

Church Events

A revival is planned at Piney Grove Baptist Church the week of November 26-30 beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Dan Stephenson, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church on North Turkey Creek Road. Special singing nightly. The Rev. Bobby Smith welcomes everyone to attend. The regular 4th Sunday night fellowship singing will be held at Middle Laurel Church of God on Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Larsen Steiton invites all congregations to attend.

Mrs. Wallin Recognized



Eitel T. Wallin, home economics extension agent for Madison County, has received a tenure award from the North Carolina Extension Service in recognition of her 25 years of extension work in the county. The award was presented to Mrs. Wallin last Thursday by Chester D.

Black, director of the service, during a state conference of the extension service. A graduate of Appalachian State University, Mrs. Wallin joined the Madison County staff as an assistant agent in 1959 and was promoted to a full agent the following year.

Optimists MHC Gets \$350,000 From Mellon

Pecans will be for sale to benefit the Optimists' Christmas Cheer Fund to bring toys to needy children in the country. Local banks, The News Record and Mary's Restaurant will be among the places where the Cheer Fund pecans are available.

The Optimists have been doing this for several years and have been pleased at donations and at the special prices Lay's gives them to make the toy money go further says Optimists president Ralph Baldwin.

Pageant Seeking More Sponsors

Ed Fender, chairman of the Marshall Christmas Pageant, said last week that any church, service club or individual who would like to help sponsor the pageant should send donations to P.O. Box 548, Marshall, or give them to Bryce Hall at the First Union Bank.

Fender said registration for the pageant will take place in city hall, where after-pageant treats will be available for participants.

The pageant will be held in front of the county courthouse in Marshall on Dec. 14 and 15 at 7:30, with some segments extending over the bridge to the island.

A \$350,000 grant to Mars Hill College by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York City has been announced by college president, Dr. Fred B. Bentley. To be matched two-for-one by the college, the award will result in a \$1,050,000 endowment fund permanently restricted for faculty and curriculum development and renewal in the arts and sciences.

The new grant will fund a permanent endowment which will sustain programs already begun under a \$140,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation awarded in 1978 for faculty curriculum and development.

The new grant will fund curriculum and faculty development in arts and sciences and the humanities. It will also provide continued support for the college's historic commitment to the Appalachian region. Strategies for faculty renewal will be developed in three areas: activities which support individual faculty renewal; actions which encourage group interactions; and support services.

The income from the endowment may be allocated as stipends or released time for faculty members to study, pursue research, improve their instructional techniques, attend occasional conferences, and participate with colleagues in seminars and workshops. Consultants and visiting scholars may be brought to the campus with the possibility of a visiting professorship for up to one year.

The funds may also be used for implementing new or revised courses of offerings, or as a special faculty salary supplement recognizing outstanding

teaching ability in the humanities and arts.

Up to 20 percent of the income in a single year may be allocated to expanding faculty members' knowledge of Appalachia and relating this knowledge to course offerings.

Along with the announcement of the grant, it was announced that Dr. Ron Eller, professor of history at the college, will be the Director of the Mellon Endowment.

"Mars Hill has always been known for its strong arts and science curriculum," commented Eller, "and the Mellon Endowment will enhance our ability to maintain that strength. It is rare to find a school the size of Mars Hill which has a \$1 million-plus endowment for faculty development," he continued. "This fund will allow us to stay abreast of the rapid growth of knowledge as well as keep us informed of the new directions in which society is heading." Eller also acknowledged that the strong points in a traditional liberal arts education are those which employers find desirable. "Our experience shows that employers are looking for flexibility, the ability to

make decisions, and the ability to 'think on your feet.' Companies can train new employees in the specifics but not in these qualities."

"The Mellon Endowment will also provide our students with the opportunity to study with a significant number of nationally known scholars. It will keep our faculty at the cutting edge of knowledge and has already generated considerable enthusiasm."

Bentley agreed that the grant has legs' faculty and supporters. "The Board of Trustees strongly endorsed the proposal when it was presented at the May business meeting, and we already have \$25,000 in contributions to be used for the matching portion of the grant."

He also outlined the procedures the college will follow in raising the remaining matching funds. "Our development staff and I have put together a strategy to go into six metropolitan areas with members of our Board of Advisors and Trustees to raise the matching portion of the grant. With the enthusiasm and commitment of these workers, we believe that we shall be able to begin implementing this renewal program during the 1986-87 academic year."

14 MHC Students Join Honor Group

Fourteen students, including three Madison County natives, were inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society at

ceremonies held at Mars Hill College recently.

The Madison County students named to the prestigious academic organization are Stuart Jolley, Mary Marie Dixon and Tina Brown Hernandez, all of Mars Hill.

All three students are juniors. Jolley is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harley Jolley of Mars Hill. Mrs. Hernandez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Brown of Mars Hill.

In order to be accepted into the honor society, students must rank in the top five percent of their class and maintain an overall average of 3.5 or better throughout their college career.

During the installation dinner meeting, the chapter also elected officers for the current year. Kenneth Edwards, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards of Mars Hill, was elected president.

Kimberly Freeman of Newland was elected as vice president and Brenda Keller of Mars Hill was named as secretary-treasurer.

Merry Burgess, the director of counseling and career planning at the college, was the guest speaker.

26 Named By Who's Who

Three Madison County residents are among 26 Mars Hill College students selected for inclusion in the 1985 edition of 'Who's Who Among

Students in American Colleges and Universities.'

Students were selected for the honor by a panel of 15 students, 15 faculty members and five members of the college's administrative staff. Selection was based on participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school and acceptable scholarship.

Among those named were Kevin Barnette, Kenneth Edwards and Lisa Anderson, all of Mars Hill.

Barnette is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barnette. He is a physical science major and a member of the Mars Hill football and track teams. He has been named the recipient of the school's President's Award.

Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards. He is a mathematics major, president of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a college marshal, and a member of the Dean's List. He is also the recipient of the Bailey Academic Scholarship, the J.V. Howell Mathematics Scholarship, the Whitehurst Scholarship and the Trustees Scholarship.

Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Anderson, Jr. She is an English major and a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, the International Club and the Scribe Club and serves as editor of 'Cadmus.' She is a recipient of the E.A. Robinson Memorial Scholarship, the Ayers Departmental Scholarship and the Communications Scholarship.

The students will receive their certificates of recognition during Thanksgiving activities in the spring.

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My Susan took part in the Thanksgiving pageant at church school. Of course, I made her pilgrim costume. Later, as I watched her singing, she looked just like the pictures I have seen of pilgrim children. I felt a lump in my throat and had a real sense of identity with those men, women and children who long ago withstood the hardships of life in a new and alien world.

They believed their ultimate struggle would lead to the freedom they so fervently sought.

Over three and a half centuries have passed. The foundation the pilgrim fathers laid for us seems to be shaking beneath our feet, and even our faith wavers.

But, reconsider. We owe it to those pilgrims as well as to ourselves to reaffirm our belief in God and in our country. And what better way than in your church — this Thanksgiving?

These immigrants weren't super-human; they were people just like you and me. They had the courage to believe in a new life — a new country. They be-

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