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PICTURED ABOVE are members of the Marshall High School Senior Class of 1971-72 who recently enjoyed a visit to Washington D. C. and New York City. Pictured from left to right: Front row: Janice Worley, Sandra Bradley, Kaye Buckner, Joyce Briggs, Nancy Collins, Debbie Hunter, Edna Ann Silver, Mrs. Grover Gosnell (Sponsor), Congressman Roy A. Taylor, Mrs. J. Enelo Boone (Sponsor), Cheryl Rice, Sheila West, Brenda Brinkley, Janet Cooper, Linda Haynie, Diana Davis, Joyce Ball. Back Row: Randy Roberts, Terry Worley, David Winsor, Jerry Haynie, Jim Baker, Ricky Buckner, Tommy Candler, Melvin Teague, James All (Sponsor), Verlan Davis, Vondor Reid, Ricahrd Roberson, David Teague, Johnnie Roberts, Charles Allen, Danny Ball, Jimmy Ponder.

GOP Precinct Committees Elected

Republican committees elected at the precinct meetings Saturday are as follows:

Marshall: Walter R. Harrell, chairman; Mrs. Roland Ramsey, vice-chairman; Bobby Chandler, secretary; Ted McKinney, Mrs. Loy P. (Pati) Roberts, Miss Marsha Payne, Mrs. Lucile R. Roberts, Mrs. Frances Buckner, Howard Riddle, members.

Laurel: Odus Chandler, chairman; Mrs. Mamie B. Banks, vice-chairman; Mrs. Thomas J. Ray, secretary; Prince Gosnell, G. M. Cutshaw, H. J. Cutshaw, Clarence Cutshaw, Ward Adams, members.

Marshall: William P. Powell, chairman; Mrs. Ralph E. Briggs, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles A. Crocco, secretary; Dr. Larry N. Stern, Mrs. Annie Slagle, Mrs. Pearl T. Ammons, McKunley Hembree, Randy Cody, C. Willard Briggs, members.

Heech Glen: Don Hall, chairman; Walter Cody, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. N. Willis, secretary; Paul Briggs, Jr., Walter Chandler, Bruce English, Zeno R. Swann, Steve Davis, Mrs. Duffie Fox Chandler, members.

Walnut: J. Dedrick Brown, chairman; Mrs. Edith Langford, vice-chairman; Clyde Randall, sec.; Jim F. Crane, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey, Jack Guthrie, Charles Eatmon, Micky Joe Fowler, members.

Hot Springs: Curtis Roberts, chairman; Mrs. Peggy B. Dotterer, vice-chairman; Mrs. Irene Cribb Roberts, sec.; Lee Fowler, Frank Lee Roberts, Sr., Troy Self, Roy L. Roberts, Gilbert Stackhouse, members.

In addition to Coach Bradburn, other features are being planned.

All graduates and former and present faculty members are urged to attend.

"We do not have a complete mailing list and it is impossible to send notices to all graduates and teachers so if you should fail to receive a written notice don't let that stop you from attending the banquet. We want a large attendance present and will be expecting you."

Spring Creek: Spencer Rollins, chairman; Frank Massey, vice-chairman; Mr. Edd Langford, Sr., secretary; Larry Ferguson, Tony Plemmons, Frank Hips, Tommy Clark, Eddie Langford, Jr., members.

Sandy Mush: W. Gale Brown, chairman; Marshall Duckett, vice-chairman; Robert Duckett, secretary; Hubert Sharpe, Neal Bradburn, Robert Buckner, Robert Tweed, James Ashe, members.

Grapevine-East Fork: Frank W. Morgan, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Lockie Rice Coates, vice-chairman; Kerlan Clark, sec.; Harold Payne, Wayne Clark, Fred Huffman, Everett Gosnell, Mrs. Betty B. Clark, Roscoe Sprinkle, Mrs. Jean McFaris Edwards, members.

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services; \$32.91 went for operation of plant; \$20.69 was for maintenance of plant; \$67.85 was for fixed charges, and \$63.12 was spent on auxiliary services.

