

THE NEWS - RECORD

Mountain Music Festival At Sodom This Week-end

The Second Annual Madison County Music Festival will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 15, 16, and 17, at the community ball park in the Sodom section of Madison County, 20 miles north-west of Marshall on US 208. This festival is presented by The Old-Time Music Committee of

Madison County. This festival will comply with the oldest traditions of mountain music. For this reason no country-western, rock music, or electric instruments will be allowed. This festival is dedicated to old-time musicians and the presentation of their music. There will be no contest or competition and musicians are urged to play with one another and not against one another.

Admission to the festival will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12 years of age per night or \$3 for a week-end pass. Refreshments will be sold and campsites will be available.

All who come are asked to bring a blanket or a chair to sit on. The entertainment schedule is as follows: Friday and Saturday from sun-down until—and Sunday afternoon. Square dances will be held throughout the festival when the people want them and there will be an Old Time Gospel Singing on Sunday. There will also be a workshop held on Saturday by the musicians and singers to pass

on their knowledge to younger people who would like to learn. All old-time fiddle, banjo, dulcimer, and guitar players, buck and square dancers, ballad singers, and old-time hymn singers and other traditional mountain musicians are urged to come and sing and visit with friends and neighbors and enjoy music in the mountain tradition. Everyone who attends this fine event will be glad they were there.

Horse Show At Mars Hill Successful

The annual Horse Show at Mars Hill last Saturday was very successful, according to officials of the Mars Hill Lions Club, sponsors. If possible, winners of the events will be published next week since a list of winners was obtained too late for this issue.

Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair Is Planned

The 17th annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, is now being planned for August 3 and 4 on the Town Square in Burnsville.

Craftsmen from Yancey, neighboring mountain counties, other sections of North Carolina, and other states will come to display, demonstrate, and sell their handmade crafts in the two-day event which brings countless people to Burnsville.

The fair will open on Friday morning and will end late Saturday. There will be games, entertainment, and refreshments. On Saturday, chicken barbecue will be sold to those in attendance at the fair.

The first weekend in August will be a big one in Burnsville. In addition to the Crafts Fair, the 6th annual Yancey Youth Jamboree, featuring traditional folk music, singing, and dancing and also sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, will open at East Yancey High School Auditorium on Thursday night, August 2, and will be presented again on Friday night, August 3.



MECHANIZED BACKYARD COWBOY—Ralph M. Lee of Mars Hill, who concludes a year's service as governor of the North Carolina District West of Civitan International on June 30, takes a trial ride on a handsome and useful gift presented to him at the annual district convention in Charlotte recently. In appreciation for his services as district governor, the members—approximately 2,573 of them—in 63 Civitan Clubs in the western half of the state gave him an AMF 36-inch, 8-horsepower riding mower with a dump cart. An avid gardener, the retired former academic dean at Mars Hill College is already putting the bright orange vehicle to good use. During Dean Lee's tenure as district governor, the district organized and chartered six new junior Civitan clubs, two collegiate clubs and one senior club with a net increase of 73 senior members, 139 juniors and 40 collegiate members. Civitan clubs support numerous community projects such as schools for the mentally retarded and handicapped, little league baseball teams boys' homes at Lake Waccamaw and Huntersville, and a youth conference center at Hendersonville. They contribute to school bands, awarded numerous scholarships to deserving high school graduates and foster a wide range of other community improvement projects. (Photo by Walter Smith.)

Mato Packing Plant Not To Open Here This Season

At a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 5, members of the Board of Directors of Mato Packing Company voted unanimously to close the packing shed for the year 1973. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Murray, chairman, with D. M. Robinson acting as secretary in the absence of Leonard Baker.

Upon roll call the following directors were present: O. A. Gregory, Hoscove Briggs, Wayne Briggan, Gay Merrill, Raymond Ramsey, C. D. Bowman, Earl Wise, D. M. Robinson and Murray.

After hearing a report on an estimate of vine ripened tomato production in the county for the year 1973, along

with figures from previous years of operation, the directors came to the conclusion that it would be unwise to reopen the shed for operation this season.

It was also pointed out that several industries had ex-

James Wallin Aided In Breathing By IPPB Machine

James M. Wallin, of Route 4 Marshall, has a crippling lung disease called emphysema. In April of this year he was admitted to WNC Sanatorium, Black Mountain, on the referral of a private physician.

Last week Mr. Wallin came



FOUR UNITS of the nearly-completed Housing Project on Walnut Creek Road in Marshall were completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin shortly before 5 a.m. Tuesday morning. Marshall firemen, unable to extinguish the flames, prevented the adjacent units from burning.

Record Budget Proposed By Commissioners; Tax Rate Reduced

Madison County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. June 18 on their proposed \$5,556,038 budget for the 1973-74 fiscal year. The hearing will be in the courtroom of the courthouse.

Total appraised valuation of county properties, which includes personal property, utilities, and real estate is \$83,555,555. The new tax rate will be \$1.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation based on \$37,600,000 of tax taxable property with a 45 percent assessment ratio. The 1973-74 budget is \$3,063,778 greater than for the current year. Of the \$1.75 tax rate, \$.29 will be used to retire bonds for the new county school with the remaining \$1.46 being used for other county functions.

The budget includes \$434,582 in Revenue Sharing funds. These funds include Revenue Sharing monies which were received during the 1972-73 fiscal year and anticipated Revenue Sharing monies which will be received during the 1973-74 fiscal year.

