

## Church Events

### Singing At Easter Gap

The Easter Gap Baptist Church will hold a special singing on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Bill Fuller of Asheville will be the guest singer. Rev. Arlon Bullman invites everyone to attend.

### Revival At Beech Glen Baptist

Revival services will be held from Nov. 4 through 9 at 7 p.m. in the Beech Glen Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Lowrie, pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Ky. will be the guest speaker. Rev. Stanley Peek invites everyone to attend these services.

### Youth Plan Rummage Sale

The Marshall Christian Youth Group will sponsor a rummage sale on Nov. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Marshall Presbyterian Church.

# Ten Churches Receive Weatherization

## Volunteers Help Throughout County

On Oct. 13, some 100 volunteers helped weatherize community centers, sheltered workshops, day care centers and churches throughout Madison County. The turnout of volunteers was the largest in the state so far, according to Larry Shirley, director of the N.C. Energy Conservation Fund. Shirley directs the project which helps non-profit organizations conserve energy and save money.

"These organizations provide crucial services to the people in the county. Every dollar they save on their energy bills is a dollar they can spend helping people in Madison County," said Shirley.

Sponsored locally by the French Broad Electric Membership Corp., the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Energy Conservation Fund and the N.C. Alternative Energy Corp., the project brought trained volunteers

together to install insulation, storm windows, insulated doors, caulking and weatherstripping from one end of the county to the other.

The N.C. Alternative Energy Corp. (AEC) was established in 1980 by the state Utilities Commission to reduce electric demand through conservation, renewable energy technology and load management.

Jerry Plemmons, an energy advisor for FBEMC, spearheaded the local effort. Plemmons was assisted by an advisory council which included the Rev. Dale Fisher of the French Broad Baptist Association, Ethel Wallin of the Madison County Extension Service, Don Anderson of Mars Hill College, Russell Blevins of the Soil Conservation Service, Russ Allen and Brian Crutchfield of TVA and Susan Luster of the AEC.

"I was extremely proud of how

hard the volunteers worked to get their energy-saving materials installed," Plemmons said. "Nearly all of them put in a full day and several crews had more than a dozen volunteers."

Participation in the project was open to all non-profit organizations in the county which met criteria set by the advisory board.

Each building was evaluated for energy-saving potential, materials lists were drawn up and materials ordered in bulk. Materials were purchased by the TVA with matching funds contributed by most of the non-profit groups. Total costs of materials was nearly \$14,000.

Among the organizations taking part in the project were the Mars Hill Community Center, Mars Hill Baptist Church, Mountains of Madison, Mars Hill Methodist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Walnut Missionary Church, Marshall American Legion, the Laurel Community organization, Laurel Volunteer Fire Dept., Ponders Chapel Baptist Church, Hot Springs Lions Club, Spring Creek United Methodist Church, Sleepy Valley Community Development Center, the Unaka Center, Foster Creek Baptist Church, Middle Laurel Church of God, Chapel Hill Baptist Church and teh Little Sandy Mush Methodist Church.

In addition to direct savings on utilities, many of the buildings will now be more usable and comfortable. In some cases, the weatherization will allow organizations to expand their services to the community.

A similar project is being planned in Buncombe County, with 35 organizations expected to take part on Dec. 1.

### Alternative Christmas Festival Is Planned

The third annual Alternative Christmas Community Festival will be held Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Asheville from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The celebration is sponsored by the Hunger Awareness Group, with help from many other Christian denominations, according to coordinator Virginia Stevens.

"The questions surrounding the materialism of Christmas cross many of the usual barriers," Stevens said. "Methodists, Catholics, Baptists, everyone is saying, 'We're tired of rushing around and buying and ending up depressed. What can we do?'"

The festival will answer the question using exhibits, films and demonstrations on topics such as food, crafts and traditions in other countries and "giving to those He came to serve."

There will also be entertainment and activities for children, including storytelling, crafts and films.

A simple lunch will be served for \$1 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Howard Hanger and the Agape puppets will perform in a program at 2 p.m.

The entire day's activities are open to the public free of charge. For more information, call Virginia Stevens at 253-0159.

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Thursday & Friday, Nov. 8 & 9  
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## Issues

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serious mistake...to repeal the law...which essentially allows some pay-as-you-go financing of major electrical generating facilities." Edmisten said the CWIP law "must be modified in some way but we always have to have a method for handling emergencies."

Edmisten and Martin said in the interviews that they generally support a career development and basic curriculum proposal of the State Board of Education.

Edmisten said the draft proposal needs further study to iron out problems. The state should take care to reward only teachers who want to enter a career development plan, he said.

Martin said he also had some reservations about the proposal, including a suggestion for an outside monitoring panel to conduct performance evaluations of educators. The provision risks usurping authority of principals and academicians by a group that would not face continuing accountability for its actions, Martin said.

In a speech last week, Edmisten also raised questions about the outside evaluation of teachers, saying, "there is no way in the world" outsiders can come in and "tell you how to run your school."

In the interviews, the candidates took opposing views on the continuation of state aid to provide abortions for low-income women. Edmisten said he favors it as equal protection of the law under the U.S. Supreme Court decisions permitting abortions. Martin said that government should not be required to pay for abortions for low-income women unless the pregnancy threatened the life of the mother or posed a serious health danger.

With increasing concern that the federal price support program for tobacco will be abolished, the candidates were asked what role the state should play in preparing for economic problems that could result for the state's premiere cash crop.

Edmisten said that state agencies already are preparing farmers to diversify their crops. A summit conference of tobacco interests from major producing states should be called to plan the future realistically, he said.

Martin said that, as governor, he would be an advocate of the tobacco program. He proposed an emphasis by the N.C. Department of Commerce on recruiting food processing industries in rural areas to enhance farmers' ability to market their diversified crops.

Each candidate was also asked why he was more qualified than his opponent to be governor.

Edmisten said his 10 years of experience as attorney general had given him the best training for addressing the problems of state government, whose agencies his staff attorneys have represented.

While a chemistry professor before his election as governor, said he had planned to be a scientist until he was elected. He said he would continue to be a scientist while serving as governor.