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Hot Springs Health Program Gets Grant

Dan K. Ray, acting director of Mountain Ramparts Health Planning Inc., has announced the funding for the Hot Springs Health Program, Inc.

The program is funded with a \$188,185 grant from the Appalachian Regional Planning Commission.

According to Ray, the program will provide complete health services for the 5,500 residents in western Madison County.

The project, to become operational June first, will serve the health needs of the residents of Walnut, Laurel, Hot Springs and Spring Creek townships in Madison County.

Ray calls the program "One of the most unique health programs in the United States." It will provide complete medical care, dental care and a home nurse practitioner program from the Hot Springs Clinic in Hot Springs.

Dr. Robert Moffatt, president of Mountain Ramparts said "the Hot Springs Program is being used as a pattern for rural clinics all across the country."

Dr. Moffatt noted that the clinic and program had been in the planning stages for the past year.

Miss Linda Ocker, project director, announced that Robert Blake, M. D. will begin work with the program on a full-time basis in July. A search is under way to secure the full time services of a dentist for the program.

Hot Springs Health Program, Inc., will be located in a 13 room clinic in Hot Springs. Work has been going on from this clinic since 1971, but for the first time there will be a physician and dentist and other para-medical personnel on the staff on a full time basis.

Two Asheville physicians, Michael F. Keleher, M. D., and Benjamin P. Sandler, M. D., have been providing part-time services to the clinic during the past year. Dr. Sandler visiting the clinic four days per month, and Dr. Keleher two days per month, providing part-time service to the residents of Western Madison County.

In addition to the full-time physician and dentist, there will be other allied and supportive services rendered by the clinic.

SWIMMING POOL CLINIC

A Swimming Pool Operation and Management Clinic, sponsored by the American Red Cross, will be held May 22, 23, and 24 7:30 p.m., at Red Cross Chapter Headquarters, 518 Kenilworth Road, Asheville.

This clinic is designed for pool managers, lifeguards, home pool owners, motel pool operators, and anyone interested in safe, healthful swimming pool operations.

There is no charge for the clinic, and anyone involved with swimming facilities is urged to attend.



Jim Baker Appointed West Point

Congressman Roy A. Taylor has announced the appointment of James Leonard Baker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baker, Sr., of Marshall, to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Congressman Taylor said that Baker qualified on his own merits by passing difficult academic and physical examinations administered by the Academy.

The young Marshall senior is the first appointee to the Academy from Madison County although others have been nominated.

Baker has maintained an enviable record throughout his 12 years in public schools and is one of the most popular and highly esteemed students ever to attend the Marshall school.

In his Junior year he was president of the class, Junior Marshal, a member of the baseball and track teams, president of the FFA Club, vice-president of the debating club and member of the Beta, Camera, French and Monogram Clubs.

As a senior, Jim is president of the class, vice-president of the French Club, president of Camera Club, secretary of FFA Club, treasurer of Debating Club, member of Beta and Monogram Clubs, school yearbook business manager; was selected as "Mr. Marshall High School," and is, needless to say, an honor student. Jim also drives a school bus where he has attained a perfect record.

Jim will leave on July 2 for the Academy at West Point.

Ponder Raps "Head Start" Setup In County

Zeno Ponder, Madison County political stalwart, and vice-president of the Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe Counties, took steady air and let go a full blast Tuesday night at the new Head Start program being introduced in Madison by Mrs. Rebecca Stradley, Head Start director.

As vice chairman of the planning and evaluation committee, Ponder reported that his group at an informal meeting had discussed "how to come up with an honest and true evaluation" and said the committee wanted to talk to the people. "All the people, not just those who have been reached, but those who have been missed as well."

Ponder said Supt. Robert Edwards of Madison County Schools had come to him "greatly disturbed about the parents whose children are not being reached." He said the parents were those not in a position to get their children to the Head Start centers and who were not being reached by the roving teachers.

"Madison County people did not want the Head Start program that has been imposed upon them," Ponder told the Opportunity Corp. board members.

With Edwards, a strong opponent of Madison County Schools from its inception, Ponder said, "We were asked to make a survey to see what the people wanted."

