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DR. GROVER L. ANGEL, who was selected as "Man of the Year" at the annual WNC Community Development Awards luncheon recently, was again honored Sunday at a surprise appreciation party in his honor which was sponsored by the Greater Ivy Women's Club. He was presented a beautiful plaque with the following inscription: In

appreciation to Dr. Grover L. Angel, Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association Inc., 1975-1978. Presenting the plaque, shown above, was Mrs. Roy (Julia-Martha) Young, president of the organization. More than 100 persons attended the occasion at the community center. (Photo by Jim Story)

Ervin Adams Chairs County Commissioners

Ervin Adams, who has served eight years as a commissioner, was selected chairman of the board last Friday night when the board held its first post-election meeting at the courthouse.

Adams, who resides in the Sodom Laurel section, is employed by the TVA in Knoxville, Tenn.

Adams was nominated by Virginia Anderson of Hot Springs, the outgoing chairman.

The third commissioner, James T. Ledford, also a former chairman, supported the nomination.

The Democratic board was reelected for another term in the Nov. 7 general election.

The commissioners reappointed Larry Leake

as county attorney and David Caldwell as county finance officer.

Ernest Snelson was also reappointed as tax supervisor of Madison County.

Commissioners Call

Special Meeting Thursday

There will be a special-called meeting of the Madison County Board of Commissioners immediately following the public hearing

scheduled for this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse here, it was announced Monday.



ERVIN ADAMS

Santa Claus Will Answer Your Letters!

Postmaster Roger Wood announced this week that all letters addressed to Santa Claus, c/o the Marshall Post Office, will be personally answered by Santa Claus if they are received at the Marshall Post Office by Dec. 19.

Bake Sale Set To Help Pay For Theatre

On this Friday, there will be a bake sale at the Wachovia Bank in Hot Springs from 10:30 - 1:30 p.m. and 3p. The Madison County Arts Council is sponsoring this Christmas Bake sale in an effort to raise money to buy the Times Theater in Hot Springs to promote the mountain arts.

W.T. Whitten Offers Advice On Mailing

Postmaster W.T. Whitten at Hot Springs is reminding customers that for the best service this Christmas season they should use Zip Codes, place their return address in the upper left corner of the envelope and use proper postage. "By following these suggestions," Postmaster Whitten says "customers will be assured good mail service this holiday season."

It is important, the Hot Springs postmaster says, that families "double check" envelopes and cards to be certain that proper postage is affixed. Envelopes without postage will be returned to senders, if possible, or delayed by postage-free procedures. When the return address is placed on envelopes bearing holiday greetings, it also helps remind friends of your current address.

And if the family to whom holiday messages is sent moved more than a year ago, it cannot be forwarded. With return address, Postmaster Whitten says, such letters are returned to the sender. "Double check" envelopes and cards to be certain that proper postage is affixed. Envelopes without postage will be returned to senders, if possible, or delayed by postage-free procedures.

End Of An Era

Main Street Won't Be The Same Without Old Dixie Grocery Store

By POP STORY

Main Street here will never be quite the same with the Dixie Grocery Store permanently closed... after 40 years of service, the familiar store closed on Wednesday of last week... Kelly Davis and Charles Davis, co-owners, have built up a lasting friendship to hundreds of customers... Kelly has been at the store for 40 years and Charles for 24 years... neither man has missed very many days behind the counter during these years... another

clerk who has been constantly on the job for 10 years is Neva McLain... these three people surely must have some sort of record for their long years of working behind the counter... it's a sure thing that they will be greatly missed. It would be interesting to know how many miles they have walked inside the store in the combined 74 years.

While this writer was in the Dixie Grocery on Wednesday of last week, it was evident that Kelly and Charles were also sad... they talked of the history of the store and their feelings about the closing... they were boxing the few groceries left on the shelves and they both appeared sad as they started tearing down the shelves... at my request they stood together for a final picture on their last day as co-owners and clerks of the store which has meant so much to this entire area... I, along with hundreds of other customers and friends, wish for them the very best in the future... they have served our community well.

