

THE NEWS-RECORD

County Head Start Program To Begin On Next Monday

Transportation Provided To Centers; J. C. Wallin Is Director

A six-week program of education, social services and medical examinations for 180 needy children who will enter the first grade next August, will begin next Monday, June 23 and continue to August 1. The program will begin at 9:00 a. m., and close at 1:00 p. m. daily. Head Start tries to improve the health and learning abilities of children from low-income families. Free medical and dental examinations and follow-ups are provided. Snacks and a hot lunch will be given to children enrolled.

Transportation will be provided to centers at the Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs, Spring Creek, Walnut, Laurel, Beech Glen and Ebbs Chapel schools. "If you have a child that has not registered for Head Start you may bring the child to the school in your area Monday, June 23, for registration and transportation can be arranged at that time," J. C. Wallin, Director, said.

Children, six years of age on or before October 15, entering first grade next August from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible to attend. Parents must fill out a registration form which certifies the child's eligibility to participate in the Head Start Program, Mr. Wallin stated.

YOU CAN HELP

Dr. Donald C. Coffman, who recently visited Hot Springs, is still considering the Hot Springs area for medical practice.

If you want to encourage him to locate in Hot Springs, a little note from you might help.

Address your letter to:
Dr. Donald C. Coffman
218 E. Whipp Road
Dayton, Ohio 45440

To Instruct Majorettes



MISS ELAINE HUDSON, majorette queen of America in 1967, will instruct majorette techniques during the Summer Music Institutes to begin at Mars Hill College on July 27. Other courses in the program include church and choral music, band, and music-drama productions.

All courses are open to the public. Persons interested should write Joe Stegall in care of the college.

Clothes Needed For 6-Year-Olds

J. C. Wallin, Head Start Director, stated this week that several boys and girls, six-years-old, were in need of suitable clothes to attend Head Start.

Anyone having clothes they could donate for 6-year-olds are asked to contact Mr. Wallin, Welfare Department, or any of the Head Start teachers.

GETTING OLD

Getting old is merely a matter of feeling your corns more than you do your oats.

WALNUT, SPRING CREEK SCHOOLS ARE HONORED

Spring Creek Luncheon Participation Tops In This County

For the first time Madison County School Lunchrooms are receiving awards of merit. These rewards are always a year late but welcome any time. Now, how impatiently we await 1970 for 1968-1969 awards. Who will get them?

In presenting these awards, Ralph W. Eaton, Director, School Food Service, writes: "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to recognize a large number of schools with an Award of Merit for outstanding participation in the National School Lunchroom program for the school year 1967-1968.

A blue seal certificate is awarded to those schools with a percentage participation for 1967-1968 school year of 97-100%; a red seal certificate for schools with a percent participation of 93-96%; and a black seal certificate for those schools with participation of 89-92%.

In order to achieve the requirements to receive an Award of Merit for participation it requires much effort on the part of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, principal, teacher, and the food service personnel. You are to be congratulated."

Congratulations to Spring Creek for receiving the red seal award — 93 to 96% and to Walnut school for receiving the black seal award — 89 to 92% participation.

All county school graduating classes of '70, '71, and '72 are challenged to see if their school will receive an award in the coming year for their lunchroom. It will take a combined effort on the part of all. The year 1969-1970 could receive an award in the year 1971.

Ronald King At Conservation Meet During Last Week

The Madison soil and water conservation district sponsored Ronald King's trip to the 1969 Resource Conservation Workshop held on the N. C. State University campus in Raleigh during the week of June 9-13.

Ronald is a rising senior at Laurel High School.

There were 93 boys representing 85 counties from across North Carolina attending the workshop. The boys lived in a dormitory with their counselors. The days were filled with classes and field trips. Some of the subject areas covered were: Soils and soil management; Research; Wildlife and wildlife management; Forestry and Woodland management and Soil and Water conservation as it relates to farms and to urban development.

There was ample time in the afternoons for fellowship and recreation.

On Thursday night the boys, counselors, instructors and their wives were guests at a banquet. Ronald returned home late Friday afternoon. Upon his return he said, "I would encourage any boy interested in conservation, forestry, wildlife or any other phase of outdoor life to apply to go next year. In fact I would like to go again."

The workshop is sponsored annually by the N. C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, N. C. Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America and N. C. Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

Johnny Payne Is Wounded In Vietnam

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Payne of 212 E. Hot Springs received word Monday that their son, Johnny Payne, had been wounded in Da Nang, Vietnam, June 18.

