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## Too Many Squirrels Last Year - - Too Few This Year Experts Report

Season Opened Monday; Local Hunters Ready For Season

Remember the squirrel crisis last year?

Thousands of the animals were pestered to the highways, or drowned WNC lakes and streams. It stirred interest from the Smokies to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

People and civic groups initiated drives to feed the squirrels. The Smithsonian sent down observers to study the odd behavior of the animals.

It's different this year. There aren't any squirrels.

A University of North Carolina at Asheville instructor recently spent around 60 hours in the woods looking for squirrels. He found four.

Other reports from over Western North Carolina indicate a scanty squirrel population. John W. Wike, The Citizen's Bryson City correspondent, has questioned several veteran mountain men and hunters such as Cecil Welch of Bryson City, and his queries have brought the same answer: an excellent crop of mast (acorns and other foods) but little or no sign of squirrels.

Donald McCrimmon, the UNC-A instructor, said he searched the woods of North Hills River and Curtis Creek Wildlife area for his meager find. It wasn't lack of prowess, either. McCrimmon had three forest rangers and two laboratory aides with him.

McCrimmon is hunting the squirrels for scientific reasons. He and John Bernhardt, a UNC-A biology instructor, are conducting experiments in conjunction with the Animal Behavior Laboratory at UNC-A. They plan to study lenses taken from the eyes of wild squirrels and obtain information about population and reproduction in a certain area. The lenses are taken from the squirrels, dried, and weighed.

From this data, the researchers hope to prove that last year's squirrel crisis was caused by over-

## Nutrition Seminar Points Out Needs In State Schools

Mrs. Latrelle Robinson, Who Is Dietitian, Tells About Meeting

In reporting on the nutrition seminar conducted in Raleigh Oct. 12, 13, Mrs. Latrelle Robinson, dietitian for Madison County Schools stated that this was a first of this type held in the nation.

"Nutrition Education in the Public Schools" was the title given to the seminar planned jointly by the North Carolina School Food Service Division and North Carolina Food Industry Organizations. Not only School Food Supervisors but Education Supervisors also were invited.

The topic of nutrition was discussed by parents, teen-agers, teachers, administrators, extension specialists, college personnel, food industry representatives and our state government and national.

## Hot Springs Lions To Repair Toys For Christmas

Lt. Charles E. Feld, of the Salvation Army, announces that the Hot Springs Lions Club will repair toys for children this Christmas. "Put your used or unwanted toys to a good use", Mr. Feld stated.

Toys can be donated to the Lions Club by contacting any of the members or by leaving them in a box designated for them at Richard's Oil Service Station on Highway 2075 West. Call 981-2814 for information.

## DISTRICT COURT HELD HERE MON.

District court which started here Monday only lasted one day due to an emergency which required the solicitor to be absent Tuesday. Judge J. E. Holshouser, Sr., presided. Although the term was for one day, many cases were disposed of, as follows: Gilmer W. Bagwell, DD, fine and cost; Ruble Sutton, larceny, 12-months' suspended sentence; Otis Slade, PD, not guilty, trespassing, no pros; Paul Ray Gahagan, reckless driving, fine and cost; Allen D. Fender, reckless driving, not guilty; Wendell Owen (Continued on Last Page)

## Dr. Leininger To Preach At Baptist Church Here Sunday

Dr. C. Earl Leininger, professor of Philosophy and Religion at Mars Hill College, will preach at both morning and evening services at the Marshall Baptist Church Sunday.

## Mars Hill PTSA To Serve Supper On Friday Night

This Friday, from five to eight o'clock p. m., the Mars Hill PTSA will sponsor a fried chicken supper before the homecoming football game between Marshall and Mars Hill. The cost of the supper will be \$1.00 for one-fourth chicken and \$1.50 for a one-half chicken. Sliced potato chips, homemade rolls, and coffee or tea will be included in the dinner. Dessert will be extra. Tickets may be bought from any of the Mars Hill students or at the door.

In Marshall, tickets are on sale at the Farm Agent's office or at the French Broad Chevrolet office.

## GOLF COURSE NEAR MARS HILL GAINS INTEREST

200 Acres Under Option; Membership Drive Continues

Bruce K. Murray, president of Madison Hills, Inc., a non-profit corporation, stated this week that the membership drive is in progress and planning is in full swing for the proposed 18-hole golf course, club house, and pro shop on Gabriel's Creek near Mars Hill. Members of the board of directors and other interested people have been working on the project for more than a year, and 200 acres are under option.

