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FRONT VIEW of new Marshall Day Care Center located on Long Branch Road adjacent to the Marshall Landfill. Open house will be observed this Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. (Photo by Jim Story)

Day Care Center

New Facility Opens Doors To Visitors

The Madison County Commissioners announced plans today for an open house at the new Marshall Day Care Center this Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. All county residents, public officials, day care parents and local agency personnel are invited to attend and tour the new facility located off the Marshall by-pass on Long Branch Road above the county landfill. Commissioners Virginia Anderson, James Ledford and Ervin Adams will co-sponsor the open house with the Madison County Day Care Advisory Board and the

Madison County Child Development Program. Day Care staff and board members will serve refreshments and lead tours throughout the afternoon. The opening of the community facility will allow the present Marshall Day Care Center to move from a rented facility to a permanent facility owned by the county. The new building has the capacity for serving up to 46 children under current day care certifications standards. Currently, the Marshall Center serves 27 children between the ages of 3-6 years

of age and six afterschool children. Within the next few months, the center will add eight children between the ages of 18 months and 3 years of age. Future plans call for the development of the nursery where children under 18 months can be accommodated. The overall plan at the new facility allows four rooms for use by the children, playground space, kitchen facility, and office space for Marshall Day Care Center staff and administrative staff of the Madison County Child

Development Program. The Marshall Nutrition Site will also be relocated in the building within the next few weeks. The building, designed by Doug Grant of Moore-Woodard Associates of Asheville, is positioned to receive the maximum benefits of the sun throughout the year. A greenhouse is attached to the south side whose purpose is to provide heat to the day care portion of the building and thus reduce heating costs. The facility is also planned to meet very strict state and federal building standards

related to day care use and to the handicap code. The completion of the building marks the end of the second phase of a building project which utilizes federal Community Development Funds to renovate and build three community buildings in Greater Ivy, Marshall, and Hot Springs. The Greater Ivy facility is already in use and activity at the Hot Springs site has already begun. The building program has been supervised by Dean Ledford of the Greater Ivy Community.

For Title XX DayCare Facilities

Mars Hill Gets \$223,297

Title XX day care facilities in eight Western North Carolina counties will be receiving training from Mars Hill College as a result of a \$223,297 grant from the N.C. Department of Human Resources. Mars Hill's day care training program, the only such program offered by a private college and one of six state-wide, was first funded in 1976. Then it served the four county area covered by Land of Sky's Region B — Madison,

Buncombe, Transylvania and Henderson counties. Under the terms of the new grant, four additional counties — McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, and Cleveland — have been added. The grant covers training to a wide variety of day care centers and family day care homes, including Appalachian Regional Council child development centers and homes, Department of Social Service centers and homes, and schools which offer

special services, such as Mars Hill's Handi-School. According to Nancy Norris, instructor of education at Mars Hill and director of the training program, the staffs of these day care facilities will receive training through three methods: on-site visitation by the college staff, workshops on the college campus, and college classes, taken either through the regular day program or the college's Continuing Education Program, an adult oriented evening program. Mars Hill's training program is unique, says Miss Norris, because it alone of the six in the state offers college credit for each of the three training methods. The participants will also receive credit towards the Child Development Associate, a competency award made by the Child Development Consortium, a Washington, D.C. based accrediting agency. On-site training is considered a very necessary part of the overall training program because of the kind of services provided by the day care agencies as well as the lack of formal training by many of the participants. Onsite visits provide the staff member opportunities to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the site visited as well as to make immediate suggestions for changes. In all of the three methods of training, the participants and trainers have agreed on the needs of the particular agency or provider. Workshops provide for a more in-depth study of a topic than can be accomplished in an on-site visit. Recognized authorities in areas

specifically requested by the participants will conduct some of the workshops, while college faculty will conduct others. These workshops also provide more formal instruction than otherwise possible for those who do not take college courses. Courses offered by Mars Hill are both degree oriented and designed to coincide with the competencies required for (Continued on Page 3)

Mars Hill College Meets Kresge Challenge Gift

Mars Hill College has met the conditions of a \$100,000 challenge gift from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., towards the construction of Blackwell Hall, a new administration building which was dedicated Oct. 14. Dr. Fred B. Bentley, president of the 122-year-old Baptist college, said \$120,000 has been raised within the last four months to meet the Kresge challenge. Contributions came from other foundations and businesses, and from individual trustees, members of the Board of Advisors, alumni, and friends of the college. The building, which should be finished within the next few weeks, has been built by Parke Construction Company of Charlotte. The contract price is \$1,146,540. Bentley hastened to explain that the college has borrowed funds to meet other expenses related to the construction, including architectural and engineering fees as well as furnishings. The total cost including furnishings is \$1,365,000, he said. The building will provide office and work space for seven major divisions of the college administration, and this will be the first time these

offices have been located under one roof. The building is named for Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell. Dr. Blackwell served as president of Mars Hill from 1938 through 1966. He had also served as a faculty member for 10 years before being named president. Under his administration, Mars Hill grew from a junior college to a senior institution and was responsible for half of the college's major buildings. He is a member of the Class of 1922, and holds additional degrees from Wake Forest University and Southern Seminary. Groundbreaking for the new building took place during graduation weekend in May, 1977, and the actual construction began in August, 1977. The formal dedication and official opening was held Oct. 14 during the college's annual Homecoming celebration. Approximately 3,000 people were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Carpeting and other finishing touches are nearing completion, and the building should be occupied within the next few weeks.



