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149 Madison Seniors Graduate Sunday



One hundred and forty-nine seniors of Madison High School will receive diplomas at commencement exercises this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Following is the program and other information.

PROGRAM

Prelude
 Processional: "March for Band" . . . Madison High Band
 by: John S. Morrissey . . . W.L. Stell, Conducting
 Invocation . . . Tim Metcalf
 Welcome . . . Beverly Bruce
 Student Speaker . . . Phyllis Morrow
 Chorale: "St. Antoni" . . . Madison High Chorus
 by: Haydn-Brahms . . . Mr. Stell, Conducting
 Student Speaker . . . Debra Johnson
 Duet: "A Remark You Made" . . . Eric Knisley
 by: Josef Zawinul . . . Steve Lambert
 Student Speakers . . . Class of '79
 . . . Anita Keller
 . . . Penny Frisby
 Senior Awards . . . Felicia Bishop
 Presentation of Diplomas . . . David Wyatt, Principal
 . . . J. Bruce Phillips
 . . . Assistant Principal
 . . . Pam Anderson
 . . . Class of '79
 Benediction . . . Beth Bellows
 Recessional: "March for Band" . . . Madison High Band
 by: John S. Morrissey . . . Mr. Stell, Conducting
 Class Flower: The Red Rose
 Class Colors: Red and White
 Class Motto: "Arise, Go Forth and Conquer"

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Teddy Allison
 Debra Bullman
 Linda Chandler
 Edith Cheek
 Dainna Cutshall
 Alfred Dockrey
 Lynn Gibson
 Holly Hough
 Greg Lisenbee
 Gwen Mahy
 Sherry Maynard
 Conrad Plaut
 Dinia Roberts
 Felicia Shelton
 Sheila Shelton
 Brenda Stephens
 Dolores Wyatt

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 Madison High Band Mr. W.L. Stell
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 Mrs. Irene Metcalf
 Mrs. Maxine Gosnell
 Mrs. Carol Evans
 Mrs. Sandra Tolley
 Graduation Director

Madison High School seniors prepare for commencement . . . See Page 3 for roster

Horse Show/Annual Event Begins Saturday

The annual Marshall charity horse show, sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club, will be held this Saturday afternoon and night on the Island here. The afternoon show will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening show will start at 7 p.m. in case of rain on Saturday, causing postponement, the shows will be

held on Sunday, officials stated. This year's event will include 39 classes. Honorable Joel Owensby, of Greer, S.C., will be the judge. Loyd Thompson, of Asheville, will again be master of ceremonies; Maurice McAlister, of Marshall, will serve as ringmaster.

The show committee is composed of Jerry Plemmons, chairman; John Corbett, Rick Thompson, Maurice McAlister, Ed List and David Caldwell. Mrs. Donna Rice will serve as show secretary. It was also announced that a veterinarian will be on call. Standard horse show rules will apply.

Twenty classes are scheduled for the afternoon show and 19 classes, including championships, are on the night's schedule, as follows: AFTERNOON SHOW 1 p.m. Lead Line (Riders 6 years and under) English Halter No. 1 — 2 years and under, No. 2 — Over 2 years; Western Halter No. 1 — 2 years and under, No. 2 — Over 2 years; Appaloosa Halter No. 1 — 2 years and under, No. 2 — Over 2 years; Draft Horse Halter No. 1 — 2 years and under, No. 2 — Over 2 years; Pleasure Ponies (50 inches and under); English Pleasure (Open); Madison County Pleasure; Ladies' Western Pleasure (Riders 17 years and over); Pepsi Cola Race; Western Pleasure (Riders 16 years and under); Juvenile Racking (Riders 17 years and under); Trail Class; Gentlemen's Western Pleasure (Riders 17 Yrs. and Over); Ladies Racking; Little Britches (Riders 12 yrs. and under); Western Pleasure (Horses 4 yrs. and under); Buddy Pick-Up Race; Go As You Please; Barrel Race.

Pleasure — Championship; Western Pleasure — Championship; Racking Horse — Championship; Barrel Race — Championship; English Pleasure — Championship. Refreshments and soft drinks will be available. Proceeds from the event will be used in Marshall Lions Club projects.

Mars Hill Gets \$19,500 Grant

Mars Hill College has been awarded a \$19,548 grant under Title I (Community Service and Continuing Education) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to continue three programs aimed at the older adult in Western North Carolina.

The grant is a renewal of a Title I grant received last year which allowed Mars Hill to establish the Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at the Mars Hill and Brevard campuses; the Taking Opportunities to Aging Learners (TOTAL) program in Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties; and the Senior Awareness and Growth Experience (SAGE) program which is operated by Land of Sky.