Membership fee will be \$125 and monthly dues will be \$15.00 beginning when facility is completed, Mr. Murray stated.

"There will be absolutely no discrimination against any race, nationality or group", Mr. Murray said.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact Mr. Murray or any member of the corporation.

## GOP WILL HONOR BRUCE BRIGGS IN BURLINGTON

Former Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill will be among members of the 1968 General Assembly who will be honored by the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans in Burlington Saturday.

Briggs, now assistant U. S. attorney for the Western District (Continued to Last Page)

## College Fund To Be Shared By Mars Hill

Mars Hill College is one of 15 independent schools in the state who will share in the American Oil Foundation gift to the N. C. Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, Mars Hill president Dr. Fred Bentley said Thursday.

The gift is North Carolina's portion of \$100,000 contributed in support of state and regional associations of independent colleges throughout the United States by American Oil.

The other North Carolina colleges sharing the gift are Atlantic Christian, Belmont Abbey, Campbell, Catawba, Elon, Greensboro, Guilford, High Point, Lenoir Rhyne, Meredith, North Carolina Wesleyan, Pfeiffer, St. Andrews and Salem - all four-year senior colleges and members of the Foundation.

## BALD MOUNTAIN ACCESS ROAD BIDS EXPECTED

Puncheon Fork Road Near Mars Hill Is Already Under Construction

Contract for the construction of the Walnut Mountain Parkway, main access road to the Bald Mountain Development from U. S. Highway 23, is expected to be let in November, according to advice from Billy Rose, assistant state highway administrator for North Carolina.

This is a joint venture of the states of North Carolina and Tennessee. The parkway will connect with U. S. 23 in the vicinity of Sams Gap and follow approximately the state line, a distance of 2.8 miles to the Wolf Laurel project.

Under agreement with Tenn., the North Carolina Highway staff is preparing plans, and a field inspection by the two departments (Continued To Last Page)

## Moratorium Day Is Quiet And Orderly Over State Wednesday

### REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN ON OCTOBER 18, 25

New Registration Is Not Required For Sales Tax Vote November 4

A new registration is not required for voters wishing to vote in the November 4 special election on the question of whether or not a one percent local sales and use tax will be levied. However, there may be persons who have not registered who wish to register.

Virginia H. Anderson, chairman Madison County board of elections, stated that the registration books of Madison County in the election (Continued on Last Page)

### N. C. STATE FAIR BEGINS FRIDAY IN RALEIGH

Some Of Biggest Names In Show Business To Perform

Raleigh - The Giants are coming.

Several of the biggest names in show business will be on hand for special Arena shows, during the 102nd North Carolina State Fair, here October 17 through 26.

The Monkees, Buck Owens, Bobby Goldsboro and the Thrasher Brothers are "headliners" for the Fair entertainment during the first four days of the annual classic.

Now a trio with a brand new record, "Mommy and Daddy," Dave Jones, Michael Nesmith and Mickey Dolenz (better known as the Monkees) will be in the Arena for a pair of shows, 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. on opening night.

The group had a prime-time television show last year and continues with an animated children's show in the morning this year. Their biggest hits include "I'm a Believer" and "Last Train to Charlotte."

Buck Owens, the Buckaroos and members of the Hee Haw Gang will take over the next night, also with two shows, 3:30 and 8:00 p. m. Owens and his troop have just completed a 12-week television show, Hee Haw, a spoof satire of Laugh-In. The group includes Susan Raye and The Rogers.

Bobby Goldsboro, whose "Honey" was one of several golden records, will be on the card for Monday night, one show only at 7:30. With Bobby will be Jay and the Americans and the Classics IV. An overnight success for Jay and the Americans was "She Cried." Sunday will include two gospel sings, 2 and 7 p. m., with the (Continued To Last Page)

### Protest Brings Out Both Sides; WNC Colleges Hold Observances

Thousands in North Carolina joined in campus-centered Moratorium Day observances against the Vietnam War Wednesday while some protested the theme and others ignored it.

Activities involved at least 37 of the state's 74 institutions of higher education.

Observances were peaceful across the state and for many citizens it was business as usual.

Speeches and films pertaining to the Vietnam War harked the Moratorium at WNC colleges and universities. Attendance was light to moderate at the peaceful activities.

