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Day Care Center Set Again

A day care center will be operated again this year at Madison High School under the supervision of the Madison County Board of Education and the Occupational Department of the school. The purpose of the school's day care center is to give students enrolled in Home Economics and Child Care classes experience in working with small children.

Children between the ages of two and five will be accepted provided that they are toilet trained. The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day that school is in session, beginning Aug. 30. Transportation must be provided by the children's family. This year the fee is \$10 per child per week. Unless enrollment exceeds our limit we will be accepting children on a part-time basis at a fee of \$2 per day.



NARROW one-lane Barnard Bridge (above) may be replaced by a new bridge but students and motorists must wait until December, 1977, before it is completed. It was hoped that the long-needed new bridge would

have long been started so that school children would not be forced to walk across the bridge this winter. However, the people will have to use the present outdated and dangerous bridge until the new one is built.

New Barnard Bridge Contract Awarded

The North Carolina Board of Transportation awarded a \$585,000 contract last Friday for the replacement of two bridges at Barnard in Madison County.

The contract calls for the construction of a new bridge over French Broad River (Secondary Road 1151) and the replacement of an existing bridge over the nearby Big Pine Creek on Anderson Branch Road (Secondary Road 1155) with a box culvert.

The board in its monthly meeting held in Raleigh awarded the \$585,443.30 contract to the low bidder, Simpson Construction Company of

Cleveland, Tenn. Construction on the Madison County project may begin as soon as next month and is scheduled for completion in December of 1977.

The contract for the bridge replacement work at Barnard was one of more than 40 separate highway improvement contracts approved by the Board of Transportation in today's meeting. The board, chaired by Secretary of Transportation, G. Perry Greene, approved today contracts totaling nearly \$24 million of new expenditures for highway improvement in North Carolina.

Madison Policy Announced For Free, Reduced School Meals

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.

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 the mental or physical condition of a child, and for disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Copies are also

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 conditions of the policy, the school principal 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, P. O. Box 446, Marshall, 28753. Phone: 649-2424; 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

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

| INCOME | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Family Size | Free | Reduced |
| 1 | 0-3,680 | 3,681-5,730 |
| 2 | 0-4,830 | 4,831-7,530 |
| 3 | 0-5,980 | 5,981-9,320 |
| 4 | 0-7,130 | 7,131-11,110 |
| 5 | 0-8,190 | 8,191-12,770 |
| 6 | 0-9,240 | 9,241-14,410 |
| 7 | 0-10,200 | 10,201-15,910 |
| 8 | 0-11,150 | 11,151-17,390 |
| 9 | 0-12,010 | 12,011-18,740 |
| 10 | 0-12,870 | 12,871-20,090 |
| 11 | 0-13,730 | 13,731-21,430 |
| 12 | 0-14,590 | 14,591-22,770 |
| Each additional family member | | |
| | 860 | 1,340 |

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 stated.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child shall be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin. Each school and the office of The Madison County Board of Education has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Badge Mars Hill Policemen Aren't Ordinary Type

By JOHN P. FERRE

Small town cops are often thought of as being husky, dumb, and red-necked. They readily give speeding tickets to strangers, but are more lenient with their cousins and in-laws. Since there are relatively few infractions of the law to keep them busy, they often spend days combing the nearby fields and hollows searching for hidden stills and, when one is found, they take a healthy gulp before destroying the refinery.

Though many police forces may conform to this stereotype, the Mars Hill police do not. If necessary, R. J. and any other will stop or arrest a law-breaker, be he a farmer, minister, or mayor. Mars Hill's police staff is small, but it effectively enforces the law.

Every officer must have a high school diploma, employment security, and 160 hours of training before he can join the department. He must also be 21 years old and have "settled down." The police force updates itself with new equipment and criminology seminars, and some of the officers study even after receiving their basic degrees. Roy Radford, the youngest of the five, will begin a two-year police science program at Mayland Tech in Spruce Pine

in September.

In bygone days, the Town of Mars Hill hired one man who controlled the water works and policed the town. He had no office and no car. In fact, the town did not purchase a patrol car until 1974 when they bought the white unmarked Ford Galaxie. But improvements and expansions have been made. Mars Hill has added the blue 1976 Chevrolet Malibu, and if Chief Cutshaw's request is approved, a third car will appear. The police now have a small office in the town hall, and will expand by moving into the old fire department building as soon as it is remodeled. Also, they expect to purchase an improved radio system so that they can call surrounding counties when the need arises.

The Mars Hill policemen take pride in the fact that three

of their men are the only authorized breathalyzer operators in Madison County. If a driver is stopped for drunk driving by the Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's Department, or by the Marshall or Hot Springs police, one of the three authorized Mars Hill policemen is called to analyze the driver's breath. If he refuses the test, his license is automatically revoked for six months; if he is legally drunk, he is jailed in Marshall's "Riverside Hotel" and has his

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Principals Organize In County

Madison County school principals named officers at an organizational meeting held last Friday.

