

### Basketball Results

**CANE RIVER—MARSHILL**  
 The Cane River boys downed Mars Hill by a 67-46 margin at Cane River Friday night. This brings their season record to 4-2 overall. The Mars Hill girls dumped Cane River 48-31, however, while the Cane River jayvees downed Mars Hill, 54-48.

Randy Ferguson was the high scorer for Cane River with 24 points while Mike Robinson got 19 and Seth Metcalf connected for 15. Stewart Holcombe led the losers with 32. Jeff Parker, Royce Ball, and Moses Walkingstick scored 11, 10, and 10 for the losers, respectively.

Barbara English and Linda Robinson were the leading scorers for the Mars Hill girls with 16 and 13 points. Debbie Anglin and Rhonda Stiles got 8 each for the losers in that game.

**MARS HILL—EAST YANCEY**  
 The Mars Hill Wildcats, paced by Randy Ferguson's 19 points, took an easy 64-47 win over the hosting East Yancey Panthers Tuesday night. In the girls contest, Mars Hill ran its win streak to 10 straight this season with a 34-31 squeaker over their hosts in double overtime.

Michael Robinson and Seth Metcalf bucketed 17 and 15 points respectively in supporting roles for the Wildcats. Dennis Huskins led the Panther attack with 16, while Darryl Boone netted 12.

Barbara English netted 13 to lead the Mars Hill girls, while Kathy Griffin's nine points was high for the losers.

Mars Hill's boys are now 8-2 on the season, while East Yancey drops to 1-6. The Mars Hill girls are 10-0, while East Yancey sports a 4-3 mark.

**BOYS GAME**  
 MARS HILL (65)—Robinson 19, Ferguson 24, Anderson, Metcalf 15, Boone 4, Price 2, Roberts 1, Walker  
 CANE RIVER (67)—Holcombe 32, Ball 10, Webb 2, Parker 11, Thomas 2, Walkingstick 10.  
 Halftime 37-28, Cane River  
**GIRLS GAME**  
 MARS HILL (48)—Wallin 4, Griffin 3, English 16, L. Robinson 13, J. Wood 6, Robinson 2, Jarvis 2, Marshank 2, Bowns, Sprinkle, Brady, Wood, Norton, Walkingstick  
 CANE RIVER (31)—Ball 3, Higgins, P. Fox, B. Fox, Honeycutt, J. Fox 3, Whitson 3, Fox, Fender 2, Garland 4, Anglin 8, Doan 3, Stiles 8, Silvers  
 Halftime 21-45, Mars Hill  
 JV Game 54-48 Cane River



**AIRMAN JOSEPH M. DEBRUHL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade O. DeBruhl of Rt. 1, Mars Hill, has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in the administrative field. Airman DeBruhl is a 1971 graduate of Mars Hill High School.

### Men In Service: Our most popular game animal?

By JIM DEAN  
 What is North Carolina's most popular game animal?  
 Unless you've been reading recent statistics, you might flunk that question. How many would guess quail? What about rabbits? Doves maybe? Nope.  
 It's the gray squirrel. (Don't worry, I didn't get it right either.) A fairly recent survey showed that 317,602 hunters made 2,236,665 trips for squirrels during a hunting season. Compare this with 289,240 hunters who made 1,886,581 trips for rabbits; 182,043 hunters who made 1,220,808 trips for quail; and 168,894 hunters who made 886,837 trips for doves. Perhaps for this reason the gray squirrel was named North Carolina's state mammal a few years back.

It's not hard to understand why the gray squirrel is our most popular game species. He is abundant across the state and fairly easy to hunt in all types of terrain. Hunters do not need a lot of special equipment, nor do they need to sink a lot of time or money into training a dog (though squirrel dogs are in common use). Finally, squirrels are challenging targets and tasty tidbits on the dinner table.

Squirrel hunting can also be frustrating. Several years ago, five of us hunted in dense woods along the southern shore of the Pamlico River near Core Point. We hunted carefully all day without so much as seeing a bushytail. For some reason, we apparently had picked a portion of the forest which happened not to appeal to squirrels.

"I don't understand it," one member of the group complained as we headed back to the cabin that evening, "I've seen plenty of squirrels around here in past years."  
 That night, we had just settled down for a long winter's nap when all of a sudden there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our beds to see what was the matter. It sounded like a skeleton doing a tap dance in the attic.

"That, my friends," explained our host, "is what we've been hunting. I forgot to tell you that squirrels live in the attic."  
 The following morning, squirrels cavorted all through the trees in the yard while we were breakfast on the porch. Of course, we didn't shoot them. Instead, we packed up and left. Score one for the squirrels.

On a recent hunt, a mischievous squirrel won another round. I had been sitting quietly under a tall hickory nut tree on a wooded slope. It was a perfect spot. Along with the hickories, there were several large oaks.

I had been sitting there for some time without seeing hide nor hair of a squirrel. After a while, I began to feel drowsy, and I was almost asleep when something bounced off the top of my head and rolled into my lap. It was a half-gnawed hickory nut.

I looked up just in time to see the culprit scamper through the treetops. I fired what turned out to be a warning shot.

I got his message though—nuts to you, buddy.



The New Orleans Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers designated Rex Owen "Industrial Engineer of the Month" in December. He was chosen in recognition of his professional contributions to the AIIE Chapter and to his employer, The Boeing Company. Owen joined the AIIE in 1959 while attending the University of Tennessee. He was employed by Boeing in 1962 and since 1963 has been working on the Saturn Program at Michoud. He is presently assigned to the New Business Estimating group in the Industrial Engineering organization. As a member of the New Orleans Chapter of AIIE, Owen has served as member or chairman of the Education Committee for several years. Mr. Owen is the husband of the former Iris Edmonds, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis Payne, of the Paw-Paw community.

