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Summer Olympics--Entertaining, Too

By JIM STORY

The first annual Madison County Summer Olympics, held at Madison High, was one of the most entertaining, thrilling and competitive events ever held in this county. Much credit should be given to Ricky McDevitt, director of the Madison County recreation department, who spearheaded the various contests. Other adults who assisted are to be highly commended as well as the hundreds of contestants.

Large turnouts of spectators at most of the events proved the popularity of the program and with such interest it is practically assured that

similar programs will be annually scheduled.

It was fitting that these contests were going on at the same time the International Olympics were being held in Montreal, Canada.

"I'd rather see our boys and girls compete than watch the Olympics on television," one spectator said.

Eight schools were represented at the two-day events in what was termed "Anything Goes." Adults also participated in the ping pong tournament which was held at the Walnut School as well as in the horse shoe competition.

Bobby Johnson of Walnut won the ping pong tournament

and Donnie Banks of Marshall was runner-up in the singles. In doubles, Wayne McDevitt and Dennis Hefner, Marshall were the top team with Clayton Rice and Ricky Ford, Laurel runners-up.

In the horse shoe contests, (18 and older) Marvin Flasher, Walnut, was county champion in singles with Sidney Peek, Marshall, runner-up. In doubles, Monroe Mace and Marvin Flasher, Walnut, were winners with Lane Ogle and Earl Ramsey, Marshall, runners-up.

Flasher, Peek, Mace and Ogle will participate in the state tournament at Winston-Salem.

In contests involving younger athletes, the following were winners and runners-up:

Ping Pong

Girls, 14 and younger: champion (singles), Tammy Breedlove (Walnut); runner-up, Terry Norton (Laurel); champion (doubles), Tammy Breedlove-Lori Hagan (Walnut); runner-up, Denise Thomason-Donna Higgins (Mars Hill).

15-17 yr.: champion (singles), Jana Lou Williams (Laurel); runner-up, Suzanne Powell (Mars Hill); champion (doubles), Penny Frisby-Janice Adams (Walnut); runner up, Debbie Rice-Jana Lou Williams (Laurel).

18 and older: champion (singles); Terry Thomas (Walnut); runner-up, Lynn Davis (Marshall); champion (doubles), Lynn Davis-Iva Jean Massey (Marshall); runner-up, Teresa Banks-Terry Thomas (Walnut).

Boys, 14 and younger: champion (singles), Greg Roberts (Walnut); runner-up, Tim Clark (Greater Ivy); champion (doubles), Keith Flynn-Roger Wood (Marshall); runner-up, Tim Clark-Alan Powell (Greater Ivy).

15-17 yr.: champion (singles), Charlie Wilson (Greater Ivy); runner-up, Jessie Duncan (Walnut); champion (doubles), Ricky

Anderson-Gary Hernandez (Mars Hill); runner-up, Charlie Wilson-Chuck Clark (Greater Ivy).

Horeshoe

14 and younger: champion (singles), Marty Reece (Mars Hill); runner-up, Marty Evans (Walnut); champion (doubles), Marty Reece-Terry Garrison (Mars Hill); runner-up, Howard Shelton-Leland Shelton (Laurel)

15-17 yr.: champion (singles), Ricky Anderson (Greater Ivy); runner-up, Dennis Shelton (Laurel); champion (doubles), Ricky Anderson-Gary Hernandez (Greater Ivy); runner-up, Dennis Shelton-David Ford

(Laurel)

When the total team scores were tabulated for various events, Walnut was the leader with 115 points. Mars Hill, 90 points; Marshall, 70 points; Beech Glen, 45 points; Laurel, 40 points; Spring Creek, 10 points; Ebbs Chapel, 5 points; and Hot Springs, 5 points.

In the final "Anything Goes" events, Mars Hill was first in the Hop-n-Hit contest; Marshall was first in the tug-o-war contest and Walnut won the 6-legged race.

One event remains to be held which will be held after this issue goes to press. This is the swim meet to be held in the Marshall pool. Results will be published next week.

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Following the swim meet, a huge trophy will be awarded the Champion's center. The trophy will remain at the Champion's center until the following summer.

