# this area," he said.

### **By WALTER SMITH**

Two special guests, Dr. Rebecca Clemenzi and Dr. David Deci (right), were introduced at last week's (Aug. 3) meeting of the Madison County Medical Society by Dr. Otis Duck (center) of Mars Hill, long-time Mars Hill physician and president of the Society. Dr. Deci, a third-year resident in the Family Practice Program of the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) in Asheville, spoke to the members of the county Society on the diagnosis and management of Hepatitis B. "It was an excellent presentation," said Dr. Duck, "of very recent developments in this important area of medicine." Dr. Deci is scheduled to join Dr. Duck in family practice at the Community Medical Center in Mars Hill when he completes his current residency next July.

Dr. Clemenzi is also a third-year resident in the MAHEC Family Practice Program. She and Dr. Deci were classmates in medical school at the University of Florida, where they received their M.D. degrees in 1980. She is practicing with Dr. Duck at the Community Medical Center in Mars Hill during August.

The Madison County Medical Society includes all of the medical doctors within the county as regular members and the dentists as affiliate members. Two doctors of veterinary medicine who have moved into the county and begun practice this year, Dr. Rex Allen, Jr. and Dr. Larry Frost, have been invited to join the Society as affiliate members.

# **Beat The Heat**

Hot summer weather is a potential health hazard for the elderly. Heat can place a dangerous strain on the older body, espcially the heart. Older adults are very vulnerable to heat stroke, which can be fatal.

Elderly citizens most vulnerable to heat related problems are those with a weak or damaged heart, hypertension, diabetes, circulation problems, excess weight, or those who have suffered a stroke. Other factors that affect a person's reaction to heat are infection or fever, diarrhea, drinking and skin diseases or sunburn which may reduce sweating that helps cool the body. Many prescription drugs can also make a person much more vulnerable to the heat. It is advisable to ask the physician who prescribes medication how heat exposure will affect the body. Medication for high blood pressure, nervousness, depression, poor circulation or sleeping problems can cause complications and even death when the patient is exposed to various degrees of heat. Warning signs in your body take the form of physical and mental changes. Most people feel hot, uncomfortable, and notice a lack of energy or loss of appetite during hot weather. These are mild danger signs. More serious signs are dizziness, rapid heartbeat, diarrhea, nausea, throbbing headache, dry skin, chest pain, weakness, mental changes, breathing problems, vomiting and cramps. Older individuals should pay attention to these early warning signs of heat illness because heat stress can be fatal. There are facts about heat that everyone should know. Temperatures above 90 degrees can be very dangerous, particularly when the humidity is also high. Crowded living conditions increase this danger. A sudden increase in temperature can cause problems because the body is unprepared for the strain. People should take steps to lower their body heat if they begin to feel hot and uncomfortable. Heat stress can cause many medical problems including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heart failure. Proper precautions can make a person more comfortable, prevent illness, and perhaps save his life. The best way to keep cool is to observe a few safety rules such as staying in cool surroundings that have fans or air conditioning. Air movement reduces heat stress by helping to lower extra body heat; however, when it is very hot, a fan may cause a rise in body heat by blowing hot air on the body.

torney for help. tion at 253-0406.

Acting Program Administrator John Grates reported that in all facilities combined, a total of 18,900 peo (Continued from Page 1) Home Administration is snag- ple required treatment of ged on technical wording sought aid last year. In the Hot which should be erased by a Springs-Spring Creek com-House bill currently being con- munities, 4,600 visits were

sidered, Plemmons said. "The new facility will great-ly enhance the delivery of tion to the clinic, Rev. Frank edical and dental services in Reese, pastor of the Chapel of the Redeemer, said it con-

The goal of the local fund tinued the Church's concern drive is two-fund, he added. for holistic care-The Retreat "First, the drive generates Center cares for the spiritual needed funds and shows that needs while the clinic cares the community is in fact in- for the physical ones. terested and supportive of the

project. Secondly, it educates the citizens on the medical and dental services available in the community," Plemmons said.

Donation

To get the most for your tax The facility will be owned by dollars, use tax-supported the community and will make facilities when possible. These the third such building created include library and school by the program. The most re- facilities; educational, law encent building, dedicated in forcement and consumer pro-September of 1960, is in the tection agencies; and parks Laurel Community, while the and recreation areas. second is located on Highway

# Legal Service Available

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Pisgah Legal Services, which gives legal aid to lowincome people in non-criminal cases, has changed its interview schedule for Madison County. Beginning Aug. 19 a legal assistant will be at the Opportunity Corporation on Main Street in Marshall on the third Thursday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.

Anyone who has a civil legal problem but cannot afford a private lawyer may come at that time to apply for services and talk about the problem. In all cases, people who need assistance are asked to bring any pertinent papers or information with them to help the paralegal or lawyer know the facts of the case.

The staff of Pisgah Legal Services includes four attorneys, four paralegals, an investigator, a community education coordinator, and a five-member administrative staff. They give assistance in problems of housing, including landlord-tenant disputes; domestic law, including family violence and spouse abuse; consumer; public benefits; and law for the elderly. The income guidelines for eligiblity, which vary according to family size and other special factors, are set at 125% of the federal poverty level.

Because the program receives limited funding to serve the needs of over 70,000 low-income residents of six counties, staff members will not be able to represent everyone who applies for service. In many cases, the applicant will be given instructions about how to help themselves or will be directed to another agency, service, or private at-In addition to the Madison County services, residents of the county may come to the Asheville offices of Pisgah Legal Services Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 to 4 p.m. to be interviewed, or may call the Asheville office for informa-

# Conservation Notes

## By RUSSELL C. BLEVINS

It looks like a fine crop of tobacco is beginning to be harvested throughout the county. Many farmers will notice that their fields have lost a lot of soil due to the rains this summer. The time to install needed conservation practices to protect crop fields and insure continued high production potential is right after the crops are harvested.

Many times, soil erosion problems can be solved with little added expense above normal management costs. For example, in drainages where water concentrates and causes a gully effect, a perma-

to empty into the waterway at depending on the field. nearly level grades. This prac-

tice is called contour farming. nent strip of grass could be These practices are extremely established. This is called a important when the land is grassed waterway. After the ridged. These two practices waterway has been establish- can save anywhere from 1/3 to ed, crop rows could be aligned 1/2 of the current soil loss, Fertilizers and various

chemicals are better kept in of many conservation pracplace making it more tices available to farmers available for plant use instead which offer low-cost solutions of ending up in our streams to soil erosion problems. For and rivers where it causes more information on ways to problems with water quality. protect your crop fields from Grassed waterways and the damages of severe soil contour farming are just two erosion, contact the Soil Con-





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Hildreth Tepton of Route 1, Box 108, Marshall, has won a free vacation along South

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Trip

**Wins Free** 

Carolina's Grand Strand. Tepton won the vacation during a visit to the resort area's exhibit at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. Myrtle Beach area sors will give away two free Grand Strand vacations daily until the Fair closes in Octob

The Grand Strand, primarily a family-oriented vacation destination, offers 55 miles of broad ocean beaches; 38,000 accommodations; 12,000 ampaites; 36 18-bole chamonship gulf courses; over 700 ptaurants and nightchubs; a tennis courts; and a wide triety of amusements.

Vacation information is allable free of charge by ting to the Myrile Beach