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MARY HIGH, left, and Cheryl Thomas, right, administer the Santa Clara to Mars Hill Elementary students.

An Internship With Kids

By CHERYL THOMAS
During the past semester, four Mars Hill College students have presented puppet shows and shown films and filmstrips to the children enrolled in Madison County Elementary Schools. They also worked on a project for the developmental screening of the children. These students are participating in an internship program for child mental health.

Mary High, a biology major, and I went to Mars Hill Elementary School. Cheri Edwards, a sociology major, was responsible for the program in Walnut and Marshall. Janie Franklin, who is working towards a degree in social work, was in charge of the program in Hot Springs and Laurel.

Each intern worked in her school one day every week.

The first part of our day involved a project called "The Santa Clara." The Santa Clara is a screening program designed to identify developmental lags in young children. The project is undertaken as a preventive measure to identify problem areas which might interfere with the learning abilities of beginning students. The students are screened for motor and sensory perception skills, and language development, among other things.

In the kindergarten classes, Mary and I presented puppet shows which are part of a program called "DUSO", involving a puppetteer who talks to children about such things as sharing and being themselves. I could tell the children looked forward to seeing the fuzzy blue puppet every week by the enthusiastic reception we received each time.

Next on our agenda was the showing of films from the series called "INSIDE-OUT." This program was presented to all the fourth graders followed by a discussion on the contents of the films. The films are designed to stimulate discussion on problems that typically are experienced by preadolescents. The response to this program was as enthusiastic as the one we experienced with the kindergarten children.

The final task of the day was to exhibit filmstrips to each of the eighth grade classes. These filmstrips were part of a series prepared by Parent's Magazine and deal with such issues as the development of feelings of children, the child's relationship with the family, and everyday problems of young children. This seemed to me to be the hardest part of the whole assignment because "How do you talk to a thirteen year old about the problems of parenting?" The discussions were difficult to master at times, but the programs and the films seemed to go over fairly well. My class often enjoyed examining their concept of what a parent should actually be like, and different views on the matter often led to lively discussions.

Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with the children. I feel that I have gained as much from working with them as they seem to have derived from the program.

The interns participating in this program were supervised by Mr. Lloyd Griffin, who teaches social work at Mars Hill College. Every other Friday, we met as a group to discuss how the program was going along and to "gripe" about any problems and difficulties we were experiencing. These sessions also proved to be very helpful. Program planning and development was worked out cooperatively between Mars Hill College, Madison County Schools, and Blue Ridge Community Mental Health.

Free And Reduced Price Lunch Income Scale Changes

The Madison County Board of Education has announced its policy for (free and reduced-price meals, free milk) for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch, and Special Milk Programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Free	Reduced
1	0-\$ 3,230.00	\$ 3,231.00-\$ 5,040.00
2	0- 4,240.00	4,241.00- 6,630.00
3	0- 5,250.00	5,251.00- 8,200.00
4	0- 6,260.00	6,261.00- 9,770.00
5	0- 7,190.00	7,191.00- 11,210.00
6	0- 8,110.00	8,111.00- 12,650.00
7	0- 8,950.00	8,951.00- 13,970.00
8	0- 9,790.00	9,791.00- 15,290.00
9	0- 10,550.00	10,551.00- 16,490.00
10	0- 11,310.00	11,311.00- 17,440.00
11	0- 12,080.00	12,081.00- 18,220.00
12	0- 12,810.00	12,811.00- 20,000.00

Each additional Family Member \$750.00 \$1,180.00

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for (free or reduced-price meals or free milk). In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, principals will review applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to R. L. Edwards, Superintendent - Madison County Schools - P. O. Box 446, Marshall, N. C. 28753. Phone: 649-3424, for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced-price meals or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown on the income scale.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

The Madison County Board of Education has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Hot Springs Election Officials Resign

The new Board of Aldermen for the Town of Hot Springs took office Tuesday night of last week and as their first official act accepted the resignation of municipal election officials.

The town officials also authorized their attorney to negotiate with the Madison County Board of Elections on handling future municipal elections in Hot Springs.

Veteran Mayor Joe R. Henderson, whose election Nov. 4 had not been challenged, administered the oath of office to Aldermen Harold Anderson, E. B. (Gene) Autry and Jerry Ramsey. Anderson and Autry are carryover members of the nonpartisan board.

Attorney Ronald Howell reported on the State Board of Elections decision, following a hearing in Raleigh Friday, not to order a second election for the Board of Aldermen positions upon petition by

losing candidates Tony Gamble, George K. (Red) Ramsey and Claude Moore.

In its decision, Howell noted, the State Board had reserved the right to conduct a hearing in Hot Springs on the possible removal of precinct officials.

Meanwhile, the attorney for the defeated candidates said the action taken by Hot Springs officials would not stop his plans to appeal the State Board of Elections refusal to order a second election.

Edward Krause said he will carry the fight to Wake County Superior Court as a challenge to the constitutionality of the state law which requires a 4-1 majority by the State Board of Elections before it can order a new election. The vote in the Hot Springs case had been 3 to 2 in favor of ordering another election.

"The law was enacted by the Democratic Legislature when a Republican governor got in office," Krause said, and he will challenge it as being political in nature.

At the Town Board meeting in Hot Springs Mrs. Elizabeth

Stauder said she was resigning as chairman of the local Board of Elections because of her physical condition. Other members resigned without explanation, as did the precinct appointees.

The town officials received the resignations and directed the clerk to send letters of appreciation to those who resigned.

