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County Health Fairs Planned; Schedule

Health Fairs are being planned for Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Laurel in early January 1972. The fairs will offer free medical tests for those persons who do not have the opportunity to get periodic check-ups and health education programs designed to teach proper health habits.

These fairs are being sponsored jointly by The Opportunity Corporation, The Hot Springs Health Program, The Rural Council, and the Madison County Health Department.

The schedule of the health fairs are as follows:

- Thursday, January 8th 3-5 p. m. - Spring Creek School
- Friday, January 7th 2-8 p. m. - Spring Creek School
- Saturday, January 8th 9-5 p. m. - Hot Springs Clinic
- Thursday, January 13th 3-5 p. m. - Laurel School
- Friday, January 14th 2-8 p. m. - Laurel School

People will be given medical

tests for the following problems: Diabetes, T.B., high blood pressure, cancer, anemia, emphysema, glaucoma, poor vision, and worms.

Persons over 40 years of age will be offered a blood analysis consisting of 12 or more tests. Pap smears will be available for women, and adults will be encouraged to renew their tetanus immunization.

These services will be offered in a series of fair "booths" which will have educational materials about various health problems, such as dental health, heart disease, and nutrition.

Transportation to the health fair will be arranged for those needing it by The Opportunity Corporation.

In addition to the diagnostic screening programs, the Rural Council community groups will be holding special meetings to view films on various areas of

health.

The schedule for these programs is as follows:

- Monday, January 3rd 6-8 p. m. - Upper Spring Creek Community Center
- Monday, January 3rd 6-8 p. m. - Meadow Fork Community Center
- Tuesday, January 4th 6-8 p. m. - Bluff Community Center
- Thursday, January 6th 6-8 p. m. - Rural West Madison Community Center
- Monday, January 10th 6-8 p. m. - Sodom Community Center
- Monday, January 10th 6-8 p. m. - Spillcorn Community Center
- p. m. - Upper Shelton Laurel, Grant Shelton's home
- Tuesday, January 11th 6-8 p. m. - Guntertown Community Center.

During these two weeks of January, the Health Fair materials will be used to offer programs to the children in the Laurel, Hot Springs, and Spring Creek Schools.

The public is urged to take advantage of this program. If the response is enthusiastic, the program could be repeated next year.

Republicans Hold Meeting Here Monday

Allen Briggs of Mars Hill was elected vice chairman for youth affairs of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee at a joint meeting of the executive committee, Republican Women's Club and Young Republicans Club Monday night in the courthouse here.

Dr. Larry N. Stern was elected to the executive committee in charge of research.

The party also elected a finance committee, with C. N. Willis as chairman.

Other members are Ted McKinney, Shad Franklin, Spencer Rollins, Robert Davis, Jack Guthrie, Roscoe Briggs, Clarence Cutshall, Frank Massey, Otis Chandler, Mrs. Peggy Dotterer and Joe L. Morgan, who is chairman of the executive committee.

Mars Hill College Awards Contract For Union Building

Engineers-Constructors Inc., of Knoxville, Tenn., has been awarded a \$1,107,700 contract to build a three-story college union building at Mars Hill College.

The college's trustees, at their annual winter meeting this weekend, selected the firm as the low bidder among four others who submitted bids. Architects for the project are Six Associates of Asheville.

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, college president, said construction will begin in January and completion is scheduled for summer of 1973.

Bentley said the contract was subject to concurrence from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which approved an interest subsidy grant in August for construction of the building. Under terms of the grant HUD will subsidize the interest payments of a conventional long-term loan to the college.

Bentley said the loan agreement has been made with First Federal Loan and Savings Association of Herdersville.

Bentley said this was the first time the college has entered into a long-term loan agreement. The agreement spans 25 years at an interest rate of 8 3/4 per cent per year, with the college paying 3 per cent and HUD the rest.

HUD's participation in the construction in this manner has been approved by the general board of the Baptist State Convention, with which the college is affiliated, Bentley said.

The total cost of the union

Christmas Pageant Ends Ninth Year Saturday

The 1971 presentations of the Marshall Christmas Pageant were concluded Saturday night with hundreds of spectators witnessing the three-night program which marked the ninth consecutive season for the pageant.

