

Father Andrew Graves... A Living Memorial

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"And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever."

I Samuel, 2:35

Father Andrew Graves, a retired Jesuit Priest from over in Madison County, came calling at the Native Stone Offices this week. Paying his annual Christmas visit, and bringing us up to date on all the happenings in

Hot Springs. He told of his early days in Madison County. He first came to Hot Springs in 1937, and has been a Madison Countian since that time.

He founded a Catholic Mission in the house that originally belonged to Mrs. Buquo. The Jesuits bought the Buquo property in 1955. Mrs. Buquo had served as a housemother at Dorland Bell School, the Presbyterian School which was consolidated with Asheville Farm School in the 1940's and became Warren Wilson College.

Father Graves and his associates have added to and improved the original house, which was an immense two story lodge in the beginning. They have enclosed porches, adding rooms here and there, until they can accommodate many people who go to the Mission on Retreat. People of all denominations spend time there in the quiet of the mountains, hiking the Appalachian Trail, reading, studying, or just resting. A hostel for hikers on the Appalachian Trail is maintained on the property. Many students from Jesuit col-

leges and institutions come on School vacations to help in the wood-cutting programs conducted in Madison to supply wood to the elderly, for heat in winter. Students from Villanova, Purdue, Georgetown University and many other schools take part in this volunteer program.

Father Graves has spent 44 years in the mountains of Western North Carolina, ministering to the mountain people, in the remote sections. During this time, Father Jeff Burton founded a home at the Mission for boys who needed a place to stay.

The influence of Father Graves has been felt in a thousand ways on the lives of the people of Madison County.

He will be visiting Georgetown University during the Holidays, and is looking forward to visiting old friends and relatives in the Washington, D.C. area.

A midnight mass will be held on Christmas Eve in the Mission's "Chapel of the Redeemer." If you pass that way on Christmas Eve, stop for a minute in the Chapel, you are sure to feel better for it.

Madison Students Tutor Adults

By DEBBIE RICKER

Students at Madison High School were able to put their math skills to good use last week as selected members of the Algebra II class tutored adults from a Marshall Adult Education class.

Mary Hensley, instructor of the adult education class, took ten of her students to the school to receive one-on-one instruction from members of Louie Zimmerman's class. The adults are students who are returning to school to receive their G.E.D.s, a degree equivalent to that of a high school diploma.

Zimmerman said, "As far as I know, this is an educational first along this line."

If the sessions prove to be beneficial, future sessions may be arranged, school officials said.

Adult students participating in the tutoring sessions were Georgia Brown Shelton, Sandra Paris, Julia Norton, Vicky Lowe, Sandy Clubb, Ricky Edwards, Steve Wills, Kanda Tweed, Bruce McDevitt, and Jerealine Riddle.

Madison High students serving as tutors were Ricky Wayne Edwards, Charles Griffin, Laura Ponder, Nancy Holcombe, Bobby Ingle, Keith Kramer, Bobby Hensley, Jerry Kent, Sammy Lunsford, Laurie Melvin, Teresa Norris, Mark Plemmons and Tommy Tomberlin.



KEITH KRAMER (right) of Madison High School tutors Vicky Lowe in basic math skills during a special session designed to aid

adult students of Mary Hensley's adult education class in obtaining their G.E.D.s. (Photo by Debbie Ricker).

Anderson Raises \$200

Bruce Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Anderson of Mars Hill, raised over \$200 for Neighbors in Need in the November Walkathon. Funds will be used to provide fuel assistance for the elderly and disabled in Madison County.

Other youngsters who participated in the Neighbors in Need/CROP Walkathon were Travis Thrasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thrasher; Laurie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown; Roy Newton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Newton; Stacy Sears, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Sears; Jeff Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Robin-

son; Clint Bearden, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don Bearden; Tammie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Young; Kitty and Yancey Sanchagrin, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Ken Sanchagrin; Cindy, Carey and Kathleen Burda, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burda; Shelby O'Brien, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mike O'Brien; Alicia Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller; Kristy and Rusty Boles, daughter and son of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Boles; Sonya Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ramsey; and Brittany Plaut, daughter of Tom and Marian Plaut.



Bruce Anderson

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Burley Up

Production of burley tobacco in North Carolina is forecast at 24 million pounds, up 2% from the previous forecast and 42% more than last year's crop. The yield per acre is forecast at 2,450 pounds. This compares with 1925 pounds in 1980.

Acreage harvested this season is estimated at 9,800 acres, up 11% from 1980.

U.S. production of burley tobacco is forecast at 720 million pounds, 29% more than last year's production of 558 million pounds and up fractionally from Nov. 1.

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