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Mrs. Rilla Ray Selected Female Ballad Singer

Mrs. Ann Wier Sizemore of Asheville was presented the 5th annual Sam Queen Award for promotion of mountain dancing at the 46th annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville City Auditorium Saturday night.

The Erwin Smooth Dancers took top honors on the dance floor with last year's champions, the Pisgah View Smooth Dancers, as runner up.

The best clogging team was the Southern Appalachian Cloggers. Runner up was the Carolina Sweethearts.

The Stony Creek Boys were chosen the best string band.

Jim Trantham of Canton was named best male ballad singer for his rendition of "Sweet William." Trantham is a Canton dulcimer maker.

Rilla Ray was selected best female ballad singer.

Mrs. Ray is from Madison County.

Named best bass player was Randy Davis of the Asheville Grass.

Jim McCuthen of Knoxville was chosen best dulcimer player.

Red Parham was named best harmonica player.

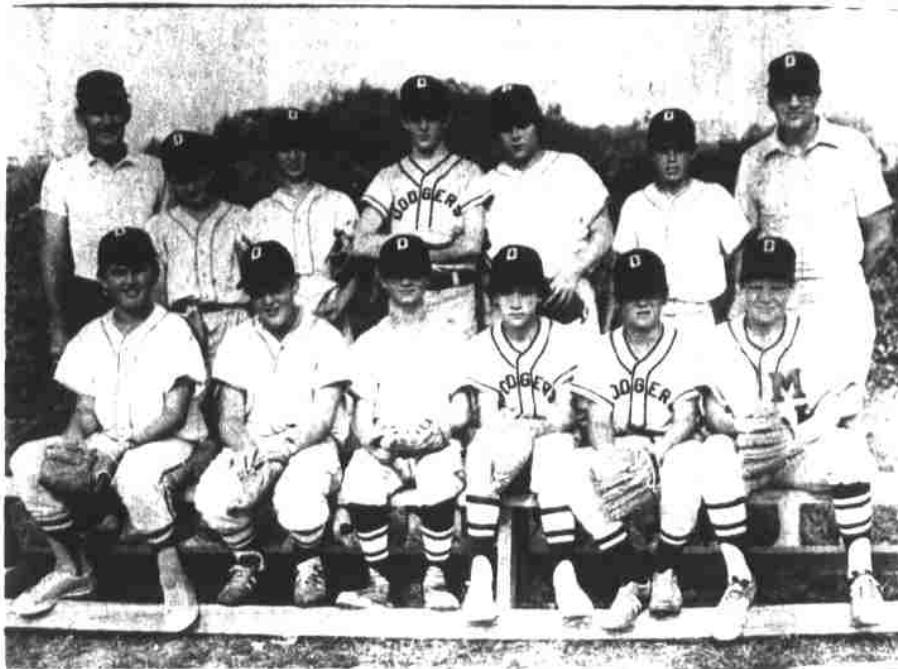
Bill McElrath was chosen best buck dancer.

An overflow crowd, estimated at over 5,000 jammed the auditorium for the final night of the festival.

A total of 14 bands, six dance groups and scores of individual performers made this the biggest festival yet according to old timers on hand.

While waiting on the judges to decide, the audience joined in a clog dancing free-for-all that was almost impossible to stop so the winners could be announced.

Bascom Lunsford opened the festival as he has every one for 46 years.



PICTURED ABOVE are the Mars Hill League Champions (ages 11-13). First row, left to right, Lester Norton, Jeff Merrill, Mark Norton, Jeff Norris, Dean Riddle, Marty Reese; second row, left to right, Coach Bill Walker, Dean Griffin, Eugene Young, Joe Walker, Brian Ramsey, Terry Norton, and Coach Gerald Young. The team is the Dodgers and won the championship last Saturday by defeating the Braves. (Walter Smith Photo)

W.N.C. To Get New Daily Paper

Plans for a new daily newspaper for southwestern North Carolina were announced this week by The Daily Mountaineer, Inc., a newly formed North Carolina corporation which plans to publish the new 5-day daily newspaper to be in Haywood County, in or near Waynesville, and will serve Haywood County and the other southwestern North Carolina counties west of Haywood News bureaus are planned for Cullowhee, Cashiers, Highlands, Franklin, Bryson City, Cherokee, Robbinsville, Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville and Maggie Valley.