FORD TO SPEAK AT SINGING ON MOUNTAIN

Is Member Of Billy Graham Team; Date Is June 29

Reverend Leighton Ford, Associate Evangelist and member of the Billy Graham team, will be principal speaker for the 4th annual "Singing on the Mountain" on Sunday, June 29, and he will be joined at the mountain religious singing convention by George Beverly Shea, "America's Beloved Hymn Singer."

Joe Lee Hartley and Robert Hartley of Linville, sons of the founder of "Singing on the Mountain," are serving as co-chairmen of the 1969 event, and Charlotte television personality Arthur Smith continues in his role as Music Master, a post he has held for fifteen years.

The all-day singing and preaching is a gigantic Sunday school picnic held in the spacious meadow beside U.S. 221 at the base of Grandfather Mountain, and over four and one half decades it has become the largest annual event in the mountains of the South. No admission is charged, and in the words quoted by the program's founder, J. L. Hartley, "Whoever Will May Come."

In addition to Arthur Smith's well known musical group from Charlotte which will present its own selections and provide musical background for featured soloist George Beverly Shea, the Southland Trio from Auburndale, Florida will furnish gospel music as it has done for several years. Dr. Leighton Ford is vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and his wife, (Continued on Last Page)

Bible School Is Successful At Madison Seminary

Vacation Bible School was concluded with commencement exercises at the Madison Seminary Baptist Church Sunday night after a successful 10-day school.

44 children were enrolled and the school had an average daily attendance of 38.

Mrs. Earle Wise was principal of the VBS and the Rev. Willard Coffey is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Lister's Salary Dispute Now On N. C. House Floor

Receives MHC Post



Jim Cox

JIM COX NAMED TO IMPORTANT MHC POSITION

To Assume New Duties As Director Development In July

James R. Cox, 45, supervisor of salesmanship, marketing and management in the general adult education program at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute, has been named director of development at Mars Hill College.

He will assume the new duties in July, shortly before the college initiates a \$3 million fund drive. He will have major responsibilities in the drive.

In the new post Cox will have responsibility, under the president of the college, for the design and implementation of a permanent program of development through which the college will generate its annual support.

The newly created position will (Continued To Page Three)

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

THE WAR
U. S. Marines, fighting near the abandoned Khe Sanh combat base, killed 35 North Vietnamese soldiers in an eight-hour battle that ended at nightfall Wednesday, the U. S. command reported.

THE WORLD
A new map, pinpointing key Vietnam battle zones, troop deployment areas, U. S. bases and general information on the war, is printed in the Asheville Citizen today (Thursday).

THE NATION
The Church League of America has been deluged with requests for information on subversion, especially since the Students for a Democratic Society announced plans to infiltrate industry this summer, a spokesman said Wednesday.

THE STATE
About 40,000 gallons of oil spread 15 miles down the upper Mississippi River Wednesday from the site where a barge sprung a leak.

TODAY'S WEATHER
Thursday's weather should be about the same as Wednesday's, according to the weatherman, but maybe a little wetter.

A high in the middle 80s is predicted with a 40 per cent chance of rainfall.

Wednesday's high was 85 with a low of 63 and only a trace of precipitation.

Rep. Ramsey Rewrites Bill; Mrs. Lister's Back Pay Involved

The North Carolina General Assembly will apparently accomplish a pay master task for Mrs. Christine Lister in which the Madison County Superior Court has so far been unsuccessful.

A bill to force the Republican Board of Commissioners in Madison to hand over Mrs. Lister's back pay as deputy register of deed and to put her on the payroll was sent on its way through the House Tuesday.

The bill was sent to the floor of the House by the Senate Local Government Committee declined Monday night to pass a similar measure over protests from Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill.

The bill the Senate committee had in hand was a measure introduced by Briggs to pay secretarial personnel in the Madison County Courthouse, but bore little resemblance to the original legislation when it was returned there from the House.

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall, a Democrat and chairman of the House Local Government Committee, had gutted the bill and rewritten it to put Mrs. Lister on the county payroll and award her back pay to Jan. 1.

The Senate committee, reluctant to pass the bill over the protests of the apparent intruder and obviously intent on seeing that Mrs. Lister's salary is paid, voted Monday night to postpone action until the House bill is in its hands.

