

Fire Truck

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ditional fire hose had been ordered of two different sizes. Fog nozzles, adaptors and other necessary equipment have also been ordered which will make the volunteer fire department more efficient.

Many more improvements are in the offing, including the renovation of the present fire truck building. Town officials have offered a room in the building on the second story for fire department use and regular fire drills are in store for the firemen.

Story Resigns; Duckett New Chief

At the special meeting, Jim Story, fire chief for the past 8 years, resigned due to other pressing duties. In his resignation he stated that he had enjoyed serving in this capacity and had always received full cooperation from town officials. "The members of the present board, as well as previous boards, have been most cooperative with the fire department," Chief Story said. In asking the city officials to accept his resignation, Chief Story said he would gladly serve in any capacity his successor might wish and would always do whatever he could to make Marshall a safer place in which to live. He also thanked the firemen for their fine

work during the past eight years. He told the officials of Marshall that he had talked with Assistant Chief Allen Duckett and that Mr. Duckett had agreed to "step up to Chief" if it was the desire of the town officials. Mayor Nix and the aldermen then unanimously named him as Fire Chief.

In accepting Mr. Story's resignation the mayor and aldermen expressed their appreciation for "years of faithful and loyal service." Chief Allen Duckett then requested that Mr. Story be an assistant fire chief, along with Fain Sprinkle who has been an assistant for many years.

Calls Meeting

Chief Duckett, an experienced fireman and popular member of the Bowman-Rector Funeral Home personnel, called a special firemen's meeting last Thursday night. He told the firemen about future plans for regular meetings and drills and reviewed the various pieces of equipment on the fire truck. He was given a standing vote of confidence by the firemen who pledged full cooperation to him.

Chief Duckett is a former member of the Asheville fire department where his father was fire chief for many years. While residing at Weaverville, Duckett was a member of the Weaverville volunteer fire department where

he was an outstanding fireman. Since moving to Marshall, Mr. Duckett has been an assistant fire chief and has been the "take charge" man at several fires. He is a member of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, a mason, and a member of the Marshall Civitar Club.

In accepting the responsibility of Fire Chief, Mr. Duckett stated that he wanted the people who live outside the corporate limits to understand fully the reason that no fire calls will be answered. "It's the law and we must be in Marshall at all times to protect property within the corporate limits. Absolutely no exceptions will be made due to the law," Chief Duckett stated.

Because of this restriction, Mayor Nix and the board of aldermen are now contemplating a "second unit" for the fire department. If possible, a truck will be "rigged up" with hose and booster tank so that fires near the corporate limits can be answered. By a second truck, it will be possible to answer fire calls with the alternate truck and at the same time leave the present fire truck in the corporate limits at all times.

"We hope something can be worked out along this line," Mayor Nix stated.



THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Frances Elizabeth Ray to Jay Canter of Purlear has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ray of Mars Hill. Mr. Canter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Canter of Purlear. The wedding is planned for Dec. 22 in Bull Creek Baptist Church.

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On USS Forrestal



William E. DeBruhl

MARS HILL MAN IS NOW ABOARD USS FORRESTAL

William DeBruhl Is Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Troy DeBruhl

William E. DeBruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy DeBruhl, of Mars Hill, left Mayport, Florida, on November 7, aboard the USS Forrestal, the world's largest carrier. The destination of the USS Forrestal is a military secret.

A.O. 3/c DeBruhl entered the Navy July 1, 1954 after graduating from Mars Hill High School. He received his "boot" training at San Diego, California and was then transferred to Norman, Oklahoma, where he had an 8-week training period as an Airman apprentice.

He then qualified to enter Naval Technician Training School. He was transferred to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida in December, 1954. After completing his school there, he was assigned to the 173rd Fighter Squadron as an Aviation Ordnance Airman. The squadron made a six-months' cruise through the Mediterranean aboard the carrier, USS Intrepid, in the summer of 1955. He also had two training periods at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

He was recently promoted to A.O. 3/c.

