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July 4th Celebrations

Special Events Scheduled For Independence Day

MARSHALL

The Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the Town of Marshall, will begin Fourth of July festivities by sponsoring a donkey softball game on the island in Marshall Friday, July 3 at 8 p.m. The Marshall firemen have challenged the firefighters of the West Madison department for the game.

At this writing, word of acceptance of the challenge had not been received, but Marshall chief Jackie Davis said the game will go on even if his men have to play the donkeys.

On Saturday, July 4 the MVFD will sponsor a rodeo on the island with shows beginning at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The rodeo will feature bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, calf

roping, bull riding and other traditional rodeo events.

A fireworks display will be held immediately following the last rodeo performance at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be served during Saturday's events, and the Marshall Wagon Train will arrive on the scene during the day.

MARS HILL

The Mars Hill Lions Club and the Town of Mars Hill will sponsor a full day of July 4th celebration at the recreation park located on Crooked Street in Mars Hill.

Activities begin Saturday morning with games and entertainment events scheduled throughout the day. A band will be on hand to

provide music in the afternoon, and a dance will be held in the evening.

Food and refreshments will be served throughout the day, or families may bring an old-fashioned picnic to the park.

HOT SPRINGS

The Hot Springs Lions Club and the Town of Hot Springs will kick off its July 4th celebration at 11 a.m. Saturday at the old Hot Springs Hotel grounds. Activities will include flea markets, concession stands and booths sponsored by the Friendship Club, PTA, West Madison Volunteer Fire Department and other organizations.

Lion Hank Holmes said there will be bingo and other games for kids and adults. Raft trips will be sponsored by Carolina

Wilderness Adventures. Holmes said other activities will include a hayride, a greased pole climb, and a drawing for "Boss Hog," a 250 pound porker.

At 3 p.m. and at 6 p.m. a skydiving demonstration will be performed by members of the Astroid Sport Parachute Center of Asheboro, N.C. The jumpers will land in the field behind the Blue Ridge Shoe Company.

A country and bluegrass band will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. beside the Trail Cafe, and the celebration will conclude at 9:30 p.m. with a fireworks display.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN RIVER EXPEDITIONS

Smoky Mountain River Expeditions of Hot

Springs will present a July 4th celebration with barbecue and bluegrass at the company's rafting headquarters on the river beginning Saturday at 9 a.m.

Bluegrass music will be provided by the Marc Pruett Band of Asheville, and the barbecue dinner will be catered by Bill Stanley's, also of Asheville. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and music will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be charged for all events.

A raft trip, lunch, dinner and music will be \$39 per person. Dinner and music will be \$15 per person, and a raft trip and lunch will be \$26 per person.

Activities are by reservation only.

Asheville Girl Drowns In MHC Pool Accident

A young Asheville girl died Sunday in an unusual swimming accident at the Mars Hill College swimming pool.

Authorities reported that Lorraine Burt, 15, of Mountain Side Apartments in Asheville, was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital early Sunday evening.

An autopsy performed Monday morning established the official cause of death as drowning. According to Dr. Carl Biggers of the hospital's pathology department, the autopsy showed the "gross lesion complex of drowning."

Details of the incident are still sketchy; however, Mrs. Burt was a participant in the college's Upward Bound Program, a federally funded program to assist high school students with limited academic opportunities to prepare for post-secondary training. There are 58 students in the program this summer from high schools in Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, and Buncombe counties as well as the Asheville city school system. Miss Burt had finished at South French Broad Junior High School and would have been a

sophomore at Asheville High this fall.

Officials said that Miss Burt briefly sank beneath the surface of the water before being pulled to safety by friends. Once out of the pool, she stood up, spoke to her friends, and walked a few steps before collapsing.

Both Upward Bound counselors and life guards were on duty at the time of the accident. The college security officer on duty was summoned and transported Miss Burt to the emergency room at Memorial Mission Hospital. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was administered on the way.

"We are truly shocked and deeply grieved by this tragedy," said Dr. Richard L. Hoffman, academic vice president of the college, "and I know that all members of the college family — students, faculty, staff, and administrators — join me in expressing our sympathy to the Burt family."

Funeral arrangements will be made by Wilkins-Hart Mortuary of Asheville and are incomplete at this time. A memorial service is planned by the college but details are not complete at this time.

Hendon Wants Boaring Question Settled

WASHINGTON — Congressman Bill Hendon has arranged for a public hearing to review the controversial extermination by rangers of the European Wild Boar in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Park officials familiar with the program have accepted Hendon's invitation to testify at the hearing, set for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, in the Community Building in Robbinsville. Hendon said the hearing will give all area sportsmen an opportunity to hear firsthand exactly what is taking place in the Smokies and will "hopefully lay to rest the many rumors circulating about the boar removal program."

The European Wild Boar was first introduced into the park in 1912, and over the years the original population has grown to an estimated one thousand animals. In recent years, the park service has been killing the boar because it competes with other species in the park and because it feeds on some endangered species, such as the Red-Cheeked Salamander.

