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Ramsey Named Acting Dean At WCU

Harry E. Ramsey, a Madison County native whose career has been devoted to the improvement of social services and health care in Western North Carolina, has again been named to a top administrative position at Western Carolina University.



HARRY RAMSEY

His appointment as acting dean of the School of Health Sciences and Services has been announced by Dr. H. F. Robinson, WCU chancellor. In making the appointment, Dr. Robinson said the university is "extremely fortunate to have a man with Mr. Ramsey's experience and qualifications" to take over leadership of the school.

The School provides degree programs in medical record administration and medical technology, is responsible for operation of infirmary services on the campus, and directs health service clinics in speech and hearing and developmental evaluation for the seven southwestern counties of the state.

Ramsey, the son of Mrs. Cora Ramsey of Marshall and the late Mr. Jeter Ramsey, just last fall was named special assistant to the chancellor for WCU programs in Asheville. That program has experienced an increase in students of approximately 23 per cent in the year since his appointment. He will continue to direct the Asheville program and maintain an office on the UNCA campus where the WCU faculty teaches the WCU courses evenings and Saturdays. Some 1,100 students now are enrolled there in the WCU-Asheville program.

In assuming leadership of the School of Health Sciences and Services Ramsey will be directing the university's newest school and one in which he played a major founding role.

Ramsey's own background of preparation and experience has been in the fields of social work and mental health.

He was graduated with high honors from Western Carolina University in 1959 with a

bachelor of science degree in education.

He was awarded a National Institute of Mental Health Scholarship for his post-graduate work and earned the master of social work degree at Florida State University, an institution with one of the highly-regarded social work programs in the country.

After leaving Florida State, Ramsey was a clinical social worker with the Veterans Administration.

He joined the WCU faculty in 1964 and one of his first assignments was to lead the establishment of the university's undergraduate program in social work. After the program was established, Ramsey was named as its first director. The program earlier this year won national accreditation.

The Western North Carolina native has been one of the WCU faculty's most active members in extension work and teaching. He has established off-campus relationships between the social work program and county and state social welfare agencies, leading to an active internship program for WCU students.

When the university began plans for a school of health sciences, it again turned to Ramsey for leadership. He served as chairman of the study committee whose work led to establishment of the present school. He then was

named by former WCU President Alex S. Pow as administrative director of the school during its first year and developed proposals which led to a five-year federal allied health development grant to support the new program.

In September 1974, Dr. Robinson named Ramsey as his special assistant to direct Western Carolina programs in Asheville and to serve as the university's liaison officer in cooperative programs with the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The Madison County native has served the university in numerous other capacities and recently also was named WCU administrative representative for the supervising coordination of clinical services at WCU with state agencies supporting the clinics jointly with WCU.

Ramsey has served as chairman of the university's long-range planning committee, as a member of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Education of the (former) North Carolina Board of Higher Education, and has served as a program consultant to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

He has held major campus offices and committee assignments and two years ago was vice-chairman of the Faculty - Administration Senate, the highest faculty office on the campus.



DEDICATION AT SLEEPY VALLEY — More than 70 persons were present last Sunday at dedication services of the Sleepy Valley Community Center. The Center was completed months ago but several improvements have been made. The building was constructed largely with free labor by Sleepy Valley men and women, a Federal grant, contributions, and projects. Total cost of building was \$15,000. Sleepy Valley community has won second place in overall

community development for the past two years. Mrs. Marie Osteen, president of the Community Club, presided at the dedication. Calvin Chandler, director of Asheville Veterans' Administration Hospital, and a native of Madison County, was featured speaker. Special music and refreshments were enjoyed. Shown standing in front of building are several leaders.

Candidates File For Municipal Elections

Last Friday noon was the deadline for candidates to file for mayor and aldermen in

Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs for the municipal elections to be held November 4, 1975.

Below are the candidates:

MARSHALL

For mayor (two years) Lawrence Ponder and George Penland.

For Aldermen (three for two years) Roy G. Wild, incumbent; James R. Penland, incumbent; Charles "Ham" Crowe, incumbent; Donald J. Ramsey, G. W. Brown, Paul Worley, T. F. Sams, Mrs. Louise McDewitt Sprinkle.

