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4-H Talent Show Huge Success; Winners Announced

The Madison County 4-H Talent Show was held Friday night, April 2, at the Mars Hill College Auditorium. More than 400 people were in attendance and enjoyed 40 different acts presented by

local 4-H club members.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Jerry Plemmons. Judging the competition were Mrs. John Corbitt and Mrs. Ronnie Haynie of Marshall and

Raymond Norton, assistant agricultural extension agent in Graham County.

Talent Show winners who were selected to represent Madison County in the Western District Show to be

held June 17 at East Henderson High School in Hendersonville were as follows: P. B. Inc.—Robert Johnson, Tim Ramsey, Harlon Rice, and Cynthia Niles, Walnut-Hopewell Club, vocal solo with drums and guitar; Debbie Roberts, Mike Metcalf, and Karen Boone, skit, "Hole in the Bucket," Foster's Creek Club; and Suzanne DuVall, tall tale, "Larp, Tarp, and Coonskin Huntin'", Hayes Run Club.

Each person participating in the Talent Show received a ribbon for the performance. Blue ribbons were won by Mike Metcalf, Foster's Creek Club, piano solo; Linda DuVall, Hayes Run Club, tap dancing; Harlon Rice, Caroleen Buckner, Jane Rice, Mark Rector, Keith Davis, Jeff Treadway, Sherry Ramsey, Penny Buckner, Peggy Rice, Kenny Ray, Penny Frisby, Jerry Cody, Mike Cody, Karen Rice, Rickey Ramsey, Robert Johnson Teresa Johnson, and Tim Ramsey, Walnut-Hopewell Club, concert.

Red ribbons were won by Roger Edmonds, Felicia Shelton, Michael Silver, Anna Lou Silver, Ethel Shelton, Donna Norton, Chris Shelton, Linda Norton, Pam Clark, Connie Boone, Randy Littrell, Becky Fox, Grapevine Club, square dance; Rebecca Fox, Grapevine Club, piano solo; Beverly Waldroup, Mars Hill Club, piano solo; Donna Gail and Linda Norton, Grapevine Club, vocal duet; Kenny Ray and Ricky Ramsey, Walnut-Hopewell Club, skit; Larry Peek and Denise Hoyle, Foster's Creek Club, duet; Penny Buckner and Peggy Rice, Walnut-Hopewell Club, accompanied by Caroleen Buckner, vocal duet; Vickie Merrill, Mars Hill Club, piano

accompanied by Vickie Radford, vocal duet; Randy Cody, Mars Hill Club, piano solo; Randy Lattrell, Michael Silver and Lonnie Davis, Grapevine Club, comedy act; Vickie Radford and Vickie Robinson, Pioneer Club, accompanied by Sandra Roberts, vocal duet; Denise Hoyle, Foster's Creek Club, vocal solo; all 4-H'ers in the Marshall Club, accompanied by Janice Nash, "The Wedding"; Connie Edwards and Avolene McGee, Foster's Creek Club, skit.

Gary Ealey, assistant agricultural extension agent, and Miss Cynthia Berban, assistant home economics extension agent, wish to thank the parents and club leaders for their support. Also, they would like to thank Mars Hill College for the use of the facilities and Jerry Hunter for assisting with the lighting.



COUNTRY BOUTIQUE—A hundred people or more crowded onto the campus of Mars Hill College for the opening of the Country Boutique, a crafts store sponsored by Madison County Crafts, a non-profit organization of county residents. The store had net sales of over \$300 for its first week of operation. After a 10-day break for Easter, the store will reopen Wednesday, April 14.

Madison County Crafts Opens Store; Formally Organize

Local craftsmen eliminated the "middleman" last week and opened their own store on the campus of Mars Hill College.

The Country Boutique reported net sales of over \$300 during its first week of

operation, Miss Diane Brown said Friday (April 2). Miss Brown, crafts coordinator for the Rural Project of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe counties, ran the store during the week.

The store deals exclusively in handmade mountain crafts and is a project of Madison County Crafts, a non-profit organization of county residents.

The crafts group held a formal organizational meeting March 24 in the Marshall offices of the Opportunity Corporation. Jack Willis, of Mars Hill College, was elected chairman of board of directors; Mrs. Mamie Gardner of Spring Creek, vice chairman; and Mrs. Ruth Woody of Meadow Fork, secretary-treasurer.

The other members of the 12-man board of directors are Paul Rice, Mrs. Elea Coward, Mrs. Dorothy Arrington, Mrs. Peggie Dotterer, Lela Norton, Jack Davis, and

Parker, Mrs. Lucille Sronce and Lane Ramsey, a Mars Hill College student who will serve as a business intern with the crafts group this summer.

The next meeting of the group has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Opportunity Corporation offices.

\$60,000 Allotment For Improvement Of County Road

RALEIGH—Madison County has been allocated more than \$60,000 for one secondary road construction project, it was announced today.

Approval of the projects was voted at the regular April meeting of the State Highway Commission here.

The project and the money allotted:

SR No. 1378; length, 0.90: Grade, drain and stabilize from SR 1370 to DE; \$60,000.

Snow Covers County

An unseasonably late winter storm—the second since spring officially arrived—dropped up to 14 inches of snow on the higher elevations of Western North Carolina Tuesday night.

It wasn't quite the had in Madison County but snow did blanket the entire county in depths from ½-inch to six inches.

A bright sun Wednesday afternoon quickly made most of the snow disappear.

Highway Projects Are Delayed

Two highway projects in Madison County have been delayed because of some new federal regulations, legislators who represent Madison have been informed by State Highway officials.

The projects are for the construction of US 70 from Marshall to Weaverville and NC 213 from Marshall to Mars Hill.

Reps. Laston Ramsey and Ernest Messer, who inquired into the status of the projects this week at the Highway Building, said they were told that a new federal requirement for an environmental study could delay

the projects from three to six months.

Public hearings showing the design of the roads had been slated for early this year but will probably be held this summer, probably in June or July, they were informed. Corridor public hearings, showing the general route, were held in 1970.

The new regulation, which went into effect on Feb. 1 of this year, requires a study of the environmental impact of a project before a public hearing can be held, if the federal government is to participate in the financing.

"We regret the delay," the legislators said, "and Highway Chairman Lauch Faircloth has told us that he too, regrets the delay. But since the federal government is helping to pay for these projects and since they demand that these environmental studies be made, there is nothing else to do but to comply.

"We have been assured by the Highway Commission that these studies will be pushed as fast as possible, and that the delays will be as short as the Highway Commission can make them."

To Close On Easter Monday

Several offices and agencies will be closed Easter Monday in Marshall, it was announced this week.

Among those closing include the courthouse offices, Social Services (Welfare), Health Department, ASC, and First Union and Citizens Banks.



MEMBERS OF the Board of Education of Madison County were sworn into office here Monday by Judson Edwards, clerk of superior court. Left to right, R. M. Lee, R. Z. "Bobby" Ponder, Emery Wallin, Mrs. Bobby Jean Peek Rice, William M. Roberts, and Mr. Edwards.