

THE NEWS - RECORD



Mars Hill College Graduation Held Sunday

The Class of 1975 received their diplomas Sunday, May 18, from Mars Hill College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley. Folding chairs had been placed in the aisles of Moore Auditorium for both the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service and the 3 p.m. commencement, many still observed the ceremonies from the lobby of the 1,800 seat facility as the college experienced its largest crowd in history during the two-day weekend.

Bentley used the Old Testament character of Samuel as an example of a person "caught in changing times." He noted that many people today find themselves in the same predicament as Samuel, baffled, angry, perplexed, and critical of the whole drift of our modern world.

Bentley also told the seniors that he hoped they would also identify with Samuel's practice as, "He became a responsible participant in what seemed the best solution. This is what is needed today," he added, "a host of modern day Samuels who are willing to face the philistines of our time and use the best tools available in working toward a positive solution."

Earlier in the day, Senator Robert Morgan, North Carolina's freshman senator who replaced Senator Sam Ervin in January, delivered the baccalaureate address. Using personal examples of the frustration he had encountered during his initial efforts in the Senate, Morgan told the seniors, parents,

alumni, and congregation of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, which traditionally joins the college for the service. "Yet, even as I mentioned the uncertainties you will find as you leave Mars Hill, I would advise you to go forth with confidence. The potential rewards are greater today than they have ever been."

Area students who

graduated include:
Elementary Education: Robena Rice Adams, Nancy Gentry Allen, Vickie Wallin Carver, Pamela Wallin Hine, Susan Thomas Honeycutt, Janet Page Lee, Juanita Bush Phillips, Sheila Adams Rice, Paula Jean Sims.
History: Clarence William Briggs, Jr.
Sociology: Linda Kay

Haynie, Sandra Treadway Marler.
Psychology: Albie C. Honeycutt Jr.
Business Administration: Dennis Lee Hine, Herbert Walter Buckner.
Physical Education: Roger Dale Haynie, Bruce Kenneth Murray, Jr., Betty Lou Shook.
Business Education: Brenda Landers Cutshall.

CP&L Studies Madison Plant Site

By BILLY FRITCHARD
Citizen Staff Writer

A spokesman for Carolina Power and Light Co. said Wednesday that the utility has discontinued "at this time" plans to build a hydroelectric facility in Jackson County but is looking more favorably now at a site in Madison County for a similar facility.

James F. Baldwin, project supervisor in the company's district land section in Asheville, indicated that CP&L now feels a pump storage facility planned for the Caney Fork section of Jackson County may best be located in the Little Pine section of Madison County.

Baldwin said the Federal Power Commission authorized the utility to study the feasibility of locating pump storage facilities at both sites in 1973, but that recent studies forecasting a demand load cut-back in the future was the company's main reason

for dropping the Jackson Site.

CP&L had already purchased about 77 acres in the Caney Fork section "from people who came to us with desire to sell instead of waiting," Baldwin said, "but we will most likely dispose of that property in the near future."

Baldwin said the company has already purchased around 675 acres in the Little Pine section of Madison County, where a total of about 1,100 acres will be needed to build the pump storage facility.

A pump storage facility, Baldwin said, involves two lakes built on different elevations, including a larger, lower lake and a smaller lake at an elevation about 1,000 feet higher and about a mile away from the lower lake.

turbines in the tunnels and produces electricity.

They are called pump storage facilities because the electricity they produce is used only during peak demand periods. The water is pumped back up to the higher lake - an electricity consuming process - during low demand periods.

The decision to drop, at least temporarily, the Jackson County site, as good news for the Caney Fork Defense Association, a group of area residents who opposed the project because they said it would have displaced about 20 families in the area where the two lakes were planned.

In a letter to the opposing group, whose home sites would have been flooded by the project, CP&L said it was discontinuing the study "as a result of preliminary studies and reductions" in its construction program.

Repertory Theatre Schedule At M. H.