### Harper-DeBruhl Vows Spoken Last Saturday

Miss Martha Louise Harper and David Joseph DeBruhl were married Saturday, Jan. 1, at 3 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. John Knight conducted the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell William Harper of 19 Howard Street. Mr. DeBruhl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter DeBruhl of Mars Hill.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin and re-embroidered Alencon lace gown with veil of silk illusion attached to a crown of petals.

Mrs. Bill McCrary, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and maid of honor was Miss Myra Harper, also sister of the bride, they wore street-length pink polyester crepe dresses made by Mrs. McCrary.

Junior attendant was Miss Kimberly McCrary who wore a matching pink dress trimmed with lace. The maid and matron of honor wore single white carnation corsages and the junior attendant carried a colonial bouquet of pink and white pompons.

The bridegroom's father was best man and a reception followed.

The bride is a graduate of Key Punch Academy and is employed at Orkin Extermination. The bridegroom is a graduate of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute and was a student at Blanton's Business College. He served four years in the Air Force and is now an employe at First Union National Bank.

The widson, a duck common to the Midwest, is often called the "baldpate" because of a white patch on its head.

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**BAKERSVILLE—MARSHALL**  
 Bowman High of Bakersville split an inter-conference doubleheader with Marshall Friday night, the hosting boys winning, 64-52, while Marshall took the girls decision, 51-22.

Bakersville's John Craig led his team to its third victory in eight games with 15 points. Ted Revis of Marshall was high scorer of the night with 19 points.

Kathy Fisher netted 18 points to lead the Marshall girls and Pernie Street scored eight for the losers.

**HOT SPRINGS—SPRING CREEK**  
 Junior Lamb scored 25 points and three other starters hit in double figures Tuesday to lead Hot Springs to an 85-53 victory over Spring Creek. Hot Springs also won the girls game, 46-41.

Arthur Roberts scored 15, David Whitten had 13 and Bob Padgett added 11 for Hot Springs while Ken Fowler led Spring Creek with 16. Don Caldwell added 14 and Royce Keener scored 12.

Pam Price led the Hot Springs girls with 11 points while Mary Payne scored 18 for the losers.



**Mrs. Gary Bruce Buckner**  
**Payne-Buckner Vows Spoken Dec. 24**

Miss Brenda Arlene Payne and Gary Bruce Buckner were united in marriage Friday, Dec. 24, 1971, at 4 p.m. in the home of the Rev. Frank Plemmons, with the Rev. Plemmons officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne Jr. of Route 5, Marshall. She is a graduate of Marshall High School and is now self-employed.

The couple will reside at Route 7, Marshall.

graduate of Marshall High School and is now employed by the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation in Marshall.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Buckner of Route 7, Marshall. He is also a graduate of Marshall High School and is now self-employed.

The couple will reside at Route 7, Marshall.

### Bankers' Farm Activities Win Award

The continuing record of service which the N. C. Bankers Association has given the state's agriculture through educational programs for better banking services and special activities in the agricultural field has won for the 27th consecutive year special recognition from the American Bankers Association.

The County Key Banker for Madison County, Ray E. Buchanan, Vice-President, First Union National Bank, has been advised of the recognition.

Among the many projects the bankers participated in this year to qualify for the award were the sponsorship of a farm credit conference, a modern farming short course at N. C. State University, co-sponsorship of a land judging meet, and many other meetings relative to agriculture and agribusiness.

Chairman of the NCBA Agricultural Committee is J. T. Moss, vice president of the First Union National Bank, Raleigh. George B. Collins, senior vice president, the North Western Bank, North Wilkesboro, headed the committee during the past year.

The banker's organization annually appoints an agricultural liaison representative in each county. Called the "County Key Banker," he works closely with the NCBA Agricultural Committee.

NCBA President Claude C. Armfield, Jr., executive vice president of the western region of First Union National Bank, Asheville, expressed his appreciation to the NCBA Agricultural Committee and the County Key Bankers.



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### Health Fairs 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 6th, 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:

Thursday, January 6th 5-8 p.m. Rural West Madison Community Center  
 Monday, January 10th 5-8 p.m. - Sodom Community Center  
 Monday, January 10th 5-8 p.m. - Spillcoen Community Center

### W.M.H. Radio Schedule

6:00—Sign on	8:00—News	12:00—Trading Post
6:02—News	8:05—Music for a Happy Day	12:10—Dinner Time Country Style
6:03—Service Show	8:15—Morning Devotions	12:20—News and Bulletin Board
6:20—Breakfast Time Country Style	9:00—Soul Winning Gospel Hour	12:30—Weather
7:00—Morning News	9:30—Gospel Singtime	12:35—Chuck Wagon Gang
7:10—Weather	10:00—News	12:45—Farm Forum
7:15—Joe Emmons	10:05—Gospel Singtime	1:00—Farm News
7:30—Sports News	11:00—Good Tidings Gospel Broadcast	1:05—Obituary Column
7:30—Breakfast Time Country Style	11:30—Gospel Singtime	1:10—Country Music Jazz
7:45—News Headlines	11:45—Wed. & Sat. Church of Christ Broadcast	1:15—Country Music Jazz
7:50—Breakfast Time Country Style		1:20—Country Music Jazz

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