

Laurel Med Center Ready To Render Services

Dedication ceremonies were held Friday, and now the \$170,000 Laurel Medical Center is officially ready to offer almost a dozen different services to close to a third of the county's population.

Coordinated by the Hot Springs Health Program these services are also offered at the Marshall-Walnut and Hot Springs centers, but the Laurel center's importance is in extending these services to a largely populated area of the county.

The schedule of the personnel providing these services at Laurel and the other centers can be obtained by contacting any of the clinics, according to spokesmen for the HSHP. The services now offered at the Laurel facility are:

MEDICAL — Management advice and therapy of acute and chronic illnesses and minor trauma. Referrals to specialist will also be made through the office.

LABORATORY — Routine procedures including blood

count, urinalysis, blood clotting times, cultures, blood sugars, cholesterol and kidney function tests. Less routine tests will be sent off to a reference lab with results obtainable usually the following day.

INSURANCE — Assistance in completing medical insurance forms.

PHARMACY — Dispensing of the most commonly used drugs.

HEALTH EDUCATION — Special sessions to aid in bet-

ter understanding and dealing with a chronic illness and other health problems. First Aid classes and special talks to community groups.

FAMILY PLANNING — Information and eligibility determination for family planning services will be offered in conjunction with the Department of Social Services.

MENTAL HEALTH — Counseling for problems related to stress, family or job tensions, and "nerves."

NUTRITION — Through the Health Department, a visiting nurse will conduct special sessions to discuss diets that may

Counseling will be offered on a weekly basis.

HOME HEALTH — Home visits by specially trained nurses and aids for patients homebound by their illnesses.

SOCIAL WORK — Assistance relating to the management of medical, financial or family problems.

In addition to the new Laurel Medical Center, the Hot Springs Health Program has two relatively new staff persons to contribute their services to the center and the program.

be helpful in best managing certain chronic illnesses.

TRANSPORTATION — Rides to and from the Medical Center several times a week and to Asheville and back on Fridays on the Health Program vans.

Dr. Gary Sollazzo, psychologist, will be working in the mental health services offered by the HSHP at all three medical centers. A native of Iowa, Dr. Sollazzo received his doctorate degree in psychology at the University of Maryland at College Park, and his Masters of Social Work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. He has worked in geriatrics and with children in counseling.

Dr. Tim Sizemore, dentist,

has worked in the HSHP since early August. Dr. Sizemore is a native of Augusta, Ga. where he attended Augusta College. He also attended the University of South Carolina and he received his degree in dentistry from the Medical University of Charleston.

Sizemore previously worked in public health in Columbia, S.C. before coming to Madison County.

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Parking Situation Greatly Improves

By KEN EDWARDS

The parking situation that's been plaguing merchants and shoppers in downtown Marshall for some time "has improved tremendously," according to Marshall Police Chief Bill Lisenbee.

"The people have been very cooperative — well, most of them," Lisenbee said, referring to employees and various people who have been using street parking spaces during working hours.

"As far as I know, there has been only one ticket issued," Lisenbee said. He added it didn't take issuing parking citations to solve the problem, only the help of the townspeople.

Lisenbee now thinks "the people understand what the problem is." He stated he is grateful to the people for their cooperation, and "I hope it continues."

The Marshall merchants and the police department went before the town Board of Aldermen earlier this month complaining that too many employees, government workers and "daily visitors" were monopolizing the parking spaces downtown, preventing shoppers from patronizing local businesses. The merchants and the police asked for the aldermen's full backing in issuing tickets and clearing up the problem.



EMPTY PARKING SPACES were seldom seen in downtown Marshall before the merchants and police department brought the matter of all-day parkers to

the attention of the Board of Aldermen. This was the scene near the Post Office last Friday at 1:35 p.m.

Photo by N. Hancock

Commissioners Hold Routine Meeting

By KEN EDWARDS

The regular monthly meeting of the Madison County Board of Commissioners was held Friday, September 5, Chairman Irvin Adams, James Ledford, Virginia Anderson, County Attorney Larry Leake, and Jena Lee Buckner, Clerk of the Board, were present.

Becky Williams, HUD Planner, Land-of-the-Sky Regional Council, discussed the County's Clean Water Bond application for construction of a sewer line from the Town of

Marshall to the Madison County Industrial Park.

Sam Parker, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, met with the board and advised them that the Culver Creek Project was almost completed, and reported on the Bluff and Lisenbee HUD Project. He also got approval for a pay raise.

Debra Williams was employed as Clerk II with the Madison County Department of Social Services:

Teresa Zimmerman submitted her resignation as 4-C Day Care Coordinator for Madison County effective September 30.

Mildred West, Acting Tax Supervisor for Madison County discussed the release of taxes for the older people who failed to apply for elderly exemptions by the April 15 deadline.

Effective September 3, was the resignation of Elizabeth DuVall from the Area Board of Mental Health, while Anita Davie and Judy Major were appointed to the Mental Health Board.

The Board of Commissioners also accepted resignation of Kevin Morley, Madison

County Recreation Director, effective September 30.