The Board of Commissioners has currently appropriated \$63,000 of Revenue Sharing funds and has plans for using the remaining funds largely for a sanitary landfill and new school construction expenses (School Capital Outlay).

Schools are budgeted \$215,000 of local funds which is a slight increase over the 1972-73 budget allocation and the Library and Social Service have slightly decreased local fund allocations.

J. Nathan Wyatt Performance Engineer



BARBERTON, OHIO—J. Nathan Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herschel Wyatt, Rt. No. 4, 15 Lake Shore, Weaverville, has been named a performance engineer with the applications engineering department of The Babcock & Wilcox Company's industrial & marine division.

Born in Mars Hill, Wyatt joined B&W in June, 1969 as an assistant engineer with contract engineering after receiving a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University.

Prior to this most recent assignment, he was serving as an associate performance engineer with contract engineering.

Babcock & Wilcox is a major international manufacturer of power generation equipment for utilities and industry. Its sales during 1972 were more than \$60 million with a backlog of approximately \$2.5 billion.

A social worker at WNC Sanatorium described Mr. Wallin's situation to the WNC Lung Association and requested financial assistance in purchasing a respirator for him. He could return home only if a breathing machine could be obtained for his use.

The WNC Lung Association, located in Asheville, is the former WNC Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Although some limited patient services are provided, no program had been in effect to purchase respirators. In this case, a contribution had been received recently from the Madison County School System and it seemed very appropriate to extend help at this time to a patient from Marshall.

Several people connected with the WNC Lung Association were contacted, including Mrs. Leonard Baker and Mrs. James Story, Marshall, and Mrs. Brown Ammons, Mars Hill. Matching money was made available and the Association purchased a respirator.

The machine is the property of the WNC Lung Association and it is being loaned to Mr. Wallin for use as long as prescribed by a physician. This represents a "first" in the establishment of a respiratory loan closet for the Association. As additional equipment is purchased and hopefully, donated, it will be possible to loan it to lung disease patients located within the Association's area of North Carolina's nineteen westernmost counties.

As people like Mr. Wallin receive this help, the respiratory loan closet becomes another of the services made possible through contributions to Christmas Seals.

Pre-Certification Measurement Still Available

With the final certification date for farm program participants only weeks away, little time remains for farmers to request set-aside inspection and acreage measurement. Nita Mann, Acting County Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, pointed out:

Farmers who have any question about their set-aside land should get the correct answer about certifying. No adjustments or changes in set-aside acreage are permissible after a farmer certifies his compliance with the 1973 farm program provisions. If he doesn't have enough acreage set aside or if his set-aside land is not substantially equal in productivity to the land normally planted to program crops on the farm, he could lose some or all of his set-aside payment," said Mrs. Mann.

For a fee which covers the cost of the service, the County ASCS Office will provide inspection and measurement service for set-aside land. Inspection means a determination ahead of final certification date on whether the set-aside land is acceptable for quality. Measurement means staking and referencing the exact acreage required.

The date a farmer certifies, it's too late to make adjustments. Farmers can come in as soon as their 1973 plantings are complete and certify their acreage. Of course, the earlier a farmer certifies, the earlier he will receive payment," Mrs. Mann said.

Set-aside inspection and measurement service is available to all farm program participants. All ASCS programs are administered without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

John Campbell Receives P.I. Post At MHC

John H. Campbell, Jr. has been named Assistant for News and Information in the Division of Public Information at Mars Hill College. His duties will include news service operation and media relationships.

A native of Dillon, S.C., he is the son of Mr. and the late Mrs. John H. Campbell. A graduate of Dillon High School, he received his Bachelor's degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 1966. While at St. Andrews he was a charter member and Vice-President of Circle K International, a member of the Highland Players drama organization, and a cheerleader.

A Vietnam veteran, Campbell served with the First Air Cavalry Division during 1968. While there he received the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Following his separation from the service, he taught at Hamer Elementary School in Dillon before taking the position of News Director with St. Andrews where he served from 1969-1971. More recently, he served in a similar position at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. His articles have been

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published in several magazines including The Sandlapper in South Carolina and We the People of North Carolina. While at Wofford, 20 of his photographic prints were exhibited at the Sandor Teszler Library.

He is married to the former Linda Attaway of North Augusta, S.C., and they have one child, Jo Allyson, nine months old.

Mars Hill Budget Is In Town Hall

The tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973 of The Town of Mars Hill was presented to the Town Board on June 4, 1973 and is available for public inspection in the Town Hall. A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 1973 in the Town Hall, at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear.

Belk Named

Lion Irwin Belk has been nominated by the Lions of North Carolina as their candidate for International Director of Lions International. The nomination was made at the North Carolina Lions Convention in Fayetteville, N. C., on June 2.

Former MHS Graduate Gets Doctor's Degree

Davia M. Veach, the former Miss Davia Ann Massey, received the Doctor of Philosophy Degree on May 12, 1973 from the University of South Carolina, Columbia South Carolina.

Dr. Veach graduated from Marshall High School in 1963. In June, 1966, she received the Bachelor of Science in Education Degree in Home Economics from Western Carolina College. In 1969 she completed requirements for the Masters Degree in Child Development at the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro. Dr. Veach has taught for four years at the University of South Carolina in the Department of Child Development where she presently holds the rank of Assistant Professor. She plans to continue her teaching career at the University. She is married to Darryl



Veach, also a graduate of Western Carolina College. The couple have three sons, Darren, David and Dwan. Dr. Veach is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Massey of Route 5, Marshall and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lewis of Marshall.

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