The following officers were elected for the 1976-77 term: Vernon J. Ponder, president; J. C. Wallin, vice president; Frederick Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

The Madison County division of principals consists of all principals and assistant principals of the county school system.

Meetings will be held the fourth Monday of each month.

To Dedicate Apartments At MHC Sunday

The Dickson-Palmer apartments at Mars Hill College will be dedicated this Sunday at 4 p.m., it was announced this week.

The apartments were built as a result of the \$525,000 gift which was made by the Fannie Drye Palmer Foundation.

A plaque will be unveiled

Sunday in honor of both Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Dickson, a senior trustee, was instrumental in the gift.

Mars Hill Captures Olympic Honors

Mars Hill captured the swim and diving meet here last week to overtake the Walnut Center who was ahead before the final contests. The final total score revealed that Mars Hill had 535

points with Marshall the runner-up with 361 points. Walnut was third with 294 points. Other scores were: Ebbs Chapel, 45 points; Laurel, 40 points; Beech Glen, 25 points; Spring Creek, 10 points and Hot Springs, 5 points.

The above total points included four events, Ping Pong, horseshoes, Anything Goes, and Swim meet.

Ricky McDevitt, director of Madison County Recreation, presented the championship trophy to David Thomas, supervisor of Mars Hill Center. The beautiful and coveted trophy will reside in Mars Hill until next summer when the Summer Olympics 1977 will be held.

Winners from the Madison County Swim Meet are as follows:

50 METER FREE STYLE
14 and younger: Holley Hough, first, Mars Hill; and Steven Adams, first, Marshall.
15-17 years: Kathy Sprinkle, first, Walnut; and David Lee, first, Mars Hill.
18 and older: JoAnn Harrelson, first, Mars Hill; and Keith Walker, first, Mars Hill.

BACK STROKE

60 METERS
14 and younger, Carolyn Ramsey, first, Marshall; Tim Wilde, first, Mars Hill.

15-17 years, Kathy Sprinkle, first, Walnut; David Lee, first, Mars Hill.

18 and older, JoAnn Harrelson, first, Mars Hill; Keith Walker, first, Mars Hill.

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240 METER TWO-MAN RELAY FREE STYLE

14 and younger, Carolyn Ramsey — Carmella Sexton, first, Marshall; Steven Adams — Mickey Massey, first, Marshall.

15-17 years, Suzanne Powell — Holley Hough, first, Mars Hill; David Lee — Ricky Anderson, first, Mars Hill.

18 and older, JoAnn Harrelson — Jean Wood, first, Mars Hill; Keith Walker — George Hardin, first, Mars Hill.

TWO HUNDRED METER MEDLEY RELAY
14 and younger, Holley

Hough — Kim Gibson, first, Mars Hill; Greg Dillingham — Roger Wood, first, Marshall.
15-17 years, Sabra Spinkle —

Suzanne Powell, first, Mars Hill; Ricky Anderson — David Lee, first, Mars Hill.
18 and older, no show for

girls, and Roger Sprinkle — Kevin Robinson, first, Walnut.
DIVING COMPETITION
STANDARD DIVE

14 and younger, Holley Hough, first, Mars Hill; Tim Wilde, first, Mars Hill.

15-17 years, Kathy Sprinkle, first, Walnut; and David Lee, first, Mars Hill.

18 and older, Page, first, Mars Hill; George Hardin, first, Mars Hill.

MOST ORIGINAL
14 and younger, Holley Hough, first, Mars Hill; Doug Bucy, first, Mars Hill.

15-17 years, Suzanne Powell, first, Mars Hill; Ricky Ingle, first, Marshall.

18 and older, Page, first, Mars Hill; George Hardin, first, Mars Hill.

BIGGEST SPLASH
14 and younger, Clark, first, Marshall; Tobie Sprinkle, first, Marshall.

15-17 years, Kathy Sprinkle, first, Walnut; Ricky Ingle, first, Marshall.

18 and older, Jean Wood, first, Ebbs Chapel; Eddie Worley, first, Walnut.

FOOTBALL THROW
14 and younger, Steven Adams — Mickey Massey, first, Marshall.

15-17 years, Todd McDevitt — Holley Hough, first, Mars Hill.

18 and older, Page, first, Mars Hill; George Hardin, first, Mars Hill.

Now Elizabeth Ray's A Magazine Reporter

The woman who received one Washington fringe benefit is about to get another: It was announced last week that Elizabeth Ray will be covering the Republican National Convention for Genesis, a "magazine for men." Ray, former mistress to Ohio Rep. Wayne Hays, will be a special reporter in Kansas City, according to Genesis publisher Norman Hill. "She will be observing and speaking with delegates, candidates, and representatives of the media and generally providing her personal view of the proceedings," Hill says. The publisher met her in New York City when she posed nude for photographs for his magazine. Hill says she impressed him as an articulate, bright woman who wants to write. He said he asked her to cover the Republican convention because "she has had a unique opportunity to observe the political scene in Washington."



RICKY McDEVITT, (left), director of Madison County recreation, presenting

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Olympic Championship Trophy to David Thomas, supervisor of Mars Hill Center.