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Community Calendar

Marshall Christmas Pageant Seeking Donations

The Marshall Christmas pageant is seeking donations to fund the rental of equipment needed to produce this year's pageant. The cost of leasing a spotlight for the star in the three-day pageant will be more than \$900.

In order to pay for the light, pageant organizers will light a bulb on the star overlooking Marshall in memory of a loved one on either Christmas Eve or Christmas night. Donations of \$20 are being asked. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Ed Fender at the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall.

Spring Creek Plans

Bake Sale And Dance

The Spring Creek Cheerleaders will sponsor a bake sale and dance to fund a community Christmas party. The bake sale will be held on Nov. 30 from 2 until 6 p.m. at the Spring Creek fire house. The dance will begin at 8 p.m., also at the fire house. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hot Springs Board Meets

First Monday Each Month

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The new mayor and town board will be inducted. The monthly meeting of the board will be held on the first Monday evening of each month in the future.

Mars Hill Mayor, Aldermen To Take Office Monday

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen will meet on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Mayor-elect Owen Tilson and the town's aldermen will take office at the start of Monday's meeting.

Marshall Board Meets Dec. 9

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. At that time, Anita Ward will be sworn in as Marshall's mayor. John Dodson, Ed Niles and Faye Reid will be installed as member of the town's board.

County Commissioners Meet

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet on Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. in the Madison County Court House.

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Burley Tobacco Markets Open

Prices Average \$1.59 On Opening Day

The burley tobacco market season opened Monday with sales in Asheville, West Jefferson and Greeneville, Tenn. Prices averaged almost \$1.60 per pound across the burley belt on the first day of the selling season. Opening day prices in 1984 were \$1.83 per pound across the burley belt.

Monday's opening day sales were originally scheduled for Nov. 18, but were later postponed because of uncertainty concerning the federal price support. The passage of a new tobacco program on Nov. 15 led officials to open the auction markets this week instead of on Dec. 2 as earlier was planned.

The farm bill passed by the Congress reduced the burley support price by 30 cents while lowering the No-Net Cost grower assessment from the planned 30 cents to four cents.

Opening day prices varied very little between the markets in Asheville, West Jefferson and Greeneville. Jimmy Ramsey of the Farmers Warehouse in Asheville reported sales "averaging about \$1.60" in incomplete returns. Ramsey reported that none of the tobacco sold during Monday morning's sale went to stabilization.



AUCTIONEER AND BUYERS INSPECT LEAF during the opening day of sales on the burley tobacco market.



ELON'S DWAYNE CLARK broke free for a 23-yard run that set up a touchdown during SAC-8 action in Burlington on Saturday. Fightin' Christians shutout Mars Hill to end the Lions' playoff hopes. -Story on Page 8.

Day's Tobacco Warehouse in Asheville reported sales totaling 354,519 pounds at an average price of \$1.5905.

The Dixie Big Burley Warehouse in Asheville reported an average sale price of \$1.5909 on sales of 428,139 pounds. West Jefferson markets reported total sales of 446,128 pounds at an average price of \$1.5558.

Over in Greeneville, the Planters Warehouse reported sales of 163,520 pounds at an average price of \$1.6040.

Sales were to continue through Wednesday before closing for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Markets will reopen on Monday of next week.

Most of the farmers interviewed Monday expressed satisfaction with the opening day prices. Roy Ammons, president of the WNC Tobacco Growers Association expressed disappointment with the opening day results, but said he expected prices to climb in the coming weeks.

Madison County is North Carolina's largest producer of burley tobacco.

Mars Hill College Receives \$520,000 Grant

Mars Hill College has received a grant of \$520,000, the largest single foundation gift ever received by the college, from the Mabel Pew Myrin Trust of Philadelphia, officials announced this week.

The grant will provide \$370,000 for the renovation of laboratories and the purchase of equipment and furnishings in the natural sciences area, \$100,000 for acquisitions by the college library, and \$50,000 for faculty development programs.

The Pew Memorial Trust was established in 1948 in memory of Joseph N. Pew, founder of Sun Oil Company, and his wife by their four children. The trust provides financial support for "purely religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes...all in the promotion of the public welfare." It awarded \$12.5 million to agencies in Philadelphia during its first 10 years of existence, while today the trust has assets exceeding \$1 billion, and will award over \$87 million in grants to a large variety of organizations, many of them national in character.

The renovation of the science areas will be carried out in stages as quick as possible and be started without interrupting the academic year. The library project will be carried out in several stages over the next

five school years, and the faculty development program will be confined to 1986 and 1987.

"We are extremely grateful for this gift," said Dr. Fred Bently, president of the college. "It will provide much-needed resources in the natural sciences and in our library, and it will enable us to begin an important program of faculty renewal and development two years ahead of schedule. It would be difficult to overstate what this award can mean to the continued development of Mars Hill. We have long been committed to the pursuit of excellence in higher education and this gift will enable us to make significant new advances toward that goal."

Renovations to the lab, located on the first floor of the Wall Science Building, will begin during the Christmas-New Year vacation between semesters. Improvements will include structural modifications; upgrading the plumbing and electrical facilities; adding new shelving, cabinets and floor cases, purchasing new lab tables, stools, a refrigerated centrifuge, binocular and dissecting microscopes as well as a micro-titer and dual-channel reading microscopes, and an assortment of other lab equipment. Total cost of this

segment of the renovation is expected to cost \$150,000 and should be completed by the opening of the 1986-87 school year.

Similar improvements will be made to other labs in the Wall building, where classes such as microbiology, histology, development and cellular biology, genetics, and animal physiology are taught to upper level biology and allied health majors.

Renovations are also planned for lecture and discussion classrooms for all natural science areas, plus the upgrading will involve the purchase of equipment such as physiograph and electrophoresis machines, an incubator, table centrifuge, spectroscope, tissue grinder, and two major pieces of teaching equipment: a walk-in growth chamber and a freeze-dryer apparatus.

Part of the Pew grant will be used to enhance the college-owned Bruce Farm, increasing its usefulness for instruction. A small building will be constructed as a field station and it will be equipped with specimen storage cases, environmental analysis equipment such as radiometer, spectrophotometer, and hypoximeter. The new station will be provided a research vehicle

and other facilities for use by students doing field studies on the 1000-plus acre tract.

The library will be provided \$20,000 per year for five years to strengthen its core and base collections. The funds come at a particularly fortunate time for the library, which currently expends about three-fourths of its budget for the acquisition of serials, such as periodicals.

The faculty development component of the Pew grant is related to the \$350,000 challenge grant received by the college in late 1984 from the Andrew Mellon Foundation of New York. Income from this endowment is accumulating slowly during the three year fund-raising stage, so, using funds from the Pew gift, the college will launch its faculty development plan two years earlier than would otherwise be possible.

\$25,000 of the grant will finance faculty research, study and travel during 1986, while another \$25,000 allocated in 1987 will help finance some restraints of faculty degree completion, and new doctoral studies. It is anticipated that by 1991, the endowment will have accumulated \$1 million.



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED IN MARS HILL SATURDAY afternoon at the conclusion of the annual Christmas pageant.