Last Sunday turned out to be a busy but enjoyable day for me... you might call it a three-denomination day... first, I attended morning services as usual at the Marshall Baptist Church... as soon as the services were over, I went to the Marshall Presbyterian Church to snap a picture of the newly-chartered Marshall Cub Scouts... and later in the afternoon I was invited to the Marshall Methodist annual Christmas dinner which was held at the Tom Wallins' beautifully decorated home... in between these "appointments" I drove over to the Greater Ivy Community Center to attend the surprise party honoring Dr. Grover L. Angel... the occasion, sponsored by the Greater Ivy Women's Club, was delightful and I'll never forget Grover's expression as he entered the crowded cafeteria to learn that the occasion was in HIS honor... he couldn't say a word for several minutes. He was so surprised and overcome at the occasion... tears came to his eyes and his voice trembled with emotion, he expressed his thanks to the more than 100 friends present... it was evident that the community leader for the past four years had richly deserved this recognition... the beautiful plaque which he received is just one of many honors he has received for his leadership and untiring efforts.

Planning Board To Meet Dec. 28

It was announced Monday that the Madison County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the Thursday and also on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Madison County Courthouse to hear all

proposals relative to the formulation of a new community development grant proposal.

The public is invited to participate.



DIXIE GROCERY on Main Street in Marshall, closed permanently on Wednesday of last week. Kelly Davis (right) and Charles Davis (no relation) were co-owners of the store. Kelly has operated the store for the past 40 years and Charles has been co-owner and clerk for the past 24 years. Mrs. Neva McLean has been a clerk in the store for the past 10 years.

C.D. Bowman, owner of the building, plans to use the building to enlarge the Bowman Funeral Home. "We wish to express our gratitude to our many customers, some of whom have traded at our store for the past 40 years, for their friendship, patronage and loyalty," Kelly and Charles remarked. (Photo by Jim Story)

Christmas On Stage...

At Mars Hill

A Christmas concert (Christmas cantata) will be presented this Thursday night in Moore Auditorium at Mars Hill College, beginning at 8:15. Performers include a choir, a chorus and a brass ensemble.

The public is invited.

At Alexander

"The Night Jesus Was Born" will be presented at the Alexander Baptist Church next Sunday at 7 p.m.

A special singing of Christmas carols will be presented before the play. Among those to sing will be Ray and Judy Buckner, Alexander Youth Choir, Gillespie Trio and Parris Quartet.

The cast of the play is Joseph, Nobel Roberts; Mary, Cathy Roberts; death angel, Bill Connor; old man, Gary Parris; prophet, Robert Hollifield; town's people, Brandt Jarren, Janet Parris,

Vicki Rogers, Maralyn Davis, Lisa and Ann Bailey.

Everyone is cordially invited, Dennis Parris, leader, announced.

At Grapevine

The Grapevine Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The program is a narrative of scripture depicting scenes beginning with Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Christ, the Babe in the manger, visits of the shepherds and wise men and continuing with events of the last week of Jesus' life. Scenes include The Last Supper, The Betrayal in the Garden, The Trials before the High Priest and before Pilate, and the Crucifixion and the Ascension.

Our purpose in presenting this program is best stated as set forth in the Book of St. John 3:16: "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life through

his name." Everyone is invited to attend.

At Long Branch

A Christmas play entitled "In My Father's House," will be presented Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Baptist Church.

The play is centered around a 20th Century family's preparation for celebration and the amazing things that happen when Christmas is transformed into CHRISTMAS. The activities and attitudes of the modern Moore family and their hired help make for laughter and tears, and a message not soon to be forgotten.

The main characters are David Moore (the son), Clyde Roberts; Dianne Moore (daughter), Kathy Fox; Mary Moore (mother), Linda Buckner; John Moore (father), Ray Buckner; Louella Livingston (grandmother), Doreen Roberts. Directing the play is Carolyn Fox and Cathy Price.



MRS. PATRICIA BALL was voted "Teacher of the Year" in Madison County for 1978-79. She has taught at Mars Hill Elementary for six years. Mrs. Ball is a graduate of Mars Hill High School and Mars Hill College. She is presently on the Advisory Committee at Mars Hill and has been a past secretary for Madison County's chapter of NEA - NCAE. She is well known for her ability to get along with her students as well as fellow workers. Mrs. Ball will represent Madison County in District 1 competition in January.