



MISS SUE FITZGERALD (right) shows Dr. Cecil A. Ray, General Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, a portion of the resources

available to area churches through the Center for Christian Educational Ministries at Mars Hill College.

Mars Hill

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conducts in the local church. Such programs range from one night to eight weeks in length have covered such topics as pastoral counseling, leadership training, and family life forums.

Suitable leadership is made available to churches which have asked for it. Usually, this means that Miss Fitzgerald will visit the church and assist in various aspects of Christian education, ranging from finding qualified leaders to conduct special studies to enlisting the aid of college students to serve internships in the church.

The directors of missions in the 14 Baptist associations in Western North Carolina have been extremely helpful to Miss Fitzgerald in the development of the Center.

"Without their cooperation and support," she explains, "the Center would not have reached nearly as many churches as it has."

Help has also been received from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have provided both guidance and financial aid for new materials.

Among future plans for the Center is a travelling library which will visit individual churches for a period of three months. Miss Fitzgerald will also help each association in the region start their own resource program.

To help spread the word about the Center and its materials and programs, Miss Fitzgerald will soon begin publishing and distributing a newsletter.

Meanwhile, anyone who wishes to utilize the resources of the Center or learn more about its activities, may contact Miss Fitzgerald at writing to her in care of the Center at the college, or by calling the Center at 704-689-1322.

In Service

Navy Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice William F. Diercks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Diercks of 122 Mountain View Road, Mars Hill, is participating in the major allied Exercise "Ocean Safari '77" in the Eastern Atlantic Ocean.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the guided missile destroyer USS MacDonough, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

He is one of more than 7,000 men taking part in the 13-day exercise, which includes 60 ships and 250 aircraft from the United States and seven North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nations. "Ocean Safari '77" is designed to test NATO's ability to reinforce Western Europe by sea and will focus on the cooperation among NATO forces in gaining and maintaining control of the Eastern Atlantic.

Following the exercise, the participating U. S. Atlantic Fleet ships will conduct a series of visits to Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Norway, Scotland and the Netherlands.

Diercks joined the Navy in August, 1976.

HEAT SAVER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saving up heat from summer months to use as fuel to warm the house in the winter is the concept behind the Annual Cycle Energy System (ACES) house, the National Geographic Society reports.

The ACES system, which has been successfully tested in two Southern homes, is based on a basement-size tank of water that fits under the house and freezes during mid-winter. The frozen water is then used to cool the house during the summer with a process that allows the ice to melt by fall, providing a reservoir of warm water to give heat in winter.

An electrically-run heat pump is an integral part of the system. It removes heat from the air outdoors in the winter and pumps it back in the summer.

A two-plane collision over New York City on Dec. 16, 1960, claimed the lives of 134 persons.

Heard And Seen

By POP

Elsewhere in this issue is a write-up of the Christmas pageant which was successfully held last Friday and Saturday nights despite the bone-chilling winds and the temperatures in the teens... it was again a beautiful presentation thanks to the brave members of the cast who survived the elements and did a great job... each person in the pageant deserves congratulations... the same is true of the director, the various committees and the choir which was excellent... last, but not least, the people who worked behind the scenes deserve congratulations... and... the spectators who braved the weather are also to be admired. Let's hope that the weather will be more comfortable next year.

Last Tuesday night was one of the most dangerous times I've ever driven from Asheville to Marshall... leaving Waynesville with the papers, I kept hearing via radio to stay off Asheville streets if possible since they were ice covered and extremely slick... I took the advice and headed home on U. S. 25-70, only to discover at least 15 cars marooned along the highway from the Smoky Mountain Bridge to the Newbridge intersection... it took me one hour and 15 minutes to get to Marshall... I "crept down" the mountain from Sander's Court to the river not going faster than 10

miles per hour... fortunately, I made it safely and I was mighty glad to reach Marshall, believe me.

Marshall's water supply has been on and off, clear and muddy, for several days due to draining the big reservoir so that a floating cover can be installed... it's been mighty inconvenient for many, including the restaurants, schools, and other heavy users of water... but Mayor Ponder says that from all indications, things will be better in the next few days... let's hope so.

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In Service

Staff Sgt. Gerald Clark, brother of C. D. Clark of Route 1, Leicester, recently deployed with his Tactical Air Command unit for temporary duty at Ramstein AB, Germany.

Sgt. Clark is an aircraft maintenance specialist at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, with the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing which flies the E-3A airborne warning and control systems (AWACS) aircraft.

The deployment is part of a test and evaluation program utilizing a production model of the E-3A operating in Europe to provide realistic deployment training for personnel of the 552nd and to integrate the E-3A into existing North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) command and control systems.



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