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Greater Ivy Makes Clean CDP Sweep

By JIM STORY

It's nothing unusual for Greater Ivy to win honors at the annual Western North Carolina Development Association Awards meeting but

this busy and productive community hit the "Jack Pot" last Saturday at the annual meeting.

More than 600 persons jammed the spacious dining room of the Inn on the Plaza in Asheville for the 29th annual awards luncheon which is one

of the most exciting meetings held in Western North Carolina.

The Greater Ivy delegation, numbering approximately 20 leaders and citizens, sat proudly in the audience along with many other Madison County community leaders primarily from the Marshall, Walnut, Sleepy Valley and Mars Hill areas as the winners were announced.

The Greater Ivy community, led by Dr. Grover L. Angel, received top honors in the Division "C" category (more than 200 families) for overall community development. With this coveted honor was a check for \$400.

Greater Ivy had previously won honors in past years for its great accomplishments in converting the old Beech Glen School into an attractive community building which is used for multi-purposes for the benefit of the entire Township 4 citizens.

During the past year a branch of the Madison County Library has been added to the facility. The community also points to a first aid room, well equipped for some emergencies and a place where county health nurses can give shots. A meal for the elderly program was begun as was a day care

center conducted for the large community which has 210 miles of roads within its boundaries.

A new roof has been installed and the facility's floor was repaired during the past year.

The community also promoted home improvements and aroused interest in improved living in mobile homes.

These are some of the accomplishments which resulted in Greater Ivy being "No. 1."

ANGEL, MAN OF THE YEAR

Top individual awards for Man and Woman of the Year in Community Development in Western North Carolina went to Dr. Grover Angel of Greater Ivy, and Ruby Wilcox of Ranger in Cherokee County.

Mrs. O.A. Gregory of Marshall, a director of the WNC Development Association and secretary of the program's area steering committee, presented the community leadership awards.

Angel, a retired educator who hasn't retired at all, is still first and foremost an educator, his close associates say. His fellow community workers say "he is busy 16 to 20 hours a day."

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MAN AND WOMAN OF YEAR honors went to Dr. Grover L. Angel of Greater Ivy and Ruby Wilcox of Ranger in Cherokee County at the annual WNC Community Development luncheon in Asheville last Saturday. At extreme left is former Gov. Bob Scott, who

participated on the program and extreme right is Mrs. O.A. Gregory of Marshall, who presented community leadership awards, is shown commending the great achievements of Dr. Angel and the Greater Ivy community. (Photo by Jim Story)

Bus Available For Elderly To Eat Lunch

Marshall residents participating in the nutrition program for those over 60 years of age are reminded that the site has moved to the new Child Development Center near the Madison County landfill. It was formerly located in the Marshall Baptist Church.

A bus to take those who do not have transportation picks up participants at the housing project at the lower end of town, and in front of the Home Electric and Furniture Co. around 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, according to Mrs. Josephine Goforth, site manager.

"We welcome all those 60 years or older to join us in our new facility. We have activities that many enjoy taking part in, or one may just enjoy getting out and having fellowship with others instead of staying home alone all day," Mrs. Goforth remarked.

Stanton Acquitted; Church Sentenced

A Madison County Superior Court jury, concluding its deliberations at 6:30 last Friday, acquitted William C. Stanton of the Barnard section of a charge of unlawful shooting of three cattle.

The animals, belonging to Mrs. E.O. Burnette of Walnut, had been in Stanton's garden when he killed them.

CHURCH SENTENCED

Judge Ronald Howell sentenced Hubert Church to a term of not less than three nor more than five years after a pre-sentencing hearing in court here last Friday.

Church, 55, of Hot Springs, had been found guilty on Wednesday of last week of involuntary manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of E.A. Keener, a 54-year-old neighbor of Church's.

Church testified that he shot Keener last April in self-defense after the man had shot at him with a bow and arrow.

District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts had asked the jury on Tuesday of last week to convict Church of second degree murder.

Arguments were presented both by the prosecutor and defense attorney Joseph Huff before Judge Howell recessed court. The trial resumed

Wednesday morning at which time Judge Howell presented his charge to the jurors.

The jury found Church guilty Wednesday of involuntary manslaughter. Judge Howell called a pre-sentencing hearing for Thursday prior to imposing the sentence on Friday.

Commissioners To Conduct Hearing

The Madison County commissioners will conduct a public hearing Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Madison County courthouse for the purpose 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, in-

creased 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.