MARS HILL

For mayor (two years) William P. Powell, in-

cumbent; Frederick Anderson.

For Aldermen (three for two years) Douglas G. Randolph, incumbent; Arthur E. Wood, incumbent; Carl Eller, incumbent; Freddy Holtkamp, Ralph M. Lee.

HOT SPRINGS

For mayor (two years) Joe R. Henderson, incumbent (unopposed)

For Aldermen (three for two years) Ernest Gene Autry, incumbent; Harold Anderson, incumbent; George K. "Red" Ramsey, Leroy Johnson, Claude Moore, Tony Gamble, Jerry Ramsey.

4-H Leaders Have Faith In Young People

For more than 40 Madison County residents, the key to staying young is involvement with youth. They are volunteer leaders assisting with the Madison County 4-H program.

These volunteer leaders, according to Dale Everett, Madison 4-H agent, are revealing their faith in today's young people. They share a common interest - seeing boys and girls advance through the opportunities available in 4-H.

Dale Everett says boys and girls between 9 and 19 may be 4-H members. Those who are over 19 may join 4-H as

volunteer leaders. Leaders are needed more than ever before, the agent points out, to serve as volunteer leaders, teach subject matter and skills, talk with youngsters about personal problems, accompany youngsters on trips and provide transportation.

Anyone wanting to know more about the 4-H program here in Madison County should contact the 4-H agents at 649-2411 or visit the Agricultural Extension Service in Roberts Building in Marshall.

Therapist To Work In County Schools

Mr. R.L. Edwards has announced that a Speech and Hearing Therapist has been employed to work in the Madison County Public Schools. She is Mrs. Cheryl Schram. Mrs. Schram is a native of Keene, Texas, but she received her education at the Pacific Union College, Angwin California.

Mrs. Schram's husband Wes Schram, a self-employed Building Contractor. His major work is the building of

hospitals, churches, and condominiums. Mr. and Mrs. Schram are presently living in Candler, but they plan to move to Madison County in the near future.

Last year a school survey of children with speech defects was conducted in Madison County. Approximately 150 such children were identified thereby establishing a need for a speech therapist. Mrs. Schram will begin her duties on October 6.

Gudger's Flower Shop Now Open On By Pass

Marshall's newest firm is Gudger's Flower Shop which is located in the Mountain Acreage Building on the Marshall by-pass.

Mrs. Troy (Lillian) Gudger is the owner and designer and her daughter, Bethann Gudger Harwood is her assistant and designer.

Mrs. Gudger has been in the business for 18 years. She has worked as a designer for Brown's Flower Shop in

Weaverville, Newbridge Florist and Flor's Flower Center in Asheville. Mrs. Harwood was formerly with Newbridge Florist in Asheville where she was designer.

"We are looking forward to serving the people of this area with 'quality flowers of distinction for all occasions'."

Mrs. Gudger stated, "We cordially invite you to visit our establishment on the by-pass", she said.

4-H'ers Celebrate Week With Exhibits And Festival

Madison County 4-H'ers and leaders will observe National 4-H Week Saturday, October 11, with special exhibits and a festival at the Marshall Shopping Center. The public is invited to view the work of Madison County 4-H'ers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Ribbons will be awarded to 4-H'ers who exhibit outstanding work Bazaar items will be on sale in addition to the exhibit items. "This is the first open display of 4-H work in Madison County in many years," says Dale Everett, Asst. Extension Agent. She encourages the public to attend this event.

4-H programs are conducted

in 3,150 counties of the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

Eighty-two countries have youth programs similar to 4-H, with an enrollment of approximately 5 million.

As the 4-H program continues to progress, it will be meeting the challenges of tomorrow with the same enterprising spirit that has built the 4-H program to its present level of success ... currently fulfilling the needs and aspirations of 7.2 million youth in citizenship, leadership and community service activities.

Dedrick Brown Home Damaged By Fire Sunday

The two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Dedrick Brown at Barnard was considerably damaged by fire late Sunday afternoon.

