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## Mars Hill Voters OK New Fire House

Mars Hill voters by a 195 to 7 margin authorized town officials to issue up to \$90,000 in bonds to finance construction of a new station for the Volunteer Fire Department. Mars Hill has between 500 and 550 eligible voters. The new firehouse, to be erected on a lot given by Mars Hill College, will be erected beside the Mars Theater. The

present structure, crowded by the fire fighting equipment, is to be utilized for other town needs after the new building is constructed. Voters were advised that the town had a good portion of the funds for the project in sight from other sources and that there would not be a raise in property taxes to retire the bonds.

## Metric Workshop For County Teachers

A Learning Disabilities Metric Workshop for Madison County elementary teachers (K-8) will begin on October 13 at Madison High at 3:15 p.m. There will be ten three-hour sessions. The first three sessions will be taught by Mrs. Mary Hugenschmidt, Learning Disabilities Specialist at Lucy B. Herring School in Asheville. During these sessions she will present a short course in identification and remediation of learning disabilities.

The last seven sessions will be devoted to the metric system. These sessions will be taught by Mrs. Susan Kiser, teacher of the talented and gifted at Madison High and Coordinator of Programs for Exceptional Children in Madison County. Mrs. Kiser will also present a course in Mathematics from University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has taught mathematics at the Evening College, University of North Carolina, and at Mars Hill College. Completion of this course will entitle the teacher to three quarter hours of renewal credit.

## County Republicans Elect New Officers; Swann Chairman

In its recent County Convention the Madison County Republican Party elected new leadership and passed several resolutions which reflected the members' concern over recent events in the county. The convention was called to order by Mayor William P. Powell of Mars Hill, outgoing GOP Chairman. A county Plan of Organization, as drawn up by Dr. Larry N. Stern, was adopted. It coincides with the State Plan.

These officers were elected to serve a two-year term: Mr. Roger Swann, Chairman; Mrs. Claudia F. Green, Vice Chairman; Bobby J. Chandler, Secretary; Edward B. Krause, Finance Director; and C.N. Willis, Treasurer. Bill Powell was recommended to the 11th Congressional District Convention for appointment to the



MRS. JIMMY (JOAN) RAMSEY, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, presents the \$300 check which the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association won as the First Place Award in the 19-county Area Beautification Contest of 1975 sponsored by the Western North Carolina Development Association, to some of the officers of the Madison County group. Left to right: Mrs. Ramsey; Dr. Grover L. Angel, President; Mrs. Gerald (Alda Jean) Young, First vice-president; and Mr. Bill N. Clark, Secretary. Officers absent when photo was taken: Mr. Shelby Buckner, Second vice-president and Mrs. Talmadge (Irene) Metcalf, Treasurer.



LARRY ROGER SWANN  
COUNTY GOP Chairman

State Republican Executive Committee. The convention gave Swann the privilege of naming members to the Senatorial, House, and Judicial Committees.

Delegates were elected to the 11th Congressional District and State GOP Conventions to be held soon. Named to the Madison County GOP Executive Committee were: Gary A. Sprinkle, Jack Guthrie, Fred Metcalf, Sherman W. Ramsey, Mrs. Harriett Buey, Phillip Ball, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey, William C. Silver, Jr., Winfred Shepherd, and Scott Silver. The executive committee also includes all precinct chairmen.

Judge Bruce B. Briggs spoke briefly to the delegates. He praised the Madison County Board of Elections for its conduct of the elections in the county. He also indicated that he was recently a dinner guest of Hugh M. Wilson, Chairman of the State Board of Elections and that Wilson was in an expansive mood of praise for the local Board of Elections for its fairness and

impartiality in dealing with election matters. Judge Briggs concluded the free and honest elections are imperative to the maintenance of democracy. Profound concern was expressed both verbally and in the several resolutions relative to, as one delegate said, "the disturbing turn of events" in the county in recent months.

## Greater Ivy Top Winner In Community Beautification

The Greater Ivy section of Madison County has been named top winner in community beautification in the Western North Carolina Community Development Program. Announcement of winners of the annual WNC Community Beautification Contest was made at a luncheon meeting of the steering committee for the Community Development Program on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Hallmark Cafeteria, Tunnel Road Shopping Center, Asheville. Awards totaling \$800 were presented to the area winners by J.D. Cooley of Forest City, vice president of the sponsoring Western North Carolina Development Association.

Second place went to Big Ivy in Buncombe County and third place to Bellview community in Cherokee County. Receiving honorable mention were the communities of Grassy Branch, Swan County; Hickory Nut Gorge, Rutherford County; North Hominy, Haywood County; and Tracy Grove in Henderson County.

Sponsoring the first prize of \$300 was ADOA Corporation. Second prize of \$200 was provided by K-Mart and the \$100 third prize by Ivey's and Moore-Robinson Associates. Four honorable mention awards of \$50 each were given by Gerber Products Company, Asheville Federal Savings and Loan Association and Wachovia Bank & Trust Company.

