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DR. R. BRUCE SAMs

Dr. R. Bruce Sams Dies; Prominent Dentist, Leader

Dr. R. Bruce Sams, retired Mars Hill dentist and a prominent leader in the political, civic and church life of Madison County over the last three decades, died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday night, December 4, 1974. He was 61.

A native of Mars Hill, Dr. Sams officially retired earlier this year. He had experienced declining health over the last few years, but his death was shockingly sudden and unexpected. Members of the family reported that he died quietly while sitting in his favorite chair in the family room of his home watching basketball scores on the late news.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mars Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. W. L. Lynch and the Rev. Richard Price officiating. Pallbearers include Charles Bruce, Dr. Otis Duck, Kenneth Anderson, Dean R. M. Lee, Charles and Davis Sams, Edward Smith, Chick Murray, Don Henderson, Bill Smith, Owen Tilson, Mark Bennett, and Bobby Edwards. Burial was in the Mars Hill Cemetery with Capps Funeral Home in charge.

Prior to his retirement earlier this year, Dr. Sams had practiced dentistry in Mars Hill for 38 years. A graduate of local schools, including Mars Hill College, he received his professional training at Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta. He opened his offices in Mars Hill in 1936.

A life-long Democrat, Dr. Sams often stated that he was more interested in the welfare of the citizens of Madison County than in partisan

politics. During his active years he served on three major boards that closely affect the lives of the citizens of the county, as well as on lesser committees and boards. He was chairman of the Board of Education and chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. At the time of his death he was a member of the Madison County Board of Social Services (formerly Welfare Board) and had served as chairman of the Board.

Dr. Sams served as an alderman and as mayor of the Town of Mars Hill for 10 years. He was a charter member and first president of the Mars Hill Civitan Club and held most of the other offices in the club at one time or another.

A long-time member of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, he had served as chairman of the Board of Deacons and was chairman of the building committee which supervised the construction of the church's present sanctuary. A 1932 graduate of Mars Hill College, Dr. Sams played on the college tennis team and was an ardent fan of other sports. He was an enthusiastic golfer until failing health forced him to give up the sport.

Descendant of the Sams family so prominent in the history of Madison County, Dr. Sams was a member of the First District Dental Society of North Carolina, the North Carolina Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

He is survived by his wife Lois and their son Pat, who lives in Black Mountain with his wife, Diane, and their young son, Jonathan.

Cantata To Be Presented

The adult choir of Marshall Baptist Church will present a Christmas cantata, entitled "Love, Joy, Peace" by Tom Fette on Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 at the church. Ray Boyette, a Mars Hill College voice student and minister of music of the church, will direct the choir; and Charles Huey of Marshall, church organist, is accompanist. Jack Ramsey, a member of the choir, is narrator.

Soloists are Jack Ramsey, Mrs. Ray Boyette, Mrs. S. L. Nix, Miss Rae Welch, Mrs. Spencer LeGrand, and Ray Boyette.

A reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church following the cantata presentation. The public is invited.

Byline Omitted

The byline on the first page of last week's issue was inadvertently omitted in an article headed "Roads Opening Madison County." The interesting article was written by Ted Carter, feature writer, of Asheville and formerly of Mars Hill.

Christmas Pageant To Be Presented Here December 20-21

The Marshall Christmas Pageant will be staged on Friday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 each evening. Dean Shields will be Director and Jerry Plemmons is Coordinator.

This traditional pageant involves a cast of twelve and a choir of fifty voices. The Madison County Court House lawn in Marshall will be transformed into the Bethlehem stable scene. The procession will arrive at the manger area by way of Bridge Street opposite the Court House, guided by the beam of

the electrically lighted giant star located on a hill across the river. All traffic in the town will be at a standstill during the forty-five minutes required to re-enact the event at Bethlehem.

The community of Marshall extends a warm welcome to all who will come to Marshall on either of these two evenings. Begin the holidays in this observance of the world's greatest event.

Coffee will be served in the lobby of the Court House following the performance.

Saturday's Winners

The second of four drawings, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association, was held last Saturday in cold, crisp weather. When the drawings started at 3 o'clock the courtroom was filled and many spectators on the sidewalks.

