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Marshall Now Has Four Fire Trucks Ready For Action

Marshall's present fire fighting equipment is a far cry from what it was back in the late '40's and '50's," Jim Story, former fire chief for ten years during that period, said this week.

Back in the 'old days' we had only one fire truck, a 1946 Chevrolet pumper. Of course, we were mighty proud of the truck as were the citizens of Marshall and the firemen. The biggest problem, however, was that it could scarcely climb the steep streets and roads leading out of Marshall," Story said. "I can well remember when we had to have some other vehicle or truck to get behind the fire truck on a cold night or morning and help push it up the steep grades," he recalled. Story recalls that although there were 22 members on the firemen's roster, seldom did over six or seven regularly respond to the sound of the siren. "Among the most faithful firemen were Bill Boone, who operated the pumps, Ed Sams, Phillip Elam, Hubert Edwards, Will B. Ramsey, T. N. Henderson, Wade Huey, T. F. Sams, Fain Sprinkle, James Penland, Howard Jarvis, and a few others," the former chief commented.

"According to law," Story said, "with only one unit, we were not supposed to take the fire truck out of the corporate limits but when someone's home was on fire or threatened we went anyway. Law or no law, we couldn't just stand by and see property destroyed."

TIMES CHANGE
Incidentally, the same old '46 Chevy fire truck is still in operation but instead of just the one truck the town now has four well-equipped trucks ready to move at all times.

Under the command of Allen Duckett, W. B. Ramsey, and Charles "Ham" Crowe, fire chiefs, the need for rural fire-fighting equipment became more evident and needed. These splendid and dedicated leaders did something about the situation. They, along with members of the fire department, started "building" a fire truck which later proved a slavation to many and which resulted in saving thousands of dollars of damage by fire. Many persons, realizing what the firemen were doing, contributed toward the cost of the chassis and equipment. Town officials also responded in many ways and before too long the town had two fire trucks.

Fire-lighting courses were taught by Chief Allen Duckett, who was not only a qualified instructor but a faithful and dedicated fireman. Hundreds of hours of hard labor were done without "fanfare" by the firemen whose major concern was making the fire department more effective. After years of loyal service, Duckett resigned and the work continued under the leadership of W. B. Ramsey.

Following Ramsey's "term" as fire chief, Charles "Ham" Crowe, for years an outstanding fireman, accepted the chief's post. To say he did a fine job is

an understatement. Crowe worked many days and nights on fixing up the rural trucks and keeping things "on the move" although he was busy with his profession as plumber. He was the type of person who was "always there" when the siren blew and will go down in history as one of Marshall's finest fire chiefs. He is still "Dependable Ham" and always answers the call when he can.

Following Crowe's tenure as fire chief, a young, enthusiastic fireman—Joe Fisher—took over the responsibilities and is the present fire chief. Not only is Fisher a fine leader but his ability as a mechanic has helped a great deal. The biggest improvement, however, was the purchase of a modern 1970 GMC by the town. This vehicle has "everything" to put out fires and is the "pride and joy" of the firemen. Not only is this truck used in the corporate limits but is also used, when necessary, in rural emergencies.

"In our opinion this is the most valuable investment ever made by the town's" Chief Fisher stated.

NOW A FOURTH TRUCK

Ordinarily, three fire trucks would seem a sufficient number but not so here.

Through various projects, such as the 4th of July Rodeo, and the personal contributions by the firemen, the local firemen decided a new, fast, easily operated truck was

needed for rural fires. Just needed? Not at all. They did something about it and in December, 1971, the firemen purchased a 1971 Ford chassis and started working on the body last January.

Needless to say, all the firemen pitched in but special recognition is due three of the "crew"

It would be impossible to know just how many hours Dean Rigsby, Chief Fisher and "Ham" Crowe have spent on building the body and getting all the welding expertly done. Night after night, hour after hour, Dean Rigsby could be seen working feverishly fixing this and that although he had put in a full day's work at Service Motor Sales, here. "He's the most dedicated worker I've ever seen," Chief Fisher stated. "Not only did he let us use his garage but he was there helping at all times," Fisher commented.

TRUCK LETTERED

When the truck was finished in late June, it looked great but still needed lettering and there

was no fireman who had this talent.

It was at this point that William C. ("Brother Rat") Stanton, an outstanding sign painter and graphic arts expert, who has a studio on the Barnard Road near Walnut, came to the rescue. Bill volunteered to letter and paint the truck free of charge. He did a magnificent job and is truly an accomplished "letterman" and creative painter.

"We are most grateful to Bill for doing this fine job," Chief Fisher said.