According to Raymond C. Rapp, coordinator of programs for continuing education at Mars Hill, over 1,500

older citizens have participated in the three programs during the past year. Mars Hill's proposals were selected for funding and the total amount awarded reached \$270,000. Since 1966, Title I has received \$104,935 in funds for continuing education and community service in Western North Carolina.

The LIFE program involves on-campus non-credit courses on the Mars Hill and Brevard College campuses during the spring, fall and summer. The courses are organized around the participant's interest as expressed in questionnaires distributed by the LIFE Advisory Committee. The courses include field trips, theatre tours, special discussion groups and cross-generational lunches in the colleges' cafeterias.

The TOTAL program sponsors classes at 21 centers in Madison, Buncombe, Hender-

son and Transylvania counties. The non-credit courses range from Art Appreciation to Adjustment to Retirement and specific subjects as recommended by the participants through an Educational Interest Survey distributed by an Education Advisory Committee.

The SAGE program was designed by the college and its

advisory committees to prevent excluding those older adults with financial shortcomings who still had educational interests. In conjunction with the Land of Sky Regional Council, the college sponsors workshops and short classes at the 16 meal sites operated by Land of Sky in Region B. In addition to the offering of classes and other interest activities, the college and its

Education Advisory Committee are in the process of compiling a list of retirees who will serve as resource persons for various educational activities in the area. The committee will be working with the Councils on Aging in the counties involved as well as the American Association of Retired Persons chapters in the region, and the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Bluegrass Festival Now In Progress

The much-discussed Bluegrass Festival on Zenina Farms on the Zeno Ponder property near here is now in progress and will continue through Saturday.

Festival grounds opened Wednesday in a cake cutting celebration marking 40 years of Bluegrass music. The four-day event has been termed the "Daddy of Bluegrass Music."

One of the features of the event will be the appearance of Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys. North Carolina Attorney General is also slated to attend the festival on Saturday and sing some Bluegrass numbers.

Festival grounds will open on May 30 and there will be plenty of free parking and freestyle jam sessions beginning around noontime throughout the festival grounds.

Thursday activities will begin at 2 p.m. with a day-long band contest with stars Byron Berline and Ralph Lewis on hand for the judging with others on the list of judges.

Friday's activities will get under way at 2 p.m. and continue until about midnight with continuous entertainment by some of America's favorite bluegrass players and

dancers. The lineup will consist of Jim and Jesse and the Virginia Boys, Eddie Adcock, Byron Berline, Raymond Fairchild and the Maggie Valley Boys, Ralph Lewis Family and Friends, James Worley, Dan Crary, the Turkey Branch Junction, Bill Clifton and Red Rector; the Tasty Licks, and James Monroe and the Midnight Ramblers.

Saturday's homecoming and cake cutting celebration will get under way at noon, starring the daddy of bluegrass music himself, Bill Monroe. Other notables will be there performing and dancing until midnight.

Dunham's Music Center will provide the sound system and engineering to insure a pleasant and enjoyable time for all. Tickets may be purchased in Marshall at the Plaza Burger Parlor on the Marshall bypass.

Ticket prices are: Thursday band concert, \$4; Friday's 2 p.m. until midnight, \$7; Saturday's celebrations, \$8; and all three days with free souvenir program included, \$15.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the North Carolina Heart Fund, it was announced.

Transportation Offers Vital Challenge



MRS. JEANNE HOFFMAN

Mrs. Richard (Jeanne) Hoffman of Mars Hill, executive director of The Council on Appalachian Women Inc., pointed out a vital challenge to delegates to the 20th annual Fontana Conservation Roundup held at Fontana Village last week.

Mrs. Hoffman said that in terms of challenges for the 90s or the 20th Century, for that matter, there is none greater than our transportation system.

"We have opened up the region (Southern Appalachians) to a large extent with our highway system and now nobody can afford gas or

a car to put it in," she said. "Just about every agency has its own bus and nobody can get anywhere. There is little or no cooperation or coordination in the use of these vehicles," she remarked.

"Why can't we have a railroad system similar to Europe?" she asked. "It would revitalize our small towns, enhance our communities, cost less to travel, conserve energy, cost so much less to lay track than to build roads through the mountains at \$1 million a mile, not to mention the conservation of our natural heritage. The railroad would create

jobs and provide a means of access to employment and services for our population."

She said that there are small communities around the region that are revitalizing their railroads for local community service, citing Graham County where Fontana Village is located as an example.

"If small communities can do it alone," Mrs. Hoffman said, "then why wouldn't a regional project cost less and serve more efficiently."

Delegates at the Roundup agreed that passenger railway transportation should be in-

creased, not decreased, in the Southern Appalachians.

They also reached these conclusions after two days of discussing the region's human and natural resources challenges and planning challenges.

—Although land use management is unpopular, it is a "must."

—A balance must be achieved between unlimited growth and the kind of decline that many of the region's communities have suffered.

—Encourage economic development in those areas where the natural environment can cope with it.