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Lunsford Festival Set At Mars Hill College Oct. 3-4-5

The Eighth Annual Bascom Lamar Lunsford "Minstrel of the Appalachias" will be a three day affair this year at Mars Hill College. October 3, 4, and 5 have been set as the dates for this year's festival. Billed as "The world's most authentic festival of mountain music and dancing," has

added a night of dancing to the festivities. Thursday night, Oct. 3, smooth and clog dancers as well as dance teams will compete for trophies in the weekend's only competition. The dancing will start at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Moore Auditorium, and trophies will be awarded

in both junior and adult classes. An admission charge of \$.50 for students and \$1 for adults will be charged. All admission charges will be used to establish an Appalachian museum and resource center.

On Friday night, October 4,

local and college musicians will participate in a festival of traditional mountain music. Collegiate dance teams will also compete for trophies. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. in Moore Auditorium and an admission charge of \$.50 for students and \$1 for adults will be charged.

Saturday will again be a big day in the festival with events occurring all day. Repeated from last year will be the very popular workshops. Outstanding mountain musicians will conduct workshops in clawhammer and bluegrass banjo playing, guitar picking, ballad singing, the dulcimer, and the fiddle. Workshops in both smooth and clog dancing will also be held. The workshops will start at 10 a.m. on the green in front of Bridges Cafeteria and in Anderson Amphitheatre.

Weavers, whittlers, quilt-makers, spinners, and woodworkers will be on hand all day Saturday, displaying

their crafts and demonstrating their skills in front of the Country Boutique.

A "jam session" will follow the workshops and last all afternoon. These sessions will give opportunities for old friends to get together and for new acquaintances to be made among the many fine musicians expected to attend. The mountain music festival will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday night in Moore Auditorium, where musicians and dancers will gather to honor the memory of Mr. Lunsford and to carry on the tradition he began nearly half a century ago. Winners from the dance contests will dance in an exhibition. Admission for the night is \$.50 for students and \$1.50 for adults.

This will be the second year the festival will be held without Mr. Lunsford's presence. Lunsford, described by college president Dr. Fred B. Bentley as "a legend in his own time," died last Sep-

tember at the age of 91.

He was known as the Minstrel of the Appalachias, working long and hard to preserve the cultural heritage of Southern Appalachia in a time when the region's culture had fallen into unpopularity. He practiced law and other professions as a young man, before returning to his first love, mountain music and dancing.

Lunsford was born on the Mars Hill campus, where his father served as president during the 1870's and his mother oversaw one of the residence halls. Highlights of his career include a White House command performance at President Franklin D. Roosevelt's invitation, a performance before King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England, and recording over 600 ballads and folk songs during a marathon session for the Library of Congress and Columbia

University Library.

Lunsford was included in Who's Who, and was a member of A.F.M.A., the Hunting Club, The National Folk Festival Association, and the North Carolina Folklore Society.

It was in the late 1920's that

Lunsford set out to make himself a one-man repository of old tunes and to begin a crusade to rekindle the pride of his own people in their music.

He maintained close contact with Mars Hill College and donated many of his

manuscripts, recordings, and instruments to the school. He said that he first learned ballad singing and banjo picking as a child on the mountain campus; and of all the festivals he founded, this is the only one he allowed to carry his name.

People That Work For You

Opportunity Corporation



Without knowing the needs of the people Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Metcalf set out through the county knocking on doors and trying to get a few answers. The answers came easily enough, too. The people needed a place to sell their crafts. Transportation was needed for such things as going to the doctor and getting food, and for many of the people a yearning for more education.

Education is the key to a new start for many, and the Opportunity Corporation has helped many improve themselves into this new life. They have helped many of the people of the area get government grants and thus become financially able to attend school. In fact when they first began there were only several area residents attending Mars Hill College.

Now that handout has become a thriving force at Mars Hill College with more area residents being accepted yearly. As their beginning products started to bear fruit the Opportunity Corporation began to branch out in many other areas. Under the Executive Directorship of Lonnie Burton such programs as housing repair, a homemakers service, activities under the Rural Youth Program, and close cooperation and work with the housing authorities became part of their way of working with lower income families.

So far, we have discussed the past of Opportunity Corporation. In the coming weeks there will be more articles on Opportunity Corporation discussing things that are happening now and will happen in the future.