"We spent 40 to 50 hours at it, traveled 250 miles, stayed up past midnight, talked to the people whose children are eligible and then took a poll. Of a total of 112 concerned parents, one favored the proposed program and 111 were opposed."

He said 50 were being reached and 120 children who are eligible were not. "And the people are unhappy about it. They wonder why they are being discriminated against."

Ponder said the school had been moved from an adequate site in a well-equipped school to

one that is inaccessible and totally inadequate from the standpoint of heating, lights, playground and paint—"mainly because it doesn't have them," he said.

"It is inconceivable that she would ignore two-thirds of the eligible children and move out to an inaccessible, inadequate location," Ponder continued, adding, "and if there is an explanation, I'd like to hear it."

"But," he said, "if it's that same garbage that her program has to coincide with what Atlanta wants, then I don't want to hear it. It's our program and we have a right to run it to meet our people's needs."

Mrs. Stradley, who previously had told the board that the children Ponder referred to are not eligible under the Head Start guidelines, was not present at the meeting.

\$1 Million French Broad EMC Grant

U. S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan announced here that a \$1,045,000 grant from the Rural Electrification Administration has been approved for the French Broad Electric Membership Corp.

The funds include facilities to serve 750 new customers of the corporation which provides electric service for five Western North Carolina and East Tennessee counties with offices in Marshall, Burnsville and Bakersville.

The 31-year-old power firm is the second largest distributor of electrical energy in the western part of North Carolina and has about 60,000 members.

Hot Springs Wins In I-A Playoffs

Junior Lamb fired a two-hitter Tuesday while fanning nine Cullowhee hitters to hurl the Hot Springs Blue Devils to a 3-0 win in the first round of the State I-A baseball playoffs.

Larry Hunsinger pounded a run-scoring double and David Whitten collected a triple to back Lamb at the plate.

Hot Springs will play Hayesville in the second round of the tournament Friday.

Baccalaureate Service At MHS

The Baccalaureate Service for Marshall High School will be held this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. James B. Connor, D. M. D., will deliver the address.

The public is cordially invited.

Farmer Certification Key To Program Payments

Farmer certification is the essential step preceding set-aside payments to producers participating in the U. S. Department of Agriculture 1972 set-aside programs for corn, grain sorghum, barley, and wheat according to Ralph W. Ramsey, County Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

He urged farmers who have questions about certification to call or come to their county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

"It's important that a farmer know exactly what he is certifying before he signs his name," said Ramsey.

Final certification date this year is June 30, but certification may be made as soon as a farmer has his program crops planted and knows he is in compliance with the programs.

As soon as a producer certifies, the County ASCS Office begins processing the date for payment which will be made soon after July 1.

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An error in certification can result in loss of some or all of the set-aside payment. Spot checks are made each year on farms participating in the programs.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE winners in the county 4-H Demonstration program held at Walnut last Saturday. Front row, Peggy Sexton, Billy DuVall, Renee Wyatt; second row, Ronnie Brinkley, Tommy DuVall, Warren Rice, Felicia Bishop, Linda DuVall; back row, Tod McCormick, Jane Rice, Lee Sexton. Not pictured are Eddie Reed and Nancy Treadway.



EPSILON PHI CHAPTER of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Mother's Day Tea, Sunday, May 7, in the Faculty Lounge of the Mars Hill College Library in Mars Hill. Those present were JoAnn Johnson and mother, Mrs. J. C. Chandley; Sandy Hembree and mother, Mrs. Frankie Slagle and adopted mother, Mrs. Ed Howard; Angie Mitchell; Anna Neal Stevens and mother, Mrs. Neal Matheson; Ann Taylor; Joyce Thomason and mother, Mrs. Lee Hamlin; Judy Wallin and mother, Mrs. Calvin Edwards and mother-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Wallin.

Wanda Hollifield and adopted mother, Mrs. G. W. Wood; Reva Shelton and mother, Mrs. Lokie Slagle; Martha Gault and mother Mrs. J. E. Edwards; Margaret Moss and mother-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Moss. The mothers were presented with a corsage of yellow carnations trimmed with a black and gold ribbon and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The table was decorated with an arrangement of spring flowers which were presented to an elderly person in the community.