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Older Madison Residents Enjoy Special Day

For Madison County residents over the age of 60, Thursday was Older Americans Day at Madison High School, where 125 people listened to music, won prizes,

enjoyed a craft exhibit and visited with each other over a good picnic lunch.

The festivities began with group singing, as Dorothy Shupe led the participants

through such old favorites as "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," "Til the Moon Shines, Nelly" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Mrs. Harrell Wood accompanied on the piano.

Then the group was treated to singing and playing by the Shelton Gospel Singers of Laurel and by Mary Eagle of Sodom Laurel. Appetites whetted, everyone was then served a hearty lunch of thick sandwiches, string beans, potato chips, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea.

After lunch came the long-awaited "oldest American contest," in which the following people received cash prizes in various categories: oldest man, William E. Shelton, 88, and Grover Gowan, 88 (tie); oldest woman, Pearl Price, 85; married the longest, Bill Moore, 59 years; oldest couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shelton, 88 and 78, respectively; lady with the most grandchildren, Massie Lester, with 32; and lady with the most children, Dovie Roberts, with 11. Prize money was raised by selling chances on a quilt made by Mrs. J.E. Gibbs of Greater Ivy.

At the same time, those with lucky ticket numbers were awarded a variety of door prizes such as shaving lotion,

cologne, and dusters, donated by merchants of Marshall, Mars Hill and the Marshall bypass. Flowers for the event were contributed by Shady Side Florist of Marshall.

Older Americans Day, which was first held last year, grows out of the one-meal-a-day program of Madison County's four senior nutrition centers, located in Mars Hill, Marshall, Hot Springs and Greater Ivy.

"This is a chance," said Dorothy Shupe, director of the Madison County office of the Council on Aging in Walnut, "to get older Americans together for a day of singing and fellowship and to have a good meal. Our four centers usually feed about 200 people on a regular basis, but this event is open to everyone age 60 or older. We have people here from Spring Creek, Laurel, Walnut, and

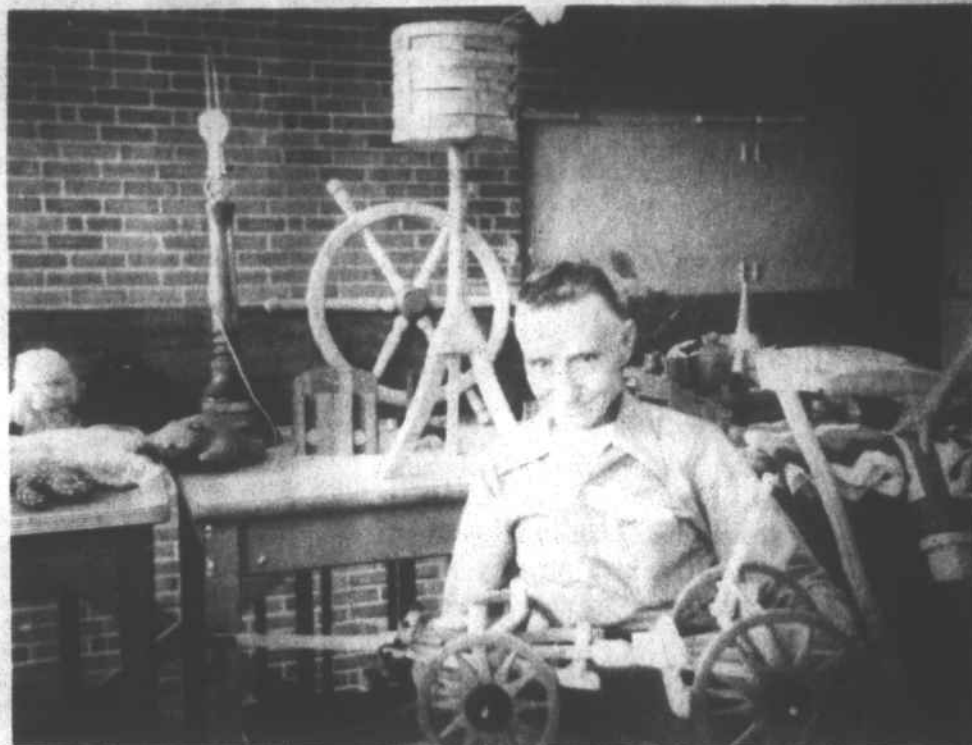
elsewhere, as well as from the four regular centers.

"We feel it is very important to give older people the chance to get out of the house once a day if possible. One of our greatest fears is that the gasoline crisis will force us to cut back on the lunch program, which we feel is essential for many people."

The event seemed to please the entire company, who enjoyed the entertainment with obvious pleasure. Mrs. Roy Young chaired the celebration; Maria Cox and many helpers set out the lunch; Oleta Shelton and Rena Shelton arranged the fine entertainment; Mary Howell, Helen Lamkin, Sue Pangle and Agnes Caldwell solicited for prizes. Dorothy Shupe and Lucille Burnette coordinated and directed the program, with the skillful assistance of Quentin Ramsey.



MARY EAGLE of Sodom Laurel sings and plays the dulcimer.



EMMITTE PAYNE, 72, exhibited his hand-carved wooden crafts, including a lamp, ship's helm and four-wheel wagon. The wagon represents a month of work.