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Ms. West also presented a list of outstanding bills for ambulance services rendered, and discussed the condition of the county ambulances.

J.O. Rice, spokesman for Delegates from Madison

County American Legion Post advised the board on a need for a Service Representative for the Veterans in Madison County.

The Madison County Public Housing Authority got a \$2000 start-up budget from the county to deal with expenses.

Finally, the board made a resolution that department heads can now hold up to \$250 before making a deposit. However, deposits still must be made on the last business day of each month.

In his speech, Smith said he felt that two things most important to Madison County were to give young people the opportunity to live in Madison County and raise their children here if they want to and to help young people as they grow to receive skills so they can have careers elsewhere if they desire to do so. Smith added, "We want to have strong, sturdy, vibrant kids."

"I believe we have built the best medical center in this part of the state," said Michael Norris, director of the Hot Springs Health Pro-

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gram.

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Rep. Ramsey Critical Of 'Quota System'

N.C. House Representative Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall and State Senator Harold Hardison of Lenoir County voiced strong criticism against a system the Highway Patrol is using to evaluate trooper performance. But, Gov. Jim Hunt denied last week that a patrolman's pay is based on the number of tickets he writes.

Ramsey and Hardison said they are opposed to what they see as setting a "quota system" for a trooper's pay raises and promotions.

Ramsey, who will be the next speaker of the House, said he has felt the Highway Patrol required troopers to meet quotas in writing tickets for year, but "this is the first time they've admitted it."

Burley Mitchell, secretary of crime control and public safety, has defended the system. He said the system

will not set quotas for tickets.

Gary Pearce, Hunt's press secretary, said last Thursday the system has been in operation for about a year, and has been misrepresented by its critics.

"It works both ways — too little or too many," Pearce said. It's one of a number of things they look at to try to determine whether somebody is doing their job. And it's particularly important to the patrol, because everybody knows in the past all promotions and raises were based on whether or not you have a friend in the colonel's office."

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green has said he would bring the matter before the Governmental Operations Committee, which he chairs.

"I think we'll probably be taking a look at it," Green said of the evaluation system. He said he doubts the system is in the state's best interests.

Accident Claims Life Of Marshall Resident

A 32 year old Marshall woman was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville late Sunday night following what appeared to be a single car accident in Marshall.

Penny Greene Haynie received fatal injuries when the 1978 Mercury she was driving left the road and traveled down an embankment on Highway 25-70 Business just south of Hayes Run Road at approximately 10 p.m. Sunday night.

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ACCIDENT VICTIM'S car came to a stop 30 feet below road surface in Sunday night's mishap which claimed the life of Marshall resident.

100 Attend Medical Center Dedication

By SUSAN Y. EDWARDS

Over 100 people, along with several local dignitaries, attended the formal dedication ceremonies of the Laurel Medical Center held Friday on the lawn of the Belva Baptist Church.

"A dream has now become a reality," said Louie Zimmerman as he opened the

ceremonies. The community was pleased with its new \$170,000 medical center which will take the place of a two story white house that was being used for their medical facility. Funding for the center came from contributions by community members along with the Appalachian Regional Commission and

President and chairman of the board, Tom Wallin said he was very proud of the community which came through with over \$20,000. He said 102 people each contributed \$100 or more to the funding of the new facility. Wallin said the new medical center, along with the two located in Hot Springs and Marshall-Walnut, would accommodate somewhere in the neighborhood of 16,000 families. Each center, however, operates independently.

Wallin added that at one time the area had only one doctor who rotated but now there was one physician at each of the three stations.

Liston Ramsey, N.C. House representative from Madison County, said the construction of the facility was "a real team effort." He offered his

congratulations to the people who gave their time and money to the building of the center.

Ramsey, who uses the medical center at Marshall-Walnut himself, said he hoped people would make full use of the new facility because it would enable the community to have the finest medical care without having to make trips to Asheville or Greenville, Tenn.

The keynote speaker was Al Smith, chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Smith said he first came to Madison County in April, while the clinic was still under construction. He saw the enthusiasm shown by the people of the community and was very impressed and decided to come back for the official dedication ceremonies.

While talking with Gov. Jim Hunt last week, Smith said

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Rain Sends 'Riverfest' Floating

Heavy gray clouds hovered over Marshall Saturday morning threatening to dump rain on the participants of the "Riverfest" on the island at the Marshall Elementary School. The activities got underway at 10 a.m. with a larger than usual number of vendors showing off for the

bargain hunters strolled among the vendors' wares awaiting the rest of the day's activities connected with the week-long French Broad River Week celebration.

During the morning hours, most of the fun activity centered around Joe Penland Jr.'s tent

where he had set up arts and crafts from his Turnpike Gallery. The main drawing card at Penland's "junior craft shop" seemed to be the impromptu music session provided by area musicians who would stop by, pick up a guitar or banjo and pick a tune or two.

Bill Cunningham, a Riddle

flowed out from under the trees and caught the attention of both children and old timers as they milled about the island.

Bill Cunningham said he enjoyed getting the chance to play in the rain. He said