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Job Opportunities

Lead To 2 New Fields Of Study In Recreation, Sports Medicine At Mars Hill

Predictions of greatly expanded job opportunities in the fields of recreation and sports medicine have led Mars Hill College to formulate two new courses of study in its academic program.

Aided by funding from a \$2 million grant the college received last May from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the college plans to offer courses this fall which will prepare students to serve churches, schools, and communities, and other organizations in the new

areas.

The college recently conducted an extensive survey which covered student interest, the job market, and manpower data. School officials discovered that students were becoming less interested in the formal aspects of teaching but still expressed a strong interest in a service vocation.

The survey also revealed 5,000 new jobs which will be available over the next five years in management, administration, leadership, and

supervision in the relatively new field of recreation. These new jobs emphasize the impact leisure time activities are having. Mars Hill will offer an academic major in recreation this fall.

The second new academic area is a certification program in the field of sports medicine. During the past few years, the athletic trainer has been viewed as a staff member hired to care for the well-being of those participating in sports programs. Legislation is now being considered that will

make it mandatory for public schools to provide this care.

If this legislation passes, the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 new jobs will be available in the nation's high schools with additional positions on the college or university level.

The NATA has already established requirements for a trainer's certificate, and since the trainer will be a staff member, he or she will have to hold a teacher's certificate in

some area as well. Those interested in sports medicine will have to take several academic classes in required material and pass the NATA examination.

The sports medicine certification program and the recreation major will mark the first time Mars Hill has offered an interdisciplinary course of study leading to a degree. As an example, the sports medicine program will include classes from the science curriculum such as anatomy, biology, and chemistry, as well

as courses in psychology, physical education, and a nutrition course from the home economics department.

According to Charles Phillips, acting director of the new studies, "Before these new programs, there wasn't much I could tell a student who wanted a physical education major, but didn't want to teach or coach. On the other hand, all I could tell a student who wanted to carry through on his religious beliefs and his in-

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Fire Destroys Trailer

The 3-year-old mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Larson Shelton and their six children of Colvin Creek in the Spilicorn community, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning about 10:45. The Sheltons were not home when the fire started, and were told of the fire by a neighbor, Matt Norton, who discovered the fire while driving by. According to Norton, one end of the mobile home containing a bedroom was engulfed in flames when he first saw it, fire having broken through the roof.

Marshall firemen responded to the alarm which was received at approximately 10:50 a.m. with two trucks and six men arriving at the scene some 30 minutes later. Upon arrival, the roof of the mobile home had collapsed and fire could be seen for the entire length of the remains. Firemen think the cause of the fire to be an old electric, upright, fan-forced heater which was placed close to a paneled wall.

The Sheltons managed to save very little of their belongings, losing virtually all their clothing. Anyone wishing to donate to this family may do so by seeing any Marshall fireman. The Shelton children range in age from Janice, 19, who is also physically handicapped; Melinda, 11; Daniel, 9; and Johnny, 7; to twin boys, age 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton did not have enough insurance to cover the loss of their residence. The fire department warns people considering the purchase of a mobile home to assure themselves of enough insurance to afford them as complete as possible protection. If unsure, simply ask the salesman selling the mobile home.

This fire was the second one in less than a month in the Spilicorn community. It, too, resulted in destruction to a house, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pim Gonnell. These fires bring the total to at least four fires in the various Laurel communities since Christmas.



OUTSIDE AND INSIDE — Long lines of motorists waiting to get auto and truck licenses (or stickers) before Tuesday's deadline are familiar scenes during he past few days. Those

inside the license bureau in the R&R Building here as it appeared last Saturday. The line outside waiting to get in was taken Monday morning. (Photo by Jim Story)



Marshall Water Pipes Repaired

Marshall residents were pleased last week when ice-ruptured water pipes feeding water into the reservoir were repaired, enabling 15 National Guardsmen to return to their homes on Wednesday after leaving about 225,000 gallons of water from Mars Hill to the local reservoir.

Everybody agreed the guard had completed its mission and were given praise by town officials for their efforts.

The Marshall reservoir

water level, which had dropped to below three feet, was up to eight feet on Sunday before last and since then, the water flow has been increasing.

Women were relieved last week when the laundromats were reopened after being closed during the water shortage. Car washing establishments were also reopened much to the delight of owners of mud-marked automobiles.

