

THE NEWS - RECORD



Greater Ivy Merits Spotlight In WNCDA Awards Saturday

By JIM STORY
Greater Ivy Citizens Association Inc., won top honors in Division "C" (over 150 families) at the 26th annual awards luncheon of the Western North Carolina Development Association (WNCDA) Saturday at the Civic Center in Asheville. A beautiful plaque and a check for \$400 was presented to Mrs. Gerald Young, vice president of the Greater Ivy organization, in the absence of its president, Dr. Grover L. Angel.

Not only did the Greater Ivy Association win first place in the overall community improvement competition but also won several other distinctions including third place in the special youth activities, and special merit youth awards were presented Greater Ivy Youth for Girls' Auxiliary of Beech Glen Baptist Church and Acteens of California Creek Baptist Church, and Special Summer Recreation projects for youth, all of Greater Ivy. Mrs. Bill Clark was presented a plaque and check for \$50 from Congressman Roy Taylor and Morris McGough, executive vice president of the Association. Some of the Greater Ivy Community Club projects included the

organization of youth and adult ball teams, providing sponsors and a meeting place for the 4-H Club, completing a community census, the installation of road signs and beautification projects.

In the Community Improvement competition, Sleepy Valley was awarded \$200 and a plaque for winning third place honors. Mrs. Marie Osteen, Sleepy Valley leader, received the awards.

Mrs. Ruth Gregory, County Beautification Coordinator, presented the Community Leadership Awards and delivered an impressive talk to the more than 600 persons from 16 counties who were present. Dr. Grover L. Angel and Mrs. Joan Ramsey were nominees for the "Man and Woman" of the Year and were awarded certificates for their fine leadership in the Greater Ivy Citizens Association accomplishments.

Among the sponsors for the awards was French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

Approximately 50 persons from Madison County attended the luncheon meeting at which 97 communities were represented. Members of the Madison County Extension Department, headed by Earle Wise, assisted in arrangements and planning of the event.

U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor, who presented the overall community development awards, prefaced the awards presentation by saying, "We must never lose sight of one thing. This is a program in which all communities are winners."

"The big prize will not be presented here today. That has already been won by all the communities - by being better places in which to live. What we are trying to do today

is simply to point to communities and say that in the opinion of a panel of interested but impartial judges, on the basis of what we heard and saw, we have ranked the accomplishments of certain

communities above those of others. Right or wrong, this is our best judgment."

J. D. Cooley of Forest City, a vice president of the development association, presided at the meeting. S. E.

Golson of Asheville, president of the WNC Development Association, welcomed the guests.

Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the association, recognized distinguished guests, followed by special music by a youth chorus representing Plains United Methodist Church and Rocky Face Baptist Church of the North Homy Community of Haywood County.

Vocal selections by Nettie Weber, of East Flat Rock, were also enjoyed.

Newly elected mayor Eugene C. Ochseneiter made a surprise appearance at the luncheon, offering a welcome to guests from other counties and wishing the group "the best for the holiday season."



MRS. RUTH GREGORY, of Marshall, County Beautification Coordinator, is shown at the speakers' table with (left to right) J.D. Cooley, of Forest City, who presided; Congressman Roy A. Taylor, who presented awards; and Dr. Walter Guntharp, Administrator, Rural Development Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., who was one of the featured speakers. Mrs. Gregory presented the Community Leadership Awards.



MRS. BILL CLARK is shown receiving certificate and congratulations from Morris McGough, executive vice president of the WNCDA Association, for the Greater Ivy winning third place in the Special Youths Activities competition.



MRS. MARIE OSTEEEN, Sleepy Valley Community Leader, is shown holding the Certificate of Achievement she received in behalf of the Sleepy Valley organization for Community Improvement at the WNCDA Awards luncheon last Saturday at the Civic Center in Asheville.



DR. GROVER L. ANGEL, left, and Mrs. Joan Ramsey, who were awarded special citations in recognition of outstanding community leadership and service for their achievements with the Greater Ivy Citizens Association.



Town Officials Take Oaths

Mayor George Penland and Aldermen Roy Wild, James Penland and Charles "Ham" Crowe were administered their oaths of office in the City Hall on Tuesday night of last week. The oaths were administered by Emery Metcalf, Notary Public.

