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Editorial

HELP ASTON PARK

An urgent appeal is being made throughout Western North Carolina, including Madison County, for donations to the Aston Park Hospital in Asheville. For the first time in history, the hospital is asking the public to come to the rescue of a deficit of \$75,000 of which is owed presently to hospital supplies in various categories. Some of this amount has been donated but latest figures reveal that more than \$20,000 is still needed.

Aston Park Hospital is very "close" to hundreds of Madison County persons. In 1964 there were 154 patients from this county who were in the Aston Park for a total of 2,139 patient days.

Since its opening some 42 years ago, thousands of local people have been treated in this hospital. Now is the time for those loyal persons to come to the forefront with generous donations to help the hospital come out of the "red".

In Madison County, both men and women are working to raise as much as they can—not only because they realize the fine care given at the hospital but to be assured that the hospital can continue to remain in operation.

Among the most dedicated women are the following Aston Park Hospital Auxiliary members: Mrs. Hattie McElroy, Mrs. Selma Ramsey, and Mrs. Hazel Bowman. These women, as well as C. D. Bowman, a trustee of the hospital, are cooperating in the drive to raise funds.

In speaking of the hospital and its personnel, Mrs. McElroy had the following to say this week:

"For more than forty years, many people of Madison County have been greatly blessed by Aston Park Hospital. It is known to be conducted in an efficient and excellent manner, and is well known for its conscientious, humane and sympathetic atmosphere. The inspired dedication of Miss Emily Mashburn, Superintendent, and her entire staff has made this source of help what it has been to us for so many years. As has been said before, 'If it were not for Miss Em, there would not be an Aston Park Hospital today.'

"Being human, we have taken this blessing for granted. Should we lose Aston Park, we would become acutely aware of our loss.

"Now the hospital is having difficulties and is in need of help. We could not, in all justice, turn a deaf ear to this great need. All who wish to help, please send your donation direct to the hospital or go by and leave it with Mr. Dedrick Bowman, who is a member of the Trustees of Aston Park Hospital."

CITIZENS' APATHY

Our citizens could well take a lesson from the citizens of Phenix City, Ala., who a few years ago decided to change their town from a town of rotten politics, open gambling, prostitution, dope peddling and even baby-selling. Fortunately, our county isn't plagued with all these "sins" but we have room for improvement.

Citizens of Phenix City — at that time known as "Sin City" — were passive and apathetic and the Alabama town was losing population, reputation and was "down" in civic pride, cultural advancement, and progress. What is their attitude today? By working together for improvements, the Alabama town now has a new 15,000-volume library, a new civic center, two new firehouses, a new hospital, miles of new paved streets, a vast sewer-water system expansion and other fine improvements.

Their apathy turned into action. (Story on Page Three).

What our county needs is more ACTION by our citizens in an effort to curb our fast declining population and to increase job opportunities. We need more industry. We need to develop our natural resources. Our needs are many but what are our citizens doing about them? How often do the civic leaders of Marshall, Wain Hill and Hot Springs and other sections of our county, meet together in an effort to plan for countywide improvements? We need to meet together to plan for the future. No one is...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mars Hill
February 8

ALLANSTAND

MRS. RICHARD SHELTON
Correspondent

Dear Mr. Story:

Most of your readers probably subscribe to both the News-Record and to the Asheville Citizen and, therefore, many of them perhaps read regularly the Sunday magazine, "Parade," as I do. I wonder how many of them were struck, as I was, with the conclusion to a story in last Sunday's "Parade" (Jan. 31) concerning the rehabilitation of the former "sin city" of Phenix City, Ala. Perhaps you read the article. It told how the Alabama town which received nationwide attention 10 years ago for its corruption has cleaned up its government and its community life and has built up a high degree of civic pride.

Near the conclusion of the article the writer said, "In examining factors that had gone into the making of a 'Sin City' a decade ago, Parade found five sensitive points in government which constantly must be guarded against erosion. A breakdown at any one could have disastrous results..."

The five points the writer cited were as follows: (1) the voter list must be purged regularly, (2) jury list must be kept current and varied, (3) election machinery must not be allowed to become dominated by the wrong persons who would work against the will of the voters, (4) there should be a healthy turn-over of public officials and (5) a healthy and forceful attitude of citizen participation in government and civic affairs is paramount.

I was struck with the idea of how closely the efforts of a group of Madison County citizens during the last seven or eight months have paralleled the five suggestions listed above for civic and governmental reform.

It is especially interesting to note that the writer of the "Parade" article emphasized that the attitude of the citizens is the key to good government anywhere. If the voters don't care or don't want to get involved, good government is difficult to maintain. If, on the other hand, the voters are alert and are willing to become personally involved, good government is possible anywhere.

It seems to me that what Madison County needs, as do many other counties throughout our state and nation, is more of our citizens interested in and involved in better local government.

WALTER SMITH
Mars Hill

APPRECIATION

EVANS & ASSOCIATES
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Editor, The News-Record
Marshall, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

It has been my privilege to be a member of your community for the past several months as the contractor on the new sewage facilities.

I would like to express my appreciation to the town officials and residents for their fine spirit of cooperation and helpfulness, and for the many kindnesses extended to me.

The men who helped on the construction are to be complimented for their dedication and loyalty. Theirs was a good job well done.

I trust I shall have an opportunity to be associated with you again.

Very truly yours,
J. S. EVANS, JR.,
Owner, Evans & Associates.

GAS

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Burley Tobacco Program At Stake In Referendum

Burley tobacco growers will go to the polls on February 25 and vote in a grower referendum to determine whether the present tobacco allotment and price support program will be continued or dropped. A "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the growers voting will mean that the present burley program including 90 percent price supports and acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1965, 1966 and 1967 crops. If the necessary percentage of growers do not approve, there will be no allotments and no loan program for the 1965 crop.

