

THE NEWS - RECORD



PICTURED ABOVE are the Hot Springs High School Juniors and Seniors who enjoyed touring Washington, D. C., last week. Left to right: Judy Swaney, Wanda Cogdill, Judy Whitson, Emmalene Webb, Shian Swaney, Paula Thomas, Brenda Goforth, Jeanette Roberts, Mrs. Hettie Rice, Mrs.

Lillian Whitten, Mrs. Bernice Wright, Linda Swaney, Pamela Price, Shirley Wills, Linda Higgins, Phyllis Haggins, Caroline Wood, Terry Padgett, Veronica Stills, Judy Swaney, Ronnie Jenkins, Timmy Strom, Freddie Barnett, Joseph King, Gary Wills, Darius Jenkins, Wayne Wills, Larry Roberts, Junior

Lambe, John Manship-Tour Guide, Ralph Ramsey-Bus Driver, Sidney Harrison, William Whitten, Gary Dillon, Bobby Padgett, Free Ricker, Charles Ricker, David Whitten, Allen Wallin, Tommy Rathbone, Victor Stills, Steve Moore.

2,000 Attend French Broad EMC Meeting

E. C. Teague of Marshall was re-elected president of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation at its 31st annual meeting Saturday on the Island. Some 2,000 persons braved a morning rain-fall to enjoy the barbecue lunch, a film show of the power firm's progress and future plans, and the singing of an Asheville quartet, the Peace Makers.

Also at the business meeting, Teague was re-elected a director along with I. E. Clevenger, of Yancey county, E. H. Pate of Madison. Carry over directors are Neville Hawkins of Madison, W. J. Plemmons and O. H. Tilson, Buncombe; C. I. Proffitt and Paul Huggins, YANCEY; J. A. Rice of Unicoi County, Tenn., and Elmer Buchanan of Mitchell.

Rain fell in Marshall practically all morning Saturday but this didn't dampen the spirit of the hundreds who came to Marshall despite the downpours. Fortunately the skies cleared around noon and by the time the delicious and free barbecue dinner was served, the cafeteria became a den of hungry men, women, girls and boys. Friends exchanged greetings and fellowshiped together as everyone enjoyed the meal.

The Peace Maker's Quartet of Asheville lived up to its reputation as fine singers as they entertained the large crowd. The business session was one of the most interesting ever held in Marshall and the presentation of the progress, etc., by film was well received.

Always one of the features is the giving away of numerous

gifts at the conclusion of the meeting.

Prize winners Saturday were as follows:
Washer: Mrs. Glennis Cutshall, Route 3, Marshall.
Dryer: E. M. Jenkins, Rt. 2, Marshall.
Broiler: Virginia Jones, Rt. 2, Marshall.
Drill: Lillian B. Johnson, Rt. 3, Mars Hill.
Blender: Fred Rigby, Rt. 5, Marshall.
Frypan: Edmond Goforth, Tr. 4, Marshall; Mrs. Stella Reeves, Rt. 3, Marshall; Mrs. J. Fisher, Rt. 2, Marshall.
Mixer: B. H. DeBruhl, Rt. 1, Marshall; Robert Thomas, Rt. 4, Marshall; Zora Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall; Alta Coates, Rt. 6, Marshall.

Electric Heater: James Haynie, Marshall, Garfield Rice, Rt. 2, Marshall.
Fan: R. E. Shook, Rt. 2, Marshall; Raymond Caldwell, Rt. 1, Marshall.
Toaster: Lon Sluder, Rt. 5, Marshall; Mrs. Oakley Wyatt, Rt. 7, Marshall; Aaron Tweed, Route 2, Marshall.
Toaster Oven: Walter Green, Rt. 2, Marshall.

Radio: Jack Lunsford, Rt. 1, Marshall; Pierceb Crain, Rt. 4, Marshall.
Iron: Herbert Ponder, Rt. 2, Marshall; Larry Chandler, Marshall; Patterson Wilde, Rt. 6, Marshall; Ralph Woodard, Rt. 5, Marshall.

Percolator: Grady Coward, Rt. 1, Hot Springs; D. Frank Fisher, Rt. 6, Marshall; Aaron Reese, Rt. 1, Marshall; Robert Blazer, Rt. 6, Marshall; Isaac Gunter, Rt. 4, Marshall.

Working With The Blind

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the part of the persons working with the blind client.

For some clients training must be postponed until additional medical treatment is given.

Once the person is ready for training he usually goes to the rehabilitation center. The one in North Carolina is at Butner. If a child, he would probably go to the State School for the Blind at Raleigh.

Once at the training center he is given instruction in manual dexterity, courses in braille, in typing and in personal grooming. They are also given training in homemaking skills such as cooking, housekeeping, etc.

At the same time the person is given training in mobility through aids, methods, services and skills that will enable him to move about in a sight oriented world with confidence, safety and purpose.

The acquisition of the basic skills varies with the individual as does his capabilities for a job or career. He may now begin further vocational, technical or professional training at a rehabilitation center, technical school or at a college or university.

This process of movement from a newly blinded person to a trained, capable person may not have taken months, but years.

The final step is finding a job and becoming independent. Help in getting a job comes from Rehabilitation Counselors, Social Workers, Employment bureau workers and any and all members of the State Commission's "team". However, in many cases it is the blind person himself who finds his own job through the confidence and training he has acquired.

