



HOT SPRINGS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
...celebrates centennial this Sunday

Hot Springs Church To Mark Centennial

The Hot Springs First Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th birthday on Sunday, July 27. The centennial services will commence at 3 p.m. with the reading of the original minutes and covenant. A birthday cake and refreshments will be provided. The church was organized on July 11, 1886, with A.D. Blackwood serving as its first pastor. Arthur Ammons is the current pastor to the church.

Homecoming At Chapel Hill Baptist

The Chapel Hill Baptist Church will hold their homecoming and decoration services on August 3 beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School Planned

The Grandview Missionary Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from July 28 thru August 1. The classes will be at 6 p.m. All children are welcome to attend.



The Joe Isaac Bluegrass Gospel Singers of Morrow, Ohio will perform at three area churches the weekend of Aug. 2-3. The group will hold a singing at the Tri-County Baptist Tabernacle near Spruce Pine on Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. There will be a Sunday morning singing at the Calvary Baptist Church near Bakersville on Aug. 3. There will also be a Sunday Night Singing at the Little Ivy Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3. For more information, call Edd Ball at 689-3671.

Local 4-H'ers Named To State Troupe

Two Madison County 4-H'ers have been selected to be members of the 1986 State 4-H Performing Arts Troupe. They are Maria Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wise and Chris Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stinson both of Marshall. Some 30 performers and 25 volunteer leaders and teen technicians from across North Carolina make up the 1986 troupe. The troupe's premier performance will be Wednesday night, July 23, during North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh. Over 1,300 4-H'ers, adult leaders and 4-H supports will attend this initial performance of "Poor Richard's Energy Extravaganza." Beginning this fall, the troupe will give at least four additional performances in other areas of the state.

with audiences information on the history of energy as well as ideas on energy conservation and renewable resources. "We're excited about the grant we received from AEC," Dearmon said. "It gives us an opportunity to try some rather innovative ideas in staging, costumes and audio-visuals." The troupe performers, ages 13 to 19, were selected through regional auditions in March. Adult volunteer leaders and other 4-H'ers direct and support the performers from backstage. Dan Mason, of Wilkesboro, is returning for his second year as troupe director. "This year we have another very talented team of performers and technicians," Mason said. "I think 'Poor Richard's Energy Extravaganza' will be a nice blend of entertainment and education." Although education is one of the show objectives, entertainment remains at the forefront of the troupe's efforts. The "Extravaganza" includes dancing dinosaurs and flowers, along with 13 musical number ranging from classical to popular. Major production numbers include "Dance of the Hours," "Brand New Day" from "The Wiz" and "I Sing the Body Electric" from "Fame."



MARIA WISE

CHRIS STINSON

Local 4-H'ers Attend State Congress

By PAM CRWOHURST
Madison County 4-H Agent

Twenty-one Madison County 4-H Club members are among the 900 teenagers attending the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh this week. The annual congress is being held at the McKimmon Center of North Carolina State University and at the State Fairgrounds. The congress officially opened on Monday with a flag ceremony and talent show. Members of the Spring Creek Junior Cloggers performed before an audience of more than 1,000 spectators. Members of the clogging team included Johnny Mack Rathbone, Candida Speight, Brady Askew, Crystal Meadows, Thomas Rathbone, Robin Rathbone, Jason Goforth, Renetta Buckner, Scotty Moore, Rachel Kirkpatrick, Jason Pegg, Amanda Clark, T.J. Kirkpatrick, Amy Moore, Russell Goforth, Lisa Naillon, Carroll Wyatt and Denise Rathbone. On Tuesday, finals were held in some 40 contests to determine state champions. Delegates also toured the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant near Raleigh. Winners of the contests were honored at an awards banquet Tuesday night followed by a carnival and dance. Various workshops were conducted at the State Fairgrounds yesterday morning. During the afternoon, delegates toured Raleigh and attended a performance at the Lakeside Dinner Theatre. Members of the state performing arts troupe were to entertain last night. The four-day congress concludes today with an assembly, workshops and election and installation of new officers. An evening banquet, fashion show and farewell dance will conclude the activities tonight.

Vandenberghe Completes Chopper Training

U.S. Army Private First Class Timothy S. Vandenberghe has completed helicopter repair training at the U.S. Army Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va. PFC Vandenberghe is the son of George and Carol Vandenberghe of Route 1, Leicester.

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