Sheriff Seizes \$200,000 Worth Of Marijuana

The Madison County Sheriff's Department harvested an estimated \$200,000 worth of marijuana plants on Aug. 2 from an unplowed hillside near Troublesome Gap in the isolated Big Pine region.

Madison Gets \$9,000 State Grant

Madison County has received \$9,000 from the North Carolina legislature as grant-in-aid money to help administer local health and social service programs.

For use statewide, the legislature appropriated a total of \$300,000 for this purpose. The total has been allocated on the basis of population. Each county's share is sent directly to the board of commissioners.

"We are all aware of how inflation affects us personally," said Donald Harrell, director of Madison County's Department of Social Services. "Inflation also affects the county government's ability to provide human services."

"We are grateful to the legislature for relieving some of the burden by appropriating this grant-in-aid money," said Harrell.

Board Of Education Employs Don Fowler

The Madison County Board of Education has employed Don Fowler as a teacher at Spring Creek Elementary School, according to R.L. Edwards, superintendent of education.

Fowler resigned from Madison High in 1978 amid considerable controversy over alleged immoral conduct with a student.

The decision to rehire Fowler was made at the board's regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 6.

Prior to Fowler's resignation last year, he was suspended by the board at a special meeting. Following the meeting Larry Leake,

Sheriff E.Y. Ponder, accompanied by deputies Frank Ogle and Clate Grindstaff, locked the haul in a room near the county jail. The plants are scheduled to be burned near the elementary school on the Marshall island at the end of this week.

No arrests have been made, and the sheriff reports that his office is still investigating the source of the illegal plantings. The haul is the largest made in Madison County since 1977; when the sheriff confiscated

approximately \$1 million worth of marijuana.

The plants, most of which stood over 8 feet tall, were transported to town in a pickup truck. The sheriff's office estimated the total weight of the load at 500 to 600 pounds.

The plants were found scattered over an area of about one acre, camouflaged by other bushes and weeds to avoid detection. They extended over parts of three lots along Caldwell Branch.

"Whoever planted this took great precautions," said Sheriff Ponder. "They put in five to 10 plants in one place and then moved on to another spot. They're much harder to catch than moonshiners. They don't go out and tend their crop every day, you know. They just put in the seed and disappear until it's ready for harvest."

The sheriff said that there seems to be less illegal growing of marijuana in Madison County now than there was a

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SHERIFF PONDER (center) helps unload.



CAS WALLIN, 76, entertains the company with some spirited acapella singing. At rear of the

Madison High School cafeteria, a line forms for hearty picnic fare.

Free Meals / Schools Announce Eligibility Rules

The Madison County Board of Education today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children served under the National School Lunch, Breakfast, and Special Milk Programs.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. A simple statement of income and family size is required plus a signed certification by the parent or guardian that the information provided is correct.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for

these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, school principals will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to: R.L. Edwards, Superintendent, Madison County Schools, P.O. Box 308, Marshall, N.C. 28753 or call 649-2424 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

If a family member

becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Each school and the office of the Madison County Board of Education has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

This is the income scale used by the Madison County Board of Education to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the 1979-80 school year.

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FAMILY SIZE	FREE MEALS & FREE MILK	REDUCED PRICE MEALS
1	0-4,590	4,591-7,180
2	0-6,040	6,041-9,420
3	0-7,490	7,491-11,680
4	0-8,940	8,941-15,940
5	0-10,390	10,391-19,200
6	0-11,840	11,841-18,470
7	0-13,290	13,291-20,730
8	0-14,740	14,741-22,990

Each additional family member 1,450-2,260
Income scale is in dollars.

Haynie Named Outstanding Democrat

Roger Haynie of Marshall has been named one of the 10 Most Outstanding Democrats of North Carolina for the past year. He received the award at the state Young Democrats' installation banquet in Raleigh July 27-28.

Democratic leaders commended Haynie for his contributions and service to the party at both local and state levels. He was also praised for his efforts in personally raising over \$3,100 through the sale of tickets for the banquet.

Haynie, 29, has served the party in several capacities. For two years he was chairman of the state YD Credentials Committee, and he has

served as a member of the state YD Platform Committee. For one year he worked on the 11th Congressional District YD Executive Committee and is currently the first vice chairman of that organization.

At the local level, Haynie has served as an officer in the Madison County YD Club and has chaired the senior party's North Marshall precinct since 1975.

Haynie is a graduate of Mars Hill College and a former teacher and coach for the Madison County School system. He is presently an adult probation/parole officer with the North Carolina Department of Corrections.



ROGER HAYNIE

Hamrick Honored By Jaycees

John R. Hamrick of Route 3, Mars Hill, has been chosen one of the Outstanding Young Men of America of 1979. He was selected by the board of advisors of the United States Jaycees.

Hamrick was cited for his outstanding personal and professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the

community. He is presently director of financial aid at Mars Hill College. Hamrick graduated from Mars Hill College and earned a master's degree in educational administration at UNC-Charlotte.

Before joining the staff of the college he taught in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system, served as dean of the

cayne Southern College in Charlotte, and worked at First Citizens Bank. He is active in the Bright Hope Laurel United Methodist Church.

He is the son of R.B. Hamrick of Mars Hill. He is married to the former Elizabeth English; he and his wife have one daughter, Emily.