

Community  
Calendar

Turkey Shoot In Laurel Set

The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department will hold a turkey shoot on December 1 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

4-H's To Raffle Firewood

A cord of wood will be raffled at the Ingles Shopping Center parking lot on Friday, November 30, at 5 p.m. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1.00. Contact a 4-H member of the Extension Office at 649-2411 for tickets. Sponsored by the Small Woodlot Committee.

Bloodmobile In Mars Hill Friday

The Asheville Area Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Micro-Switch in Mars Hill on Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Spring Creek VFD Turkey Shoot

The Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a turkey shoot Saturday at 1 o'clock. All are welcome.

Optimists Plan Holiday Tourney

The annual Madison County Optimist Club Invitational Basketball Post-Christmas tournament will be held December 26th-31st at Madison High School Gym beginning at 5 p.m. for boys and girls, grades 3-8. The Club is now accepting team entries. Call Ralph Baldwin, tournament chairman jkat 649-2968 or Bryce Hall, secretary-treasurer at 649-3515 or 255-7356 for more information.

The club will meet on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Mary's Restaurant on the Marshall Bypass.

Optimists Christmas Cheer Drive

The Madison County Optimist Club is now receiving donations and selling pecans for their Optimist Christmas Cheer Fund to benefit needy Madison County children. Donations can be made at First Union Bank to Bryce Hall, secretary-treasurer. Pecans are available at First Union, Mary's Restaurant and The News Record Office.

Christmas Party Is Planned

The Association for Retarded Citizens will sponsor a Christmas party for mentally retarded adults on Dec. 1 from 3 until 6 p.m. at the Marshall Community Center. Transportation will be provided. For more information, call Jane Trevor at 689-2026, weekdays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Home Health To Be Taught

The Hot Springs Health Program and A-B Tech are co-sponsoring a homemaker-home health aid training course. For more information, call 649-2112 or 622-3245. The course is scheduled to begin Monday, Dec. 3 in Madison County.

Town Boards To Meet

The Mars Hill and Hot Springs Boards of Aldermen will meet on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in their respective Town Halls.

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

County Commissioners Meet Monday

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet on Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison County Court House.



CHRIS STANTON, an eighth grade student at Marshall Elementary School and a member of the Hayes Run 4-H Club, was selected as a member of the state 4-H Performing Arts Troupe recently. Chris performed with the troupe in Raleigh, Greensboro and Asheville recently. Chris had the leading role in the production which featured 30 young entertainers.

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Jury selection Begins For  
Johnson Murder Trial

By ELIZABETH D. SQUIRE

ASHEVILLE. Jury selection for the first degree murder trial of Richard Johnson, 36, of Hot Springs in Madison County Superior Court began Monday in Buncombe County Superior Court. The defense and District Attorney Tom Rusher agreed on just three jurors. Based on the speed of first day selections, defense attorney A.E. Leake estimated that jury selection will take about three days. Judge Charles C. Lamm, Jr. told a juror that he might be called back on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

The trial will be held in the Madison County Court House before the Buncombe County jury.

There will be no standing in the courtroom, says Sheriff E.Y. Ponder. The participants in the trial will be allowed in first and the general public only as space allows. Television cameras and recording devices have been banned from the floor by Judge Lamm.

Richard Johnson is charged with murdering his five-year old daughter, Joyce Johnson. She died on June 20 after being admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital on June 17 with what Dr. Tom Howell, an emergency room physician, said appeared to be organo-phosphate poisoning. Howell testified at a probable cause hearing in July.

Johnson was arrested on July 4 and has remained in the Madison County jail without bond. He was judged competent to stand trial during an evaluation in September at the Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh. Judge Lamm ordered the evaluation after Johnson attempted to dismiss his court-appointed attorney and represent himself.

A woman physical therapist and the male owner of a country store were among the first three jurors, two women and one man chosen during Monday's session. Four prospective jurors were excused by the prosecution and three by the defense. Each is allowed to excuse 14 jurors in all.

Johnson was represented by Buncombe County attorney William Patton, assisting Marshall attorney Leake. Johnson conferred with the two lawyers before Patton accepted or excused each prospective juror.

The sprinkling of spectators in the courtroom included Johnson's sister and his estranged wife, the mother of the deceased child, who now lives in Asheville.

When the trial begins in Madison County, a county bus and driver will carry the jury from the courthouse in Asheville to the courthouse in Marshall each day and stand ready to return them each day when the judge dismisses court.

