

# District Champs



A happy group of baseball players, coaches and fans returned to Madison County last week after their team captured the district championship tournament at Hominy Valley. Madison had a 4-1 record in the tournament. The team will next see action in Statesville at the state tournament that began on Saturday. Representing Districts 1 and 2 will be Madison, East Asheville and Erwin.

**THE MADISON COUNTY 11 and 12-year All Stars are, from left, front row: Tim Ballard, Steve Messer, Kevin Boone, Kenneth Anderson, Brian Godfrey, Eddie Shelton and Billy Deitz. Second row: Gary Mace, Chris Maney, Daniel Ball, Greg Powell, Brian Ball, Michael Robinson and Kevin Honeycutt. In third row are coaches Dave Ball, Monroe and Neil Willis.**

## Mrs. Rice To Head Appeal

It has been announced by Dorothy M. Riddle, the Greater Carolinas Multiple Sclerosis Society Director, that Carolyn Rice will head up the appeal to raise funds for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis.

Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting the brain and spinal cord. It is not contagious nor is it a mental disease. It has been called the "mysterious crippler of young adults" because it is usually first diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 50.

Mrs. Rice will be looking for volunteers to canvass the county.



## NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Casey Lee, was born to Mickey and Debby Church of Mars Hill on July 27.

A daughter, Elizabeth Carol, was born to Buddy and Cindy Himes of Mars Hill on July 27.

A son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metcalf of Mars Hill on July 28.

A son, Evan Andrew, was born to Perry and Brenda Arrington of Marshall on July 28.

A son, Michael Allen, was born to James and Trudy Atkinson of Marshall on July 28.

A daughter, Candice Michelle, was born to Charles and Donna Hamlin on July 31.

A daughter, Tammy Nicole, was born to Eugene and Christine Metcalf of Mars Hill on July 29.

Registration applications are now being accepted for two pre-school groups that meet at the Mars Hill United Methodist Church. Interested parents should contact either Ann Bussard, teacher of three-year olds, at 689-2163 or Margo Tilson, teacher for four-year olds, at 689-2959.

# Community Calendar

The regular monthly meeting of the Madison County Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Madison County Courthouse.

The Hot Springs Town Meeting for August will be held on Monday, Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hot Springs City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Regular first Saturday night gospel singing will be held at the Hopewell Baptist Church on Aug. 7 beginning at 7:30.

All singers and listeners have a hearty welcome.

The second Sunday night singing will be held at the Alexander Baptist Church on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Singers from the church will be featured. All singers and listeners are invited to attend.

Homecoming services will be held at the United Methodist Church in Walnut on Sunday, Aug. 8. Worship service will be held at 11 a.m. with the pastor, Rev. Jack Jones, preaching. There will be some special music. Dinner will be served on the church grounds immediately following the church service.

Several former residents of Walnut are expected to be present for the Homecoming, including members of the families of Ed Ramsey, Fleet Reeves and Stack Reeves. All former members, former pastors and friends of the church and community are invited.

The Rice reunion will be held at the home of the late Fred Rice on Big Laurel Saturday, August 7. Bring a picnic lunch and stay all day. Everyone welcome.

The annual McMahan and Boone families reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug., 8 at the home of Clyde Boone, Mars Hill Watershed Rd., in the Upper Laurel section. All family members and friends are invited to attend and bring lunch.

The United Methodist of Madison County will meet for a district Evangelistic Event at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Road, in Asheville on August 6, 7, and 8, at 7 p.m. each night. Nursery service will be available.

The Rev. George E. Morris, associate professor of Evangelism at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and director of the Institute for World Evangelism, will deliver the messages each evening.

## Tobacco Meeting Slated Aug. 16

Congressman William Hendon will hold a hearing on Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. to inform area tobacco farmers on the new federal tobacco program which recently was passed by the Congress. The No-Net Cost Tobacco Act of 1982 provides for producer contributions to the tobacco price support program.

The meeting will be held in the Humanities Lecture Hall of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Joining Hendon in the program will be Rep. William C. Wampler of Virginia and Rep. Larry J. Hopkins of Kentucky. Both men are members of the House Agriculture Committee.