For some of the blind, especially the elderly, Vocational Rehabilitation and going to work is not possible. However, rehabilitative services are helpful even if to a limited degree in personal reorganization and learning daily living skills. Even those who are multiple-handicapped can become at least semi-

independent.

Fortunately our state has the N.C. State Commission for the Blind which stresses a team effort on behalf of all its employees to assure the best possible life for all our state's blind citizens.

For further information about any or all of these services contact your local Department of Social Services.



Rev. Ned Beatty

Revival Starts At Baptist Church Monday

The Rev. Ned Beatty will be the visiting speaker in revival services at the Marshall Baptist Church May 1-7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock and a nursery will be provided.

There will be special singing during the week and Beatty will be heard each day on Radio station WMMH at 10:30 a. m.

The speaker is pastor of Enon Chapel Baptist Church of

Midway. He is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and was the first Military Personnel Representative to serve in the Southern Baptist Convention. His ministry has been unique in many respects and his preaching is dynamic.

The public is cordially invited. Music director for the week will be Dennis Wilson.

Mars Hill Expands Intern Program

"Education is a growth industry," Dr. Vernon B. Chapman, education department chairman, said here this week as expansion of Mars Hill College's year-long internship program for elementary education majors.

The Internship is the crux of a model experiential education curriculum begun last fall by this small liberal arts college in the mountain region of North Carolina with the financial help of a \$65,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.

It is the only year-long teaching internship offered in the state by an undergraduate college. "Most such internships are given on the graduate level as in MAT (Master's of Arts in Teaching) programs," Chapman said.

He will place 60 of his students at seven schools located in Greensboro and in Buncombe County this August. This year's program had 20 intern-teachers split between Burton Grove school in Eden, over 200 miles distant from campus, and Glen Arden, and new "open-classroom" school near Asheville. All are upper classmen with at least two years of education courses.

Chapman termed the internship a "success" and a model other college teacher training programs should follow. "I think education is a growth industry," he said. The demand for better trained teachers will not lessen but will be greater as the birth rate levels off and fund school systems have expended for maintenance and construction will be channeled into programs, he said. Chapman also noted that despite an oversupply of teachers in the state and nation, the recent statistics released by the N.C. department of Public Instruction showed a shortage of teachers at the elementary level.

The interim-teachers work with children in subjects related to concurrent methods courses taught at their schools by college faculty and school system personnel. Thus they

received textbook and practical learning in language arts, social studies, science, math.

Dr. Blanche Norman, principal of Burton Grove, said the interns "have learned so much that is not taught in school or possible through the usual eight to ten weeks of practice teaching." It amounts to, she explained, gaining the self-confidence and experience of being an integral part of the school and community and having an actual role in making the school program work. "I think it is the best way to train teachers," she said.

One of the Burton Grove interns said recently, "We have found an exciting way to learn and we have become very valuable people with valuable skills."

Chapman said public schools have responded enthusiastically to the internship program and he has had more requests for intern-teachers than his department could fulfill. "They may view the interns as cheap manpower," he said, "which is an adequate trade-off if the program gives our students an acclimation to public schools, and awareness and concern for children and a chance to be self-learners."

The college's new experiential education curriculum includes a freshman seminar in growth and development with observation and participation in area schools, a sophomore tutorial seminar with a year-long tutoring experience, the junior year internship and a

senior reading course which involves a full year in diagnosis and work with children who have reading difficulties.

Farmers Asked To Report REAP Practices

Farmers who have received cost-sharing assistance under the 1972 Rural Environmental Assistance Program should report their completed practices to the ASCS Office as soon as possible according to Ralph Ramsey, County Executive Director. From ACP 245 should be completed just as soon as the practice is finished and either mailed or brought to the County Office. Farmers who have misplaced their copy of ACP 245 may come to the office in person and report their practices.

For Mars Hill \$162,309 Telephone Construction Program

C. O. Stafford, District Plant Manager for Westco and Western Carolina Telephone companies, announced that a \$162,309 construction program is underway in the Mars Hill exchange.

Stafford said part of this construction program is to place 73,031 feet of telephone cable out to the Doctor's Ridge Section, on highway 213 toward Weaverville, and out Highway 23 in the Wolf Laurel section. Stafford added that the program along Highway 213 will

consist of a 600 pair main telephone cable near Mars Hill and will include a 50 pair telephone cable in the Doctor's Ridge Section. This will make an additional 125 telephone lines available in the Doctor's Ridge section and over 300 additional lines along Highway 213.

Stafford said this construction program is designed both to serve people who do not have telephone service now, and provide private line service for people in this area who desire it.

N.C. Symphony Orchestra At Mars Hill Next Week



BENJAMIN SWALIN rehearses the North Carolina Symphony for its 25th annual tour which includes two performances at Mars Hill College this week. The first will be a children's matinee at 1 p.m. Monday, May 1, and the second will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, which will include the college's Chamber Singers performing Bernstein's "Christmastime." The concerts will be given in Moore Auditorium.

Turn Clocks FORWARD

Yes, it's that time again to change from Eastern Standard to Daylight Savings Time.

Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour when you retire this Saturday night.



A PORTION of the large crowd eating at the free Barbecue dinner served on the 31st Annual French Broad EMC meeting held on the Island last Saturday.