"We wish to express our thanks for the many kindnesses, efforts and work done by many in order to make these events this summer so successful. We also wish to thank everyone including the participants and fans for the fine sportsmanship in the friendly competition which was enjoyed by all," McDevitt stated.

County Teachers

They Go Back To Work August 9

Madison County teachers will report to their respective schools on Aug. 9 to begin the new 1976-77 school year. On Aug. 10 and 11 teachers will be involved in staff development at Madison High School.

All kindergarten and first grade teachers will be involved in a two-day workshop in Preventive Dental Health. North Carolina Department of Human Resources personnel from the Dental Health section will conduct the workshop. County dentists, Dr. Robert Adams and Dr. Reece Steen, will also participate.

On Tuesday, second through sixth grade teachers will be involved in a mathematics workshop. New mathematics books, published by the MacMillan Book Company, will be used in all Madison County schools this year. Miss Sharon McIntosh, an educational consultant from Stone Mountain, Ga., will conduct the workshop. On Wednesday, Mrs. Norma Logan, state reading consultant, will provide a reading and language arts workshop for this group.

Mathematics textbooks,

published by the Scott Foresman Company, have been adopted for use in the seventh and eighth grades. Therefore, on Aug. 10 the seventh and eighth grade teachers will participate in a workshop conducted by Sam Cassius, an educational consultant in mathematics. On Aug. 11 Dr. Bobby Jean Rice will conduct a workshop on "An Introduction to the Metric System" for seventh and eighth grade math teachers.

Dr. Don Anderson will teach

a two-day class on Change in the Appalachian Region for social studies teachers, grades 7 through 12.

Teachers of Home Economics, Child Care, health and physical education in grades 8 through 12, will participate in a two-day workshop entitled "Family Life Education." Personnel from the Madison County Health Department, Blue Ridge Mental Health and the Department of Human Resources will conduct this workshop.



MICRO SWITCH Plant located at Mars Hill.

A Look At Micro Switch Plant In Mars Hill

By JOHN P. FERRE

It is a temptation for Madison County residents to think that MICRO SWITCH is a new company. After all, MICRO SWITCH only began producing their tiny plastic

and metal electrical switches in Mars Hill in March, 1973. But Honeywell is not new, and neither is its MICRO SWITCH division. MICRO SWITCH bought its independence from Burgess Battery in 1936 and was bought out by Honeywell

14 years later. Their Hickory Road location is simply a recent addition; three other plants are located in Freeport and Warren, Ill., and Mariboro, Mass.

MICRO SWITCH purchased its land from the former Hammerlund Manufacturing Company. This 31-acre lot at the base of Bailey Mountain houses a modern revamped 80,000 square foot building needed to produce the high volume of switches demanded by various industries. The air conditioned plant is roomy and clean and has large carpeted offices. The atmosphere, set by the employees as well as the edifice and grounds, is comfortable.

The 16,000 different types of

switches MICRO SWITCH designs and manufactures makes it the largest producer of basic switches in the world. These electrical parts that they make are used commercially in industry, data processing, water treatment centers, and by such government agencies as NASA and SAC. Consumers unknowingly use MICRO SWITCH products every time they deposit a coin and push a button on a vending machine. These same consumers, when they start their cars, may well use a .1" square MICRO SWITCH in their ignition system.

MICRO SWITCH's employee benefits are as impressive as their products' universality. Every person

that is hired must attend two 2 1/2-4 hour orientation seminars to learn not only about management's expectations, but also about the advantages of working for Honeywell. Besides the comfort of the building which includes a cafeteria with a full-time hostess, every MICRO SWITCH employee enjoys nine paid holidays, a basic health insurance policy, and a liberal retirement program. After working three years, every employee has a two-week vacation. A registered nurse and 16 trained first aiders are available for any accidents, be it a small cut or a splinter, that occurs on the job; there have been no major injuries in the Mars Hill plant. In addition to these free benefits, employees may buy, at a phenomenally low cost, different types of health and life insurance as well as one of several retirement plans. About 70 percent choose to purchase these options.