Mayor Penland and the aldermen, as well as local citizens, expressed appreciation to the Mars Hill officials for supplying water for the reservoir. Marshall officials also commended W. J. Ferrigo, Area F civil preparedness coordinator, for his assistance during the crisis.

Town officials also expressed their appreciation to the public who cooperated in conserving water whenever they could.

PIPES STILL FROZEN

Despite rising temperatures in the 40s, many homes are still without water due to the severe freeze which stopped water in more than 60 homes across the river from Main Street. Several pipes were also reported clogged with ice here Monday despite efforts of town

workmen. Local firemen continue to haul water to homes without water.

Many homes in other sec-

tions of Marshall are also "waterless" but it is hoped with continued warm weather, pipes will begin to thaw soon.

Referendum On Tobacco Set Next Week

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has proclaimed marketing quotas for the 1977, 1978, and 1979 crops of burley tobacco and called for a grower referendum to be held Feb. 22-25.

The national marketing quota for the 1977 crop of burley tobacco was announced as 637 million pounds, about the same as 1976. When adjustments for over and undermarketings are taken into consideration, effective farm quotas for 1977 are expected to total about 700 million pounds, 4 percent less than last year.

In the referendum growers will decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect on the next three crops of burley tobacco. Quotas were last proclaimed on the 1974-76 crops and were approved by a 93.8 percent majority in a referendum held in February

and March, 1974. If growers vote in favor of the proclamation, quotas will be in effect for the next three crops and price supports will be available. If growers disapprove quotas, there will be unlimited production and no price support.

Notice of individual farm poundage quotas for 1977 will be mailed to farm operators by local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees about Feb. 18. ASC committees will also mail referendum ballots to all known producers of burley tobacco. Any producer who does not receive a ballot may obtain one from the local ASC committee office.

Burley tobacco is grown primarily in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana.

Tuesday Noon Is Deadline

Although the deadline for articles, legals, advertising and other news has been previously published, there are still numerous articles which reach this office too late for publication.

Deadline for all copy is Tuesday mornings before noon, preferably by 11 a.m. or sooner.

PICTURES HERE

Pictures published can be returned to owners on Wednesdays. Those waiting too long to come in for original pictures may find that they have been misplaced or lost. The News-Record is willing to keep pictures for owners for a week or two but the quicker they are picked up the more assurance you have to get them back.

Republicans Announce Meetings

Madison County Republican leaders announced this week that the Republican County Convention will be held at the courthouse here on March 12 at 2 p.m. The election of all of-

ficers of the party will be held at this time. Delegates to the District Convention will also be selected as well as delegates to the state convention. The district con-

vention will be held in April and the state convention will be held in May. Exact locations and dates will be announced later.

All precinct meetings will be held on March 5 at the regular polling places unless the precinct chairmen wish to have a meeting before at a date and place to be decided later, officials stated.

Each chairman will notify members of his precinct as to where and when the election of precinct officials and delegates to the county convention will be held if it was announced.

Elsewhere in this issue an advertisement announcing that the Republican Executive Committee will meet this Thursday night at 7 at the courthouse. All members are urged to attend.

National Forests Make Firewood Available

Because of the extremely cold weather and increasingly short supplies of natural gas and fuel oil more and more people are turning to wood for home heating. In past years many of these people gathered their wood from National Forests where free firewood permits for dead or down trees were available. The demand

for these permits has been so great this winter that readily accessible dead wood has been difficult to find. Because of this the French Broad Ranger District has marked areas of live trees for firewood in the following locations: Madison County Big Creek, Hickey Fork, Rich Mountain;

Haywood County: Cold Springs Creek, Wilkins Creek and Max Patch. These areas are signed "Green Wood Fuel Area" and trees to be cut are marked with an orange X approximately 4 1/2 feet above the ground. A wood permit must be obtained before cutting any firewood in these

areas. Persons who have permits for dead and down firewood in these areas must also obtain a permit to cut the green wood. Permits and further information can be obtained by coming by the District Office in Hot Springs or calling 823-9410 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ICE DISAPPEARING — After a month of solid ice in the French Broad River, rising temperatures are slowly but surely resulting in the ice disappearing. The above picture, taken last Saturday,

shows huge ice deposits still in evidence in and around the Marshall area. Above picture taken from railroad looking toward bridge and island. (Photo by Jim Story)