"The purpose of the meeting is to brief our burley tobacco farmers on the new rules, changes and other aspects of the new tobacco legislation," Hendon said. He added that all tobacco farmers in Western North Carolina, South Carolina and East Tennessee are welcome to attend.

Other tobacco-related legislation is currently pending before the Congress. Last week, the Senate passed a tax bill which would double the federal tax on cigarettes from eight to 16 cents per package. The proposed increase was part of a tax package aimed at reducing the federal deficit.

The bill passed the Senate by a two-vote margin when North Carolina senators Jesse Helms and John East changed their votes to approve the package.

Hendon has stated that he will oppose the tax increase on cigarettes when the tax bill reaches the House floor. He said, "I will oppose this tax because it would place an unfair burden on North Carolina's economy and single out an industry vital to our economy."

The Senate-passed version of the tax package would double the present tax for the next three years.

## Interfaith Coalition On Aging Founded

The N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Aging is joining with churches and religious organizations to form the Interfaith Coalition on Aging — a statewide effort to better serve North Carolina's 600,000 older adults.

A joint announcement of this cooperative effort was made by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and the Reverend Phillip S. Brown, Director of the Bishop Penick Home in Southern Pines, at a ceremony held in the Capitol Building in Raleigh.

The Interfaith Coalition on Aging will include representatives from the Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths as well as the Salvation Army. The goal of the coalition is to provide a comprehensive range of services to older citizens through their local churches and communities. The Division of Aging will provide technical assistance.

All religious organizations wishing to participate in the coalition are invited to contact the Reverend Brown at the Bishop Penick Home in Southern Pines, or James McGinnis at the N.C. Division of Aging in Raleigh.

A draft copy of the Federal assistance to Handicapped Children, Title IV-B and Title I-89-313 project is available for review and additional input at the Madison County Board of Education Office from August 2, 1982 until August 17th. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Madison County Health Department will be holding rabies clinics during the month of August. The clinics, conducted by a qualified veterinarian, will offer both the rabies vaccine and a combination vaccine against distemper, leptospirosis, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvo virus. The fee per animal will be \$10 or \$5 if only one of the two vaccines is requested. The clinics will be held at the following times and locations:

- Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m. — noon, Madison County Health Department.
- Saturday, August 14, 9 a.m. — noon, Hot Springs City Hall.
- Saturday, August 14, 1 — 3:30 p.m. Spring Creek School

Mars Hill area to be announced. In view of several cases of rabies reported in neighboring counties, all pet owners are urged to have their dogs and cats vaccinated at one of these clinics.

## Conservation Reminder

BY RUSSELL C. BLEVINS

Recent rains have caused soil erosion problems in most tobacco fields in the county. Most people don't realize this though, because soil erosion is something that occurs everytime it rains.

When you can see the effects of soil erosion after one rain, there is little doubt that the soil erosion is too much to maintain good crop production in that field over a long period of time. Most of the soil erosion that people notice is gully or rill erosion. This is soil erosion that causes little channels to form in the fields. These channels can be anywhere from barely noticeable to several inches deep.

Another type of soil erosion is commonly called sheet erosion. This type of erosion is not noticeable to most people until they are out in the fields and notice there are more rocks than there were before the last rain. Rocks don't rise to the surface, the soil moves away from them.

The next question is why soil erosion is a problem. Simply stated, soil erosion is not a problem unless it exceeds the rate at which the soil rebuilds itself, about 5 tons per acre per year. However, most crop fields in Madison County are losing more than this amount. When this occurs, the landowner is basically mining or depleting his land of valuable nutrients and soil. This effects the ability of the land to produce at its current level year after year. Crops become more susceptible to drought and diseases and gradually the land loses enough of its topsoil to become almost totally unproductive. This process can occur in relatively few years or over a long period of time, depending on how much soil erosion occurs in the field.

There are several ways of growing tobacco, corn, or other crops and protecting the soil resource base.

If you have noticed soil erosion problems on your property and would like help in solving them, please contact the Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 367, Marshall, N.C.

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