FIREMEN

Present firemen include Joe Fisher, chief; Ray Crowe, Assistant chief; Bob Davis, assistant chief; Allen Duckett, deputy chief; James Penland, captain; Don West, Captain; Bobby Pegg, lieutenant; Fain Davis, Lieutenant; Tim Sams, Ray Roberts, Russell Wilson, Charles "Ham" Crowe, Dean Rigsby, Jim Buckner, Michael Metcalf, Jim Story, "Chuck" Marlor, Jack Marlor, Ed Niles, Kelly Davis, Ernest Sawyer, Ralph McCormick, Calvin Ball.



PICTURED IN FRONT of the four Marshall fire trucks left to right, Joe Fisher, chief; Ray Crowe, asst. chief; James Penland captain; Bobby Pegg, Kelly Davis, Dean Rigsby, Ernest Sawyer, Calvin Ball and Michael Metcalf.

Child Development Centers Listed For County

Congressman Roy A. Taylor Monday announced the ap-

proval of \$83,022 in grant funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the establishment of 20 new child development centers in nine counties of the 11th Congressional District. A total of 845 children will be served in the centers themselves and 600 in their homes by center representatives. An additional \$26,923 was approved in ARC funds to ex-

pand the operation of existing centers in two of the counties. The ARC funds represent approximately one-third of the total cost of establishing and operating the centers. The remaining funds will be supplied by the Social Security Administration through its Social Rehabilitation Services program and from local sources.

The centers are designed to provide health, education, nutrition, social services, and day care facilities.

The centers, by counties, number of children to be served in the centers, at home, and the ARC funds approved for each, in that order, follow:

Madison: Marshall, 40, 30, \$40,836; Mars Hill, 40, 30, \$40,836.

Mrs. Jarvis Is Named CFRF Chairman

Mrs. James W. Jarvis of Mars Hill, has been named campaign chairman for Madison County, according to Mrs. Robert B. (Katie) Morgan, Honorary State Chairman, North Carolina Chapter, National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. The Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation supports research in children's lung damaging diseases such as

cystic fibrosis, asthma with lung damage, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, and childhood emphysema.

Duke C-F Center, Duke Medical Center in Durham, is one of 110 centers in the country supported by the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. This is a care, teaching, and research

center and is recognized nationally for its contribution to research in children's lung diseases.

Cystic Fibrosis, the most serious of children's lung diseases, is found one in every one thousand births, occurs when both parents are carriers of the recessive gene. It is estimated that 1 in 20 people are carriers. Life expectancy of a C-F patient is age 15. While improved methods of treatment have added 10 years to life expectancy since 1960, still, there is no cure.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Morgan said, "It's the dedication of volunteers all over the state that has helped bring about longer life for those with C-F and more comfort to all those who cannot take breathing for granted." We are pleased to have Mrs. Jarvis join our ranks to give hope to those 3,000 N. C. youngsters who face the discomforts of lung damaging diseases.

Times Theatre Films Popular

Throughout the summer months the students in Residence at the "Hot Springs Boy's Home and Student Hostel" are sponsoring a series of first-run movies in an attempt to raise money to build a basketball court for the youth of the Home and Hot Springs. The support for this project has been excellent. All types of movies have been shown but the best attended to date have been "Frogs," "Schizoid," and "The Return of Count Yorga." This Saturday and Sunday night at 8:15 p. m. the Theater will present "Wuthering Heights." For the weekends of August the following films have been rented: On August 4, 5, 6th, "Love Story."—On August 12, and 13, "Friends." On August 19 and 20 "Paint Your Wagon." and finally, on August 26 and 27 "Such Good Friends." Thanks to advertising in the Marshall News Record and posters

bantez and Jimmy Goforth, Jr. Jeff Burton, S. J. would like to take this opportunity to thank the scores of others who have assisted in so many ways. All are cordially invited to come to continue to make the Theater project a success in the remaining six weeks.

80 Students Expected At MHC Band Camp

Some 80 high school students have been accepted to the two-week band camp here at Mars Hill College which will begin Sunday, July 23.

Camp director Raymond Babelay said he considered 80 as the camp's maximum enrollment. The camp has quadrupled since the first summer it was held in 1969.

"The value of a band camp," Babelay said, "is it gives youngsters a chance to pick up new ideas for the first time or hear old ideas freshly put within a new environment and organization. They always return home with new ideas and new interests in their musical activities."

Babelay joined the Mars Hill faculty in 1968 as associate professor of music and band director. He had served 11 years as high school band director in Morganton, Wilson and Charlotte Courthouse, Va., and served eight summers as clinician at the granddaddy of band camps in the South—East Carolina University's.

News-Record To Be Published One Day Earlier

Beginning this week The News-Record will be published on Wednesday mornings instead of Thursday. Most subscribers will receive their papers on Thursday mornings instead of Friday mornings as in the past.

