

Community Calendar

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Reems Creek Crusade Choir will present a Christmas Music Concert Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Beech Presbyterian Church in Weaverville.

COLLEGE BAND CONCERT

The Mars Hill College Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ray Babelay, will present a concert in Moore Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m. Christmas and secular numbers will be performed. The flute choir, directed by Dr. Joyce Bryant and the trombone choir, directed by Mr. Addison Himes will also be featured. Both groups will perform Christmas pieces — no admission charge.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House at Baird House, a bed and breakfast guesthouse in Mars Hill, located at 121 South Main Street will be held Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. Historic Baird House has been restored as a warm, cozy and inviting early American home. Six double occupancy guest rooms with poster beds and fireplaces are available for over night accommodations. Breakfast is served to over night guest only.

ALEXANDER SINGING

The regular second Sunday night singing will be held Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Alexander Baptist Church. The Alexander Youth Choir and the Parris Quartet will perform. Rev. Everett Haney invites everyone to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The Madison High School bands and chorus, under the direction of Harry S. Overby, will present their Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The public is invited to attend.

GREATER IVY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Greater Ivy Community Club Christmas Bazaar will be held Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the community center at Beech Glen. A variety of items will be for sale.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council On Aging will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Marshall Senior Citizens Center on Long Branch Road in Marshall.

CLASS OF '62

Attention 1962 Marshall High School graduate, if you were in this class please contact Jane Woodard Randall at 649-2247 or 649-3797 or write P.O. Box 224, Marshall and enclose name, address and phone number.

COMMUNITY AUCTION

There will be a community auction sale in the Community Center in Mars Hill every Friday night beginning at 7:30. There will be different items every week. Everyone is welcome.

Harris Media Center Dedicated Friday

The Marlene Reader Harris Media Center, Mars Hill College's award-winning underground media facility, was formally dedicated Friday, Dec. 4.

The new building, was financed by a request from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meade Harris of Roanoke, Va., which now totals over \$900,000.

The new building contains 11,500 square feet, all underground. Only the mechanical equipment and the sun-facing skylight — the central component of the building's supplementary solar heating system — are above ground. The concrete retaining walls below grade take advantage of the almost-constant temperature level of 55 degrees Fahrenheit within the earth, radiating heat in winter and absorbing it in summer.

Because of the supplementary solar heating system and the underground location, construction costs were lowered, the costs of heating equipment installation and operation were lowered, and the costs of maintaining the building will be lowered.

The building will house materials and equipment for communications instruction, ultimately providing a wide range of services from basic references to advanced production designs. Photographic darkrooms, a video studio, film editing room, audio studio, projection room, conference rooms, and media classrooms will provide facilities for students and faculty to increase their skills in the rapidly growing area of graphic communications.

Six Associates of Asheville, the building's architects, won a design honor award for the building's design from the South Atlantic Region of the American Institute of Architects last September. H.M. Rice and Son of Weaverville was awarded the construction contract.

Also on Friday, the college announced the installation of four new trustees and five who have previously served on the governing board.

All of the nine appointee's terms will begin officially on Jan. 1. The four who are new to the board and will be serving their first term include:

Rev. Ronald O. Brown, pastor of the Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church in Asheville; James Edwards, a manager for Brad Ragan, Inc.; Baxter J. Kiger, manager of traffic and inventory at the Hanes Group Knitwear Division in Yadkinville; and Richard Powers, a Hayesville accountant.

The five who have previously served on the college's board are: Mrs. JoAnne Alexander of Statesville; Dr. W. Otis Cuck, Mars Hill family practitioner; Carl Meares, president of Ellis Meares and Son of Fair Bluff; Robert L. Rowe, a retired former postmaster of Marion; and Mrs. W.K. Sturdivant, a homemaker from North Wilkesboro.

During their meeting the trustees heard a report on the current budget and projections for 1982-83 from college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley, approved two new members of the Board of Advisors, and elected new officers.

The board re-elected all of the current officers with the exception of the treasurer's position, currently held by J. Alvin Philpott, president of Burlington Industries; furniture division in Lexington, who is rotating off of the board.

The officers include chairman, Benjamin F. Knott, president of Charlotte's B.F. Knott Company; vice chairman, Jimmy Piercy, owner of Hardwood Sales of Hickory; secretary, Mrs. Mildred Pendergrass, retired Mars Hill business woman; and treasurer, John Corbett, a retired Marshall businessman.

The two new advisors, both from the Asheville area, are William L. Anderson, president of Andy-Oxy Company in Asheville, and Maurice G. Blankenbecker, manager of Rose's Department Store in the Grace Plaza Shopping Center.



Marlene Reader Harris Media Center

Photo by N. Hancock

Energy Assistance Deadline

Low income people have only until Dec. 11 to apply for financial help with winter heating bills. No applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program will be taken after that date.

The place to apply is at Madison County Social Service Department. Call 649-2711 for more information about the program. Special arrangements can be made for the elderly or disabled.

Financial Aid Workshop

Madison High School's guidance department will be sponsoring a financial aid workshop on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

Mr. John Hamrick, director of financial aid at Mars Hill College, will conduct the workshop. He will be discussing the necessary forms used in applying for financial aid and the types of aid which are expected to be available for the '82 graduates.

Have A Commonsense Christmas

By SHARON C. BROWN

The joys of Christmas usually come from being with friends and loved ones on that day. On that day, of all days, no one wants to be alone, or sick, or hungry. We try to express our Christian love with others, sharing from our abundance to those most needy. Is that Christmas at your house? Or is the emphasis on giving and getting — each year trying to top last year's gifts in price and glamor?

Do your children expect gifts you know the family can't afford? Do you feel compelled to provide gifts or send Christmas cards because of social pressures? Do you try to do too many things in too little time? And at the last minute, too? Do tempers get frayed as the time and money run short? Have you already reached your credit limit for the month?

A commonsense Christmas is one you have planned ahead, recognizing the limits to time, energy and money — but realizing one of these resources you have in abundance can substitute for each other.

If you have children there are more demands on your resources, but the children provide extra hands, feet and time. Let them help you plan and carry out a commonsense Christmas plan. The basic key to your plan is thinking of what you have in abundance, and the needs of others. Put a plan on paper now.

• What personal needs of others can you help to relieve?

• Who around you is lonely or depressed?

• What do you have already in abundance that you can share?

• When can you put your plans into action?

Here are some gift giving ideas that only you can give, by using your time and effort:

• Babysit for a young mother so she can go shopping without the children.

• Offer to take an older, or homebound person shopping.

When help wrap and deliver the purchased gifts.

- If you have extra room, offer sleeping space to relatives visiting your crowded neighbors.
- Slide a few snapshots in with Christmas cards you're sending to special people you don't see often.
- Cook a special dish or two for someone who has little time to prepare them for holiday meals.

- Invite someone you think will be spending the holidays alone to visit your family and share a special meal.
- Gift wrap your prize-winning jams, jellies or pickles to share with a neighbor who has no time to can.
- If you're older, share a family heirloom with a

favorite younger relative.

- Share a pretty houseplant you have grown.

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