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Marshall Sets Hearing On Community Needs

The Town of Marshall by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen invite the citizens of Marshall to a public hearing on Nov. 30 at the Marshall Town Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes of citizen recommendations and ideas concerning community needs for the purposes of this federal program and the preparation

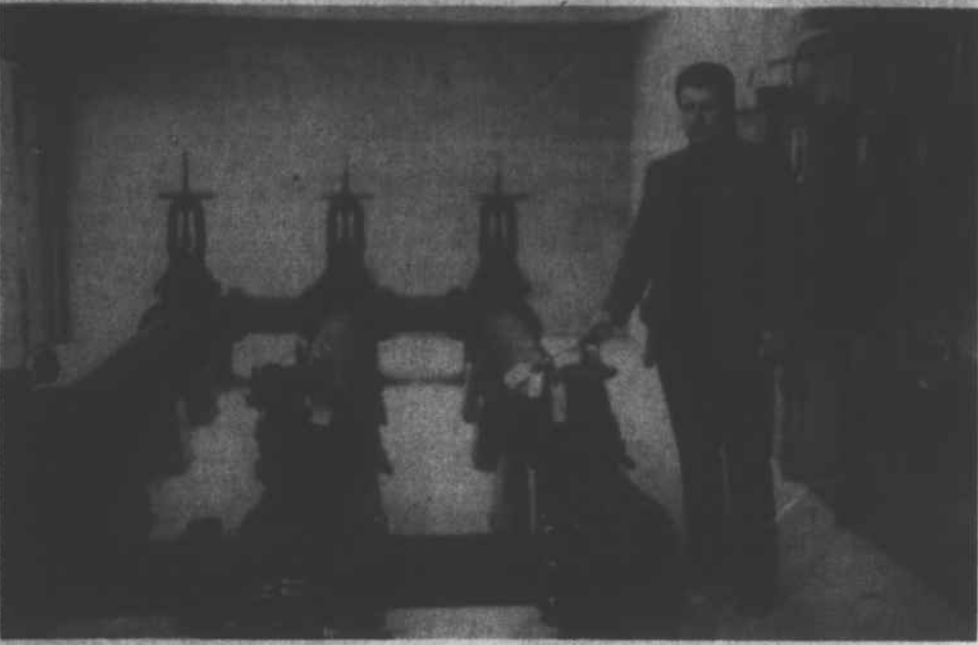
of an application for Community Development funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The primary objective of Community Development funds is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment

and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. This objective is to be achieved through the elimination of slums and blight and detrimental living conditions, conservation and expansion of housing and housing opportunities, increased public services,

improved use of land, increased neighborhood diversity, and preservation of property with special values.

The eligible Community Development activities for which funding can be received includes: acquisition of blighted, undeveloped real property needed for public

purposes, public facilities and improvements including water and sewer systems, housing rehabilitation, industrial and commercial facilities for economic development, and planning and administrative costs concerned with Community Development projects.



Marshall citizens had an opportunity to tour the new water system facilities last Sunday afternoon at an open house observance on the Fortner property along the French Broad River.

The new improvements to the system include the drilling and completion of three springs which are now in operation. These springs can be used in cases of emergency when the water supply is low.

PUMP ROOM, above, at the new Marshall Water system, has three 45-horsepower pumps that pump water back to the main reservoir near the Recreation Park. Donald Ramsey, water commissioner, is shown explaining the operation at open house last Sunday.



10,000-GALLON chlorine detention tank (right) located near the French Broad River on the Fortner property. Donald Ramsey is shown standing beside tank. Other pictures of the system can be found on Page Three.

Wilma Fisher Wins CASBA Championship

By JIM STORY

Wilma Fisher of Route 7, Marshall (Long Branch section), won the ninth annual Carolina All Stars Bowling Association (CASBA) championship tournament in Raleigh earlier this month.

The Madison County bowling star averaged 191 for 16 games to finish atop the field of 84 bowlers from across the state.

Wilma, who is the wife of Jess Fisher who is employed at the Social Security office in Asheville, has been bowling in various leagues for 11 years and has averaged over 180 for the past four years and has averaged 184 in two leagues this season.

She averaged 191 for a 64-game summer league this past summer and was only the

second woman bowler in Western North Carolina to average over 190 for a season.

The Madison County ace's highest 3-game series total was 665, with her highest game score was 267 which she bowled on three different occasions.

The CASBA Bowling Club is made up of bowlers from throughout the state who must average 180 in order to become a member.

Wilma easily qualified for a member and has won four tournaments. The first tournament she won was in Greenville, S.C., in 1975. She also won a no-tap tournament in Brevard in 1977, a no-tap tournament in Asheville in 1978 in addition to the recent CASBA tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have three children, Lisa, Joy and Mark.



TWO PARTIALLY constructed rest homes (above) located in the Rector's Corner area near Marshall, are expected to be open by Jan. 1. (Photo By Jim Story)

Rest Homes Being Built On Rector's Corner Here

The Madison County Department of Social Services announces that W. Wayne Wells is constructing two rest homes, sometimes referred to as family care homes, in the Rector's Corner areas near Marshall.

These homes, partially constructed, are designed for people who have physical or mental conditions who require a substitute living arrangement where constant supervision is required.

Wells will be receiving both private pay residents and those who receive special assistance. However, certain medical forms must be completed for the Department

of Social Services as this agency is responsible for licensure and supervision of rest homes, officials announced.

Wells is presently operating several successful rest homes in Buncombe County and has been associated with rest home operation for sometime. This points to the fact that he will be a valuable asset to those in the county who require a long-term care.

