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## Heard and Seen by Pop Story

For the readers of this column who live "far off", I might say the weather here has been mighty hot and dry for sometime...naturally, the people of this section know this without being told...an occasional shower has helped a little but a gentle, steady rain is badly needed...my garden is doing right well after a slow start...I water the "crops" nearly every afternoon and try to keep down the weeds...I've previously stated in this column, I'm no gardener but I am delighted that we have a few beans, corn, cabbage, and plenty of squash...onions aren't doing so well...rhubarb plentiful...so are weeds...our county has had many deaths during the past few weeks...our sympathy to all families who have lost loved ones...the reception Sunday afternoon honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. Moody Chandler on their 50th wedding anniversary was a lovely affair...the Fellowship Hall at the Baptist Church here was beautifully decorated and the "bride and groom" looked

quite spry...the Chandlers are some of our favorite people and I hope for them many more anniversaries...the retirement of Dr. Arthur F. Williams as pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church was climaxed by an appreciation dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church last Sunday...for the past seven years I have been closely associated with Dr. Williams and we are going to miss him and his lovely wife...our best wishes go with them...the Island is a busy place most every night with softball being played by both youngsters and adults...women and men...I can hear the fans yelling lustily from my home and from the sounds, a lot of people are having a good, exciting time...it's hard to realize that July is already here...before you know it, summer will have passed and Fall will be approaching...and that means school and football...gosh, how time flies...well, it's my deadline for having this column finished so I'll hush for now...

## Health Schedule

Edward A. Morton, Acting Health Director for Madison County, has announced the Health Department Clinic schedule for July, 1975. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, July 3, - General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, July 4, - HOLIDAY

Monday, July 7 - General Immunization Clinic, Hot Springs Old Drug Store Bldg, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8, Maternity Clinic, 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 10, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, July 11, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, July 11, Mental Health Clinic, By appointment only

Monday, July 14, General Immunization Clinic, Hot Springs Old Drug Store Bldg, 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16, Child Health Supervisory Clinic, By Appointment Only

Thursday, July 17, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, July 18, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon, 1-4 p.m.

# Day Care Centers End Successful Year

By MRS. PAUL NEWTON  
What can you find in Marshall that is white, has a touch of Walt Disney on the outside and often sounds of children's laughter coming from the inside? Take a ride out Skyway Drive and you'll find it - the Marshall Day Care Center, one of three centers in Madison County which ends their second year of operation on June 30.

Painting Pluto and Jimmy Cricket on the walls may be one of the most unusual accomplishments of the year for the staff at the Marshall Center, but it is just one of the many activities in which they have participated. From planning field trips to attending in-service training sessions, the staff from centers in Marshall, Mars Hill, and Hot Springs have had a busy year.

However, Judy Sears, coordinator for the centers, points out that staff members are not the only ones working to provide the best possible care for 68 children who spent much of the day, five days a week, at the centers. Professional personnel from various agencies and departments in the area, parents and other interested persons from the community have a part in the day care program.

One of a teacher's greatest challenges is meeting individual needs of a child. To help meet this challenge, Bettie Gehring, Mars Hill; Emma Jean Pegg, Marshall; and Juanita Phillips, Hot Springs, become proficient in using the Learning Abilities Profile, LAP.

Professional personnel from the Developmental Evaluation Center, Asheville, taught teachers to use the program, it provides continuous evaluation of each child's need in six areas, including physical skills, language, thinking, and social skills," explains Mrs. Sears.

More than 100 hours were logged by the staff in workshops designed to meet their particular needs. In addition to sessions for teachers, special training was provided for teacher's aide. They are Muriel Reed, Doris Rice, Estoy Anderson, Mars Hill; Barbara Morton, Rose Franklin, Marshall; Ruth Stamey, and Talitha Price, Hot Springs; Billie Lynne Roberts, the secretary was saluted as Secretary of the Day by WWNC on May 22.

Food Service training was attended by Maria Cox, Food Service Supervisor for the three centers, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Villa Capps, Marshall; Janet Wallace, Mars Hill; and Mary Holt, Hot Springs. Two snacks and a hot lunch are served for the children each day. In addition, the Marshall kitchen staff prepares hot lunches served to older citizens in Marshall and Mars Hill.

While most adults would be

puzzled by mention of "Duso," almost any child at any center can explain that "Duso" is the name of the dolphin puppet who talks to them about liking themselves and others. The puppet's name comes from the name of the kit, "Developing Understanding of Self and Others," which the Blue Ridge Mental Health Center makes available. Three student interns from Mars Hill College went to the centers one day a week to present stories, records and songs from the Duso Kit. They were supervised by Mr. Rabello, psychologist with the Marshall office of the Mental Health Center.

