



SMITH LISTENS as Teresa Zimmerman, Marshall day care center director, points out the solar collector/greenhouse on the center's south side. The day care center is partially funded by the ARC. Bob Shepherd listens at right.

ARC Chief Tours County

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 money spent on them (they don't); how the houses were chosen (the area was pinpointed by the 1970 census as one of the two most needy in the county, according to HUD).
 "This is a most impressive project," said Smith afterward. "The dedication of Sam Parker in his adoptive county shows through in his enthusiasm and interest and knowledge of the Spillcorn area. I really feel that the work we saw was a good example of using available local labor and materials to get good results from dollars spent."

The county plans to renovate a total of 24 houses along Colvin Creek in Spillcorn with a HUD grant of \$267,000, and will add piping and water treatment facilities with a smaller ARC grant.

The ARC group then drove downriver to the site of the new Laurel Medical Center, where construction began several weeks ago. After encountering water problems caused by several springs, the building crew now has the cinder block walls of the building above ground and rising.

After inspecting the site, the group walked down to the Belva Church for coffee, juice and donuts. They were greeted by Michael Norins, director of the Hot Springs Health Program, and other leaders of the effort to establish a health center in Laurel, including Tom Wallin, Oleta Shelton, Helen Shelton, Dennis Tweed and Louis Zimmerman. Norins showed slides of the Laurel site and described its history, which began just over a year ago when a door-to-door fund-raising campaign in the Laurel area got the project going by collecting over \$16,000.

"Before you leave," said Tom Wallin as the group prepared to move on, "I would like to say that we have a board of 14 members and they work very hard, and you can rest assured that every dollar spent in this county will be well spent."

Al Smith was again impressed by the way ARC money was being spent - and in this field he has expertise. He is a native of Tennessee, near the Kentucky border, and now lives in Russellville, Ky., where he heads a chain of six weekly newspapers. He has been active in the health field both in helping hospitals in

WATER HYACINTH
 NAIROBI (AP) — The water hyacinth looks beautiful but it clogs waterways, hinders commercial fishing and reduces yields from rice paddies in more than a score of countries from Argentina to the Philippines.

In the United States, the infestations in Florida, Louisiana and Texas cost more than \$11 million annually in control efforts.

Herbicides have been used against it but these have ecological side effects. Aquatic mammals and fish which eat the hyacinth have been introduced in some areas. Mechanical removal is slow and expensive.

Now scientists are looking for new ways of using the water hyacinth. It is known the plant can absorb heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury and nickel, thus acting as a biological filter for domestic and industrial wastes. In China the plant is grown extensively in village communities for pig food.

Lexington, Ky., then as a trustee of the Frontier Nursing Service, which employs both nurse practitioners and midwives to augment the medical staff. He has also been past president of the Kentucky Press Association, chairman of the Kentucky Arts Commission and producer of a weekly news program for the state public television network.

The last stop in the county was the Marshall day care center on Long Branch Road, where director Teresa Zimmerman led the tiptoeing visitors between the cots of napping preschoolers and gave Smith a brief history of the 1½-year-old facility. As she was emphasizing the importance of ARC money to the project, a huge sanitation truck rolled down the landfill road just beyond the yard where the group stood - a truck purchased with ARC funds.

"The ARC has done a lot of wonderful things for this county," she said. "We could have done parts of some of them

without it, but we couldn't have done them all. We hope, especially for the sake of the day care program, that the funding will continue."

Classes For Elders Begin Term April 29

The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at Mars Hill College will begin its second term of the spring semester April 29 with three classes, which, according to program coordinator Raymond C. Rapp, "are the most interesting line-up of classes we ever offered."

The LIFE program at Mars Hill is aimed at persons 50 years of age and older who are seeking new outlets for their

interests and skills. The program was begun two years ago using funds from a Title I, Higher Education Act of 1965 grant. LIFE features non-credit classes taught by members of the college's faculty as well as field trips, theater tours, exercise classes, "rap sessions" with students and faculty, free access to the college library, special collections, swimming pool, and other facilities. Classes meet during the late

morning and early afternoon hours of each Tuesday and there are no exams, grades, or homework. The setting is strictly informal for all of the program's activities.

