

## Heard and Seen

By POP

For the first time in my life I heard and saw the solo concert on Harpsichord by Dr. George Lucktenburg last Sunday afternoon at the Marshall Presbyterian Church. The famed musician entertained approximately 100 music lovers, playing on the instrument made by Richard Kingston, of Marshall. The limber fingers of Lucktenburg glided over the keyboard as he played 16th and 17th century selections with great expertise. The second half of the program was played on a Fortepiano, entitled "The Sufferings of the Queen of France" (Dusseck). The entire program proved the fine quality of music when performed by an expert like Lucktenburg. It was the first concert of its kind ever held in Marshall. In addition to the concert, slides were also shown of progress made in Marshall which enabled the town to receive the Governor's Excellence Award. This portion was under the supervision of Becky Williams who aided in the projects.

Another enjoyable occasion last Sunday afternoon was in the Blackwell Building on the campus of Mars Hill College where the Rev. and Mrs. William L. Lynch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Peterson Hall was beautifully decorated and many friends attended the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were married on Sunday, May 4, 1930. Both Mr. Lynch and Nona Faye are among our dearest friends and "Bill" and I wish for them many more anniversaries.

Judson Edwards and I, with friends from Asheville and Canton, motored to Franklin, N.C., last Saturday for the WNC State Checker Tournament held in the beautiful Franklin Community Building.

Although the tournament is listed as the WNC State Tournament, outstanding checker players from several states participated. Judson, Madison County's best player, and I didn't win any top awards but we did pretty well considering the caliber of players we played. We won several matches but we also lost several. Anyway, we had a fine time and enjoyed being there with several top players of N.C., Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. This was the third annual tournament Judson and I have participated in and if all goes well we'll probably be in next year's meet at Franklin.

# Winners Of The Conservation Poster Contest Announced

The supervisors of the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District recently sponsored a conservation poster contest for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the six elementary schools in Madison County.

The contest was judged by Moulton Bailey, soil scientist; Russel Blevins, soil conservationist, and Ernestine Haynie, district clerk.

The judges issued the following statement:

"The response from the children in Madison County was great. This reflects an interest of the children on the conservation of two of our more important natural resources, that of soil and water. We the district supervisors, wish to thank each child for participating and also, to thank each principal

and teacher for their help." Each child participating will be awarded a certificate and ball point pen, officials stated.

The following were the winners in the poster contest: fourth grade, first place, Carla James, Marshall, \$15; second place, Kim Flynn, Walnut, \$10; Billy Dietz, Mars Hill, \$10; third place, Leonard H. Shannon, Laurel \$5.

Fifth grade: first place, Danny Metcalf, Mars Hill, \$15; second place, Rebecca Thomas, Walnut, \$10; third place, Jeff Shepard, Mars Hill, \$5.

Sixth grade: first place, Lori Roberts, Marshall, \$15; second place, Tony Reed, Marshall, \$10; third place, Ricky Roberts, Spring Creek, \$5.

Congratulations were extended to Lori Roberts, Mar-

shall on winning first place and Carla James, Marshall for winning second place in the Area I poster contest. Lori's poster has been sent to the state judging contest.

Area I consists of sixteen western counties. All first place winners of the county poster contest in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades were entered in the Area I contest.

The supervisors for the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District are Emery Metcalf, chairman; Benny Chandler, vice-chairman; Jack Landers, treasurer; Jim Brown, secretary; and Randall Buckner.



LORI ROBERTS, CARLA JAMES, TONY REED  
Marshall



KIM FLYNN, REBECCA THOMAS  
Walnut



LEONARD SHANNON  
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Mars Hill



BILLY ROBERTS  
Spring Creek

## Support Level Is Set For Burley Tobacco

The proposed price support level for burley tobacco has been announced, according to C.P. Stewart, state executive director of the North Carolina State ASCS office. He said that the proposed rate for 1980-crop burley tobacco is 145.9 cents per pound.

Stewart added that public comment on the proposed support level may be made by anyone interested in the support program. The comments should also include whether the method of supporting tobacco should continue to be through loans to producer associations.

State Director Stewart said that "current legislation" requires that price support be made available for those kinds of tobacco for which pro-

ducers have approved marketing quotas. Burley tobacco quotas were approved by producers for 1980, 1981 and 1982 by producers in February 1980.

Stewart said that written comments should be submitted to the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, USDA-ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013. Comments must be received no later than May 27. The comments will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Director, Room 3741 of USDA's South Building.

Price support programs for tobacco are administered by ASCS through contracts with producer associations.

## Rate Increase

French Broad and Haywood EMCs, and to a lesser extent Randolph, are soaking up the biggest rate increases.

And Tolley warns that the biggest rate increase of all is looming on the horizon. CP&L has been working for years on the Shearon Harris nuclear complex, consisting of four units that will produce a total of 3,600 megawatts. It will be the second biggest power complex in the country, located just south of Raleigh. And when it goes on line, Tolley estimates that power costs to customers will double.