The children received attention from the High School students. The girls worked at the Marshall Center three days a week for two hours. Teacher of the class, Karen Sams, invited the children to the high school where they enjoyed previewing some of the materials and activities she plans for her class to use in the coming school year.

Professional services have also been received from the Health Department Nurses, who are always on call, visit the centers once a month to check medical records and advise about health problems. The Marshall Lions Club provided free eye checks for all the children. Teeth are not neglected. The Regional Dental Consultant from the Department of Human Resources, Health Service Department provides a fluoride mouth rinse which, with consent of parents, a child can use weekly to help prevent cavities. Students of dental hygiene at Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute have, with permission from parents, cleaned and X-Rayed children's teeth.

Enlisting aid and support of parents is an ever important part of day care, emphasizes Mrs. Sears. Meetings for parents were held in each center. Parents are invited to suggest discussion topics for future meetings. Home visitation has been conducted by parent-community interns and teacher aide, and some workshops have been open to parents.

This fiscal year services of parent - community interns were made possible by a joint project of colleges in the area and a special grant from Region B. Susie Honeycutt, Mars Hill, and Margaret Williams, Marshall, were interns. Nancy Allen, Marshall, served under the work study program from Mars Hill College. These helpers assisted with such projects as the display of the children's work in the window of the Marshall Library, music program for children and preparation of newsletters and sent out evaluations to parents.

Also assisting with work at the centers are three young people under the Work in Training program, WIN, administered through the Employment Security Commission, Asheville. Participants are Chris Shelton, Mars Hill; Glennia Cutshall, Hot Springs; and Shirley Buckner, Marshall.

Perhaps one of the most pressing needs of the program was met in October when three new buses were acquired. In less than a year the bright yellow mini-buses have been driven more than 60,000 miles. Sixty-five children are transported to

and from the centers, and the buses are also used to take older citizens on short field trips and to church where hot lunches are provided. Drivers provided in cooperation with Operation Mainstream are Ken Waldroup, Hot Springs; Glenn Norton, Marshall; and Phil Hawkins, Mars Hill.

Keeping up with this wide range activity and adding their own insights into the

needs of the program is the advisory board which meets monthly. Active members this year were James Ledford, Frances Ramsey, chairwoman, Naomi Garrison, Sue Fitzgerald, Alice Mahy, Jerry Plemmons, Bob Edwards, and Vernon Chapman.

A look at the past is both satisfying profitable, but the day care staff doesn't spend too much time looking backward.

Mrs. Sears is already thinking ahead to the time when services can be expanded.

Whatever changes the future brings, the staff is ready to see that they work to the benefit of the Madison County children in their care, and if the past year is any indication, the support of the community will contribute to another successful year of operation.

## Why Can't Johnny Read?

That question, echoed time and again by concerned parents and frustrated educators, expresses in one sentence the problem which was the central theme of a course in learning disabilities offered to Madison County teachers at the end of the school year.

Sponsored jointly by Madison County Schools and Blue Ridge Community Mental Health Center, the ten session course featured in-

Delinquency, she pointed out that 70 per cent of the boys confined to the Rhode Island Training School were found to have measurable learning disabilities. The child who cannot learn to read is frustrated by school work. Repeated failure leads to low self-esteem. Seeking attention and recognition, he can't obtain from school activities, the child becomes a behavior problem in the classroom. If the trouble isn't corrected he

the teacher with the results, finally tunes off, becomes disinterested and lags behind

his classmates. Eventually he may drop out seeking the company of others who like him cannot handle the demands of school. Again, it is emphasized, the child actually isn't aware of the nature of his trouble except that eventually he may come to realize that something is drastically wrong with him. He simply can't learn.

The problem, which has puzzled educators for decades, has received considerable attention from researchers. Many solutions have been tried, some with moderate success. Much ground remains to be covered. Some techniques for dealing with the problems have demonstrated effectiveness. The time has come to apply them in the schools. Training teachers is part of this process.

Sitting in the empty classroom after the course ended, Rabello, psychologist for the Madison County Office of Blue Ridge Community Mental Health Center, reflected on the value of the training: "This is only a small contribution to the overall school program," he said. "One can't expect that the results of this effort will be too visible right away. We have many capable, dedicated and concerned teachers in the schools. All we did was make some resources and specialized skills available to them. Add some continued consultation and there's no limit to what they can accomplish. We simply need more opportunities as this and plans are underway to provide them in the future."

Madison County Schools have consistently worked toward enriching their programs offered to children in the county. Kindergartens, Reading Labs, and vocational training in the high school are only a few of the many examples. In-service training to enhance diagnostic and remedial skills of teachers is just a much needed addition to the list.



INSTRUCTOR JOYCE McGEHEE offers a tip to Mars Hill teachers as they work on the preparation of classroom materials.

structors from the Demonstration Center in Learning Disabilities for Region B located in Asheville.