Ed Martin is the location manager of Mars Hill's MICRO SWITCH. He has always worked for Honeywell, having spent 17 years in Freeport, Ill., before moving to Weaverville. Before working, he served the Marines in Korea and received his B. S. in engineering from North Dakota State University. Martin readily admits to preferring Western North

Carolina to Minnesota where he was born.

MICRO SWITCH's personnel manager is Larry Burda. His education at Colorado State University was interrupted by his service in the Air Force and the National Guard so that he did not receive his B. S. until 1966.

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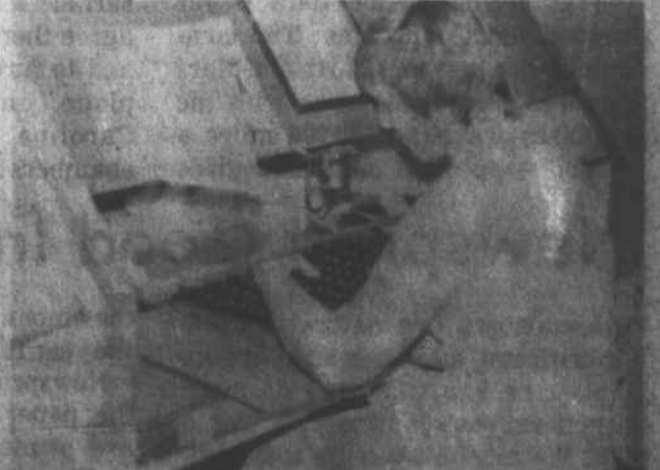
Farmers who made requests for cost-sharing under the 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) and did not report the practice complete by July 30, will have an extended report date to Sept. 17.

Farmers are urged to complete the use of materials required under the practice and report to the ASCS office as soon as complete. The bill of purchase for the materials also must be presented to the ASCS office before payment for the cost-sharing can be made to the farmer.

Remember—Sept. 17 is the extended report date for 1976 ACP practices.



LARRY BURDA, Personnel Manager



INSPECTOR CHECKS Micro Switches

Development Program Receives \$166,114 Grant

The Child Development Program of the four-county Land of Sky Regional Council has been awarded a \$166,114 grant to establish a training program for day care center teachers and day care home parents. The new training program will be co-directed by Dr. John Hough, director of the Continuing Education Program at Mars Hill College, and Shirley Metzger of the Land of Sky Regional Council.

The Land of Sky Regional Child Development Program serves 17 day care centers and 18 day care homes in Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania counties. Day care homes are private homes that are certified by the council and are allowed to keep a maximum of five children. More than 650 children, ranging in age from six weeks to five years, attended the day care centers or were kept in the day care homes this past year.

The new grant, received from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services, under Title XX of the Social Security Act, will be used to train day care teachers to become more effective. The grant will also provide training for the supervisory

Program will conduct most of their training in the 35 day care facilities. This on-site training will school the day care teachers in more effective teaching techniques, instruct them in various areas of early childhood development, and help them recognize potential physical problems the children may have and design individualized programs to meet the specific needs of these children.

The day care teachers can receive college credit under the new program, both for the on-site instruction and in classes held in each county through the Mars Hill College Continuing Education Program (CEP). The college, which will be the administering agency in the grant, developed the CEP two years ago to meet the needs of adults in the region surrounding the college. The CEP will include a steady progression in the day care program from a one-year certificate to a two-year Associate in Arts degree to a three-year certificate to a Bachelor's degree.

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Hot Meals Increased For Older Citizens

The number of hot meals served to older citizens over the county is being increased according to James T. Ledford, chairman of the county commissioners.

Funds for some 16 additional meals are now available through Title VII of the Older Americans Act. The nutrition program began in the county about a year and a half ago

with 44 meals. Currently, meals are served in Marshall and Mars Hill. Plans are under way to open a site in Hot Springs.

The tasty, well-balanced meals are prepared at the day care centers and are served to the site, popularly known as the "lunchroom club." While meals are important, socialization is also a goal. Participants now come to the site from Marshall, Hot Springs and the Mars Hill day care centers.

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