The second term begins April 29 and lasts through June 3. The classes scheduled for the second term are "Early Naturalists of the Southern Mountains," which will be taught by Donald McLeod, assistant professor of biology at the college, and will meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m., covering the flora and fauna of the region and the people who first catalogued the variety of natural growth; "Spanglish" will be taught by Virginia Teague, an adjunct faculty member of the college, and

will cover a little English, a little Spanish, as well as subjects such as preparing Latin foods, bargaining in the Latin marketplace, and travel in Latin countries, and will meet from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; and the afternoon class will be "The Sociology of American Religion," which will be taught by Dr. Ellison Jenkins, professor of religion at Mars Hill, and will be descriptive analysis of the nature of religion, the function of religion in personal and social life, and the contemporary religious structures in American society.

Field trips planned for the program include a trip to former president Andrew Johnson's home and museum

in Greenville, Tennessee, and a day in the field with Don McLeod examining the plants and animals of the region in their natural habitats. An informal coffee hour is held each morning before the classes begin, and the classes meet in the seminar room on the ground floor of Memorial Library.

Cost for the program is \$10 and this covers all activities except for theater tours and some field trips which may incur an additional modest charge. Additional information is available from Raymond C. Rapp, Coordinator of Programs for Continuing Education, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754, telephone 689-1167.

Smokies Trout Season Opens

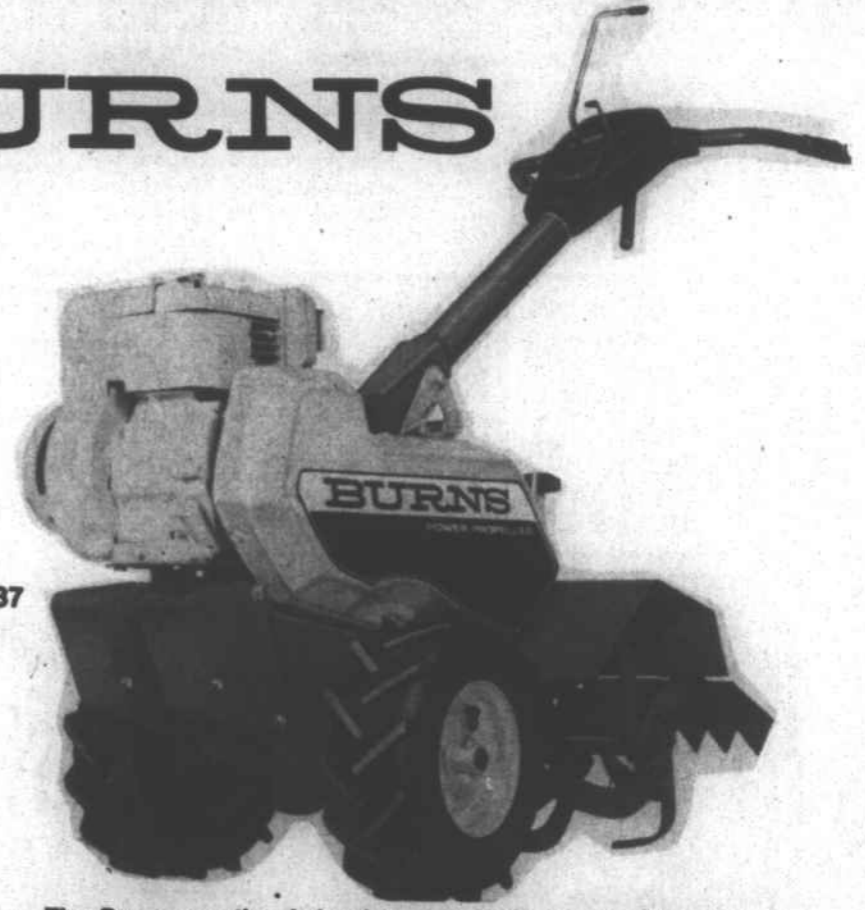
Fishing season in Great Smoky Mountains National Park began on April 15, according to Superintendent Merrill D. Beal. He said regulations will remain unchanged from last year except for a 2.5-mile section of Lynn Camp Prong above Tremont which has been designated an experimental fishing area.

Lynn Camp Prong was identified for brook trout restoration under the Interim Brook Trout Management plan approved in 1978. The 2.5-mile section will begin at the falls upstream from the gate above

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