Challenging, intriguing, and at times frustrating, because of the volume of its technical detail, the course elicited nevertheless enthusiastic response from participating teachers. The general feeling was that they had been provided with skills which would improve their ability to help children who are having difficulty learning in school. To quote one teacher, "This has been an opportunity to learn more about learning disabilities and how to deal with them successfully. Also, it has presented a format in which the many teachers who work with learning problems in children can join efforts towards a common goal. New ideas were shared, common and uncommon problems aired and discussed. It was gratifying to know that this course was especially designed for and tailored to the special needs of Madison County teachers. One of the few special efforts of this kind. The benefits, of the course, no doubt, will be felt for some time to come. I hope that in the future there will be more opportunities like this one."

According to Mary Harper, one of the instructors, between 15 to 10 per cent of school age children throughout the United States suffer from some type of learning disability. "The importance of remediation programs cannot be underestimated," she said. Referring to a study conducted under the auspices of the Rhode Island Governor's

Commission on Crime and may move on to additional difficulties which in turn might land him in Juvenile Court. The rest of the story is well known.

What is it like to a child who has a learning disability? First of all, it should be remembered that the child doesn't have the vaguest idea that anything is wrong. To the child all the letters in a word, for instance, may be jumbled together in a confused mass of meaningless lines (glasses won't correct this kind of difficulty); or he may not be able to distinguish the teacher's voice in the constant bustle of normal classroom activity (and hearing aids won't help). Inability to "remember what was learned yesterday" is another type of disability and the list extends on to rather complex combinations of very specific difficulties, related to perception or motor coordination to name a few.

The child unable to satisfy



MARY HARPER, instructor, confers with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin from Laurel, on the use of testing materials.



THE INDIAN RELICS on display in one of the Library windows are from the collection of Mr. William L. Jarvis of Mars Hill. More than 200 arrowheads with an assortment of fashions, Indian pipe, hammer stone, etc. are shown. 26 books on Indians and pictures of famous Indians complete the display.



JAPANESE ART in the form of beautiful hand-painted dolls and carved objects is displayed in one of the Library windows. The art objects are from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kinney IV. The dolls depict familiar characters: the lantern bearer, the gangster, the Sister who watered graves, the lady in full traditional dress and little girls in dance dress. A ship, a Buddha, a witch-doctor and animals - all carved of single pieces of wood and a hand-painted wall hanging are included in the collection.

## Greater Ivy Community Continues Improvements

The Greater Ivy Community Association held its regular fourth Monday night meeting at the Beech Glen Baptist Church with Dr. Grover L. Angel presiding.

Dr. Angel stated that a sub-committee had been appointed by the Recreation Commission to meet and discuss the problems concerning the Beech Glen School property. He is hoping to give the Association some good news concerning this at the next meeting.

In lieu of a regular meeting as such, the Association will be going to the Newfound Community to Hall's "Seven Acres" on Sunday afternoon of July 27 for a community cookout and picnic. Anyone wishing to go is asked to take a picnic lunch of her choice and go to the parking lot of Ingle's at Patton Ave. and Leicester Hwy. Everyone will meet there around 3:15 and go from there to Hall's "Seven Acres." Any questions concerning the trip can be answered by contacting Mrs. Gerald Young at 689-3724.

Twenty-four members of the Greater Ivy Association visited the Newfound Community recently to see what the people there had done over the past ten years to improve and beautify their community. We were impressed by the warm hospitality of the people and the tour of the whole community. Community signs, mailbox beautification, and clean roadways play an important part in the community there. The Greater Ivy Association would like for as many of its people to go on July 27 to that community as will go to see what we can do to our own community. Our thanks to the Newfound Community for the invitation to visit them.

Mrs. Bill Clark and her Scrapbook Committee are still asking for reports and pictures of community or home activities. The scrapbook plays an important part in the Beautification Contest judging. Let's all join in and help "Bea" with this scrapbook.

Mr. McPeters has placed entry blanks for the monthly contest at the local grocery stores. He urges everyone to print and place flowers around the blanks.

Dean Ledford showed some signs he had made himself and told that Willie Branch plans to erect three beauty signs for their road.

A beautification committee was appointed to plan the

market the Association plans to have at the Dreamland Theater on Saturday, Aug. 9. Mrs. Roy Young was named chairman and will be contacting the people appointed to help her with the market. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale can contact Mrs. Young at 689-4579.

A "Greater Ivy" night has been planned for members of the Association to see "The Ark of Safety" on Sunday night August 3, at the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre (Owen). Mrs. Dean Ledford will be purchasing the tickets and anyone wishing to go should contact her at 689-4358 within the next two weeks so she can make necessary reservations.

The ball field is certainly being used this summer. If you have nowhere else to go, just run along down to Beech Glen and you'll find a packed field of players and enthusiastic fans. Every papa, mama, and child there is either coaching or playing. See you at the games!

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