



MARS HILL 3rd and 4th grade basketball teams (1st row, l-r) Joy Ponder, Karla Norton, Kristie Worley, Teresa Rice, April Ball,

Missy Leininger. (2nd row) Lisa Ballard, Kim Fleetwood, Monica Wyatt, Christy Grigg, Michelle Briggs.

Mars Hill Girls Win Youth Tourney

The third and fourth grade girls Youth League basketball team won first place in the Twin County tournament.

The little cagers defeated Marshall in the finals on a foul shot by Christy Grigg after a triple overtime, the final two overtimes being a "sudden death" situation.

The team finished the regular season in second place. The girls were coached by Pat Worley and Rhonda Mace, and sponsored by Farm Credit Service.

More Errors Showing Up On Tax Forms

North Carolina taxpayers are making more errors on their Federal tax returns this year, the Internal Revenue Service says, mostly in arithmetic and the wrong tax table.

A doublecheck of all figures should help reduce the math errors, the IRS says, but a little more care should be taken in using the tax table.

Most taxpayers can use the tax tables, rather than the tax rate schedule which is more difficult. To reach the correct tax figure, find the tax table which fits the filing status (single, married, etc.) and locate the taxable income line.

At the top of the table the number of exemptions are listed and where this figure crosses with the taxable income, this is the correct tax. If the figure is smaller than what was withheld, the taxpayer is due a refund. If it is larger, additional tax is owed and the IRS is due a check.

Any error, whether in arithmetic or using the wrong tax table, can slow up a refund, the IRS says.

Mars Hill To Host ASU In Softball

The Mars Hill College Women's Softball Team will begin its season with a doubleheader against Appalachian State University at home on Wednesday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m.

The team will be led by four seniors — Diane Bartlett from Fairfield, Conn.; Kim Beck from Thomasville; Janice McDaris from Weaverville (selected Offensive Player of the Year at Mars Hill College in 1980); and Sonja McGee from Iva, S.C. Diane, Kim and Janice will probably start in the infield while Sonia as an outfielder. Other returnees are Lisa Clary, a junior from Cary; Denise Deaton, a sophomore from Havelock; Beckie Godwin (selected Rookie of the Year at Mars Hill College in 1980), a sophomore from Anchorage, Alaska; Geri Peterson, also a sophomore from Anchorage; and Cricket Smith, a junior from Atlanta.

Six freshmen, four of whom are from Western North Carolina, should contribute significantly to the success of the team. Norma Cowan, a former North Buncombe Player, and Tamney Shaney from Brevard are two of the leading outfielders. Holly Hough, a former Madison High player, and Susie Mathis, who played for Mountain Heritage High School are candidates for the infield positions. Charlotte Stringfellow from Baltimore, Md. (selected most improved player at Mars Hill College) and Beth Walrath from Keystone Heights, Fla., are the freshmen from outside the Western Carolina area.

Gail Webster, instructor of physical education at Mars Hill College since 1977, is in her first year as head softball coach. She has coached the volleyball team for the past four years. Prior to that, she coached volleyball and field hockey at both the high school and college levels.



Bailey Melvin And Sasha Burrell

Burrell, Melvin Win Oratical Contest

The young men and ladies were poised and straight-laced during their presentations, but nervous, shuffling feet and tense-filled laughter emerged as they sat waiting to hear the judges' final decisions.

The event was the second annual Optimist Club oratorical contest held at Marshall School Thursday evening, and Sasha Burrell and Bailey Melvin both representing Mars Hill Elementary School walked away with the gold first place medallions.

Both students earned the right to advance to the district contest which will be held in Asheville on March 20.

Eight students entered the contest this year, and contest chairman Fred Haynie said he and the Madison Central Optimist Club hopes to have a full slate of 10 contestants next year.

Runners-up in the girls division Thursday night were Marlene Murray from Madison High School, Lisa Cutshall from Laurel School, and Teresa Keller from Mar-

shall. Second place went to Michelle Waldroup.

Runner-up in the boys division was Frank Johnston Jr. representing Walnut School. Second place winner was Billy Payne from Madison High School.

The official subject of this year's contest was "A Commitment To Share," and each contestant presented a four to five minute speech stating their ideas on the topic. Contestants were judged on personal qualities, material organization, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness. The contest was open to all county students under the age of 16.

Judges for the contest were Ruth Gregory, Pauline Dittmore and Pat Greene. Timekeeper was Marie Ponder.

First place winners in the upcoming district competition will receive a \$600 scholarship to be applied to an institution of higher learning in the future.

Softball Tourney Starts At Laurel

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A double elimination softball tournament will be held at Laurel School Friday through Sunday, April 3-5, according to Jerry Gunter.

Gunter said a drawing for pairings will be held at the school on Monday, March 30 at

6 p.m. All teams wanting to enter the tournament must call Gunter at 656-2235 before the drawing.

An entry fee of \$50 per team will be charged, and first, second, and third place trophies will be awarded on Sunday, April 5.

MHC Women's Softball Schedule

Wednesday March 18	Appalachian State University (2)	Home	3:30 p.m.
Saturday March 21	St. Augustine's College NCA&T Round Robin	Raleigh Greensboro	1:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.
Monday March 23	Western Carolina University (2)	Cullowhee	3:00 p.m.
Thursday March 26	Appalachian State University (2)	Boone	3:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday March 27-28	Catamount Classic	Cullowhee	10 a.m.
Monday April 6	Catawba College Pembroke State University	Salisbury	3 p.m.
Wednesday April 8	Warren Wilson College	Home	4 p.m.
Friday-Saturday April 10-11	UNC-Charlotte Invitational	Charlotte	12 noon
Monday April 13	Western Carolina University (2)	Home	3 p.m.
Tuesday April 14	Lenoir Rhyne College (2)	Hickory	3 p.m.
Thursday April 16	UNC-Charlotte (2)	Home	3 p.m.
Tuesday April 21	Milligan College (2)	Milligan	3:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday April 24-25	Regional Qualifying Tournament	Graham	TBA

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