Plans call for the new publication to have an initial daily circulation goal in excess of 15,000.

The new daily newspaper is not to be confused with "The Mountaineer," a non-daily newspaper, published by The Waynesville Mountaineer, Inc.

The new daily will be printed by the modern offset printing method and will feature the news and picture wire services of United Press International.

The new company is headed by N.J. Babb of Linville and Spartanburg, S.C. and Jack T. Owens of Murphy. Babb is president of Community Newspapers, Inc. which publishes The News-Record, a weekly at Marshall and is affiliated with several other publications in WNC including

Mountain Living magazine. Owens is editor and publisher of The Cherokee Scout at Murphy.

The newly formed company is considering offering stock at a later date to local prospective advertisers, subscribers and readers.

The exact location, staff and initial publication date are scheduled to be announced as they develop.

"We have waited long enough for others in the area to make this move. We feel the area west of Asheville beginning with Haywood County needs and will support its own daily newspaper similar to the very fine dailies published at Hendersonville to the south, and Morganton to the east," Babb said. "We will welcome any and all support from interested parties or persons interested in employment with 'The Daily Mountaineer'," he added.

SS Office Taking Applications For Aged, Blind, Disabled Payments

The Asheville social security office is now taking applications for supplemental security income payments, a Federal program scheduled to start in 1974 that will establish an income floor for people in financial need who are 65 or over, or blind, or disabled, according to A. Glenn Moore, social security district manager.

But people already getting State old age assistance, or S-State aid because they are blind or disabled, don't have to apply, he said. They'll be getting more information later this year about how the program will help them.

The first monthly payments under the Federal program will be made in January 1974, Moore said. "Until then, State and local public assistance offices will continue to make payments in the usual way."

People not getting public assistance now who think they may be eligible for the new Federal payments should call or write social security to find out if they should apply, according to Moore.

"Federal supplemental security income payment will be made by the Social Security Administration, Moore said. "But the program will be financed by Federal general revenue—not by social security contributions from workers and employers. It's not the same as social security."

The sum of the new program is to provide supplemental payments in cases of need so that people 65 or over, or blind, or disabled will have a basic cash income of at least \$130 a month for one person and \$195 a month for a couple. Starting in July 1974, the amount will increase to \$140 a month for one person and \$200 for a couple.

"This doesn't mean that every eligible person or couple will be getting that much from the Federal Government every month," Moore said. "The amount of the Federal payment and person gets will depend on how much other income he has."

"Eligibility for Federal payments will depend not only on the amount of income people have but on the value of their assets, Moore said.

"If you're single—or married but not living with you husband or wife—you can own things worth up to \$1,500 and still get Federal payments, he said. "A couple can own things worth up to \$2,250 and get payments. Not everything you own has to be counted toward your total assets, however."

"A home of reasonable value will not be counted as an asset, Moore said. "In addition, the Federal Government will not put liens on the homes of people getting Federal payments. Personal effects and household goods won't count in most cases. Insurance policies or a car may not affect eligibility either, but it will depend on their value."

Certain income also will be disregarded in deciding on an application for supplemental

Marshall Housing Project Builder, Architect Indicted

By BILLY PRITCHARD
Citizen Staff Writer

A Fayetteville contractor and an Atlanta architect were indicted by a federal grand jury in Asheville Monday on five counts of making false statements to the Marshall Housing Authority last year.

The indictments stem from

the construction of a \$1 million, 50-unit, low-rent housing project in Marshall, for which Lewis B. Merritt, president of the Federal Construction Co., was general contractor, and Francis B. Sheetz Jr. was project architect.