Greater Ivy CCA Selects Officer Slate

Officers for two-year terms 1979 and 1980 have been elected by the Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association Inc. as follows: president, Mrs. Roy (Julia-Martha) Young; first vice president, Mrs. Jimmy (Joan Ramsey); second vice president, Mrs. Gerald (Aida Jean) Young; third vice president, Mrs. Talmadge (Irene) Metcalf; secretary, Mrs. Sam (Irene Carroll); treasurer, Mrs. J. Bruce (Mildred) Phillips; news letter editor, Mrs. Britton (Lucille) Pack; librarian, Mrs. Dean (Bob-Ann) Ledford; and Community House Trustees: Dr. Grover L. Angel, Boyd Hill, and H. Dean Ledford Sr.

The association which has been active in community beautification and community development as a part of the Western North Carolina Development Association Inc. program for the past four years has scheduled a planning session for next year's activities on Monday evening Dec. 11 at 7:00 in the community center.



SWORN IN MONDAY — pictured above are county officials who took the oaths of office here Monday morning. Superior Court Judge Ronald Howell administered the oaths before a sizeable audience in the courtroom. Seated in front row: Erwin Adams, Virginia Anderson and James T. Ledford, commissioners; second row, left to right: E.Y. Ponder, sheriff; Thula

Norton, deputy clerk of court; Harold Wallin, tax collector; Peggy Sawyers, deputy clerk of court; Emery Metcalf, soil and water supervisor; back row: Jim Cody, clerk of superior court; Judge Howell, who administered the oaths; and Jack Landers, soil and water supervisor. Irma Sprinkle, assistant clerk, Superior Court, was not present for picture. (Photo by Jim Story)

Public Opinion, Comments Sought At Dec. 11 Hearing

The town of Marshall will conduct a second public hearing for the purpose of submitting a Community Development pre-application to the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marshall Town Hall.

At this hearing eligible neighborhood activities and a budget for the pre-application will be presented for public review and comment. At the first public hearing, the following needs for community development were presented: housing rehabilitation for private homes; street paving; more live hydrants; extension of the new 4" water distribution line; drainage pipes and culverts; and a small neighborhood park with recreational emphasis on senior citizen needs. It was decided that the Rollins section of Marshall would be the defined target neighborhood area.

A Citizen Advisory Committee was appointed to assist in the preparation of the pre-application. Committee members include: Ed Niles, James Allen, Everett Barrette, and Faye Reid with Mayor Lawrence Ponder as ex-officio member. Technical assistance in the grant preparation will be provided by Land-of-Sky Regional Council.

All citizens of the town are urged to participate in the hearing and a special invitation is issued to Rollins area residents.

Sorry Pageant Fans, Christmas Production Cancelled This Year

The Marshall Christmas Pageant Committee is announcing with regret that the annual pageant will not be staged this year. A number of factors have made this decision necessary. The committee has been inactive since February and the rush of time brought the cold realization that the preparatory work could not be done in time to clear the holidays.

Funds will be sought early in the new year to restore the star which stands on the hill opposite the town to a more permanent condition. After inspection last year, the electricians reported that only temporary repairs could be made in order to light it for last year's Christmas season. Charles Tolley, manager of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, advises that \$400 to \$500 will be needed to replace the tattered wiring, weatherproof it and make necessary repairs to the structure. He offers whatever assistance he can give and suggests that volunteer labor would reduce the cost.

Despite the interest of both regular participants and some new recruits looking forward to this year's Pageant, this interest will have to hold until Christmas, 1979.

In 1975, the Marshall Biennial Sub-Committee established a plan for perpetuating the Christmas Pageant, making this project its foremost Biennial goal. The performance that year was a tribute to Dean Shields of radio station WMBH. Shields was one of the original committee members.

the pageant and is credited with keeping it alive through the years.

SS Benefits Go To 3,154 In Madison

Social Security benefits were being paid to residents of Madison County at the rate of \$476,934 a month at the start of 1978, Celeste A. Hemingson social security manager in Asheville said today.

Social security benefits can be paid to retired persons age 62 and over, to workers who become severely disabled before age 65, and to survivors of deceased workers.

Monthly social security checks are also paid to certain dependents of a worker who has retired, become disabled and died.

Of the 3,154 social security beneficiaries living in Madison county, 1,516 are retired workers and 288 are disabled workers. Another 550 persons are receiving benefits as the wives or husbands of retired or disabled workers. Widows, widowers, and dependent parents of deceased workers number 800.

In Madison county, 1,120 people under age 65 and 2,020 people age 65 and older are receiving monthly Social Security benefits. Of total beneficiaries, 1,220 are men, 1,240 are women and 220 are children.