Ninety-two communities competed in this year's program which is sponsored by the WNC Development Association and the Agricultural Extension Service. Other community clubs in the final judging were Lake James, Burke County; Big Y, Cherokee Reservation; North, Jackson County; Bethlehem, McDowell County; Clarks Chapel, Macon County; See Off, Transylvania County and Brush Creek in Yancey County. The beautification contest, which is open to all organized community clubs in Western North Carolina, is two-fold in its purpose: One is to stimulate organized effort by the community groups in clean-up and beautification programs, and the other is to provide recognition to those areas that have done outstanding work throughout the year in making their areas a more attractive place in which to live. All forms of improvement of the physical environment of the communities are stressed, ranging from the removal of junked automobiles to tearing down of dilapidated buildings and planting flowers around the homes.

The Greater Ivy Community Association is composed of thirteen neighborhoods embracing all of No. 4 Township in Madison County and containing over 500 families. It is a newcomer to the development program having been organized this year. Interest is high among the community members to make their area a more beautiful place to live and one to which visitors will want to return. One clean-up drive last April saw 18 large truckloads of trash removed to the county land fill. Through their efforts 75 junk

cars were removed from the landscape and great pride has been taken in the installation of directory signs, painting of mail boxes and the planting of flowers. Some residents have cleared roadside fields and pasture lands. The Walker Branch Road area has been used by the community as an example of what they hope to accomplish throughout their entire area, which runs along highways 19 and 23 from Buncombe County to Yancey County and to Tennessee.

Second place winner, Big Ivy, covers the Barnardsville, Stockville and Dillingham areas among others. A major effort has been junk car removal. This year saw the removal of over 300 "junkers" from yards, fields and streams. In keeping with the bicentennial spirit, garbage cans were painted red, white and blue. Lawns and homes in the area are well maintained and much effort has gone into keeping the roadsides free from litter. A major project has been the improvement of the grounds at the community center.

Hellview community of Cherokee County, located south of Murphy on the Atlanta highway, lays claim to enthusiastic participation by members in both North Carolina and Georgia. A major undertaking has been painting, improving and restoring a wooden school nearly 100 years old which serves as the community center. Other projects included cemetery maintenance, directory signs, commercial establishments, painting mail boxes and removing 64 junk cars.

Morris J. McCough, executive vice president of the Western North Carolina Development Association stated: "The community clubs in Western North Carolina have reached a new high in beautification efforts during 1975. The competition in the beautification judging was extremely tight this year. All the communities judged in the area contest are due a lot of credit and much praise. It is through their efforts that all of Western North Carolina is a better place in which to live. These areas are setting an example and providing a challenge for other communities in our region which can do the same if they will just get together and organize in the community development program."

Dr. George N. Heatt, Jr. of Raleigh, director, agricultural extension service, N.C. State University, was a featured speaker at the meeting attended by over 100 rural and city leaders from all the western counties. He paid tribute to the accomplishments of local people agencies and business leaders working together for the past 26 years in the WNC Community Development Program. He emphasized the opportunities for leadership and individual involvement and participation in improving the quality of life in Western North Carolina through the community program.

Randal L. Day of Brevard, area chairman of the WNC Community Development Program, presided at the meeting which also saw a program adopted for 1976.



LESTER MURPHEY

## Pastor At Hot Springs Resigns

Lester Murphey, pastor at Hot Springs Baptist Church since June 1969, has resigned effective September 28. During his pastorate a building fund was begun that is nearing the \$25,000 mark. The church has had good Vacation Bible Schools and a good spirit of concern and fellowship has been in the church. The pastor led the county in a successful defeat of the Liquor-By-the-Drink campaign. Even though Mr. Murphey's work has been on a part-time basis, it has been a rewarding and wonderful experience.

The former pastor was educated in the public schools of McDowell County, Gardner-Webb College, and Mars Hill College. He is doing Graduate Work at Western Carolina University. He is married to the former Sylvia McAfee and they have two girls, Beth 6, and Kim 3. The Murpheys will continue to live at Route 3, Mars Hill.

## French Broad WMU Conference October 9 At Mars Hill

The annual Leadership Conference of the French Broad Woman's Missionary Union will be held on Thursday, October 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Mars Hill Baptist Church. We urge all of you who have been elected to work as a leader of Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, Baptist Young Women, and Baptist Women, to attend the conference. If you are the W.M.U. Director in your church, please come, and urge all of your leaders to come with you. Mrs. W. Locke Robinson said:

Representatives from any of our churches that do not yet have mission organizations, but who are interested in organizing any of these, are urged to come to find out more about the work. Now W.M.U. work can begin in any church with one officer - a W.M.U. Director - working with the Pastor. If your church does not have an organization for Baptist Young Women, choose very carefully and prayerfully the key young woman who can and will lead out in this effort, and see that she comes to this meeting. Mrs. Robinson said:

The following conferences will be held: W.M.U. Directors, Baptist Women President's Mission Support, Mission Action and Mission Study Chairman led by Mrs. W. Locke Robinson and Mrs. W. L. Lynch. Baptist Young Women led by Miss Doris Chambers. Acteens led by Mrs. Steve Willis. Girls in Action led by Mrs. Kyle Jamerson and Mission Friends led by Miss Betsy Clayton.