Following the "swearing in" ceremony, Wild was again named Water Commissioner; James Penland, was named vice-mayor and Street and Road Commissioner; and Crowe was again named Town Clerk.

Grant

Congressman Roy A. Taylor Thursday announced the approval of a grant of \$187,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Town of Marshall to construct a water line.

Randal Lyday of Brevard, chairman of the WNC Community Development Program, presented the youth awards and Mrs. Ruth Gregory of Marshall presented the "man and woman of the year" awards.

Dr. Walter Guntharp, administrator, Rural Development Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, spoke briefly before Rep. Taylor began the awards presentation. Hundreds of spectators and community leaders viewed the display of scrapbooks from the various communities, including a beautiful and informative scrapbook from the Greater Ivy organization.

Grand Jury Reports Cites Need Improvements

Honorable Judge John R. Friday
Superior Court Judge
27th Judicial District
P. O. Box 371
Lincolnton, N.C. 28092

Upon your request a committee from the Grand Jury inspected buildings and properties owned, rented or leased by the county of Madison. They are as follows: Public Schools:

We found Marshall School to be in good repair and adequate except for roof repair on old building.

The physical plant at Walnut was exceptionally clean and adequate. We would recommend that the roof be patched, and that the sewage system and rest rooms be checked for possible im-

provements. Four of the five buildings at Mars Hill are in good condition. The oldest of the buildings needs roof repair; the rest rooms need extensive cleaning and attention to the plumbing.

The remaining schools - Laurel, Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Madison High - were found to be in good shape.

Hot Springs and Mars Hill Day Care Centers we found in good condition; however, the Marshall Day Care Center building leaks, has inadequate space inside and out, floors need repair, rest rooms are out of order, and the building needs painting inside.

The Extension Office, the Library, the ASCS Office, jail, sanitary land fill, and the Dept. of Public Safety met their individual requirements. The Food Stamp Office is being remodeled.

The Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds Offices in the Court House need a floor covering.

More space for record filing could be provided for the Board of Elections Office.

The Health Department facilities are nice with the exception of a leak in the reception room.

The Department of Social Services is over-crowded both for employees and public. They are crowded to the extent that desks are even placed in the hall and desks are placed three to an office with some employees being sent to other buildings. The number of rest rooms do not meet State and Federal specifications. The waiting room is too small and there is no storage space. There is no parking space and anyone entering the building must walk up a sharp incline and several steps. There is no ramp for persons in wheel chairs.

There is not enough space in what is now the Magistrate's Office for the Veteran's Officer and Driver's License Examiner. Our findings reveal that there is no magistrate in or near the town of Hot Springs. We strongly recommend that actions be taken to correct this matter. Sixteen Bills of Indictment, including two capital crimes, were returned by the Foreman and seventeen members of open Court, and will appear on record of this term.

These are the findings of the committee on December 2, 1975.

Harold D. Anderson, Foreman of the Grand Jury



MRS. GERALD YOUNG, Vice President of Greater Ivy Association, shown with certificate for winning first place in Division "C". Mrs. Young accepted the top award in the absence of Dr. Grover L. Angel, president of the Greater Ivy Organization.

Election Officials Sworn In; Important Dates Cited

The Registrars and Judges who were appointed by the Madison County Board of Elections on August 5 were sworn into office last Saturday at 10 a.m. in a meeting in the courtroom here.

Perry G. Willis, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections, presided at the instructional meeting which convened for the purpose of informing precinct officials of methods and procedures to be used in registering voters for the Presidential Preference Primary, Primaries and General Election to be held in the county in 1976. The oaths were administered to the Registrars and Judges by Miss Sharon L. Ray, Executive Secretary of the Madison County Board of Elections Board members Joe L. Morgan and Edward T. Gentry made brief remarks.

Chairman Willis recognized three municipal elections officials: Mrs. Pauline R. Ditmore of Marshall; Mrs. Gene Autrey of Hot Springs, and Mr. Henry Clary Edwards of Mars Hill.