All "copy"—news and advertising—must be in the News-Record Office BEFORE Tuesday at Noon to assure publication.

For further details, read Editorial in this issue.



PEGGY CUTSHAW (right), President of Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, is shown presenting a check for \$50 to Mrs. Peggy Dotterer (center), chairman of the Madison County Library Board here last Friday. Mrs. Lucile Roberts, Librarian, is shown at left. The check will be used to purchase a film for the county library that will be available for use by the public schools in Madison County.

Wayne McDevitt On European Study Tour



Wayne McDevitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt of Walnut Creek Road in Marshall left Washington, D. C. via a B.O.A.C. jet cruiser on Sunday, July 16 enroute to the European continent. There will be a two-day layover in New Amsterdam before arriving in London, England.

are from many colleges and universities on the eastern coast and their major fields vary widely.

Wayne will receive three semester hours credit in Political Science and three in philosophy. The group will study approximately three weeks at Regents Park College, a part of Oxford University which is 20 miles from London, England. During this time span, he will have an opportunity to tour London and its neighboring cities.

The remainder of the six weeks trip will include tours of many European countries. In each of these countries, they will visit the embassies and sites of historical events. Plans are made to meet the U.S. Ambassadors of some of the countries.

The group will return to New York City during the last week in August.

National Guard On WLOS-TV Next Sunday

Television Station WLOS-TV has announced the broadcast day and time of a special program designed to inform the public about the activities of the North Carolina Army National Guard. This program entitled

"The National Guard Today," will be aired on Sunday July 23 at 2 p.m. on channel 13. Officers and enlisted men from the 109th Military Police Battalion, located in Asheville and other

Western North Carolina cities, will appear on the program. Viewers will see film highlights of National Guard weekend and Summer Camp training. Young men who are interested in a "Guard" career will find the program very informative. The program will be offered to television stations throughout North Carolina and will be distributed by the Public Information Office of the North Carolina Army National Guard in Raleigh.

Girl Scout Day Camp July 24-28

Day Camp for Madison County Girl Scouts is scheduled for July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at the Dan Carter farm in Mars Hill.

Any Girl Scout who has not yet registered may do so by contacting Caroline Osteen their troop leader or she may register the first day of camp.

GOP Women To Meet Monday At Courthouse

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Monday night at the courthouse here at 7:30 o'clock.

Perry G. Willis and W. Ted McKinney will discuss election laws and procedures. All members and others interested are cordially invited.



A. J. DUCK,

A. J. Duck, County ASCS Supervisor, Retires

Arthur J. Duck, a native and resident of the Middle Fork section of Madison County, retired from his position as an ASCS reporter and compliance supervisor on June 12, 1972, after 34 years of part time service. Mr. Duck began his services with the U. S. Department of Agriculture back in the year of 1938, when the present ASCS agency was known as the (AAA) Agriculture Adjustment Administration. Other titles assigned to this agency during Mr. Duck's long tenure of work include Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment, Agricultural Conservation Service and Production Marketing Service. During his tenure of employment with the Department of Agriculture he has worked under the titles of Community Committeeman, Crop Reporter, County Spot-checker, and as County Compliance Supervisor. As County compliance Supervisor, a position he held for some 25 years, he was responsible for training and supervising the work of field reporters, who

determined the extent of acreages devoted to various crop and other land uses.

In commenting on Mr. Duck's work, Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Executive Director, stated that Arthur was very efficient and possessed the ability of meeting and getting along well with farmers. No doubt he has been on more of the county's farms and knows more of our farmers by name

than any one associated with ASCS. Farmers like Arthur and had great faith in his ability to accurately and fairly determine field acreages. We with ASCS will greatly miss him and his services.

Arthur is married to Florence Ponder Duck. The Ducks are Baptists and are very active in the Bethel Church of which they are members.

The ASCS personnel honored Arthur with a surprise cook-out Saturday night, July 15, at his home. Those attending in addition to the Ducks were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cutshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Briggs and son, Grayson, and Sandra Buckner. On behalf of ASCS personnel, Ralph Ramsey presented Arthur with a watch as a token of their appreciation for all his years of fine service. "Arthur will be greatly missed but we are sure that he will enjoy retirement," Mr. Ramsey said.



PICTURED ABOVE are three of the Marshall Lions Club officers who were installed last week during installation and Ladies' Night held at Buck's Restaurant in Asheville. Left to right, Tom G. Wallin, president; Navis Gentry, First Vice President; and Charles Huey, secretary. Not present for picture are other officers: J. C. Wallin, second vice president; E. C. Trogan, third vice president; John Fisher, treasurer; Bob Davis, tall behind; Ralph McCormick, Lion Tamer; Earle Wise and O. A. Gregory, directors.