When Marshall firemen arrived at the scene about 6:30 o'clock, the fire was being held in check by neighbors and friends who kept the flames from spreading throughout the house. With the aid of firemen and other volunteers,

the fire was extinguished but not before considerable damage was done in the living room, kitchen and attic. Three rooms on the first floor were not damaged, it was

stated. It was surmised that old wiring, might have started the blaze.

There were no injuries reported.

Southern Appalachia Forums At Laurel

The Southern Appalachia Forums, sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Committee and the Continuing Education Division of Mars Hill College, will be offered beginning Oct. 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Laurel School

Lunchroom. These will continue each Monday night for a period of six weeks, with a different speaker and topic at

each one. We urge everyone in the Laurel area and other areas to take advantage of these very interesting and educational forums, and to become acquainted with a part of the faculty at Mars Hill College. Persons that are continuing their education will be given credit for attending. Please plan to attend.

Title III Project At Laurel School

Laurel School has been awarded an adapter grant in "Account ability in Primary Reading Education" for the 1975-76 school year. For this project, Laurel School has elected to assume total account-ability for achievement of specific objectives. Individual needs of the children in Kindergarten - third grade will be identified through initial testing and a continual monitoring system with joint planning by classroom teachers and laboratory personnel will result in a prescriptive program for each individual child.

The following school personnel will be involved in the project: Principal - Vernon J.

Ponder; Project Director - Barbara Ray; Teachers - Joyce Thomas, Lena Thomas, Glennis Ray, Elmer Chandler, and Roger Hainie; Teachers Aides - Kathy Johnson, Lovena Cantrell, Ada Jean Shelton, Fronia Gunter, Ruby Wallin.

All personnel involved in the program, adapted from the Burlington School project, have been involved in an extensive staff development program during the past summer. In-service training will be provided throughout the school year. On September 30, personnel from the Burlington City School conducted a workshop for the teachers at Laurel School.

Principal - Vernon J.

Walk-A-Thon For Uniforms Successful

The walk-a-thon to raise money for band uniforms for Madison High School, sponsored by Beta Omega Chapter of ESA was highly successful. One hundred and six walkers left the Island at 9:00 Saturday, Sept. 20. Among those completing the walk were several interested adults with others assisting with refreshments and safety precautions.

A party for those participating in the walk and collecting a minimum of \$5 was held at the high school the following Saturday. Beta Omega would like to clarify that this party was only for those who had walked and collected at least \$5. Each person eligible to attend had the opportunity to invite one guest prior to the party. We regret any misunderstandings that have arisen concerning the party, a spokesman said. The proceeds of this walk

will be presented to the high school officials next week.

Justice Reshaped By 'Brother Rate'

The Madison County courthouse soon will have a new statue of Justice adorning its roof, replacing a similar ornament which fell to the ground and crushed last March.

A life-size replica of the blindfolded lady in roman toga, holding scales in one hand and a broad sword in the other, was completed this week by the Madison County sculptor who goes by the professional name of Brother Rat.

Also known as W. C. Stanton, the sculptor used a sculpting material new to him, fiberglass, in this creation commissioned by the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

"It turned out surprisingly well," he said of the statue put together at his home workshop at Shadywood, on Barnard Road near Walnut. After getting the fiberglass and some helpful tips on using the material from a supplier in Swannanoa, Stanton said, he shaped the statue first from hardware cloth, made hands and face of plaster, and covered the body with three coats of fiberglass - with several coats of paint added.

A native of Massachusetts who has lived at times in Canada and Mexico, Stanton came to Western North Carolina 12 years ago and has lived at Walnut for the past seven years.

He is a graphic artist who has sculpted in wood and plastic and the James Cook who explored the Sandwich (Hawaii) Islands was his great-great uncle.

The hollow 1-foot-7 lady Justice weighs only 75 pounds, will be placed atop the courthouse dome probably next week. Workmen already are prospecting for a site on the roof in place of the new statue.

The original Justice, made of rolled lead and zinc, lasted from the time the courthouse

was erected in 1907 until tumbled on a windy day last spring.



REPLACEMENT — Walnut sculptor W. C. Stanton is shown with the statue of Justice that will go atop the dome of the Madison County courthouse in Marshall. (Staff Photo by Gary Fields)