Howell was asked to contact the county elections board and get data on the cost to Hot Springs if the county group took over in future municipal elections. Madison County uses voting machines in county elections, but Howell was asked to see if paper ballots could be used in a town election involving 278 voters rather than being obligated to having a voting machine company expert employed to set up and be on hand for the election.

The next municipal election in Hot Springs, unless a bond or other referendum is called meanwhile, will be held in November, 1977.

State Bd. Of Elections Issues Data For Voters; Constitutional Amendments

In preparation for the Presidential Primaries and Special Elections to be conducted March 23, 1976, the State Board of Elections has issued the following information:

Absentee ballots SHALL BE authorized and permitted in these elections on ALL of the issues, to wit: Democrat Presidential, Republican Presidential, Constitutional Amendments and Statewide Bond Ballot.

All voters who are properly registered will be eligible to vote in the special elections on the Constitutional Amendments and State Bond Referendum.

Text of Amendments and Bond Referendum: FOR constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize the State, counties, cities or towns, and other State and local governmental entities to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance for any such governmental entity or any nonprofit private corporation, regardless of any church or religious relationship, the cost of acquiring, constructing and financing health care facility projects, such bonds to be payable from the revenues, gross or net, of any such projects and any other health care facilities of any such governmental entity or nonprofit private corporation pledged therefor.

FOR constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to enact general laws to authorize counties to create authorities to issue revenue bonds to finance, but not to refinance, the cost of capital projects consisting of industrial, manufacturing and pollution control facilities for industry and pollution control facilities for public utilities, and to refund such bonds to be secured by and payable only from revenues or property derived from private parties and in no event to be secured by or payable from any public moneys whatsoever.

The newly-organized Madison County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol held its first meeting last Thursday night with 28 members present.

Officers elected to serve a one-year term are as follows:

President, Clarence Henderson; Vice-President, Jack Thomas; Secretary, Elsbey Wyatt; Treasurer, Gordon Rice.

A writeup of this week's meeting, scheduled for Wednesday night, will be published in next week's issue.

French Broad EMC Plans To Hold Community Meetings

Charles R. Tolley, Acting Manager of French Broad EMC, announced today that a series of Community Meetings will be held throughout the County during the next few weeks.

The first meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Elementary School on Monday, Jan. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone in the Hot Springs area is invited to attend this meeting. Other members will want to watch for the announcement about the meeting to be held in their community. As soon as these meetings are scheduled, a complete list will be published so that you can plan to attend the meeting nearest you. A slide film presentation, "Your Concern is Ours Too" will be presented by Mrs. Ernestine Flemmons, Public Relations Director, and Mr. Tolley and Iverson Bradley, Marshall District Manager, will be on hand to discuss rising costs of electricity, problems confronting electric cooperatives, and to answer questions you may have.

For further information, contact Mr. West at his office or call 649-2351.

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Free Auto Plates For Ex-Prisoners of War And Disabled Vets

Don West, Madison County Veterans' Service Officer, reminded ex-prisoners of war and disabled veterans that if they are eligible they can secure auto plates free.

Who is eligible?
Must be a resident of North Carolina and who is entitled to compensation under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration and who is rated as 100 percent service-

connected disabled or has suffered one or more of the following due to disability incurred in or aggravated by active military, naval, marine or air service of the United States during one or more conflicts:
(1) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet;
(2) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;
(3) Permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status:
Central visual acuity of 20-200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20-200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye.

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Dr. Bobby Jean Rice Named As Title IX Designee

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice has been designated by the Superintendent and Madison County Board of Education to coordinate the compliance policies and the law requirements of Title IX. Questions concerning the policies and procedures of the Madison County Board of Education to assure compliance with Title IX may be directed to Dr. Rice at the following address, location and telephone number:
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Amendments of 1972 states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance."

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Grigg, Gregory Directors WNCDA Organization

S.E. Golson of Asheville has been re-elected president of the 18-county Western North Carolina Development Association.

Jacob Grigg, of Mars Hill, was one of the new directors named and Mrs. O. A. Gregory, of Marshall, is serving carry-over term on the board of directors.

Among highlights of the year, Golson called attention to the completion of a major addition to the Western Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at the Asheville Airport at a cost of \$115,000 and expansion of the professional staff. He also pointed to the purchase of a 20-acre site for the WNC Farmers Market at the intersection of I-40 and Brevard Road and the fact that funds were appropriated by the N. C. General Assembly to employ an extension beef cattle specialist for the 18 county area served by the association and to launch a beef research demonstration project at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville.

"The importance and value of continuing efforts in agricultural promotion are demonstrated by the fact that each farm receipt in the 18 county area on a record high of \$125 million in 1975," stated Golson.

Veterans, Survivors Pension Adjustment

President Ford has signed H. R. 10365, the Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1975, which now becomes Public Law 94-168.

The new law provides an 8 percent increase in monthly pension rates, and a \$300 increase in annual income limitations for veterans, widows and dependent children.

An 8 percent increase is also provided in the aid and attendance and the household allowance for veterans receiving pension, and who qualify for these additional benefits.

P.L. 94-169 further provides the 8 percent increase in rate of benefit payable, and \$200 increase in annual income limitation for parents dependent and dependent children.

The new law took effect on January 1, 1976.

Glass Recycling Program

Ball Corporation, located at 1856 Hendersonville Highway, operates a glass recycling station at the plant on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All glass containers made of clear glass, are unbroken and reasonably clean are acceptable and purchased at 1 cent a pound. Any amount accepted. No glass such as broken window panes, windshield, etc. are accepted - only containers. Signs are located at the driveway giving directions to the station at the end of the parking lot. This is a very convenient way to recycle your waste as well as keep the mountains clean and beautiful.