The completed project was financed entirely by federal funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The indictments against the two men charge them with making false statements to the Housing Authority on Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 22, and twice on May 15 last year "certifying... that work for general construction in the amount of" \$42,636.15, \$115,079.95, \$159,387.53 and \$176,571.53, respectively, "had been performed under approved change orders, whereas, in truth and in fact, they then knew no such

change order had been approved."

U. S. District Court sources here indicated Monday that the two men would be arrested and charged with the indictments and then be released under \$10,000 personal recognizance bonds each.

The two could be tried at the next scheduled term of federal court in Asheville in November.

Task Force To Make Plans For Senior Citizens

Planning for Senior Citizens and discussion of purposes and objectives will be the themes of the first meeting of the Region B Council on Aging Task Force, according to Mrs. Joan Tuttle, Project Planner for the Council. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16 at the Skyland Village Hall.

The Task Force, composed of representatives from Madison, Henderson, Transylvania, and Buncombe counties, is designed to serve as an advisory board to the Council on Aging. It will assist in the determination of need and the implementation of programs to serve the older adults.

The Region B Council on Aging currently operates under a \$40,000 planning grant from Title III of the Older Americans Act. It was established to plan and coordinate aging services in the four-county area. Region B has been designated as one of North Carolina's six high-impact areas in terms of allocations for programs and services.

The task force will also hear presentations on the Title VII Federal Nutrition Program. The Girl Scout weekend for Senior Citizens, and area nursing home facilities.

In Region B 19 per cent of the total population are 65 or over. Over one-fifth of the elderly live alone, and often lack adequate income, transportation facilities, nutrition services, and homemaker care.

Mrs. Holcombe Named Mars Hill Associate Dean



MRS. JANE HOLCOMBE

Dr. Donald D. Gehring, Dean of Student Development at Mars Hill College, has announced that Jane Mathis Holcombe has been appointed associate dean of student development.

Mrs. Holcombe, a native of Huntsville, Ala., comes to Mars Hill from the University of Alabama at Huntsville where she was the first housing officer in the history of the school. At Mars Hill she will be responsible for all activities relating to housing.

A graduate of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, she received her Bachelor's degree in 1964. In 1970 she received her Master's degree from East Tennessee State University. She has served as assistant professor of English at Stead College at Johnson City, Tenn., director of men's housing at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, as well as program director of the Ridgecrest Area Men's Residence Halls there.

While a graduate student at East Tennessee, she con-

ducted research into the regional dialects, mountain music, and folk tales in the East Tennessee-Western North Carolina area.

Mrs. Holcombe is a member of the Association of College and University Housing Officers, and was the state representative at the 1973 Conference Planning Committee of the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers.

She has published articles concerning college residence hall operations in College and University Business and the University of Alabama Review. Married to Dr. Harold E. Holcombe, they have one son, Christopher.

Republican Meetings Scheduled

Registered Republicans will hold their biennial precinct meetings during this "off year" in accordance with the plan of organization of the North Carolina Republican Party, it was announced this week.

The ten precincts will meet in their regular polling places at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, August 18, 1973, or at another time and place so long as it falls between August 15 and September 8, 1973, and so long as the Republicans in the precinct are informed of the time and place of the meeting, it was announced.

The Madison County Republican Convention will convene at the courthouse in Marshall at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 1973, it was further announced by members of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee.

Huff Retires

Swann B. Huff, rural postal carrier at Hot Springs, for more than 11 years retired recently from the U. S. Postal Service. Formerly employed in Detroit, Mich. and Oak Ridge, Tenn., Huff is now operating the Alpine Tourist Court in Hot Springs.



BRUCE K. MURRAY



DR. L. T. SPRINKLE

First Union Bank Names Two Directors

Bruce K. Murray of Mars Hill and Dr. Lawrence T. Sprinkle of Weaverville have been elected to the Asheville board of directors of First Union National Bank, according to Julian A. Woodcock Jr., chairman.