SART (Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre) has been established in Mars Hill in order to produce on a regular basis a play which focuses on the lives and heritage of Southern Appalachian people. To that end, SART, supported by a grant from the Appalachian Consortium, commissioned Howard Richardson, famous for his Dark of the Moon, to write Ark of Safety, based on stories from Tall Tales of Old Smoky. Richardson calls the play a "sort of Smoky Mountain Our Town," with mountain guitar and banjo music as a unifying element in the play. The theatre will also produce a number of other plays in order to provide an exciting theatre season for the audiences in the region.

The following schedule has been announced for the 1975 season:
THE FANTASTICKS by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. New York's longest running musical, now in its 16th year. June 18-22, 25-29, July 16-20.
BLACK COMEDY by Peter Shaffer. Hilarious farce by the 1975 Tony Award-winning playwright. July 2-6, 9-13.
ARK OF SAFETY by Howard Richardson. World premiere of Smoky Mountain folk play. July 25 - August 5. Highly recommended for Madison County viewing.
All evening performances at 8:15; Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.
Ticket Information:
Individual ticket, students, \$1; Adults, \$2. Season tickets, students, \$2.50; adults, \$5. Contributing Membership, \$300; Sustaining Membership, \$100; Patron Membership, \$25.

Season tickets include three tickets, good for admission to any play and in any combination. Group rates will be quoted on request. Contributing, sustaining and patron memberships are tax deductible.

Tickets may be purchased by mail or at the Owen Theatre Box Office, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. 28754. All seats reserved. Checks are payable to Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, P. O. Box 33, Mars Hill, N. C. 28754.

Singing
The regular fourth Saturday night singing will be held this Saturday at the Laurel Fork Free Will Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 o'clock.
The Rev. Roy Waldrup, pastor, invites the public to attend.

4-H'ers Selected For District Activity Day



PICTURED ABOVE ARE: front row, left to right, Billy DuVall, Hayes Run 4-H Club, Wildlife demonstration; Tobie Sprinkle, Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club, Model Rocketry demonstration; James Brigman, Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club, Electric demonstration; back row, left to right, Warren Wise, Hayes Run 4-H Club, Public Speaking demonstration; Ricky Ballard, Pioneer 4-H Club, Entomology demonstration; Neil Birtcher, Kennel Rice, Hayes Run 4-H Club, Dairy Foods demonstration.

Six 4-H'ers were selected Saturday, May 17, through demonstration competition to represent Madison County for District Activity Day, June 18. Saturday's demonstrations were the result of individual project work in the areas of dairy foods, electricity, model rocketry, entomology, public speaking, and wildlife. 4-H'ers are encouraged to demonstrate their individual project work through competition in County Demonstration Day each year.

Dale Everett, Assistant Extension Agent 4-H, stated, "The quality of demonstration work this year is the best ever. We do anticipate other Madison County 4-H'ers doing demonstrations for district competition, since some of them had conflicting activities on Saturday. We are very pleased with this year's demonstration work."

Day Care Music Program Saturday

Saturday night, May 24, at 7:00 the children at the Marshall Day Care Center will be giving a music program for the parents. The public is invited.



HEAD-ON CRASH between a tractor-trailer (left) carrying military bombs, and a tobacco products truck near Tryon Thursday killed the driver of the truck at right and scattered bombs and debris from the vehicles on N. C. 108. (Photo by LaRue Cook of B&B Studio)

Driver Dies As His Tobacco Truck And Bomb Carrier Hit In The Rain

By LOU PARRIS
Staff Writer

TRYON, N. C. — A tractor-trailer carrying 20 aircraft bombs collided with a tobacco products truck Thursday afternoon on N. C. 108 between Columbus and Tryon in Polk County.

The bombs, each weighing 2,000 pounds, were scattered along the highway. None exploded. They were filled with explosives, but fuses hadn't been installed.

The driver of the tobacco products truck, James Buckner, 24, of Marshall, N. C., Route 2, was killed instantly in the head-on collision.

George Fore, age not given, of 816 Rosston Road, Prescott, Ark., was identified as the driver of the tractor-trailer carrying the load of government explosives. He received only minor cuts and bruises.

Older Americans Day Thursday, May 29

Older Americans Day will be observed on Thursday, May 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Marshall Community Center.