By R. R. JACOBS, JR. Dorothy Arrington sits behind her desk covered with various papers and documents, and enjoys a feeling of rest for a few minutes as she talks about the Opportunity Corporation. "People come first with us," she states in a manner that lets the listener see the amount of love that flows within this organization.

The Opportunity Corporation had a rather humble beginning in 1956. With the help of a government grant and an able direction from Richard Hoffman, Secretary Robena Adams, Merietta Subart and two outreach workers, Irene Metcalf and Dorothy Arrington. "As a matter of fact," remembers Mrs. Arrington, "we really didn't know where to begin."

Meet The Candidates

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the next few weeks this newspaper will publish pictures and brief writeups of Democratic and Republican candidates who are seeking

election in the November 5, 1974 general election. This is being done so that voters in Madison County may better get "acquainted" with the candidates.



C. N. WILLIS
Republican Candidate
Clerk of Court

JUDSON EDWARDS
Democratic Candidate
Clerk of Court

C. N. Willis, of Route 1, Mars Hill, is the Republican candidate for the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Madison County.

Judson Edwards, present clerk of superior court, seeks reelection to the post in the general election in November.

Mr. Willis is no newcomer to this office, having served as Clerk from 1968 through 1970. He is also a former director of the Mars Hill and Marshall Housing Authority. The 51-year-old candidate is at present growing cattle and tobacco in No. 4 Township of Madison County.

Edwards resides in the Beech Glen community. He taught school seven years with the Veteran's Farm Training Program; served the State ASC office while working seven years as state supervisor of the ASC Program; has been tax collector for Madison County; has for years been associated with Bernard Walker tobacco warehouses; is a charter member of the Beech Glen Baptist Church; is also an outstanding checker player, having finished high in District and State tournaments several times, and is an ardent sports fan.

He and his wife, the former Miss Charles Dukes, have one daughter, Mrs. S. E. Briggs, Jr.

\$12,468 Grant Enables Police Increase Here

Recently, the Town of Marshall received a grant award from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Law and Order, through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, which will enable the Town of Marshall to increase its police force from a total of three men to a total of five men. The additional manpower will permit the department to provide twenty-four hour service for the citizens of the town, along with greater services to the businesses and industries in the community.

On September 10, 1974 the

grant award contract was presented to Mayor Lorado Ponder and Chief Faye Reid by Robert Gavin, Planning Director of French Broad Criminal Justice Planning Agency, and Myra Newton, Project Analyst of the Agency. At that time the provisions of the contract were related to Mayor Ponder. Mr. Gavin explained that the grant to the Town of Marshall would be in the amount of \$12,468 for the fiscal year 1974-75 and that two additional years of funding could be made available to the police department. The first year's grant will run through June, 1975 and

provides salary and necessary supplies for the additional manpower.

Increase Is Expected In Retail Milk Prices

Retail milk prices could jump as much as two cents a quart, government experts say, under a proposal announced Friday to boost milk prices paid farmers.

The Agriculture Department said it will consider raising minimum prices paid farmers for Class I milk - the kind in retail store bottles - by as much as 13 per cent.

If this is passed on fully to consumers, the store price of milk could rise above the record marks set last spring, experts said. Milk prices have been declining all summer. Meantime, farmers contend their costs have soared.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates the national average retail price of milk in August at 77.5 cents per half gallon. That was down nearly three cents from the record of 80.4 cents for two quarts last May.

USDA officials said no

decision on the amount of any increase for farmers will be made until after a hearing Oct. 8 near Chicago. The store price of milk would depend on how much of any price increase the middleman and retailers decide to pass along to consumer.

"But I think we're kidding ourselves by saying we can raise the farm price of milk and not have any effect on consumers," said one department economist.

The proposed action followed months of pressure from dairy producer organizations and many farm belt members of Congress for aid to financially distressed milk producers.

High costs of production, in part induced by drought losses including soaring prices of feed to the crop this year, are threatening to drive many dairy farmers out of business, they contend.



PICTURED IS RUTH DEAL, Member of Beta Omega, and Ross Dean Frisby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frisby, and student of Madison High. Ross Dean will be one of the participants in Beta Omega's Walk-A-Thon this Saturday. She has approximately \$100 pledged to her.