Murray, a former past president of the Mars Hill Civitan Club, is owner of the French Broad Chevrolet Co. in Marshall. He has long been active in church and civic activities in Marshall and Mars Hill and is on the board of advisors of Mars Hill College. During World War II, Murray, an Air Force pilot, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Dr. Sprinkle, a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Jefferson Medical College, is a practicing physician in the Weaverville area. He has long been active in medical and civic affairs and is presently mayor of the town of Weaverville.

Woodcock stated, "We are delighted to have these two distinguished citizens of the

area join our board and we know they will bring much to us."

New School Lunch Policy Announced

Robert L. Edwards, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, has announced a free and reduced price lunch policy for Madison County children who are unable to pay the full price. This policy is set up by state and federal guidelines for school units receiving federal aid.

The guidelines state that in the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color or national origin.

Application forms, income scale forms, and a letter will be provided for the convenience of the parents.

Homecoming

Homecoming will be observed at the Walnut United Methodist Church Sunday. Following morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock, dinner will be served.

Kindergarten At Marshall; Meeting Fri.

A kindergarten program for children who are or will be 5 years old by October 15, 1973, will be offered at Marshall School this year. A team composed of Marshall Principal Clive M. Whitt; Madison County Supervisor Grover D. Gillis; program teachers Mrs. Christa T. Wallin and Mrs. Doris C. Wyatt; and program assistant teachers Mrs. Willie M. West and Mrs. Barbara T. Ray attended an Early Childhood Institute at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N. C., for in-service training for this program last week. Parents interested in the program are asked to come by the school or call the office for registration purposes and to attend a meeting in the school lunchroom Friday evening, August 16, at 7:30 for an explanation of the program.



THE ABOVE FOUR PICTURES show the Demonstration Apartment in the new Federal Housing Units on Main Street in Marshall. This apartment has been especially prepared for senior citizens by women in the community under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel T. Wallis and Mrs. Linda Harrell.

BBB Warns About Who's Who

Mrs. Lee Dawes, Office Manager of the Better Business Bureau of Asheville-Western North Carolina, advises that the BBB has had many calls in the past few days asking about a publication called "Who's Who in North Carolina."

The Bureau has received advice from the Attorney General's Office in Raleigh and from other Bureaus today indicating this is what is commonly called a "Vanity Publication." In other words, if you order the book, you will get a biographical sketch printed in it.

The BBB has also been advised that this company purchased the list of American Express card holders in this state as a basis of this mailing.

The Attorney General's Office states "the solicitation letter does not disclose that this book has never been published before. There is no promise that biographical information will be published." They further advise "that no one should send money to this company because it seems to be an established company which already has an important publication in print."

Health Plan Task Force

The first meeting of the Comprehensive Health Plan Task Force of Mountain Ramparts Health Planning, Inc. was held recently at 7:30 p.m. in the Asheville City Building. The Task Force was appointed by Dr. Robert C. Moffatt for the purpose of developing recommendations for the framework and content of a preliminary Comprehensive Health Plan which is to be completed in December of this year.

The members of the Task Force are as follows: representing Buncombe County are Frank Holland, Director of Training and Education, Memorial Mission Hospital; Jeff Pearson, Administrator, Aston Park Hospital; Chester H. Prentice, Administrator of Highland Farms Nursing Homes; Charles Worley, Attorney, McGuire & Wood; representing Henderson County: Vann D. Camp, Assistant Administrator, Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital; Joseph Schatz, Jr., Attorney-at-Law; representing Madison County: Jerry Plemons, Program Developer, Buncombe-Madison Opportunity Corporation; Dr. Frank Quirk, Chairman, Biology Department, Mars Hill College; and representing Transylvania County: Gordon Kendall, Director, County Mental Health.

The meeting last night focused on the orientation of the Task Force members to the potential make-up of a comprehensive health plan for planning Region B. The purpose of a comprehensive health plan is to be a guide to the orderly and effective improvement and development of components of the health system, including health services, health insurance, hospital, nursing homes, mental health services, and the environment.