A N. C. Burley Growers Referendum Committee has been formed and is urging all eligible producers to vote in this referendum. Any persons who shares in the production of burley, including landowners, tenants and sharecroppers are eligible to vote.

According to Morris L. McGough, Executive Vice President of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and chairman of the Growers Referendum Committee, "This referendum is important to every burley farmer. Its outcome can easily determine whether we keep our important tobacco industry in this section or lose it."

McGough points out that burley tobacco is the number one cash crop in this area, having returned approximately \$13 million in gross sales to farmers for the 1964 crop. The value of the crop in Western North Carolina under the present allotment program has grown from less than one million dollars in 1940. Over 18 thousand farms in the area have tobacco allotments.

THE FAIR THING

Parson Jones phoned the local Board of Health to have a dead mule removed from his lawn. The young clerk who took the phone call thought he'd be smart. "I thought you ministers took care of the dead," he replied. "We do," answered the parson, "but first we get in touch with the relatives."

Used Cars & Trucks

- 60 CHEVROLET Convertible; white; V-8; automatic; P. S.; P. B. Sharp. **\$1395.00**
- 60 FALCON 2-door; automatic **\$695.00**
- 61 FORD Fairlane 500; V-8; automatic **\$895.00**
- 61 FORD Galaxie 2-door; V-8; Sharp **\$1195.00**
- 62 FORD Galaxie 500 2-door; V-8; R&H; Cruiseomatic **\$1595.00**
- 62 FORD Galaxie 500 4-door; V-8; R&H; Cruiseomatic **\$1595.00**
- 60 FORD Starliner Coupe; R & H; Automatic **\$1095.00**
- 62 FORD 1/2-ton Pickup; 6-cyl. **\$1095.00**
- 64 FALCON 4-door; 6-cylinder; automatic; R&H **\$1795.00**
- 64 IMPALA 2-door H.T.; R&H; P.B.; P.S.; air conditioned; White; V-8 **\$2695.00**
- 64 FORD Fastback; Maroon; 2-door; V-8; P.S. Sharp **\$2595.00**
- 64 FORD Custom 800; Small V-8; Heater **\$1895.00**
- 63 FORD Galaxie 500; 4-door; R&H; Cruiseomatic; V-8 **\$1895.00**
- 63 CHEVROLET Biscayne; 6-cylinders; 2-door **\$1595.00**
- 63 FORD Fastback; V-8; R&H; Cruiseomatic; Champagne **\$2095.00**
- 62 CORVAIR Coupe; White; Sharp **\$1295.00**
- 62 CORVAIR Spyder; 4-in-floor Black **\$1295.00**
- 61 CORVAIR 4-door; R&H **\$595.00**
- 60 VOLKSWAGON 2-door **\$895.00**
- 60 CORVAIR; automatic; a good 2nd car **\$895.00**
- 60 CHEVROLET 2-door; 6-cylinders; S.D. **\$895.00**
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- 60 CHEVROLET; V-8; 4-door **\$295.00**

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Dr. Bruce Hawkins Wins Honor At Mount Holly

Son Of Herbert Hawkins Named Jaycee Key Man

Dr. Bruce Hawkins, treasurer of the Mount Holly Jaycees, was voted "Key Man" of the club by his fellow members recently. This award was presented Monday, January 25 at the annual Bosses night banquet held at Laura's Rozell Ferry House at 7 p. m.

The guest speaker was Judge P. B. Beachum of Charlotte. The Key Man award is voted by the members of the club to the man who was most valuable to them the past year.

Dr. Hawkins has been a member of the Jaycees for the past two years. He has served as a director and is at present serving as treasurer of the club.

He is a native of Mars Hill and

attended Mars Hill Junior College, Western Carolina Teachers College and graduated from Emory University School of Dentistry. He served two years in the Air Force and was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La.

Dr. Hawkins came to Mount Holly in August, 1962 and took over the dental practice of Dr. E. W. Connell upon his retirement.

The 30 year old dentist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawkins of Mars Hill, is married to the former Betty Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lambert, formerly of Mars Hill, and they have three children, Deborah, 8, Bruce, Jr., 4, and eighteen months old Douglas. They are members of Mount Holly First Baptist Church.

Husband And Wife Income Tax Returns

A husband filing a separate Federal income tax return for 1964 cannot claim his wife's \$600 exemption if she had income or was the dependent of another taxpayer, J. E. Wall, Director of Internal Revenue for the Greensboro District, said today.

Husband and wife may file a joint return even though one of them had no income or deductions for the year. If the wife had income, they may either file a joint return or separate returns. A joint return must include the income of both husband and wife. If separate returns are filed, neither may claim an exemption for the other.

For example, suppose a wife earned \$400 from which \$80 income tax was withheld. If she files a separate return to obtain her \$80 refund, the husband cannot list her as an exemption on his return.

If husband and wife file separate returns, both must use the same type standard deduction, either the regular 10% standard or

Walnut-Hopewell 4-H Club Met Last Thursday.

The February meeting of the Walnut-Hopewell 4-H Club was held Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Walnut school. A film on Dental Health was shown by Mrs. Leonard Baker, county health nurse. The next meeting will be held March 1.

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the minimum standard deduction, or both must itemize their deductions.

One cannot itemize and the other use regular 10% standard deduction. Neither can one use the regular 10% standard deduction and the other use the minimum standard deduction.

Document No. 5107 which furnishes more detailed information on this subject is available upon request from the Internal Revenue Service.

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