"Now, I am all for the Red-Cheeked Salamander," Hendon said, "but mountain people just naturally wonder when the government tells them they will be arrested for killing a salamander or a rattlesnake in the park, and then they see the government going out and killing the wild boar at will. It just doesn't make sense."

"I believe it is time to get to the bottom of this controversy once and for all," the Western North Carolina congressman said. "I hope all concerned sportsmen will join me at this important hearing on Aug. 10."

Hendon is a member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and is holding the hearing in response to numerous complaints received by his office.



Dr. Otis Duck (left) and Dr. Sigsbee Duck present medical slides to Dr. Fred Bentley Bentley, President of Mars Hill College.

Medical Slides Given To College

Although the Harris Media Center is still under construction on the campus at Mars Hill College and is still several months away from completion, the million-dollar audio-visual facility has already received its first gift, a unique and valuable collection of 2800 medical slides.

The gift was made to the college by Dr. Otis Duck of Mars Hill, long-time family physician in Madison County, and Dr. Sigsbee Duck, his son who was recently graduated from the Medical School of East Carolina University.

Accepting the slide series, which will be housed in the new media center, was Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college, who hailed the gift as a significant addition to the college's teaching facilities.

The slides, published by the medical education division of the CIBA-Geigy Corporation, contain meticulous color drawings of every part of the human body. The drawings, which were done by a medical doctor, are accompanied by appropriate captions, explaining the part shown and/or the treatment being illustrated. They are intended for use in illustrated lectures on human anatomy and physiology and similar scientific discussions.

In making their gift, the two doctors expressed appreciation for the excellent education they had received as undergraduates at Mars Hill.

In May, Dr. Otis Duck and his wife, Betty made a similar gift to the Biology Department of the college in the form of nine bound volumes of the drawings in

the CIBA Collection; thus, the college has essentially the same material in two different forms for the use of faculty and students studying the human body, diseases, injuries, and other facets of human health.

According to CIBA-Geigy records, Mars Hill is one of only three colleges and universities in the state with complete sets of the medical drawings.

"It is a great boon to our academic program," said Dr. Bentley, "to have this marvelous series; our faculty members and students will benefit from them for many years. The two gifts reflect the great interest which the Duck family has in Mars Hill College. We are deeply grateful to Otis and Betty and to Sigsbee for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

French Broad EMC Faces Rate Increase

Carolina Power & Light imately 17 percent, according to Charles Tolley, FBEMC wholesale rate increase to manager.

Cooperatives and Municipals The cooperative will attempt to get the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to delay this increase.

However, the cooperative will have no choice but to pay the increase imposed by CP&L. This forces an increase to co-op members.

Rates are now being reviewed to determine what the increase to members will have to be. "When the effective date of the increase is determined, and new rate schedules adopted, members will be notified," Tolley said.

In addition to rate charges from CP&L, the cooperative also has to pay whatever fuel adjustment charge is added each month. This charge is passed on to members in addition to whatever rate is in effect and varies each month according to the charge from CP&L.

Any members having questions about the rate increase or other matters should contact your nearest EMC office, Tolley added.

Record Office Closed

The News Record office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

Public Meeting

CORRECTION

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet Monday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on Main Street in Marshall.

The board will not meet on July 6 as listed in last week's The News Record.

Council Of State Will Meet

Gov. Jim Hunt and the members of the Council of State will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Western Office of the Governor at One Oak Plaza in Asheville Tuesday, Aug. 4. They will also have several state projects in the area.

The announcement comes from Wayne McDevitt, director of the Western Office of the Governor.

"This is the first time the Governor and the Council of State have held a regular meeting here in Asheville," McDevitt said. "We

look forward to showing them the progress the State is making in the western region and to point out some additional needs and concerns."

McDevitt said the time of the tour and the meeting had not yet been decided, but it will be announced shortly.

Ball, Powell And Willis Become Delegates

11th District GOP Elects Officers

HAYESVILLE — Some 380 delegates attended the bi-annual 11th District Republican Convention on Saturday at Hayesville High School.

Re-elected to two-year terms were district officers Harold P. Corbin of Macon County, chairman; Phyllis Fox of Jackson County, vice chairman; Gladys Miller of Macon County, secretary; and Walker Carriker of Buncombe County, treasurer.

Doug Huntley of Macon County replaced Robert C. Carpenter of Macon County as finance officer.

Elected delegates to the state convention in Wilmington on July 24 and 25 were Faye Ball of Madison County, Larry Justus of Henderson County, Bill Powell of Madison County, Elsie Pyatt of McDowell County, Curtis Ratcliff of Buncombe County, Grville Coward Jr. of Jackson County, Carolyn Gardner of Rutherford County, Mike O'Neal of Polk County, Walter Carriker of Buncombe County, C.M. Willis of Madison County and Ron Harrison of Buncombe County.