Discussion ensued relative to the approach to be pursued in registering college students and some problems that might occur in the process. Chairman Willis cautioned Registrars and Judges to only register those citizens who are from their own precincts, and reminded those present that, for the first time, Judges may now register voters in accordance with Chapter 163 of the Election Laws of North Carolina as amended by the

1976 session of the General Assembly.

The Presidential Preference Primary will be held in the county and state on March 23, 1976. The closing date for registration for said primary will be at 4:30 p.m. on February 23, 1976. The Primary for state, district and county offices in 1976 is on August 17. The second primary or runoff date is September 14. The General Election will be held throughout the nation on November 2, 1976.

The filing deadline for candidates in the Primary or General Election is at 12 noon on April 5. The filing deadline for the Soil and Water Board is July 2.

The registration deadline for the Primary is July 19 whereas the registration deadline for the General Election is October 4.

Chairman Willis reiterated the fact that voters in the South Marshall Precinct (west of the French Broad River) will vote at the Marshall Elementary School on Blannahasset Island as they have traditionally done, and voters in the North Marshall Precinct (in Marshall town and East and North of the French Broad) will vote at Madison High School.

Democratic Judge, Conley Goforth North Marshall - Registrar, Mrs. Frances Buckner, Republican Judge, Chauncey Metcalf, Democratic Judge, Gordon Rice.

The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all Madison County Precinct officials will be published in this newspaper soon for the benefit of the voters.

Winners

Winners in the first drawing of the Merchants Association promotion, held Saturday afternoon, were: \$25 Pansy Gunter, Route 4, Dewey Caldwell, Route 7; Margaret Bailey, Alexander; Ruby Hensley Roberts, Marshall; G.G. Cook, Marshall; Fred McDevitt, Marshall; Mrs. T.R. Gosnell, Route 5; Zeb Hensley, Marshall \$50, Jeter P. Ramsey, Box 343, Route 4.

The second drawing will be held this Saturday at 3 p.m. at the courthouse. You must be present to win.



Fire Dept., Ambulance In New Location

Two important changes have been made in vital services during the past few days in Marshall.

The Fire Department, where the fire trucks are stored, has been moved from the Town Hall Building opposite French Broad Chevrolet Co., to the new headquarters in the former Redmon & Worley Building and former Derringer Mfg. Co., Building on Main Street.

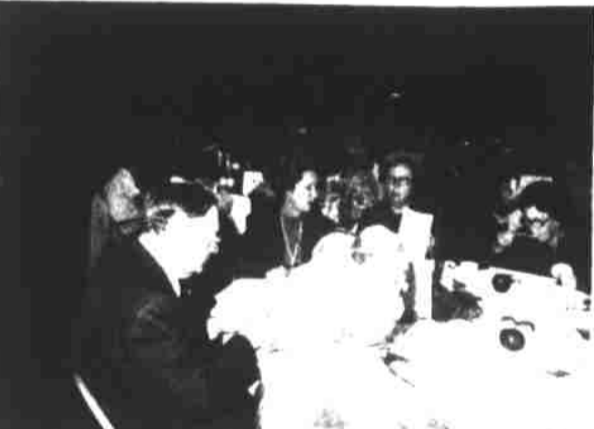
Also moving into the same spacious building is the ambulance which for sometime has been headquartered at the jail here.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL: FIRE 649-3333 AMBULANCE 649-3111.

Cantata At Baptist Church Saturday Night

"GOOD NEWS, WORLD," a Christmas Cantata by John F. Wilson, will be presented by the choir of the Marshall Baptist Church, with a aid of some students of Marshall Hill College, on Saturday evening, December 13, at 7:30. Also singing with the group will be a member of the Marshall Presbyterian Church and one from the Methodist Church.

The cantata is essentially a service of praise and thanksgiving centered around the Christmas story, the message of salvation and the promised return of our Lord. Ray Boyette, a senior music major at Mars Hill College and minister of music at the Marshall church, is directing the cantata. Miss Frances Pendley, also of Mars Hill College, is accompanist. The public is invited.



MADISON COUNTY community leaders occupied four tables at the 26th annual Western North Carolina Development Association Awards Meeting held Saturday in the Asheville Civic Center. Pictured above enjoying the luncheon prior to the presentation of awards are some of the representatives from Madison County. (Photos by Jim Story)