

Folk Games And Dances Set For Friday Nights

The regular Friday nights of All who have enjoyed their many folk games and folk dances will be held all through the spring and summer at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasston.

The night of April 29, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood of Michigan and Florida, will be at the Folk School.

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Methodist Men Plan Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Hobbinsville Methodist church sub district Methodist men's club will start at 7 p.m. with a dinner.

Boy Scouts Promoted At Marble

The Boy Scouts of Marble Troop 414 were promoted to rank of second class at the regular PTA meeting held at the Marble School Thursday April 21st.

Second class members are Tommy Trull, Robert L. Watson, Jack Howard Coffey, Robert F. Barton, Richard S. Green, Cleatus B. Lunsford, Gary M. Breed, Joyce, Donny R. Davis, Ford B. West, Larry B. Allen and Ronald Earwood.

Mr. Joe Ray, organizational and extension chairman, John Jordan, chairman of Nantahala District, and Mr. Gerald Jaques, chairman of camping activities were in charge of the presentation.

Ned Tucker and Clyde E. Fraley will deliver inspirational talks during the program immediately following the meal. Mr. Tucker is district lay leader and executive secretary of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce. He is well known in Western Carolina for his civic and religious leadership.

Mr. Fraley is a member of the Haywood Methodist church and has been an active layman for many years. He has held many offices in his home church and is at present chairman of the official board.

This will be the second meeting of this group and a large attendance is expected.

AMONG THE SICK

Patients admitted to Providence Hospital: Mrs. Mattie Sampson, Murphy; Mrs. Beulah Reed, Murphy; Ernest Rogers, Culberson; Dalmir Hartness, Murphy; Connie Dye, Murphy; Jake Rogers, Haywood; John Henry Stanley, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Frances Penland, Murphy; Steve Allison, Culberson, Rt. 2; Mrs. Theodora Mauney, Rt. 4, Blairsville, Ga.; Gary Smart, Haywood; Mrs. Clarence Barnett, Rt. 1, Murphy; Helen Phillips, Murphy; Harriet King, Rt. 4, Murphy; Wanda Joe and Billie Stroud, Haywood; Mrs. Lennie Ellis, Rt. 3, Murphy; Mack Howell, Murphy; and Mrs. Bessie Butler, Hiwassee Dam.

Patients admitted to Murphy General Hospital: Gladys Rogers, Murphy; Laura Christine Cook, Rt. 1, Brasstown; Baby Michael Hall, Rt. 1, Marble; and Mrs. Don Taylor, Rt. 4, Murphy.

NOTLA NEWS

Dooley Home Demonstration club met Friday, April 15, with Mrs. Radie Burns as hostess. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Norma Poteet, president. After the business session an interesting film was shown on the "Model Kitchen" by Margaret N. Smith. Home Demonstration Agent.

The May meeting will be held at "Notla Vista" with Mrs. Weir as hostess.



RAISING ORCHIDS, HER HOBBY

Mrs. B. L. Fox, owner and operator of Cherokee Florist is shown with the Cattleya orchid that she has had for two years. She brought the plant from Signal Mountain, Tenn. The orchid now has seven blooms. She has completed a course with Lois and Gladys Schirmer of Tropical Flowerland of Los Angeles, Calif., and expects to enter the orchid contest that they are having now. Mrs. Fox has been in the floral business for 14 years and her hobby is raising orchids.

Backward Glances

The Cherokee County Chapter of American Red Cross is continuing its current campaign for funds until the goal of \$1,350 is reached.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson has taught

Soil Conservation News

By JOHN S. SMITH

A school for the Soil Conservation Service technicians, on how to lay out contour and parallel strip cropping, was held in Macon County recently. Conducting the school were two men from the state office in Raleigh. They were Emmett Pollock, Agronomist, and Taylor Curran, Engineer. The school showed the technicians new methods of arranging the alternate strips so that all of the rows in the cultivated strips will be parallel and all will be of approximately equal length.

Strip cropping is a very effective method of controlling erosion in cultivated fields. When contour strips are used, often there are a number of short rows at one side of the cultivated strips, and this fact has discouraged many farmers from using the strip cropping method. Now that the problem has been solved, many other farmers will be interested in going to strip cropping for soil protection.

In any strip cropping system, only part of a field is cultivated at a time. The field is arranged so that one strip is in a close growing crop such as grass, small grain, or broadcast beans or peas. In the event of a particularly heavy rain, the close-growing strips catch the run-off and soil and spread them out so that they can do no further damage. The soil which is washed from one strip is caught and held in the strip below so that very little soil is actually lost from the field.

When it is necessary to re-seed a large and steep pasture, it is usually desirable to break only half of the ground at one time, and this should be done in alternate strips. Many farmers have had the sad experience of losing most of the top soil from a whole field in one heavy rain after the ground was broken for re-seeding. Breaking in alternate strips would have prevented almost all of the soil losses.

While at the school on strip cropping, I was particularly struck by one fact brought out. One of the fields which we laid out parallel strips on had been in sericea lespedeza for twelve or fifteen years prior to 1959. It was planted to corn last year. Although the slope of the land was steeper than is generally considered safe for cultivation, there is no sign of any soil erosion in the field. In an adjoining field, equally steep, which had been planted continually in corn, there were washes, and gullies throughout the field. The difference in the two fields was the amount of organic matter which the soils contained. The sericea field had a high amount of organic matter built up by the stems, roots and leaves of the sericea. The adjoining field had been stripped of most of the organic matter in the form of silage and very little of it had been returned to the soil each year.

Several farmers in Cherokee County who use a strip cropping system in their cultivated field are well pleased with the results. John R. Martin of the old Martins Creek Section and Clarence Pace of near Marble have practiced this conservation measure for several years, and swear by it.

ASC News

ADDITIONAL WOOL PRODUCTION NEEDED

By L. L. KISSELBURG

In contrast to the several programs operated by ASC in North Carolina which serve to reduce production of certain commodities, ASC operates a program which was designed specifically to increase the production of wool. W. E. Matthews, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, explained that wool is an essential and strategic commodity which is not produced in sufficient quantity in the United States. For this reason he said Congress passed the Wool Act of 1954 which directed the Secretary of Agriculture to provide an incentive program which would encourage an annual production of 300 million pounds of shorn wool.

For the last few years the incentive price under the wool program has been set at 62 cents per pound for shorn wool. The program provides that farmers market their wool through the normal channels obtaining the best possible price for their production. At the end of the marketing year, the Department of Agriculture determines the average national price obtained by all wool growers for their wool. The percentage required to bring this national price up to the 62 cent incentive level is determined and all farmers who market wool receive this percentage increase in their income from wool sold.

According to Matthews, every year this program has been in effect it has served its purpose by increasing the national production of wool. Should the national average price received by wool producers throughout the nation during 1960 reach the 62 cent level then payments will no longer be necessary. Matthews mentioned farmers that April 30, 1960 is the final date by which they may file application for incentive payment for wool marketed in the 1959 marketing year. The 1959 wool marketing year ran from April 1, 1959 through March 31, 1960.

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