Briggs, a Republican, sides with the county commissioners in their refusal to pay Mrs. Lister. He has obtained a ruling from the attorney general which says the Democratic register of deeds is compelled to pay the deputy from (Continued on Last Page)

Gallup Poll Says Religion Is Losing Its Influence

Survey Reveals Trend Of Students And Adults

Princeton, N. J. — Seven adults in every ten (70 percent) think religion is losing its influence on life in this country, while only one person in seven (14 per cent) believes religion is increasing its influence.

These survey results represent one of the most dramatic reversals in opinion in the history of polling. When the issue was first presented to the public in 1957, only 14 per cent of all persons said religion was losing influence while 69 per cent held the opposite opinion.

For the first time since 1957, a larger proportion of Catholics than the Protestants believe religion is on the wane. Many Catholics are disturbed about Pope Paul's birth control edict and the growing cleavage between liberal and conservative factions within the Church.

The change in the views of the public between 1957 and today on the impact of religion, charted in six national surveys during this 12-year period, parallels a decline in churching over the last decade. Last year's Gallup study (1968) showed 48 per cent of all adults attending church in a typical week, the low point recorded in 1958.

DECREASING ATTENDANCE among young adults, those in their twenties, accounts for much of the overall decline in churching. National church attendance declined 5 points between 1957 and 1968. The 1968 survey showed 48 per cent of all adults attending church in a typical week, the low point recorded in 1958.

Ralph E. Neill, Jr. Gets Promotion On Mecklenburg Board

Ralph E. Neill Jr., 45, has been named to direct auxiliary business services for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board.

Neill's nomination was approved at the board's regular meeting. He will replace Ralph W. Eaton who resigned last winter to become director of the state school food service division.

In addition to Neill's food direction for Mecklenburg schools, his position will be widened to include transportation and security.

He has served as a teacher and principal in county schools since 1962.

He is a former principal of Mars Hill High School.

County Students Make Deans List At Warren Wilson

Jerry Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shelton, Rt. 2, Marshall; and Chad A. Gosman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chad A. Gosman, Hot Springs, have been named to the Deans List, Warren Wilson College at Swainville. Mr. Shelton is a graduate of Laurel High School, class of 1966 and Mr. Gosman graduated from Hot Springs High School, class of 1968.

Capital Punishment Bills Are Killed

Raleigh — House committees Tuesday killed three bills aimed at modifying capital punishment laws in North Carolina.

The House Judiciary II Committee rejected two measures which would have taken away the power of a jury to recommend mercy or life imprisonment in cases of rape, first degree burglary and arson. A conviction would bring a mandatory death sentence.

The bills had been buried in committee for months. Rep. James Ramsey, D-Perdue, their sponsor, said when he introduced them that some courts had found that juries should not be able to recommend mercy since there are no legal guidelines for them to use in deciding the question.

The third bill killed also was sponsored by Ramsey. It was turned down by the House Calendar Committee. The bill would have allowed a district solicitor in superior court to announce, with court approval, that he would not seek the death penalty in a capital case. Then a conviction would have carried a life sentence.

Change In Receiving Welfare Checks

Clifton M. Craig, Commissioner, N. C. Department of Public Welfare, has announced that beginning with the month of July a revision in existing welfare for Public Assistance funds will be effective.

The checks will be mailed from the State Office in Raleigh to the counties on the first regular scheduled work day of each month. The revision that will be effective July 1 will be to pay the checks by the 15th of the month.

Rural Council To Sponsor Madison County Health Fair

Entertainment, Medical Services To Start On July 6

The Madison-Buncombe Rural Development Council has announced that it will be the local sponsor of a health education and service project this summer called the Madison County Health Fair. The Health Fair, sponsored nationally by the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the Council of the Southern Mountain will arrive in the Hot Springs area on July 6 to bring six days of concentrated work in health education and medical services to the Spring Creek, Meadow Fork, Hot Springs, Shappy Valley and Laurel sections of Madison County.

Most of the Health Fair's program will be presented by a volunteer Health Team led by Doctor Malcolm Rubin, and Doctor Ralph Blasiote, nurse and lay workers. The Reverend Mrs. (Continued on Last Page)

SO SUDDEN!

There was a young couple attending a college football game when the crowd suddenly pulled out their playing left and well before they knew it the game was over.



MEMBER DEVELOPMENT — About 100 outstanding 4-H'ers from the entire State will be in the Mountain Valley Community Center for the 1969 National Resource Development Conference at Mountain Valley, North Carolina, next week. Among the attendees will be young men and women from all over the State.