

Martin And Marsha Celebrate

Martin and Marsha Fender have birthdays in November. Martin celebrated his on November 3. He was three years old. Marsha will celebrate her 13th birthday on November 13. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary C. Fender of Morganton, N.C. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Allen of Burnsville and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fender of Route 2, Burnsville.



Martin And Marsha Fender

Girl Scout News

Lisa Grindstaff served refreshments at the November 2nd Cadette Girl Scout meeting at the Burnsville Catholic Church. The entire meeting was devoted to planning the Troop trip to the Southern Christmas Show on Saturday, November 12, at the Merchandise Mart in Charlotte, N.C. The Cadettes will leave at 7 a.m. from the Burnsville Catholic Church and return to Burnsville Sunday, November 13, at around 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets were ordered.

The purpose of the trip to the Southern Christmas Show is to see Assistant Troop Leader Mrs. Patti McCall's honorable mention winning stocking on display hanging

from a fireplace exhibit. Also the Cadettes will tour the numerous displays set up for Christmas.

Saturday night the girls will stay at the "Little House" owned by Horner's Nest Girl Scout Council, Inc.

There will not be a Cadette meeting Wednesday, November 9 because of the trip.

Woman's Club Note

The regular meeting of the Burnsville Woman's Club on November 10 has been cancelled due to hazardous street conditions. Club members are requested as soon as possible to bring two wrapped Christmas gifts for Operation Santa Claus to Mrs. Alma Holcombe, project chairman.

Note Of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and relatives for all the flowers, food, prayers and cards of sympathy given us during our recent sadness. Also a special thanks to Holcombe Brothers for their kindness and help.

-Harrell Hensley Family

Notice

By order of Superior Court Judge Ronald W. Howell the term of court for Yancey County beginning 14 November 1977 has been postponed until December 5, 1977. All Jurors summoned to appear 14 Nov. 1977 will please report for jury duty at the courthouse on 5 Dec. 1977.

South Toe Fire Calls

Monday, October 31 (Halloween). Three dumpster fires were reported between 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. One was reported by radio, the other two by people passing by the firehouse, where firefighters were on standby. Fires did not spread into nearby woods and were put out without problems.



Lisa Hood And Yancey Youth, Adam Powers

New Major At Mars Hill

Special Program

What does an elementary school teacher do with a pupil who has already mastered all of the basic skills she was planning to teach him during the year?

Mrs. Jeanette Buckner, who teaches a combination first and second grade class at Bee Log Elementary School in Yancey County, faced that problem with one of her students, Adam Powers.

Adam, at his parents' request, was tested following Mrs. Buckner's realization that he had already mastered the rudimentary skills that the rest of her class was learning. He was found to have an Intelligence Quotient (IQ) in the "Very Superior" range of 130 to 200.

Yancey County school officials turned to Mars Hill College, which began offering this year a program to train teachers of gifted and talented children. Smith Goodrum, assistant professor of education and director of the new major, selected two volunteers from this class to tutor Adam. They are Bob Anderson, a senior from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Lisa Hood, a junior whose parents have been Baptist missionaries to Thailand for the last 12 years.

What Goodrum and his students found when they began helping Adam is that he is reading on a fifth grade level while his math skills are only slightly less advanced.

The answer to teaching the gifted and talented, according to Goodrum, is not "more and better of the same." Instead Bob and Lisa are leading Adam in a deeper exploration of the subjects on his own grade level, particularly in the themes and

concepts his work contains. "Adam has an amazing ability to memorize his work," noted Goodrum, which could lead you to believe that he understands it. We want to make sure that he understands the concepts behind the words and figures on the page."

Bob responded to that fact noting, "Adam understands concepts that normally occur when a child reaches the age of 9 or so. But then, like any child, there are times when he doesn't want to do school work but wants to explore a totally unrelated area that has caught his fancy."

One of the goals Goodrum and the colleg students are aiming for is that Adam's social skills and psychological development remain stable while his intellectual style is broadened.

