

Laurel VFD Saves Home

By JUNE PLEMMONS

The Laurel Volunteer Firemen answered a 2:00 A.M. fire call on a recent Friday Morning to the home of Woodrow Bishop on Highway 212 on Shelton Laurel. Not being able to get to the house, which stands across the Shelton Laurel Creek with their truck, they hoisted their big water hose and other needed equipment across a foot log and frantically went to work on a chimney fire which had heated up so hot it had started the woodwork burning and flames were lashing across all areas surrounding the chimney. Chopping a hole in the roof they pumped water onto the blaze until it was contained, and a house was saved with minimum damage.

All firemen had voluntarily hit the deck in the wee hours that morning to help a neighbor in need, so we the people of the Laurel community wish to express our appreciation to our Laurel Firemen. "Many thanks, guys for this and all the fine work you are doing."

Beech Glen Church Salutes Senior Citizens

The Beech Glen Baptist Church honored its senior citizens last month with a "You Are Special" banquet in the dining hall of the Greater Ivy Community Center.

The formal candlelight dinner was prepared by Mrs. Imogene Radford and Mrs. Shirley Norton. The youth helped with the decorations and also assisted in serving. Those participating were Sherry Peek, Susan Eatmon, Jennifer Maney, Karla Norton, Michelle Rich, Jimmy Briggs, Steven Davis, Chris Maney, Scott Norton, Ashley Norton, and Deamond Jamerson.

To go along with the "You Are Special" theme the decorations were red, white and blue. The plates and napkins were red with lacy heart designs. Placecards were also red, white and blue, with a heart in the center. Candles were placed in clear glass holders with white floral decorations. All invitations had a rose and the theme "You Are Special" on the front. The youth wore clothes to match the color scheme.

All senior citizens in attendance were given a lapel, in the shape of half a heart, with a number on it. The other half heart with the corresponding number was placed in a jar, and five names were drawn by Helen

Penland to receive boxes of candy hearts. The winners were Lois Robinson, Gladys Radford, Ruth Robinson, Loye Riddle, and Johnny Jones.

In the front of the dining hall was placed a beautifully decorated heart with the theme written in its center. Before being seated, each couple or individual stood under the heart and had their picture taken by Arthur Davis. He also took many group pictures.

The speaker for the evening was the pastor Rev. Stanley Peek. For the scripture reading he chose Psalms 37:23-25 and Proverbs 17:22. The youth were encouraged to look to the older people for examples and the senior citizens were to be careful to set good examples for the youth to follow. He mentioned that the senior citizens have had many experiences well worth sharing and encouraged them to be most generous in sharing these with the young people of the community.

Rev. Peek reminded the citizens of, and thanked them for, their great influence on the youth, asking them for their continued presence, prayers and encouragement.



DR. JOHN ADAMS, DeWITT TIPTON and Carolyn Lamberson will perform during dedication concert Sunday afternoon at Mars Hill College.

Medication Concert Sunday

A dedication concert for a new piano donated to the college by members of the late C.O. Ellis' family, will be held on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in Moore Auditorium on the campus of Mars Hill College.

The concert will feature three of the college's music faculty playing selections on the college's new concert grand piano. Dr. John P. Adams, Carolyn H. Lamberson, and DeWitt Tipton will perform during the concert.

The new nine-foot ebony concert piano was presented to the college in memory of C.O. Ellis of Burnsville, a trustee of the school from 1974 to 1982, who died in June of that year. The piano was presented by his wife Jean and son Neill. Ellis also owned and operated the Burnsville Hosiery Mills.

A native of Mitchell County, Ellis was chairman of the Board of Deacons in the First Baptist Church of Burnsville where he held numerous other positions. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the First Citizens Bank, a charter member of the Burnsville Lodge 717 AF and AM, and a member of the Charlotte Shrine Club.

The public is invited to attend the free concert as well as the reception for Mrs. Ellis and other family members in the Edna Moore Parlor following the performance.

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bought a home, he thought it was so beautiful. I wrote him and asked if he would buy a house if he knew it would be near a nuclear repository. He said, "Never in a million years."

McKinney, who stressed that WNC residents should not "cut and run" — that is, sell their homes and flee the area — said "there is no absolute necessity that the second-home economy and land values in the county have to deteriorate."

Property values in the area will only decrease if landowners get in a race to sell their homes and leave, McKinney said.

O'Connor agreed, saying "perceptions are important."

If people perceive a tremendous threat from the repository, then land and property values will decrease, he said.

O'Connor compared the situation with financial institutions. If depositors believe their bank is on the verge of failing, they will rush to withdraw their money before that can happen, actually causing the failure they had feared.

O'Connor also discussed the long-range economic impact that a repository would have on WNC.

The facility could result in a temporary boom in the local economy, followed by a slight depression, he said.

WNC property owners can cause land values to decrease if they place an overabundance of property on the market, he said.

"We could have a boom town going on for a while, like a Western mining town," O'Connor said. "Then it would be falling off somewhat."

During the study and construction phase of the repository, an estimated \$2 billion would be spent on the facility, O'Connor said.

Beginning in 1993, Department of Energy engineers would conduct site characterization studies, which would consist of the drilling of large exploratory shafts, O'Connor said. The four- or five-year phase could cost between \$700 million and \$1 billion, and some 300 workers would be involved.

During the actual construction of the facility, another \$1 billion would be spent over a six-year period. Some 1,500 workers would be involved, O'Connor said.

After the facility is constructed, it would remain in operation for an estimated 25 years while the radioactive material is put into containers and then placed in the ground.

That phase of the operation would cost an estimated \$6 billion and would require between 600 and 700 workers, O'Connor said.

The facility will be monitored for 50 years, and then abandoned.

All of O'Connor's projections are based on the assumption that the repository is located in WNC.

O'Connor estimated that the impact of a repository on WNC agriculture would be very small, except in the area specifically chosen for the facility.

Sixteen WCU professors have been studying the potential impact of a WNC repository. Some of the results of the study were discussed Thursday at the meeting, sponsored by Friends of the Haywood County Public Library.

The Department of Energy has named a 16-square-mile area of Haywood, Burnsville and Madison counties as one of 12 candidates for a high-level nuclear waste repository.

They also will be coming with 1982.

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