Bill Seeks To Raise SS Ceiling

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor has introduced a bill to increase from \$2,400 to \$7,500 a year the amount a person can earn and still draw his full social security entitlement.

"With today's high prices, placing an especially great financial hardship on low-income persons and those on fixed income, the time has come to either eliminate or substantially increase the restrictions on outside earnings under the social security program," Taylor said.

Congressman Taylor explained that he decided on a bill to increase the earnings limitation since prospects for securing approval for abandoning it completely did not seem favorable at the present time.

Attention Voters

Persons who have not voted in the last six years may have had their names removed from the records. In order to vote it is necessary for them to contact the board of elections at 244-5711. The board announced this week.

Organization Opposes Nuclear Power Plant

The September meeting of Carolinians for Safe Energy takes place Thursday, Sept. 26, at the North Asheville Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

The program features a semitechnical color film "The SL-1 Accident, Phases 1 and 2" on loan from the United States Atomic Energy Commission. This film, in a combination of actual and reenacted scenes, gives a

resume of what happened and how the USAEC and its contractors reacted to this 1961 nuclear accident at the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho.

The film shows location and rescue of personnel, determination of how much contamination had been released to the environment, and stresses the need for available high-range survey instruments, use of health physicists and preplanning.

Madison Seeks Extradition Of Two In Florida

The Madison County Sheriff's Department has begun extradition proceedings against two men detained in Florida who are wanted in connection with an armed robbery in the Upper Laurel section in 1972.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said Junior Lyons and Ronnie Harris, both of Erwin, Tenn., had been charged in a July 31, 1972 incident at Zesta Ingle's store on N. C. 72. He said Lyons had been detained in Tampa Aug. 28 and Harris earlier in Miami. Neither man has waived extradition, Ponder said.

Elections Board To Meet

The Madison County Board of Elections will meet to select precinct election assistants on Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m.

With a nuclear power plant proposed for the Madison-Buncombe county line this film is a must, especially for law enforcement and rescue squad personnel. The public is invited.

CAROLINIANS FOR SAFE ENERGY is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with three objectives:

- (1) To employ every legal means to stop the proposed Sandy Mush nuclear power plant from being constructed.
- (2) To work for a nationwide nuclear moratorium and to cooperate with all other similar groups or individuals working for the same purpose.
- (3) To educate the public through publicity and other means about the dangers of nuclear plants and their

deadly waste products. The proposed Sandy Mush plant is to be located on the Madison-Buncombe line. For more information, write or call: Dr. Edgar Lyngholm, president.

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Certification Of DDT Or TDE

All burley tobacco producers in Madison County will be mailed an MQ-38, "Certification of non-use of DDT or TDE." This certification must be made before a tobacco marketing card showing price support eligibility can be issued, according to W. B. Zink, ASCE County Executive Director.

If either of these chemicals has been used on the tobacco, farmers are urged to state that it has been used rather than make a false certification. As in the past several years, tobacco producers using DDT or TDE are not eligible for government loans on their crops. False certification concerning use of these materials is a violation of Federal law, and is punishable by imprisonment up to 5 years or fines up to \$10,000 or both. Random samples will be taken from the tobacco at the time of marketing. If a farmer's tobacco is checked at the market and found to have had one of the chemicals used on it, he could be fined at 70 cents per pound up to \$10,000 or imprisoned.

This card has been revised from that used in the past

several years. All farmers should read it carefully to make sure they mark the correct certification statement that applies to them.

"Farmers who do not certify will be issued a marketing card with "NO PRICE SUPPORT" marked on it," stated Mr. Zink, in closing.



SUSIE JONES of Rt. 2, Marshall was present when her name was drawn Friday, Sept. 13, as winner of a Sunbeam electric frypan, one of the prizes given away by Asheville Federal Savings. Other winners of prizes offered in connection with the opening of the new branch office were Mrs. Louise Campbell of Mars Hill; camera; Charlie Rutherford, Mars Hill; AM-FM radio; Ted Stone, also of Mars Hill; bicycle; and Betty Calver, Asheville, the first woman to win a prize. It may be some time before the prizes start to roll in. However, the new branch office is open for business.