

**BALL CITY**

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the good rain we have had for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonas Murdock and sons, Lonas Jr., and Paul, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fisher were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coward and Mrs. Rachel Coward Sunday.

We are very sorry that Shirley Fish and Carolyn Moore have the bumps. We hope they will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plenmons, Mrs. Doshia Donaldson and family, and Mrs. Martha Justice were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore Sunday.

Miss Sue Donaldson spent last week with her cousin, Ruth Donaldson, at Cullowhee.

Mr. and Mrs. Eulas Price and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fish Sunday.

Mrs. Avery Allen and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Denver Moore Sunday.

**BARNARD**

The Rev. Clifford Cable filled his regular appointment at the Lower Big Pine Baptist Church Sunday morning and a revival meeting was planned for June 5. The Rev. Mr. Cable will be assisted by the Rev. Audie Hall of Marion.

A revival meeting is being conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. F. Sprinkle, and the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, at the North Fork Baptist Church.

The Rev. Clifford Cable and the Rev. Audie Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Worley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Tweed spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Wild.

Miss Helen Frady spent Friday night with Miss Clarence Caldwell.

Mrs. Ralph Henderson visited Mrs. Joe Worley Wednesday morning.

Miss Mary Sue Shelton spent Friday night with Miss Carta Caldwell.

Pfc. Robert Baker of the U. S. Army is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Vestie Baker.

Mr. Dean Payne and children of Morganton spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. General Baker.

Those visiting Mrs. W. M. Massey Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buckner and children, Mrs. William Shelton and daughter, Mary Sue, and Mrs. John Henderson.

We were all sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Joe Worley, who had been ill for sometime. He will be greatly missed in this community.

At the outbreak of World War I, there were only 13,500 men in the United States Marine Corps.

# Madison County Feed Crops Are Cut By Hay Production

It costs money to build silos and plant alfalfa, but with hay selling for a minimum of \$36 and a high of \$60 a ton, it's cheaper to produce than to buy, according to Harry G. Silver, Madison County farm agent.

Silver notes that tobacco acreage reductions, loss of vegetable contracts, and dropping prices for farm products is forcing Madison and other mountain farmers to squeeze all they can from their resources.

Silver says one resource farmers aren't making full use of is feed production land.

**CAN GRAZE MORE**

"We can graze more cattle than we now winter. . . if we grow higher producing feed crops on our limited acreage of forage crop land," he says.

Silver has proof of the sound economics of growing and storing more good forage.

Roy Roberts of Barnard built a concrete silo, using metal forms owned and loaned by the Citizens Bank of Marshall.

It holds silage to winter 15 cows. He made enough feed to fill the silo and had 20 bushels of corn left over from only three acres of land.

**60 Tons, High Quality**

Another method of cutting feed costs was used by Billie King, Carman community. He has about 20 acres of alfalfa from which he harvests 60 tons of top quality hay — twice what he would expect from a clover-grass mixture.

Zeno Ponder combines the system that Roberts and King use with profitable results. He has surplus alfalfa hay that he sells for around \$50 a ton.

Silver says the bunker-type silo is being introduced into his area this year, and plans for it are available at his office in Marshall.

No matter what you use for a silo, get one and produce your own feed is Silver's advice.

## Three County Students Members Of Mars Hill College Band

Three students from Madison County are members of the Mars Hill College concert band which will give a concert on May 29 as part of the commencement season program.

They are Jane Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells of Mars Hill; Noel Watson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Watson of Mars Hill, and E. A. Robinson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette A. Robinson Sr., of Route 2, Mars Hill.

Miss Wells is a second-year student. Watson and Robinson are freshmen. Miss Wells plays the trombone, Watson plays a clarinet and Robinson plays a coronet.

The 33-piece concert group is directed by Phil Magnus. The band recently returned from its first annual concert tour after appearing in North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Mount Airy and in Galax, Va.

## Has Hilltop Position

Louis Ensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ensley of Route 2, Marshall, was recently appointed co-circulation manager of the HILLTOP, student newspaper at Mars Hill College. Ensley has worked in the circulation department during the current school year and, along with Ann Pat, will be in charge of circulation during the 1955-56 school year.

Marines are eligible to attend one of more than 140 specialist schools offering them training in 470 job skills.

## Another Expansion Of Enka Rayon Plant

American Enka Corporation announced Tuesday plans to construct a multimillion dollar rayon staple fiber unit, with a production capacity of about 50 million pounds per year, at its Lowland Plant, near Morristown, Tennessee. Current estimates place the cost of the new unit in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

John E. Bassill, president of the company, stated that construction of the new unit will begin in the late summer or early fall of this year and that production is expected to commence in 1956.

American Enka has for many years been a major producer of viscose filament rayon for both textile and industrial purposes. The addition of staple fiber production will round out the company's program to include all of the three basic forms in which rayon is manufactured. In addition to its rayon production, the Company has recently added facilities for the manufacture of nylon at its Enka, North Carolina Plant, and is also constructing a new research center there.

Important factors in the selection of the Lowland Plant site for the new unit, Mr. Bassill said, include the availability of suitable land and the adaptability of present facilities at Lowland for further plant expansion as well as the advantages of an adequate supply of water and labor.

The new project will enable the company to participate in the steadily expanding market for rayon staple. Demand for this product is increasing because of a generally

Over 100 ships of the United States Navy have been named in honor of U. S. Marine heroes.

greater interest in blending rayon with cotton and the newer synthetic fibers and because of this fiber's increasing popularity with tufted carpet manufacturers.

Rayon staple and filament rayon are produced by the same chemical process. The difference between them is that filament rayon is made in the form of long, continuous strands of yarn which are wound onto cones or beams, while rayon staple is chopped up into short strands and is baled like the natural fibers, cotton and wool. Whereas filament rayon already is a yarn and may be plied with other yarns, rayon staple may be blended with natural fibers or synthetic staple fibers before it is made into a yarn.

**Piano Recital**

On Saturday evening, May 21, at 7:30, Mrs. James Holcombe will present her pupils in their annual piano recital. Approximately sixty pupils will take part in the recital this year. Mrs. Holcombe extends a cordial invitation to the public.



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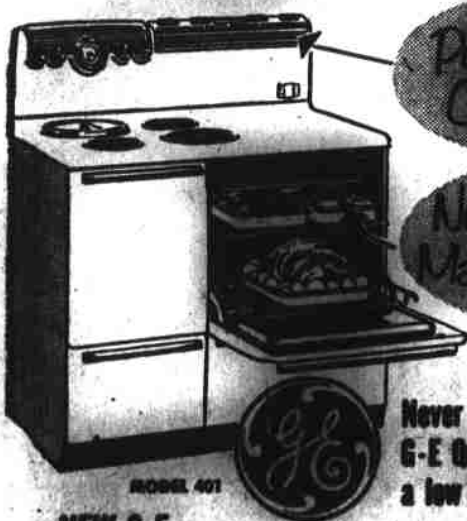
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