



Stinson Performs In Musical

Chris Stinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stinson of Marshall has been picked to perform in the musical production "Carolina On Our Mind."

The musical will be performed by the North Carolina 4-H Performing Arts Troupe. The first performance of "Carolina On Our Minds" will be July 12 at the National Extension Homemakers Association Conference in Charlotte.

Through music, dance and drama, the Troupe will present North Carolina's history, heritage, and culture—from the days of Indians and pirates to the first flight at Kitty Hawk, to today's technological advances at Research Triangle Park. Also included in the production will be tributes to native sons Thomas Wolfe and Andy Griffith.

Musical highlights will include "Carolina In My Mind," "Carolina in the Morning," "I Love Beach Music," and "God Bless the U.S.A." "Carolina On Our Minds" is the sixth original production written for the Troupe by Mark Dearmon, state Troupe coordinator and media production specialist in the Agricultural Communications Department at North Carolina State University.

In The Service



Donald C. Parsell, II

Staff Sergeant Donald C. Parsell II, of the United States Air Force was recently selected for promotion to the rank of technical Sergeant. Sgt. Parsell has been stationed in Upper Heyford, England, Homestead AFB, Fla. and is presently stationed at Lowry AFB in Denver, Colo. where he is a Weapons Instructor on the F-15 aircraft.

Sgt. Parsell is married to Jennifer Bradburn Parsell who is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Meadows of 120 Highland Street in Weaverville.

Lawrence Ray, Jr.

Lawrence Kenneth Ray Jr. of Marshall has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Ray trains with the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

Van S. Franklin

Airman Van S. Franklin, son of Van Franklin and Doris M. Franklin, of 450 Highway 212, Marshall, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lockland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1986 graduate of Madison High School.

Pot Plants Seized

From Staff Reports

Authorities confiscated 1,173 marijuana plants Friday in the East Fork-Grapevine section of Madison County. According to Sheriff Dedrick Brown, the plants carried a street value in excess of \$1.8 million.

The plants were discovered by Sheriff Brown and three deputies working on a tip, Brown said.

"After getting the tip, we searched through a field until we found the plants. This is our biggest find this year, bringing our year's total to about 1,000 plants, said Brown."

It took the deputies over three weeks to remove all the plants. No arrests were made and the find is still under investigation.

WNC Community Development Holds Beautification Contest To Give Awards

Beautification projects are well underway throughout Western North Carolina by participants in the Western North Carolina Beautiful contest—a special division of the 1988 WNC Community Development Program.

The contest is held in two divisions: A division for organized community clubs has eighty-four entries; and a division for other groups, such as garden clubs, youth groups, senior citizens organizations, ect. has fifty-nine participants.

Purpose of the beautification program, sponsored by the Western North Carolina Development

Association and the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, is to encourage communities and groups to conduct organized clean-up programs or special beautification projects, and to recognize those doing a particularly good job.

The results of the work in the special WNC Beautiful contest has been evident in recent years with over 80 percent of the winners in the statewide competition of Keep North Carolina Clean and Beautiful last year being entries from the Western North Carolina program.

Judging to select the beautification winners in each county will be held in

mid-August. County winners of the community club division will be judged in area competition on August 23, 24 and 25, with the non-community club division judging the following week.

Awards totaling \$2,000 will be presented at an awards luncheon on September 8 at the Folk Art Center on the Plue Ridge Parkway at Oteen.

Communities entered in the WNC Beautiful program are also eligible to participate in a clean streams contest. The French Broad River Foundation provides three awards to recognize exceptional efforts by groups who work to clean up streams, rivers or lakes in their areas.



Carl Westburg plots sites

Madison Heights Development Planned

A 28-home development is planned for Highway 213 between Marshall and Mars Hill, according to Carl Westberg, of Harvest Real Estate.

Madison Heights will have homes similar to those in Wolf Laurel and Mountain Haven, Westberg said. Roger and Cristina Hull of Hendersonville are developing the property.

"The Hulls decided about a year ago that the natural beauty and glorious sight of three ridges of the Blue Ridge Mountains as seen from an old dairy farm offered an outstanding site for a community of fine homes," Westberg said.

Prices for lots will range from \$6,500 to \$40,000, and two or more lots may be combined. Houses will be a minimum of 1,100 square feet.

"Madison Heights will greatly help the growth and development of Madison County," said Westberg. "Its location...makes it easily accessible to the Asheville airport, in-

terstate highways, Mars Hill College, and the AB Tech educational complex. And the property is within 20 miles of skiing and golfing areas."

Westberg is optimistic about the benefit of the new development to the community.

"There is no doubt in my mind that many people such as the Hulls will begin looking seriously at the beauty and pleasant living conditions possible in this part of Madison. And, as the housing developers make their investments, undoubtedly, investments will be made by commercial, retail and industrial developers. The result will be beneficial to many of us, not the least of which will be independent contractors and tradesmen and the working force in general.

For information on Madison Heights, contact Carl Westberg, 387 Hwy 25-70, Marshall, NC 28753, 649-3518.

North Buncombe Ministry Helps In Crisis

North Buncombe Community Christian Ministry is a crisis ministry helping people in temporary situations of need. Located in Weaverville, Jupiter, Marshall, Alexander and Barnardville, NBCCM is supported by 13 North Buncombe churches and by contributions of individuals and civic organizations in the area.

NBCCM cooperates with other local agencies such as Asheville Buncombe

Christian Ministry and Catholic Social Services by referring clients who require long term care to these agencies.

NBCCM offers clients five kinds of assistance: *food - pantry items or money for fresh food

*fuel - kerosene, oil, firewood
*utilities - preventing cut off
*rent - when eviction is pending
*prescriptions

Requests for help increased 52 per-

cent in 1987 from 1986 for a total of 358 clients served, all with limited budget and volunteer staff. The need in rural North Buncombe is great; many clients come from broken homes, with poorly educated parents and small children. NBCCM can direct them to appropriate agencies and assist them during their crisis.

Donations of time or money are appreciated. For information call 645-6141.

Opportunity Corp. Gets \$70,600 Grant

Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties will receive a \$70,600 grant from the N.C. Energy Division to weatherize homes of low-income, elderly and handicapped citizens in Buncombe and Madison counties, state Commerce Secretary Claude E. Pope recently announced.

The grant is expected to pay for assistance to 48 homes in Madison and Buncombe over the next six months, Pope said.

The funds, part of the federal Weatherization Assistance Program administered by the Energy Division of the N.C. Department of Commerce, will be used to purchase and install items including weatherstripping, caulking, duct and hot water heater insulation, attic insulation and storm windows on homes of residents whose income does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level (\$17,475 for a family of four).

Homes eligible for the program are evaluated to determine the most cost-effective measures to be installed. On average, the grant is expected to fund about \$1,400 in energy-conserving improvements to each home that is weatherized.

"The purpose of the Weatherization Program is to increase the energy efficiency of the home, thereby lowering the monthly heating costs, while providing a more comfortable and healthful living environment for the occupants," said Doug Culbreth, director of the Energy Division.

Savings of 12 to 20 percent are possible, and savings will continue annually due to the permanent nature

of materials installed on the home, Culbreth said.

"Benefits from this program will accrue to the public for years to come," he said.

Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties is one of 45 community action and public, non-profit agencies across North Carolina which implements the Weatherization Program at the local level.

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