Mrs. Carolyn Henderson Fite, the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Joe R. Henderson of Hot Springs, has recently been named an outstanding Elementary Teacher of America for 1975. "Only a select number of teachers from across the United States have been awarded this high honor. They were nominated by their school principals and selected by the board of advisors on the basis of their personal and civic achievements as well as their contributions in the field of elementary education," said James Bogle, Director of Board of Advisors of Outstanding Teachers of America, Washington, D. C.

## Former Hot Springs Woman Honored As Outstanding Teacher

Mrs. Fite is an elementary teacher in Bridle Path School, West Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Jane Dorgan, an outstanding educator, is principal of the school. Mrs. Fite graduated from the University of Tennessee with honors. She was a Phi Kappa Phi and an Omicron Nu.



MRS. CAROLYN H. FITE

Upon graduating from the University of Tennessee, she joined the Women's Specialist Corps of the U.S. Army and was commissioned a First Lieutenant. She was assigned to Walter Reed Army Hospital where she graduated as a Food Therapist. On completion of this course, she was assistant to the Chief dietitian at Fort Benning, Ga. While at Fort Benning, she met and married Lieutenant Burgess Fite, a career officer who recently retired as a colonel. He is now employed as an adjutant for the Hartford Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.

## Masons To Meet Monday

Members of French Broad Masonic Lodge, 292, will meet at the Masonic Building here next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend the stated meeting.

## Archie Campbell Guest At Lunsford Festival This Week-End



ARCHIE CAMPBELL

he won the Country Musician Comedian of the year award and has since been nominated twice for a Grammy.

Also to be featured during the three day festival, to be held October 2, 3, and 4, will be Wilma Dykeman Stokley, noted author of over ten books, including The French Broad. A native of Asheville, Mrs. Stokley will be the main speaker during dedication ceremonies of the college's Appalachian Room. Located in Memorial Library, the Appalachian Room is the first step in the college's proposed Southern Appalachian Center. The Appalachian Room will be open to the public and houses a growing book collection of regional significance, manuscripts - notably the Bascom Lamar Lunsford folk music collection, the Southern Appalachian oral history archives, a collection of Cherokee Indian artifacts bequeathed to the college by Mrs. Gertrude Ruskan, and a photographic archive. The dedication ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. in the college's Anderson Amphitheatre. Others taking part in the dedication festivities will be Mary Chiltosky, wife of Cherokee Indian wood carver Going Back Chiltosky. Mrs. Chiltosky will exhibit a selection of Going Back's carvings as well as share her knowledge of Cherokee folklore. She is the author of three books, Cherokee Words, Cherokee Plants, and Cherokee Cookery. Don LaMotte, a gunsmith who makes old-time muzzle loading rifles, and his wife Cele, who practices the ancient art of scrimshaw on the accompanying powder horns, will demonstrate their techniques. In cooperation with the Madison County Bicentennial Committee, the first night's activities will be held in the gymnasium of the new

Madison County High School. The Thursday evening event will feature mountain dancing, and will be divided into three categories: beginning, junior and adult. Both smooth and clog dancers will perform during the evening's festivities which begin at 7:30 p.m. An admission charge of 50 cents for all students and \$1 for adults will be charged.

On Friday evening, local and collegiate musicians and dancers will participate in a festival of traditional mountain music. Dance teams from several mountain colleges will also participate. The evening's activities will be held in the college's Moore Auditorium and will start at 7:30 p.m. An admission charge of 50 cents for all students and \$1 for adults will be charged. Saturday will see a full day of activities. Workshops in fiddle and banjo and dulcimer, and fiddle will be the highlight of the morning starting at 11 a.m. Workshops in both smooth and clog dancing will also be held. The dedication of the Appalachian Room is scheduled at 4 p.m. and jam sessions will be held all day Saturday, giving those who attend a chance to pick and sing with old friends as well as to make new acquaintances. Beginning Saturday evening at 7:30 in the college's Moore Auditorium, 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. An admission charge of 50 cents for all students and \$1.50 for adults will be charged. All proceeds from the festival will be used in advancing the work of the Southern Appalachian Center.

## Bicentennial Dinner At Mars Hill Saturday

A Bicentennial Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 4 from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Mars Hill Elementary school cafeteria. The dinner is being held in conjunction with the final night of the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival. The menu will include ham, green

beans, potatoes, slaw, hot rolls, iced tea, coffee, and dessert. Tickets are on sale in Mars Hill or at the door on Saturday night. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. All proceeds will be used for the new Madison County Public Library.