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**BEST SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CONTEST NOW IN PROGRESS**

Boys And Girls To Compete For Prizes; Contest To Be Held Annually

Raleigh — A statewide contest to pick North Carolina's best boy and girl school bus driver got official commendation today from Dr. Charles F. Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt, speaking as chairman of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council, sponsor of the event which will be repeated annually.

Dr. Carroll said a recently appointed 12-member committee of school superintendents had fully approved the contest which is now underway throughout the state.

As announced last week, the contest is open to all student drivers, with two winners — a boy and a girl — to be selected from each of the State Highway Patrol's 30 administrative districts.

District winners, in turn, will compete in the finals to be held in Chapel Hill sometime after the end of the school year.

The winning couple each will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council in cooperation with the N. C. State Automobile Association.

In commenting on the event, Scheidt remarked, "We hope that a large number of students will participate in the competition to select two of their number as the state's finest school bus drivers. The competition will be keen, of course, but it's seldom you find a teenager ignoring a challenge. That urge to win is strong and when directed toward such a worthwhile endeavor as safe driving, the contest and all its competitors will serve to build an efficient and safety-minded corps of drivers."

Motor Vehicles Department officials said that North Carolina, with 7500 units, operates the nation's largest fleet of state-owned school buses. Driven almost entirely by students, they are on the move every day with more than 475,000 youngsters aboard.

**CHARTER DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT MARS HILL TODAY**

Mars Hill, Feb. 11 — The 97th anniversary of the chartering of Mars Hill College by the North Carolina General Assembly will be observed here today.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker at special services at 10:30 a. m., in the auditorium of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, which is adjacent to the campus.

He will discuss "Education for Christian Statesmanship," a subject on which his experiences in the nation's capital during nearly twenty years have given him considerable first-hand information.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the service, the fourth major program held during the current school year in celebration of the college's centennial anniversary. For the occasion members of the faculty and administrative staff wear academic robes.

Music will be furnished by Miss Carl Francis, organist, and by the college choir, directed by Rufus N. Norris.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, who has been president of the college since 1938, will discuss the history of Charter Day and will introduce the guest speaker, Dr. Robert L. Holt, vice president, and John A. McLeod, who recently compiled a volume on the history of the school, will also take part in the program.

In Dr. Pruden, the Mars Hill audience will hear a man of extensive education and experience.

Among his many activities since he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washington in December, 1954, Dr. Pruden has served as president of the American and District of Columbia Baptist conventions.

Southern Baptists have felt the influence of his thinking through Sunday School lessons which he has written for Southern Baptist publications.

Although Mars Hill College was founded as the French Broad Baptist Institute in 1856, it did not receive a state charter until Feb. 16, 1859, when its name was changed to

its present form.

Among the specific privileges granted to the college by the charter is the power of "conferring all such degrees or marks of literary distinction as are usually conferred in colleges and seminaries of learning."

Although Mars Hill, as a junior college, has never exercised this privilege, it still possesses this power.

Previous programs held during the centennial year were the centennial convocation Sept. 19, Founders' Day, Oct. 15, and Homecoming on Thanksgiving Day. Before the centennial celebration is concluded five other programs will be held. These include an address by Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, to honor students on May 12; a pageant depicting the history of the college, the annual alumni banquet on June 2 at which time the "Alumnus of the Year" award will be presented, the baccalaureate service, and the commencement exercises.

Cecil Hill, prominent Brevard attorney, will speak at the alumni banquet. Dr. R. Paul Caudill Sr., of Memphis, Tenn., will preach the baccalaureate sermon June 3, and Dr. Frank Porter Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina and former United States Senator, will deliver the commencement address June 4.

The thrifty pave the road to independence with their savings.

**HOSPITALIZATION PLAN OPENED FOR RURAL RESIDENTS**

Community Leaders Named; Information Obtainable At Farm Office

A program for making hospital care and surgical protection available to rural residents of Madison County at group rates was inaugurated at a meeting today in the Court House.

The Farmers Federation Cooperative of Asheville is sponsoring this plan whereby the people of Madison County will be given an opportunity to enroll with Hospital Care of Durham, a Blue Cross plan at a 15% saving in rate from February 15 to March 15.

The Farmers Federation is pleased to sponsor this special enrollment in Madison County. The non-profit Blue Cross Plan is a proven way of budgeting for the expenses of unexpected illness. We hope that everyone in the county who does not have Blue Cross will take advantage of this opportunity to get the coverage at low group rates.

Attending this meeting were representatives from the County Farm Office, Miss Frances Setzer of the Farmers Federation, and leaders

from all over Madison County.

The Madison County Medical Society has given its approval and endorsement of this plan.

Information about this plan may be obtained from the Farm Agent's office or Miss Frances Setzer. Miss Setzer will be in the French Broad Bank on each Monday of the month, campaign from Feb. 15 to March 15.

Information may also be secured from the following community leaders:

Meadow Fork, Chan Balding; Spring Creek, Guy Angel; Luck, Pink Flemmons Bluff, Mrs. David Kimberly; Hot Springs, Miss Hazel Moore; Sleepy Valley, Eugene Goode and Committee; Little Laurel, Mrs. Odell Cook; Alleghany-Middle Laurel, W. B. Shelton; Walnut, Amos Thomas; Upper Big Pine, Mrs. Lewis Wild; Barnard, Roy Roberts; Little Pine, Mrs. Howard Payne; Spillcorn, John Roberts and Haynes Wallin; Laurel Branch, Mrs. Bart White; Grapevine, Mrs. Arvil Gosnell; California Creek, Mrs. D. W. Ramsey; Ebbs Chapel, Mrs. Jasper Jenkins; Foster Creek, Miss Wanda Briggs; Buckner, Tom Brigman; Beech Glen, Mrs. Paul Gillis; Ivy, O. T. Whit.

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| <b>LUCK</b><br>Pink Flemmons        | <b>LITTLE LAUREL</b><br>Mrs. Odell Cook        | <b>BARNARD</b><br>Roy Roberts            | <b>GRAPEVINE</b><br>Mrs. Arvil Gosnell             | <b>BUCKNER</b><br>Tom Brigman             |
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