An estimated 200 persons were present for the first performance last Thursday night despite rainy, threatening weather. Fortunately, minutes before the performance started the rains ceased but the likelihood of downpours was prevalent. Despite the conditions the presentation was successful.

Friday night was clear and a crowd of more than 400 (estimated) enjoyed the pageant.

Some 400-500 persons braved bitterly cold weather Saturday night to see the final presentation which was the 27th performance in nine years.

The Mt. Sheba Baptist Church Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ardath Peek, furnished the background singing during the performances. The choir was joined by several members of the Marshall Baptist Church on Saturday night. Approximately 40 members of the Buncombe County church participated.

In addition to being pianist, Miss Vicky Higgins, 13-year-old member of the Mt. Sheba Youth

choir, was soloist on Thursday and Friday nights. She sang, "O Holy Night."

The invocations for the three nights were pronounced by the Rev. Glenn Whitley, pastor of the Marshall Baptist Church; the Rev. Fred Jarvis, pastor of the Mt. Sheba Baptist Church; and the Rev. George Moore, pastor of the Walnut, Hot Springs and White Rock Presbyterian Churches.

As usual, the characters were splendid as they portrayed the incidents which preceded the birth of Christ and the Nativity as they approached the Nativity scene and setting on the courthouse lawn. The live animals, the huge star on the opposite mountain and the beam which lighted the manger again made Marshall's pageant one of the most impressive in the nation.

Joseph was again portrayed by Stanley Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Ward; and Mary was portrayed by Miss Carol Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vader Shelton.

their part in directing traffic and their many other duties during the Pageant.

The Hospitality Committee who served hot coffee in the courthouse hall after each performance was also highly commended.

"We appreciate what everyone did," an official stated.

Program At Walnut Creek Friday Night

There will be a Christmas program at the Walnut Creek Baptist Church Friday night, Dec. 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

A pageant, "The Name Jesus", and a play, "The Shoemaker's Dream" will be presented.

The pastor, the Rev. Gerald Sprinkle, invites everyone to attend.

Service To Be Broadcast

Those who assembled at the Marshall Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening participated in the annual celebration of the beautiful Carol and Candle Lighting Service.

Those and others who are interested in hearing the program will have the opportunity Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when it will be broadcast by Radio Station WMMH.

Courthouse To Close December 24-28

It has been announced that offices in the courthouse here will be closed this Friday, Dec. 24 and will remain closed until Tuesday, Dec. 28 for the Christmas Holidays.

Adult Basic Education Classes Begin At Mars Hill January 3

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute announces continuous classes in Adult Basic Education beginning at the Mars Hill Town Hall on Monday, Jan. 3, 1972, at 6:30 p. m. Classes will continue meeting weekly on Monday and Thursday night.

The classes are designed for adults needing any level of basic education from basic reading and writing through

preparation for a high school equivalency diploma.

The classes are free of charge and all materials are furnished. Subjects available include basic reading and writing, English, math, social studies, and science.

All adults are welcome and may enter at any time.

Persons who have completed high school but know of others who could benefit from this

program should encourage others to attend.

Madison County residents are urged to take advantage of this free educational opportunity.

COME AND BRING A FRIEND!

State Magazine Cover Page From Pageant

The December 1st issue of THE STATE magazine, widely circulated publication printed in Raleigh devoted its front cover page to a picture of the Marshall Christmas Pageant showing Joseph and Mary crossing the bridge. The picture, by Bruce Roberts, is the December scene on the State Magazine's 1972 Down Home Calendar.

Advise ASCS When Farmland Changes Hands

Farmers participating in programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service should report to the County ASCS Office any sale, purchase, lease or rental of farmland, according to Ralph Ramsey, County Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"I strongly urge those who have added to or reduced the size of their farms to get the information to the county office as soon as possible," said Ramsey.

He pointed out that when the size of a farm is changed, the ASCS records must be changed, including recalculation of farm allotments, quotas, bases and yields. "We call it farm reconstitution," he said, "and if

the reconstitutions have been made and approved by the county committee before sign-up time, it saves time and effort for everybody."