Both Bob and Lisa hope they are instilling in Adam a desire to learn so that if he does remain with his class he will be able to explore topics on his own.

Although Adam's achievements are unusual, gifted and talented children like him are not uncommon. When Mars Hill officials considered adding the gifted and talented major, they conducted extensive research in several areas. They found that there are 100,000 to 110,000 gifted and talented children in the state, only one-fourth of whom are receiving the services of a specially trained teacher.

Mars Hill's new major is being developed with funds the college received in a \$2 million grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Advanced Institute Development Program (AIDP). Currently Mars Hill is

the only undergraduate college in North Carolina offering teacher certification for gifted and talented children.

Additional support for the new major came from the state legislature when it mandated that all teachers of exceptional children were to be certified in their specialty by June, 1977, and that all state-supported public schools must provide special education programs for exceptional children by the 1982-83 school year. The Mars Hill researchers estimated that over 3,000 new teachers will be needed to meet this legislative directive.

Mars Hill will be active in the region, according to Goodrum. There are workshops in the planning stage, including one this spring for directors and coordinators of gifted and talented programs. There is also the possibility of a summer program for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders next year.

However, Goodrum explains that "Our tutors and student teachers are not substitutes for certified teachers. We hope that we can help in other areas such as identifying potential problems, helping to set up curricula, and serving as a resource facility. The curriculum needs for the gifted and talented also have a lot to offer traditional education, particularly in the methods of instruction and counselling."

"Mars Hill College was founded to meet the academic needs of the community and region," Goodrum points out, "and this program is an example of the even stronger commitment the college has to the region today."

Apply For Tree Seedlings

Bacchus Hensley, Yancey County Forest Ranger, advises that tree seedling applications are now available for White Pine and all other species grown by the North Carolina Forest Service. Trees should be ordered now to insure getting the number desired.

Fir seedlings can be ordered from the Yancey County Extension Service Office, ASCS Office, Soil Conservation Office and from Yancey County Forest Ranger Bacchus Hensley.

Landowners interested in ordering tree seedlings and needing additional information should contact Yancey County Forest Ranger Bacchus Hensley at 682-6788 during the days or 682-6346 at night or on weekends.

Schools In Test Survey

Seven Carolinas school districts are in a nationwide scholastic test program by Houghton Mifflin Co., the publishing firm.

In the program are city school systems in Albemarle, High Point and Rock Hill, S.C., and county systems in Avery, Halifax, New Hanover and Yancey Counties.

Houghton Mifflin is one of several national companies providing scholastic testing services for school systems and educational institutions.

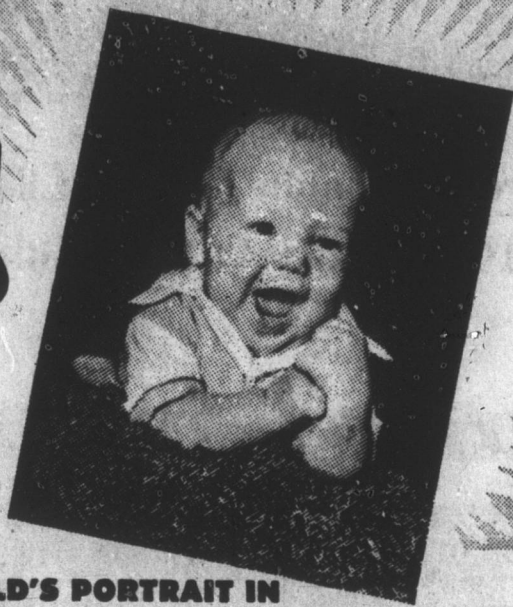
A spokesman for Houghton Mifflin in the firm's Atlanta office the company validates test questions and sets standards for comparing students' scores. The company provides test materials free to districts in the program. The districts invited to participate are selected, on the basis of size, location, and social and economic factors.

Jeff Savage, Rock Hill school superintendent, said the test program, given to all students in grades 3 through 12, provides school officials with "another check on how our kids are doing."

Home Hints

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