Hopefully, these homes will be completed and in operation by Jan. 1. Each home will have a capacity of five, it was stated.

For more information on openings and placement

procedures, contact A.C. Honeycutt Jr. or Anita Davis at the Madison County Department of Social Services, 649-2711.

Davis Home Damaged By Fire

The five-room home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, located on Thomas Branch Road in Walnut, was extensively damaged by fire Monday night.

According to members of the Marshall Fire Department, Mr. and Mrs. Davis discovered the fire in their home as they returned from Asheville about 9:30 a.m.

Twenty Marshall firemen responded to the call taking two trucks to the scene. Efficient work by the firemen prevented the fire from completely destroying the dwelling. Two bedrooms were ruined by the blaze and smoke and water damage was heavy.

It is thought that the fire was caused by electrical trouble.

The home was partially covered by insurance, it was stated.

It is estimated that damages from the fire amounted to approximately \$10,000.

Closing

Announcement has been made that the offices in the courthouse and also at the City Hall here will be closed both on Thanksgiving and on Friday. These offices will reopen Monday.

Also closing Thanksgiving (Thursday) will be practically all the banks and agencies. Services will also be closed Friday while mailboxes will be open on Friday.

Christmas Promotion Starts In Marshall

Members of the Marshall Downtown Merchants Association have met several times lately in the library here and have announced plans for the annual Christmas shopping promotion in Marshall.

Officials of the association announced that \$1,000 in trade certificates would again be offered by participating merchants which will be listed in next week's issue. Four drawings will be held

during December at the courthouse at 3 p.m. when \$250 in trade certificates will be given away on the following Saturdays: Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Holders of tickets must be present, officials stated. Participating merchants started giving tickets Monday.

Double tickets will be given each Saturday, it was announced.

It was also announced that Santa Claus would again be in Marshall. The dates of his visits will be announced next week.

The Christmas street lights have been put up and Marshall is beginning to get the appearance of Christmas holidays.

located. A slate of at least six nominees has been developed for each community and producers had the right to nominate persons to be placed on this slate through Oct. 30.

The duties of community committeemen include: informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the ASCS programs; keeping the

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ASC Committee Elections Set

The ASC community elections this year will be held on Dec. 4. Ballots will be mailed to voters about 10 days before the election and the ballots must be postmarked or returned in person not later than the above date.

Each known eligible voter will be sent a ballot for the community in which his or her principal farming interest is

French Broad Gets Catfish

Kenny Clark and Gary Gouge traveled over 500 miles Friday to bring the first of three scheduled loads of channel catfish for stocking in the French Broad River.

The fish are being stocked by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in the 26-mile stretch of the French Broad where 25,000 catfish were poisoned in September.

The exact cause of the fish kill remains a mystery, although the water quality section of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources

and Community Development continue to investigate the piscatorial tragedy.

The two stockings scheduled for this week are expected to include larger catfish, from six to 15 inches. They will be stocked in the section between Little River and Marshall.

When the party responsible for the recent fish kill is finally uncovered, they will be fined the cost of stocking the cats and will also be required to cover investigative costs by the state.

Delegation Visits Mars Hill Day Care

On Wednesday of last week the Mars Hill Day Care Center was visited by a group of 35 dignitaries who were attending the Appalachian Regional Council Conference in Asheville.

The group, led by Mickey Corn, was most impressed by the Mars Hill facilities as well as the thrilled and happy group of children.

Included among the visitors were Gov. Blair Lee of Maryland; David S. Mumaei,

from the Congressional Budget Office; and Robert M. Paul, of the U.S. Congressional Committee on Public Works.

Representatives from Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, Georgia, Virginia, as well as North Carolina, enjoyed the tour of the Mars Hill Day Care Center.

Another group of delegates at the conference also visited the Greater Ivy Day Care Center.



GOLD STAR MOTHERS — Shown above are six of the 18 Gold Star Mothers who rode in the Mars Hill Christmas Parade last Saturday. Left to right, Mrs.

Buckner, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Huff and Mrs. Ammons. Not pictured, Mrs. English, Mrs. Fender, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Jarvis.

Mars Hill VFW Post Honors Gold Star Mothers At Parade

Members of the Mars Hill Post (No. 5483) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars used their participation in the annual Mars Hill Christmas parade last Saturday to honor local Gold Star mothers, women who lost their sons in one of the nation's wars. The six ladies pictured rode in the parade and received respectful applause from the large crowd which witnessed the colorful spectacle. All six mothers received corsages, compliments of the VFW.

Among the Gold Star mothers so honored was Mrs. Ralph Ammons, 81, who lost a son in World War II and another in the Korean War. Eldest of the group was Mrs. Ada English, 81, whose son was killed during World War II. Youngest of the group was Mrs. Sarah Buckner, 81, whose son died in Vietnam. The others honored were Mrs.

J.W. Huff, 88, whose son was killed during World War II; Mrs. Jake Edwards, 88, whose son was also killed in World War II; Mrs. John Anderson, 75, who lost a son in the same conflict; Mrs. Mamie Fender, 81, whose son also was a World War II casualty; Mrs. Posey Griffin, 78, whose son died in Korea; Mrs. Maude Jarvis, 88, and Mrs. Estella Carter, 88, each of whom lost a son during World War II.

The Mars Hill VFW Post is led by Cliff Bates, commander, and R.J. Ammons, senior vice commander. Other officers include Everette Underwood, junior vice commander; James Ledford, quartermaster; Harold Wells, post advocate; Robert Brugg, surgeon; C.J. White, adjutant and treasurer; Arthur Ammons, chaplain; and James Chandler and Paul Edwards, trustees.