At Mars Hill College, a "Day of Concern," sponsored by the student government, presented films and panel discussions Wednesday afternoon in Moore Auditorium. The three-member panel gave a balanced view of the Vietnam controversy and of war in general. Downtown Mars Hill merchants had the American flag on display.

About 30 faculty members led discussions in the dorms Wednesday night at Mars Hill. A candlelight memorial service for Vietnam dead was held at 8 p. m.

At Western Carolina University, a program planned by the ad hoc (Continued to Page Five)

### Dr. Sams Is Now At Home Here; Is Recuperating

Dr. W. A. Sams, prominent Marshall physician, returned to his home here Wednesday after undergoing hip surgery in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem in June.

For the past several weeks he and Mrs. Sams have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lowe, in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Lowe is the former Merle Sams.

"It surely is nice to be back at home," the jovial doctor stated.

## Adult Basic Education Classes Start Tuesday

To Be At Marshall School; For Information Contact Mrs. S. L. Nix

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute and Madison County Schools jointly announce classes in Adult Basic Education for all adults who have not finished their high school education or would like refresher work.

Classes will begin at Marshall High School on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 p. m. and will continue weekly on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

There will be a class for everyone. All classes are free of charge and all materials will be furnished. Classes are available in English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Beginning Reading and Writing.

Your decision to continue and improve your education would be a wise decision. Whether you attempt to improve your basic skills of reading and writing or would be working toward your high school equivalency diploma, it is our sincere hope that you will be able to attain your individual educational goals.

We find that our best means of gaining new students is word-of-mouth publicity. If you yourself have completed high school but know of any other person who could benefit from this program, please encourage them to attend. All adults 18 years of age and older are welcome.

Those desiring further information may contact Mrs. S. L. Nix or call Marshall 649-4476.

## Marshall Book Club Will Meet Monday

The Marshall Book Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Ramsey, on Monday, October 20, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

## Cherokee Scalps Marshall Tornadoes, 46-12; Hot Springs Is Beaten 38-20 By E. Yancey; Mars Hill Wildcats Routs Rosman, 46-0

Marshall - Cherokee Ernie Lowish passed for three touchdowns and Eddie Crowe ran for three on the Cherokee Braves rumbled to a 46-12 victory over the Marshall Tornadoes in a non-conference football game at Cherokee Thursday night.

Lowish threw twice to Buford Smith, for 21 and nine yards, for touchdowns and completed another scoring pass to Donald Tomlin for 13 yards.

Eddie Crowe rolled off three long gains for his touchdowns. He went 42 yards in the first quarter, 29 yards in the second quarter, and 43 yards in the third quarter.

The Blue Devils although out-weighted and out-manned, held the East Yancey team scoreless in the first quarter and 3 points in the third quarter and 3 points in the final period.

The Blue Devils went on the verge toward only in the third quarter when David Williams, quarterback, ran 45 yards for the 3-

## High Court To Review Draft Law, Welfare Rights

### FHA DISTRICT MEET AT WCU ON SATURDAY

Callowhee - More than 1,000 high school girls from 16 western counties of North Carolina will gather at Western Carolina University Saturday, October 18, for the annual District VIII meeting of the Association of Future Homemakers of America.

Hostesses for the meeting are the WCU Department of Home Economics, under the leadership of Dr. Ann Bustin, department head, and the Camp Laboratory (Callowhee) School home economics department under the leadership of Miss Cecil Wolf.

Delegates from FHA chapters in Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Rutherford, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee counties are expected for the one-day meeting.

Miss Maxine Plemmons, MHS (Continued to Page Five)

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT  
Marshall at Mars Hill (Continued)

### Draft Law Now On Thin Ice; Welfare Limits Studied

The Supreme Court put the draft law and state welfare restrictions under review Monday as it showed no sign of narrowing its activities under Warren E. Burger, the new chief justice.

The double-dip into controversy means the court will be weighing the rights of athletes and signees and of the poor as it expands inquiries already started under Earl Warren, Burger's predecessor.

Twenty-nine appeals, in all, were set for hearings in the first round of rulings of the new term. They run a wide gamut, reaching the finality of guilty pleas, the citizenship laws and the power of the National Labor Relations Board to order dues checkoffs.

The draft law stands on thin constitutional ice because it grants only religious believers the right to exemption from combat as conscripts.

### Riding Stables At Wolf Laurel Boundary Open

Now you can go horseback riding over the sunny miles of trails at the Wolf Laurel Boundary.

Ed Frazier has a study of 14 miles of trails and will offer the trails to the public.