

BIDS OPENED FOR MARS HILL GYM

MARS HILL — Bids totalling \$1,340,965 for the construction of a huge new gymnasium - physical education building at Mars Hill College were opened here Wednesday.

Dickerson Inc. of Monroe was the low bidder on the general contract. Low bidders for sub contracts for plumbing, electrical work and heating and ventilating were Sanitary Plumbing & Heating Co. of Greenville, S. C., Bryant Electric Co. of Brevard and Moser Plumbing Co. of Asheville respectively.

Amounts of the individual bids were not made public by the college.

Robert Wrenn of Gastonia, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee of the board of trustees, said contracts will be awarded within the next few days, as soon as certain technical details have been ironed out.

Other members of the committee present for the openings were J. David Taylor of Charlotte, the Rev. Henry Crouch of Winston-Salem and the Rev. John Knight of Asheville.

Dr. Robert Garrison of Charlotte, Mrs. Leon Seymour of Southern Pines, Lee Cain of Winston-Salem and Peyton Ivie of Murphy are also members of the committee.

Six Associates Inc. of Asheville designed the building and will coordinate the engineering during construction. Henry Gaines, head of the firm, said he hopes construction can begin within the next two weeks. He estimated completion will take 15-18 months.

The 75,000-square-foot building will be approximately 265 feet wide by 188 feet deep. It will be located adjacent to a new football stadium and track which will be utilized for the first time this fall.

Sgt. Arrowood Returns To Ft. Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N. C. (AHT-NC)—Army Sgt. Raphe Arrowood, son of Mrs. Essie C. Arrowood, Route 2, Burnsville, N. C., has returned to Fort Bragg, N. C., after serving with the inter-American peace force in the Dominion Republic.

Sergeant Arrowood is a forward observer in the 82d Airborne Division, which formed part of the peace force established by the Organization of American States.

The 22-year-old soldier entered the Army in July, 1962. He is a graduate of Cane River High School.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college, has emphasized to alumni that the huge structure will not be simply a place to play basketball but that it will be a physical education building. It will contain a full-size basketball court with seats for approximately 3,000 spectators, but it will also contain other courts, playing areas, dressing rooms, classrooms, rest rooms and offices.

"It will be a highly functional multi-purpose building," explained Don Henderson, athletic director and head of the department of physical education.

"It will provide the facilities we need for five major programs," he said. "It will serve our (1) academic programs in physical education, (2) the gym classes we require of all able-bodied students, (3) intramural sports programs for both men and women, (4) our entire program of intercollegiate sports and (5) general recreation for both students and faculty."

Financing the construction of the building will require an extensive fund-raising campaign, Dr. Blackwell said. Although some funds are on hand and the college has been authorized to borrow \$750,000 a substantial amount still must be raised from alumni and friends.

Play Presented At Health Meeting

By Ashton Chapman

A one-act play, "What Did I Do?" was presented at the June 15 meeting of the Mitchell-Yancey Mental Health Association in Burnsville at the Yancey County Public Library. The players were Mrs. Trena Fox, Mrs. Nellie Styles and Miss Marilyn Laughrun.

A discussion followed, led by Vincent Anderson of Raleigh, audio-visual consultant of the North Carolina State Library, who is in this area supervising the instruction of a group of volunteer library trainees.

Mrs. Louella Honeycutt presided in the absence of the president, James T. McRae, M. D., F. A. C. S., of Spruce Pine. A list of films on mental health, available for presentation by interested groups, was distributed.

The following vice presidents were elected: Rev. Nells Larsen of Spruce Pine, Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent of Burnsville and Mrs. Clyde Geouge of Bakersville. This completes the roster of officers who will serve the recently organized two-county association.

The next meeting will be held in Bakersville at 8 p. m., Tuesday, July 13. All interested persons are invited to attend, and all who have not already done so are urged to become members of the association.

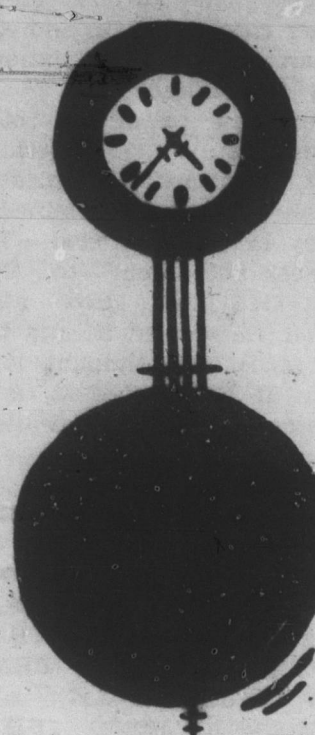
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