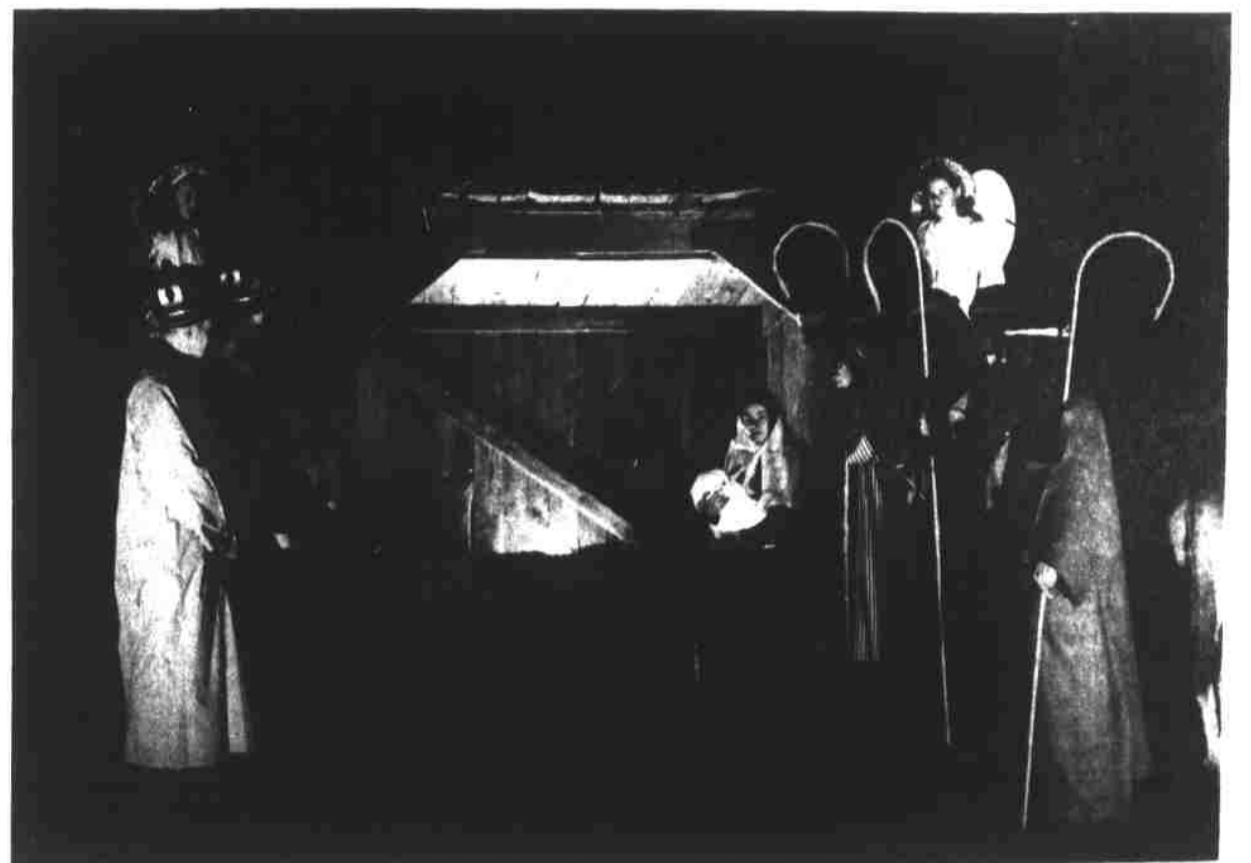
The next drawings will be held this Saturday at 3 p.m. at the courthouse.

Last Saturday's winners were:

Tina Shade, Marshall, \$50 and \$25; Others winning \$25 in

trade certificates were Kathy Shelton, Grapevine; Claude R. Mullinex, Laurel River; Clarence Fore, Route 7; Stella Pressnell, Marshall; Charles "Bud" Parris, Marshall; Wade Wilson, Route 1; Jonah Fisher, Alexander.

In listing the winners in last week's paper, the name of the winner of \$50 and \$25 should have been Earl Ramsey instead of Earl Rector, and instead of Inez Henderson it should have been Ina Henderson.



THE MARSHALL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will again be presented here on Friday and Saturday nights, December 20-21, at 7:30 o'clock. The above

Manger Scene, taken several years ago, is part of the impressive presentation.

Madison 4-H'ers Win Top Honors In Horticulture

Steve Cutshall, a 16 year old 4-H Club member of RFD 5, Marshall was named Monday night as the top winner of the Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest for annuals and John Neisen, 17 year old Hendersonville High School student was named first place winner in the perennials division.

Each received a check for \$100. Steve Cutshall grew tellis tomatoes and Neisen has apple trees.

Announcement of the winners of the contest among 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members in the area was made at a meeting of the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association in Bailey's Cafeteria, Westgate. Awards totaling \$325 were presented by Dr. Paul Shoemaker, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station, Fletcher. Dr. Tom Kosler of the research station was chairman of the judging committee which made field inspection of all projects along with evaluating record books. Harry Silver of Asheville, Supervisor, TVA programs was chairman of the contest committee.

Second place winner of the contest for annuals and recipient of \$50 was Steve E. Burns, Jr., FFA member of RFD 1, Hot Springs with Irish potatoes, Darlene Cutshall, Madison County, a 4-H member, placed third and received a \$25 prize with trailized tomatoes.

Billy Roberts, RFD 1, Marshall was named runner-up in the contest for perennials. Billy grew strawberries. Honorable mention winners, who received checks for \$10 and certificates, were Nancy Cutshall, Madison County; Susan Cabe, Macon County; Janet Bryson and Tim Smart, Haywood County and Bobby Bennett, Yancey County.

Contestants who were also presented framed certificates for excellence in their projects were Laurence Beck, Burke County; Steve Gortney, Earl Grinstead, Ted Woolley and Jeffrey A. Fox of Yancey County.