"If we are sitting here when that happens," says Tolley, "buying all our power from CP&L, then our rates are going to jump 100 percent overnight. Now if we are able to generate, say, 30 percent of our power by ourselves by then, the increase won't be quite as bad. These big increases are just another good reason to work on generating electricity right here. Then we will know exactly what our costs are and we won't have these big surprises."

Tolley emphasized that this rate increase, when it is passed along to the public, will have nothing to do with the new headquarters building now nearing completion. "All the costs associated with the building have already been figured in," he said. "That loan is a 5 percent loan for 35 years. Even if we don't get another member during the construction period, the building would cost each member about \$4 a year."

## Smokey Mountain Fire District Acknowledged

The Smokey Mountain Fire Department in Marshall has received acknowledgement from Insurance Services Office of North Carolina in Raleigh of its boundary description and captioned district as adopted by Madison County.

Smokey Mountain thereby becomes responsible for protection of the Smokey Mountain Fire District, a circular area four miles in diameter

from the fire house in Marshall.

Charles T. Rhodes, field rating representative for Insurance Services, wrote: "Upon review, it appears that it is in order to recognize the district for 9AA-4 miles protection and we plan to make the protection effective 4-1-80, with survey for the department to be conducted upon our next visit to the area."

## Campgrounds All Open By May 23

George A. Olson, supervisor of the Pisgah, Nantahala, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests, announced today that many of the National Forest campgrounds and other recreation facilities are now open and all facilities will be open by May 23. User fees for campgrounds range from \$2 to \$4 per night per camp unit. Many areas are open yearlong, flush toilets and

water systems are closed during the winter. Information on specific sites can be obtained by calling (704) 253-2352 in the Asheville area or the local National Forest Service office under U.S. Government in the phone directory.

Rocky Bluff campground, near Hot Springs, is open from April 11 until Oct. 31. There is no user charge.

## Madison County Board Meeting

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photos, soil samples, bench marking, a topo map with five-foot intervals, geological report, and descriptions of local zoning laws, homes and local government jurisdictions. Brown said that he had been told that such landfill designs can cost \$8,000 to \$9,000, but that Buckner Associates, which already has some of the needed data, could probably do it for \$4,000. The board voted to let Buckner do it. This landfill site is estimated to have a 45-year lifetime.

Jackie Davis, Marshall fire chief, told the commissioners that it is costing the volunteer department some \$2,500 a year to operate the fire trucks, and that the department is running out of money. Davis said that Madison County ranks second in the state in deaths by fire, and that some 90 percent of the runs are to fires outside the four-mile limit of the Smokey Mountain Fire District. He said that the gasoline cost alone for a recent run to Spillcorn with the two small trucks was \$43.

The commissioners asked Davis to give them exact data on the number of runs outside the town at the next meeting. The county currently contributes \$750 a year to the Marshall department.

Sam Parker, county community development director,

and Becky Williams of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council, came to discuss housing rehabilitation. Williams said that the county has been invited by HUD to apply for additional funds for next year. She said there is a good chance the county will get a grant of \$167,000, in addition to the \$333,000 already granted. She also said that HUD officials will be coming to monitor the project on Spillcorn on May 21.

Becky Williams went on to describe another grant possibility. The county can apply for a \$298,000 ARC grant to build a sewer line from the new industrial park to connect with the Hayes Run line. Such a facility would make the site more desirable to potential industrial builders. The county's share of the project would be 12.5 percent, and the commissioners voted to go ahead and try for the grant.

Oleta Shelton and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman came before the board to discuss further the use of the old agricultural building at Laurel school as a senior citizens' meal site. The building is owned by the Board of Education.

"It is the feeling of the Board of Education," said Larry Leake, attorney for the boards of Education and Commissioners, "that the county might be in a position to help the project better than the Board of Education if it leased the building first and then the meal site directors leased it from them." The commissioners voted to accept this arrangement.

Teresa Zimmerman, director of the day care program, told the board that an annual

budget for the new senior citizens' center adjacent to the Marshall day care building would be \$7,666. The board, after rejecting a suggestion to cover some of this cost with usage fees, approved the budget. The commissioners were adamant in stating that older people should not have to pay anything for the use of the new center.

Ed Morgan, health department director, and Garnette Sprinkle, public health nurse supervisor, recommended that the board hire two workers to fill a vacancy for a nutritionist that has existed since last August. The board agreed to hire Cheri Jai Murrach of Hot Springs as a nutritionist trainee, and Marilyn Held as a nutritionist I, part time. Mrs. Held left the health department last summer to work with the Women Infant Children (WIC) program in a 16-county area, and would now like to return to the county to work three days a week and to supervise Mrs. Murrach. Mrs. Sprinkle said the WIC program in Madison is one of the best in the state and served 696 people during the month of March.

Kevin Morley, recreation director, proposed to the commissioners that four recreation supervisors rather than eight could handle the summer program countywide. He also suggested that college recreation majors might be recruited to fill some of these positions. He said that he was seeking ARC money to fix the roof of the Marshall Community Center. Also, he reported that the summer softball league has been filled with 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams.



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