Farm Program Signup Time Nears

Wheat and feed grain farmers who plan to enroll in the 1972 set-aside programs may sign up beginning January 17, according to Emory Robinson, Chairman of the Madison

County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

"January 17 through February 25 is sign-up time at all county ASCS offices for the voluntary farm programs," Mr. Robinson said.

He emphasized that the sign-up period is earlier than usual, and also pointed out no extension of the February 25 deadline will be made.

Farmers who know they will be out of the county through the sign-up period is earlier than with the county office to sign up in the programs by mail or by other procedure.

To qualify to participate in ASCS set-aside programs, farmers will set aside 83 per cent of the farm's domestic wheat allotment and 25 per cent of the feed grain base.

The Agricultural Act of 1970, which established the set-aside concept, has opened the way for major shifts in the patterns of American farming. By using set-aside acreage to limit general over-production, individual farmers are free to plant the rest of their cropland

New Motions Not Heard In Cutshall Case

Judge William T. Grist ruled in Mecklenburg Superior Court here Friday that he had no jurisdiction to hear new motions in the Leonard H. Cutshall trial in Madison County.

Cutshall was tried for the third time in August of this year on charges of murder in connection with the shooting death of Jack Reeves on Jan. 30, 1970.

Defense Attorney Ronald Howell filed a motion in early December in Madison County Superior Court asking that the trial judgment be set aside on grounds of irregularities in

selecting a jury from Avery County.

The prosecution then asked that the defense motion be dismissed on the grounds that jurisdiction to hear a motion for a new trial after term time and while the case is on appeal.

Judge Grist agreed with the state's motion and said he did not have jurisdiction to entertain new motions in a trial that was on appeal and in which appeal bond has been posted.

Howell said the appeal would be continued on the ground of trial errors, one of which would be the Judge's refusal to hear the motion on its merits Friday.



Mars Hill Civitans Banquet

The Mars Hill Civitan Club held its Christmas Ladies Night on Tuesday night, December 14th in the President's Dining Room of the Mars Hill College Cafeteria. Forty-nine persons were present including the Civitan Club Ladies. Guests other than the ladies included Angie and Bill Mitchell, Betty and Harrell Wood, Nan and Bob Spinx, Kathy and Larry Foster, Rachel and Bob Chapman, Flossie and Bryson Tilson, Linda Duck, Jean Culler, Bill Early, Norman Carter, B.J. Perry, and Alice Mahy.

Fred Diercks, president, led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and R. M. Lee, governor elect of the Western District, delivered the invocation. After the president had welcomed the group, the meal was served by Epicure Food Services. Following the meal, Fred Holtkamp, vice-president and projects chairman, presented Alice Mahl and B.J. Perry a check for \$200 for the Mars Hill Baptist Church Handi-School which serves handicapped children in Madison County. Mrs. Mahy serves as director of the school and Mrs. Perry as assistant director. The \$200 was solicited largely from the Halloween Carnival held at the Mars Hill School.



John Hough, president-elect and program chairman, introduced Beverly Hough who presented a program on the Christmas celebration held by the Moravians. This is a denomination located large in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Winston-Salem. They are noted for their love feasts held at Christmas and Easter, their Easter Sunrise services, and the Moravians stars which are exhibited by man persons of all faiths at Christmas.

Jim Cox and Don Henderson were in charge of a session of playing "Bingo." Jeanne Culler, a senior voice major at Mars Hill College, led the group in Christmas carols. Fred Diercks closed the meeting by reading the Civitan Creed.



PICTURED ABOVE are a few of the more than 23 Christmas baskets to be given the blind and visually handicapped in Madison County by the Marshall Lions Club. Lion Edward Morton, president, is shown beside baskets. The Hot Springs and Mars Hill Lions Clubs are also delivering baskets before Christmas.

PICTURED ABOVE are candid shots taken at the Mars Hill Civitan Club Ladies' Night which was enjoyed December 14.

PEACE on EARTH

A Star shone, and three Wise Men sought a sacred Manger in the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ Child was born. This Christmas, let the light of His message shine into all our lives, spreading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

To our Valued Friends and Patrons, "Thank You."

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