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OF GREATER IVY (left to right): Lisa Anderson, president, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Anderson Jr. of Upper Metcalf Creek Road; Patty Gibbs, vice president, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gibbs of Beech

Glen Road; Pam English, secretary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson English of Wall Road; and Robin Anderson, treasurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Anderson of Hamburg Road.

Roger Swann Asks To Be Reinstated

A Republican member of the Madison County Board of Elections who was ousted last month by the state Board of Elections Wednesday asked the Wake County Superior Court to reinstate him.

In his appeal of the board's action, Roger Swann charged that pressure had been applied from Gov. Jim Hunt's office to remove Swann and Harold Ammons, a Democrat on the Madison board.

"There's no truth to that, the governor never got involved in any of that," said Gary Pearce, the governor's press secretary.

R. Kenneth Babb, chairman of the state Elections Board, also denied Swann's charge that Hunt was involved.

"I normally would not comment on pending litigation, but that is just completely untrue," Babb said. "There is no basis in that because this governor has never interfered with anything the board has done."

Swann alleged that Babb told an unidentified person that Ammons and Swann would be removed and that pressure for their removal was being exerted from the governor's office.

The state board ordered the removal of Swann and Ammons for failing to prevent widespread voting irregularities in Madison County polling places during the May Democratic primary. Alleged irregularities included charges that poll workers improperly assisted voters by following them into the voting booth, that fraudulent voters were recorded, that one voter received a paper ballot already marked for five candidates and that the wife of a candidate for sheriff was threatened with loss of her county job unless her husband withdrew from the race.

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Will Post

Election Tabs

It is the present plan that results of the Nov. 7 general election will be posted on a blackboard in the courtroom here as fast as the Madison County Board of Elections makes them available. This public service is again sponsored by The News-Record which has been posting results for many years.

It is hoped that all precinct officials will cooperate in phoning results to the Board of Elections as quickly as possible so that people of Madison County will know the results of all races.

Murder Suspect

Refused Bond

John Kenneth Buckner, 40, of Route 1 Marshall, charged with the double murder of his brother, Arthur Buckner, 41, and sister, Hope Buckner Waddell 41, was refused bond Wednesday of last week at his 90-hour hearing held before Judge Bob Lacey in Baker.

The court appointed an attorney to defend the suspect, whose probable cause hearing is scheduled Nov. 13 at the county courthouse.

Gambling On Farming / Ammons Takes Chance Out Of Operation

By MIKE BOYD

Paul Harvey, radio commentator and newspaper columnist, was talking the other day. He mentioned a bumper sticker seen out in the midwestern states. It said, "If you like to gamble, try farming."

Farming is a gamble. A high stakes game. But Roy Ammons of Gabriel Creek in Madison County is taking some of the chances out of his tobacco operation.

Ammons, who teaches math at North Buncombe High School, is a farmer on a big scale. He has 17 acres of tobacco. This year he grew some 22,000 pounds of burley. "This year was the first

year that I knew before I started planting that I was going to have a good crop," Ammons said.

A farmer all his life, Ammons has been growing burley for the past 11 years on his own farm. Three years ago he lost half of his crop. That's right, half, to shank rot and black root rot.

It wasn't the first time that he'd been set back by disease. And when things went bad again last growing season before this one, he decided to do something about it.

Working with the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service researchers, Ammons said the combined effect came up with a formula that he feels is

almost guaranteed to produce good leaf.

"Hail and wind are about the only elements that are left to chance," he says.

One of the steps in the formula starts after the crop is harvested and put in the barn. Ammons works his fields to remove all tobacco plant roots, stems and other trash.

"Some people just plow it under. You just plow under the disease and rot with it when you do that. The worms and things just live underground and come back again in the spring," he said.

When the field is clean, Ammons plants a green cover crop to control erosion. Ammons, 41, makes a

Tobacco Market Opens

Tobacco markets will be opening the sales season for 1978 on Nov. 20 with no sales on Thanksgiving Day.

The ASCS office is mailing farmers notice this week that marketing cards will be ready to issue Nov. 6. The notice to farmers clearly states that if the operator of the farm sends someone else to pick up his card or make the certification about the use of chemicals, that he must sign a written statement giving authority to that person to act in his behalf.

Violations of the tobacco program can be costly. The

penalty rate for 1978 is 90 cents per pound and a reduction of next year's quota for most violations.

It is a violation to use the card for another farm to identify and sell tobacco grown on your farm.

It is a violation to permit anyone to use your card to market tobacco that was produced on another farm.

It is a violation to tobacco to be sold on your card if no tobacco was produced on your farm.

If you grow tobacco on more than one farm, the tobacco

grown on each farm must be sold on the card for that farm.

If you plant quota for another farm on your farm, that quota must be leased to your farm. The lease must be signed by both you and the owner of the other farm and filed with the ASCS office.

If you have more tobacco than can be sold on your card, it is a violation to give it away, sell it on another marketing card, or to leave it at the warehouse. Bring it home and keep it until next year or lease quota to your farm to sell it.

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