Awards were sponsored by Gerber Products Company; Pigeon Valley Tomato Farm, Canton; 3-D Farm, Fletcher; Francis & Wright, Inc. and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville and Barber Orchards, Waynesville. Orchard Gardens of Fletcher sponsored the perennials contest.

The contest is sponsored by the Horticultural Crops

Commission in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture teachers. It is aimed at stimulating interest among rural youth in producing various horticultural crops and recognizing those with outstanding projects. During the past 13 years over 160 contestants have taken part.

Dr. James Strobel, head of the Horticultural Crops

Department at N. C. State University was the speaker at the awards program. He outlined the current programs of research, teaching and extension in horticulture at N. C. State and pointed to some of the growing opportunities in the field.

Don Austin of Erwin High School, commission chairman, presided at the meeting.



SHOWN ABOVE are five Madison County 4-H'ers with the awards they won at the WNC Horticultural Crops Contest Banquet Monday night. Left to right, Billy Roberts, Steve Cutshall, Steve Burns, Jr., Nancy Cutshall, and Darlene Cutshall.

Refunds For Trade School Available

For several months in the fall of 1971 and the spring of 1972 a trade school, KEYPUNCH ACADEMY operated in Asheville. They closed the school without notice. Many students had paid for instructions they did not receive.

Under a recent agreement with the Federal Trade Commission, Career Enterprises, Inc. former owner of Keypunch Academy agrees to refund to students any monies they are entitled to for service paid for but not received. The Better Business Bureau obtained refunds for many of the students after the school closed but there may be other students in Western North Carolina who did not

come to the Bureau for help at that time. Any student who paid this school money but did not get to complete the course and did not get a refund, may bring their receipts to the Better Business Bureau now and they will be told how to apply for reimbursement under this agreement. In a letter to the Council of Better Business Bureaus an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission thanks the Council and individual Bureaus for assistance given to the Commission that made the refunds of this money possible.

In another consent order issued by the Federal Trade Commission the WEAVER AIRLINE PERSONNEL

SCHOOL, INC. of Kansas City, Mo. has agreed to make pro-rata restitution to eligible students who have failed to get a job in the field within 6 months.

The Bureau believes several Western North Carolina residents have signed up for training with this school. Any who qualify for refund under the above agreement should call the Bureau.

Bake Sale

Beta Omega Sorority will sponsor a bake sale this Saturday (Dec. 14) in front of Ingles, beginning at 10 a.m. Cakes, pies, fudge, and breads will be on sale.



OWEN FISH, Title I Coordinator of Madison County Schools, has been named to the North Carolina Audiovisual Equipment Advisory Committee for a term of three years. This committee meets annually to review new products that are being presented by the audiovisual suppliers.

Resolution

The Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting on the first Monday of December, 1974, to-wit, December 2, adopted the following resolution unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED that hereafter the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners shall be held at 10:00 a.m., on the first Friday of each calendar month at the Madison County

Courthouse, Marshall, North Carolina, in such room as may from time to time be available for said meeting.

THE FIRST such meeting will be on Friday, January 3, 1975.

This the 6 day of December, 1974.

-S. Hilliard Teague
Clerk of Madison
County Board
of Commissioners

Fireman Answer Two Calls

Marshall firemen were called to two fires here Tuesday morning but fortunately no major damage was reported.

About 8:30 o'clock the firemen went to the Will B. Ramsey house on major damage was reported.

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Ramsey house on Hill Street here but no damage was reported.

At 9:00 o'clock firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey on Riddle Farm Road between Marshall and Walnut. The roof was reported damaged by fire but firemen extinguished the fire without further damage.

Mrs. Buckner Fatally Burned Near Mars Hill

Services for Mrs. Carolyn Stroud Buckner, 45, of Mars Hill, who died Thursday Dec. 5, 1974 were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Big Springs Baptist Church near Hollis, of which she was a member.

The Rev. Edwin McGinnis officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Cousins were pallbearers.

Mrs. Buckner spent her early life in Rutherford County. She was a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Western Carolina University. Mrs. Buckner taught school in the North Carolina and Oregon public school systems. She was the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Walker Stroud of Ellenboro and the late Matt J. Stroud.

Surviving in addition to the mother is the husband, Hal Buckner; a son, David Buckner; a son, David Buckner; a son, David Buckner; a son, David Buckner.

Capps Funeral Home was in charge.

may have been trying to get out when she was overcome. The body has been sent to Asheville for an autopsy, he said.

The sheriff was called about 7:35 p.m., Ponder said, and firemen had recovered the body by the time deputies arrived at the scene. He said the fire apparently started in the living room, but the cause was unknown.

"She'd have had to have been asleep or something happened to her or she'd have gotten out at that time of day," Ponder said.

Santa Will Answer Letters

Roger Wood, Marshall postmaster, stated this week that any child being served by the Marshall post office who writes a letter to Santa Claus, c/o Postmaster, Marshall, N. C. 28753, will receive a handwritten reply from Santa Claus.

Mr. Wood also requested that out-of-town Christmas cards should be mailed by December 15 and local cards should be mailed by December 18.