

SUPPLEMENTS INCOMES — Home Demonstration Club Markets Develop Leadership

(Editor's Note: Macon County has one of the 36 home demonstration club markets operating in the state. It is situated on the grounds at the Agricultural Building.)

By VIRGINIA M. NANCE

Although the primary purpose of North Carolina's 36 home demonstration club markets is to provide a means of supplementing family incomes for rural people through the sale of quality produce, perhaps the greatest overall value is that they develop leadership by teaching sellers how to work with people.

According to Miss Iola Pritchard, Agricultural Extension Service food conservation and home marketing specialist, curb markets

gives the women who sell on the markets an increasing awareness of wise money management. The progress of the curb market program is indicated in the increase of 1957 sales over previous years. It seems almost unbelievable that the total sales in the 36 curb markets came to \$355,767.82 in 1957, and more than 600 sellers had increased their incomes. The total 1957 sales represents an increase of \$7,189.75 over 1956.

To what does the state-wide program owe this increase? Miss Pritchard has said that "market sales without exception have greatly increased in 10 instances since curb market day was changed on these 10 markets from Saturday morning until Friday afternoon. All ten markets are much happier now that they are open on Friday rather than Saturday."

Even though the curb markets are sponsored by home demonstration organizations in each county where they are located, anyone who is willing to abide by the rules and regulations as set up by the sellers can sell on the market. In every case, the home demonstration agent acts as advisor for all market activities. All curb markets are producer's markets and no buying and reselling is permitted.

When asked what about the outlook for 1958 on North Carolina curb markets, Miss Pritchard indicated that it's "very promising." She pointed out that there are opportunities for more sellers on existing markets and potentials for opening at least two more markets.

Twelve of the 36 markets bring in annually more than \$10,000. The largest market, located in Mecklenburg County, brought in \$52,498.01 in 1957, an increase of almost \$2,000 over 1956. The greatest advancement was on the Onslow County market, whose sales jumped from \$1,001.22 to \$7,461.83 in one year's time.



COMMAND PERFORMANCE HELD FOR 'AUNT CISSY' EMORY BY PATTON GROUP

A few nights back, "Aunt Cissy" Emory (right), who'll be 99 this coming October, sat back in an easy chair long after her bedtime and patted her foot to music being played by the comic "Patton String Band", a group organized by the home

demonstration women of the community. "Aunt Cissy" was unable to take in the appearance of the band at the recent Otto talent show, so the band members just decided to take in "Aunt Cissy. How did she like it? Well, she said it was better than anything she's seen on television.

\$31,663.10 IN SALES — Macon Hits 16.6 Per Cent Of Bond Quota In January

Local purchasers of U.S. Savings Bonds bit a healthy chunk from its 1958 quota during January, according to figures just released by H. W. Cabe, county chairman.

By purchasing \$31,663.10 in bonds from its quota of \$191,100, the county reached 16.6 per cent of the quota. If sales continue as they did in January, the year's end will see Macon again well over the top, as it was in 1957.

In '57, Macon County was second in the entire state in sales.

Gibson's Ship On West Coast

Charles E. Gibson, quartermaster second class in the U.S. Navy, is serving aboard the tank

landing ship USS Windham County at San Diego, Calif., according to the Fleet Home Town News Center.

The Windham County is one of five tank landing ships that were transferred from the Atlantic Fleet to the Pacific Fleet in late January. Its mission with the western fleet will be the same as with the eastern — landing men and equipment in amphibious operations.

Gibson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Gibson, of Franklin. His wife is the former Miss Dorothy M. Lenoir, of Waynesville.

Keep a close eye on the chickweed problem in alfalfa.



Mrs. Mather's Rites Are Held In Tennessee

Graveside rites for Mrs. Clara B. Mather were held last Thursday, February 27, in Knoxville, Tenn., following noon services in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Mather, mother of Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neill, died the 25th at the O'Neill home on Franklin, Route 5. A native of Jackson, Mich., she was 93 years old.

In addition to Mrs. O'Neill, surviving are another daughter, Mrs. C. N. Stevens, of Sarasota, Fla.; a son, Edward Whiting Mather, of Bladenton, Fla.; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mather was born Oct. 22, 1864, the daughter of Lyman and Mrs. Mary White Blackmon. She was married in 1890 in Newport, R. I. to Edward Strong Mather, of Amherst, Mass., who died Oct. 28, 1928. She was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church in Knoxville.

Ministers officiating locally were the Rev. John W. Tucker and Dr. A. Rufus Morgan. The Rev. John Bull was in charge of the graveside rites in Knoxville.

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Franklin High Highlights
By JoAnn Burrell

During the week that school was closed, sledding and skating became popular sports in Franklin. In the day, the golf course was the favorite gathering place for fun-loving sledders, both young and old. At night everyone came to the FHS for the eastern division playoffs of the Smoky Mountain Conference. Serving as hostesses for visiting teams during the playoffs were Jane Long, Alice Bradley, Ann Fagg, Margaret Swan, Linda Shope, Dwain Horsley, Sue Matthews, Nancy Siler, Geneva, Ledbetter, Barbara Waldroop, Ann McCoy, Brenda Cunningham, Joan McClure, and Carol Watkins. These girls welcomed fans and players from the different schools, and served the players orange juice and cookies after each game.

Everyone has been showering Mrs. Rose Corbin and her winning basketball team with congratulations since February 22 and their victory over the Swain High Maroon Devils. Although Frances McClure, one of Franklin's first-string guards, was hospitalized from injuries received in a previous game, the guards kept up their good work throughout the entire game. Grace Shepherd, who substituted for Frances, deserves extra praise for her wonderful job of guarding Sandra McCracken, Swain High's 6'1" forward.

Rehearsals have begun for an original script, "Agenda for Julie", to be presented at the March meeting of the P. T. A. The script was written by Ann Pennington and Sherry Whelan for the promotion of National Library week (March 16-22). Radio Station WFSC will carry a radio adaption of the script at a later date. Members of the Dramatics and Library Clubs, under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen Ledbetter, Mrs. Maybelle Tucker, and Mrs. Mamie Scroggs, make up the cast. The cast includes Julie-Margaret Davis; Constance-Vivian Keener; Priscilla, Jane Long; research worker, Larry Brooks; a boy-Bobby Poindexter; Mr. Doe-Doug Pearson; first boy-Ronald Harper; second boy-Raymond Southard; and narrator-Dwain Horsley.

The Monogram Club will sponsor a faculty-student basketball

Sgt. Pendergrass On Maneuver With 7th Army
Sgt. Urban A. Pendergrass recently participated in "Sabre Hawk", a 7th Army maneuver which involved more than 100,000 troops in Germany, according to the Army Home Town News Center. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pendergrass, of Franklin, Route 3, the sergeant is assigned to the 371st Amored Infantry Battalion's Company B. He entered the Army in 1950 and arrived in Germany in May, 1956. His wife, Dorothy, is in Germany with him. Sgt. Pendergrass attended Franklin High School.

Lancaster Completes Recruit Training
Don E. Lancaster, apprentice petty officer second class, was graduated February 14 from recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. Carrie Chastain, of Highlands.

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