HOT SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Neal of Copper Hill, Tenn., visited Mrs. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis of Townsend, Tenn., and daughter, Marie of Greenville, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fowler and Eulah, last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kirby have as their guests this week, Mr. Kirby's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Parker of Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Draper, of Lees and Phil, of Bristol, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greer Pendland and daughters of Asheville visited Mrs. Pendland's mother, Mrs. Bertha Rose, Sunday.

Miss Wanda Moore of Asheville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moore last weekend.

Last Sunday night, members of the Presbyterian Church enjoyed a Family Night at the church. After a delicious turkey dinner, prepared by the ladies of the church, two students of Tusculum College, one a young man from Japan, another from Germany, made interesting talks. The one from Germany showed movies of his travels around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Grubbs spent the day in Asheville last Saturday.

We are very glad to hear that Mr. George Lippard, who has been ill, is feeling much better at this time.

Mrs. J. C. Bridgman and daughter, Sharon, are spending sometime with relatives in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster and son of Bluff City, Tenn., spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster.

Miss Flonnie Wents has as her guest this week, Mrs. Hook, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Posenburger and daughters of Chicago are visiting Mrs. Posenburger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bernwell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gabagan and family visited Mr. Gabagan's mother, Mrs. B. W. Gabagan, and sister, Mrs. Leonard Baker, Sunday. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Gabagan prepared a birthday party for Mr. Gabagan.

Bankers Begin

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tion in the schools. Thus the purpose of the contest is to promote interest among FFA students in learning about good soil conservation practices.

The Land Judging Meet will be held at Apex next April 13 under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Bankers Association and Carolina Power and Light Company. The power company inaugurated the project in 1946 in the 48 counties served by the company. In 1956, the bankers joined with the power company in extending the contest to all of the State's 100 counties.

The program is directed by the N. C. Department of Vocational Agriculture Education in cooperation with the State College Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

The 1956 State champion team was the entry from Mills River High School. First prize in the contest is \$750 in cash to cover expenses to the national contest in Oklahoma City next May. Other prizes include scholarships, cash and various plaques.

Full information has been sent to more than 500 vocational teachers and classes throughout the State. Any high school student in North Carolina taking vocational agriculture courses is eligible to participate and may obtain information from their teachers.

1956 TOBACCO SALES CITED

BORDER BELT — Final auction sales were held on October 18 when Mullins, S. C., and Fairmont, N. C., closed. Total gross sales amounted to 372 million pounds, averaging \$53.20 per cwt. Stabilization's receipts from Type 13 climbed to 63 million pounds or almost 19% of gross sales.

During the 1955 season, stabilization's receipts reached 89 million pounds or 24% from total gross sales of 371 million pounds. The market average last year was slightly under this year's average.

EASTERN BELT — Growers will soon have completed selling the bulk of their crop. Gross sales have already reached 463 million pounds. On October 26 with a market average of \$51.96 per cwt. Stabilization's receipts through the same date have reached 113 million pounds, representing 24% of gross sales.

MIDDLE BELT — A fairly heavy volume of sales during the past week pushed the total gross sales through October 26 to 132 million pounds, slightly above the corresponding period last year. Stabilization's receipts for the same period reached 33 million or 25% of gross sales. The market average thus far is set at \$52.39 per cwt.

OLD BELT — For the past several days, the volume of sales has been heavy. Gross sales through October 26 reached 150 million pounds with an average of \$51.94 per cwt. Stabilization's receipts for the same period have totaled 24 million pounds or 16% of gross sales.

Vic Vet says



ON WORLD HIKE

Glendora, Calif. — Mrs. Mary V. Cummings, 58-year-old grandmother, and her daughter, Merriely, thumbed their way to New York and there sailed for Naples, Italy, on a planned hike around the world. They hope the trip

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