves and Kim Brooks; a piano solo, Lora Harrison; and a vocal solo by Sharon Tipton accompanied by Marla Briggs. Others receiving ribbons in the talent show were: "The Chicks" — Laura Ledford, Melonie Ramsey and Sharon Croom; a flute and recorder duet, Edwin and Edith Cheek; a vocal duet, Elizabeth Cheek and Angie Moore; clogging, The Bull Creek Cloggers; a skit, "The Doers," Donna Briscoe, Edith, Edwin and Elizabeth Cheek, Brenda George, Angie Moore, Jessica

Newton, Janet Grose and Elaine Randolph; a piano solo, Dan Bellamy; a disco dance, Allen Stines and Peggy Sexton; a piano solo, Lisa Gahagan; Brenda George of the Mars Hill 4-H Club won the senior division in the Fashion Revue. She receives an expense-paid trip to 4-H clothing camp in Reidsville. Winner in the craft junior division was Kathleen Burda; winner of the craft senior division was Edith Cheek; winner of the junior division of the Fashion Revue was Elizabeth Cheek. Others receiving ribbons in the craft and Fashion Revue were Laura Ledford, Charley Davis, Becky Rathbone, Lori Brown, Stacey Sears, Jamie O'Brien, Kenny Rathbone, Amy Stanley, Maziar

Khodayer, Kenneth Davis, Gregg Crawford, Aaron Gosnell, Darren Payne, Melissa Tino and Dan Bellamy, Angie Moore, Becky Rathbone, Shirley Gentry, Peggy Sexton and Edith Cheek.

We wish to thank Allen Stines, Peggy Sexton, David Gentry and Shirley Gentry of the Marshall Sr. 4-H and Exchange clubs for doing an outstanding job as master of ceremonies. Also a special thanks to Mars Hill College WMMH, The News Record and the Yancey County 4-H staff, who judged the show, and our 4-H leaders who prepared these 4-H members for this event.



**TALENT SHOW WINNERS** are, kneeling: Charlie Davis; front row: Micheline Gahagan, Lora Harrison, Lisa Gahagan and Ken-ny Davis; second row: Sherrie Reese, Kim Brooks and Sonia Gahagan, Marla Briggs and Sharon Tipton.

## WNC Genealogy Group Formed

The 11 Western North Carolina counties that were formed from Old Buncombe now have their own genealogical society.

Old cemetery surveys, histories of founding families, library surveys and publications of family information will be part of the activities of the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society. Workshops for beginners of the area and seminars for other states are planned for the near future.

On March 20 the monthly meeting is being held at Pack

Library in Asheville from 7 to 9 p.m. Beginning genealogy study groups will be formed as well as specific groups for North Carolina, Tennessee and other states. Interested persons are invited to attend free of charge.

The monthly newsletter will also carry publications of permanent value on county cen-

sus listings, tax lists, wills, military records and other material found in the libraries and archives in our 11-county area. Active members from each county will be formed to aid others in their search for their ancestors.

An exchange program of pedigree charts of members and others will be started soon and queries will be accepted. A day-long genealogy seminar is scheduled for May at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, and will be sponsored by the new society.



**MR. AND MRS. ELMER CHANDLER** of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Lynn, to Blaine Dwight Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Ray, also of Marshall. The bride-elect is a senior at Madison High School. The future bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of Madison High School and is employed by Stencil Aero Engineering Corp. in Arden. The wedding is to be held at Chapel Hill Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on April 19. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## SART Plans Theater Auditions

The Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater (SART), a professional non-equity summer theater company located at Mars Hill College, will hold public auditions March 22, according to managing director James W. Thomas.

The auditions are open to

anyone who wishes to participate in a full-time job with SART through the summer. Those wishing to audition should prepare two short acting pieces of contrasting style and one song. A pianist will be provided to accompany the songs. Salary, room and board are provided for those who are hired for the season, which will run from June 2 through Aug. 10.

The 1980 season will include "The Hasty Heart," "My Sweet Charlie," "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," as well as the world premiere of "Wednesday's Children," a new play by Mars Hill faculty member C. Robert Jones. The auditions will be held in the college's Owen Theater from 1 to 5 p.m. on March 22. Additional information is available from James W. Thomas, managing director, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, P.O. Box 53, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754, or by calling 704/689-1203.

This will be SART's sixth season, and in addition to openings for actors and actresses, positions are open for technical, box office, and costume positions. Apprenticeships and college credit are also available in ap-

plicable situations.



**MR. AND MRS. CHARLES W. BISHOP** of Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Felicia Michelle to Roger Dale Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paul Shelton of Route 3, Marshall. The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Madison High School and is a freshman at Mars Hill College. The future bridegroom is a 1979 graduate of Madison High School and is self-employed. A March 29 wedding is planned.

## Optimists

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tric serviceman, harpsichord maker.

He also said that the club "hasn't exactly been sitting still" since its organization Jan. 24. It has sponsored the Optimist Oratorical Contest, which will be an annual event, selecting Greg Wilde, Frank Johnston, Danette Middleton and Melinda Shelton to compete in the zone contest in Asheville March 28. It has also begun a stamp collecting program where young people turn in stamps for money to help feed poor people; voted to help sponsor Kathy Thorpe as a contestant in the Miss Teen North Carolina Contest; sent six members to the recent district board meeting in Charlotte; and begun to raise money for a college scholarship for a county student.

He also read a brief article from the Optimist International newsletter "Hot Line," which began, "Want to hear a success story?" and closed with "Who said clubs can't be built in small towns?" It was a glowing account of the organization of the Madison club.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Dr. Fred Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, who singled out several fellow Optimists as laughing targets for jokes. He then listed a series of fast-breaking social changes that will challenge Optimists in the future, such as the passage of a law in Alaska legalizing renewable marriage contracts, the idea of sperm and egg banks, the use of mechanical placentas for women who cannot conceive, the likelihood that our children will have to change professions three or four times during their lifetime, and the enormous changes due in our habits of energy use. "All that," Bentley proposed, "could make you kind of tired if you weren't an Optimist."

He then suggested that in preparing ourselves to deal with such future shocks we "take three or four steps backward" to strengthen our social institutions: the church, the home and family, traditional mountain values and skills, and the community. "I'm so glad," he said in conclusion, "that the goals of this club are to stress good citizenship, to help the handicapped, to develop community recreation. You can be a tremendous asset throughout the community. I challenge you to live up to your creed, to be optimistic, because if you are you can achieve everything."

## Personal

John Robert Ray of Marshall has entered the VA Hospital in Oteen. He was scheduled for surgery on March 14.

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## College Band Will Perform

The 60-member Mars Hill College Band, directed by Ray Babelay, will present a concert March 23 at 3 p.m. in Moore Auditorium.

The program includes such selections as Armenian Dances by Alfred Reed, Caccia and Chorale by Clifton Williams and a Tribute to Irving Berlin, arranged by Warren Barker.

The trombone ensemble, directed by Bruce Bishop, will also be featured. There is no admission charge for the concert.

**NEW GALLERIES**  
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