Four Local Mars Hill Students Honored

Four local Mars Hill students were honored among the twenty-six recognized for the 1975 listing in "Whos Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities" at Mars Hill College Honors Day Program during commencement activities. Those receiving this honor were: Pamela Wallin Hine, wife of Dennis Hine and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wallin; Bruce Kenneth Murray Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce K. Murray Sr.; Janet Page Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Page Lee; and Paula Jean Sams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett S. Sams.

Mrs. Hine was also a college marshal for two years, a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society, and was graduated summa cum laude.

Miss Lee was also a college marshal for three years, a member of Alpha Chi, a member of the SSM choir, a cheerleader, a member of Sigma Alpha Chi sorority, and was graduated Magna cum laude.

Health Program Receives Grant

Washington — Congressman Roy A. Taylor Wednesday announced the approval of a grant of \$190,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission for fourth-year funding of the Hot Springs Health Program, Inc. - a network of three clinics in the Laurel, Walnut and Hot Springs communities of Madison County.

The program is providing primary medical and dental care, home and school health services for an estimated 4,400 persons. The network of three clinics is 44 percent self-supporting through fees. The total project is estimated at \$350,000, with local sources contributing \$181,000 from fees.

Two Escape Injuries In 500-Ft. Crash

Leroy Rice and Sophie Rice, both of the Revere section, miraculously escaped serious injury Monday afternoon about 4 p.m. when the pick-up truck in which they were riding left Highway 25-70 near Walnut Gap and plunged an estimated 500-feet down the embankment, according to reports.

The two people were able to climb from the wrecked vehicle back to the highway with only minor injuries.

Murray Elected Secretary

Bruce K. Murray, French Broad Chevrolet Company, Inc., Marshall, was elected Secretary of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association at the recently concluded NCADA Convention in Pinehurst.

Murray, a franchised automobile dealer since 1968, has previously served NCADA as Area Chairman and is a past Director of the association.

Mr. Murray and his wife, Hazel Dean, reside in Mars Hill, where he is a member of the Mars Hill Christian Club, serves on the Board of Advisors of Mars Hill College, is a member of the Board of Directors of the First Union Bank (Marshall and Asheville).

Nial Clark Appointed Dist. 1 Manager

T. R. Kirkpatrick, Sales Manager for North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, announces the appointment of Nial G. Clark, as the District I Sales Manager for the Western District.

After graduation from Mars Hill High School in his native Madison County, Nial attended Western Carolina University. He was self-employed in the grocery business before entering the Army where he was a Military Policeman for six months. Nial then came to work as an Agent in Madison County in 1964.



NIAL G. CLARK
Nial has a highly successful record of accomplishments as a Farm Bureau Agency Manager, as well as being active in many civic and community organizations. He is, at present, President of the Appalachian Fox Hunters Association, and a member of the Explorer Hunting Club. He is married to the former Mary Etta Coffey of Mars Hill, and they reside in Mars Hill with their daughter Crystal, and son, Stephen.

James R. Buckner Died Thursday

James Randall Buckner, 24, of Rt. 2 Marshall, died Thursday May 15, 1975 of injuries received in an automobile accident near Tryon.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a 1969 graduate of Mars Hill High School and was employed with Clark Fowler Co. in Asheville.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buckner of Marshall; and a brother, Dale Buckner of Marshall.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Bull Creek Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. Stanley Peek and Larry Brown officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Palbearers were Elbert Buckner, Roy Carter, James Ballard, Morris, Alvin, Harold and Bruce Green and Harry Lee Crawford.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.



EDDIE BALLARD of the Bethel Community is a one-man community improvement program. This man has collected and gathered six truckloads of rubbish from an area in his community which had harbored this unsightly litter for all too long. He has placed the collection in a location accessible to the trucks which provide the removal service, and is dedicated to getting all the trash removed from this beautiful countryside. The Bethel church people have heaped deserved praise and recognition upon this man for the work he has done. We would add our thanks to Mr. Ballard along with those who enjoy daily the results of his work.