Dayco Corp. Backs Out  
Of Hot Springs Plans

By BILL STUDENC

Dayco Corp. official's announcement last week of a new five-year contract at the company's Waynesville plant was a "good news-bad news" situation for western North Carolina's economy.

For Haywood County, the announcement was good news, preventing the transfer of possibly up to 350 jobs from Waynesville to a new facility in Hot Springs.

But for the people in the small Madison County town, the agreement was bad news, putting on hold their hopes for a desperately needed boost to a stagnant economy.

Dayco officials had announced in October their intention to open a new facility in Hot Springs to manufacture curved rubber automotive hoses — the same product manufactured in Waynesville.

Some 150 new jobs would be created by the new plant, with 100 more jobs to be transferred from Waynesville to Hot Springs by mid-1985 and possibly up to 250 more transfers later, if an on-going contract dispute with United Local Rubber Workers 277 had not been settled. A new contract agreement was reached last week.

"Our plans to for the curved hose facility have been cancelled at this time," Arnold Robinson, industrial relations manager at Dayco's plant in

Waynesville, said this morning. "Everything in Hot Springs has been put on hold."

Needless to say, the folks in Madison County, faced with an unemployment rate of 10.4 percent, are not pleased with the turn of events. The county's unemployment rate was 4 percent more than the state average of 6.3 percent in September.

Madison County residents had hoped that a new manufacturing facility would help compensate for the loss of some 400 jobs with the closing of the Melville Shoe Company earlier this year.

"Everyone here is on edge and very disappointed," said Debbie Baker, Hot Springs mayor. "We were all very excited when Dayco announced the plans in October."

Ms. Baker said she would be meeting with Dayco officials within the next few weeks to discuss the company's plans for the Hot Springs facility.

Robinson said Dayco, which still has the lease on the 89,000 square foot facility, had two options it could pursue.

Dayco can either sell the building to another manufacturer, or the company can still open a new facility in Hot Springs, but one that does not make curved hose, Robinson said.

Only one factor is certain, he said,

and that is that Dayco will not manufacture curved automotive hose in Hot Springs.

"We just don't know yet," Robinson said. "We haven't had time to study any of the options for it. If we plan to use it, we'll do it very soon. If we don't, we will, of course, find someone else to move into the building and begin to provide jobs for those folks."

Those jobs are the primary concern of Madison County residents, said Charles Erwin, manager of the Employment Security Commission office serving Madison County.

"Of course, we're glad that they worked out the contract with the union because that's good for the folks in Waynesville," Erwin said this morning. "But we sure were hopeful that some new jobs were coming to Madison County. We're really hoping that they get something going down there, because we sure do need it."

"Those jobs sure would have been a shot in the arm for the people of Madison County," said David Caldwell, county auditor. "Any job would have been very helpful to that end of the county. Now it's up in the air whether Dayco will go ahead with any plans or not. We hope they will, because that will really help the people here. A lot of them were really counting on it."

Some Madison County residents have expressed concern that Dayco

officials were only using the proposed Hot Springs facility as a pawn in negotiations with union representatives.

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Burley  
Markets  
Reopen

Burley tobacco markets in North Carolina and Tennessee reopened Monday after the Thanksgiving Day recess. Prices for the leaf remained near the levels recorded during the first week of sales in most markets.

Farmers and Growers Warehouse in Asheville reported sales of 121,938 pounds during Monday's sale at an average price of \$1.8455 per pound.

Day's Tobacco Warehouse in Asheville reported sales of 403,722 pounds for an average sale price of \$1.8507 per pound.

In Tennessee, the Growers Warehouse in Greenville reported sales of 640,962 pounds at an average price of \$1.8520 per pound.

Sales will continue through the week.

Martin's Example Provides Inspiration

By REBECCA ELLER  
Programs Coordinator

Hot Springs Health Program  
Every now and then someone crosses our path who touches us deeply and causes us to reexamine our lives. One such individual is Shirley Martin of Sandy Mush. Having suffered from a degenerative handicapping condition since she was 16, Shirley demonstrates a rare optimism which is an inspiration to those who are privileged to know her.

When she was a junior in high school, Shirley began experiencing sudden, unexplainable falls. Her parents took her to a chiropractor who diagnosed her ailment as a "pinched nerve." Specialists then began to suspect that her condition was due to cerebral palsy. Her ailment was finally diagnosed as spinocerebellar degeneration, better known as "degenerative spine." A condition that gradually leads to total incapacitation.

Since 1976, Madison Home Care has provided nursing care, physical therapy and nursing aide services to Shirley Martin. During the program, an amazingly well having lived with a disease for over 21 years but

