

### NOW CHECKING PERFORMANCE ON FEED GRAIN

Farmers who signed agreements to divert their entire feed grain base acreage to conservation use for the 1964 crop year can expect an ASCS representative to visit their farm during the next three weeks for the purpose of checking compliance and measuring their designated diverted acreage, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, manager of the Madison County ASCS office. Ramsey pointed out that some 371 corn producing farms within the county signed intentions to take part in this year's feed grain diversion program and that 233 of the 371 signed agreements to divert their entire feed grain base. Compliance on the 138 farms which agreed to divert only a portion of their feed grain base will be checked at the time a visit is made to measure the tobacco acreage which is expected to be started on or near June 1. Farmers who signed to divert their entire corn base are urged to be on the look-out for a visit

by one of the ASCS field reporters and to be in position to point out and assist with the measuring of fields which have been set aside as the designated diverted acreage under this year's feed grain program.

Ramsey explained that land set aside for the diverted feed grain acreage must meet the following criteria: It must be cropland of average or above fertility or productivity which has been tilled or cultivated during one or more of the past four years with an exception that eligible land which was diverted under the previous feed grain programs will be considered eligible for diversion this year. The designated diverted acreage must be devoted to an approved conserving vegetative cover to protect it from erosion during the crop year. Harvesting from the designated diverted acreage is prohibited; however, grazing is permissible during the months of January, February, March, October, November and December. Acreage designated to be in whole fields or in areas of a reasonable size within fields.

In conclusion, Ramsey said that it is the participating farmer's responsibility to designate a suf-

### RECREATION AREAS OPEN

Forester Supervisor Hanlon today announced the opening of all recreation areas on the Davidson River complex including Sycamore Flats, Davidson River, White Pines, Pink Beds and Cootree. Well troubles at Cootree have necessitated temporarily shutting off the water at this recreation area. Engineers are working on a solution and the problem should be remedied in the near future. A new water system and a new sewage system have been installed at North Mills Recreation Area to handle the peak crowds at this popular area.

Rocky Bluff Recreation Area, 3 miles from Hot Springs, on NC 209, should be open in August. The water and sewage systems are under contract. About three months will be required for their installation. Twenty-one camping sites and twenty-two picnic units are being built.

Efficient acreage to meet his intentions in that reporters are not permitted to compute the acreage or to advise him on the extent through an estimate.

### Mrs. Ethel Brown Passes Tuesday; Funeral Today

Mrs. Ethel Fisher Brown, 67, of Marshall Rt. 2, died Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 1964 in her home after a long illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) in Grapevine Baptist Church, of which she was a member.

The Rev. Howard Ogle and the Rev. Everett Sprinkle officiated. Burial was in Clark Cemetery.

Palbearers were Frank, John, Nial, Velt and Garrel Clark and Floyd Coates.

Surviving are the husband, John R. Brown; two daughters, Mrs. James R. Nelson of Lorraine, Ohio, and Mrs. Reagan Shelton of Marshall Rt. 6; a son, Walter of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Lela Tweed and Mrs. Pearl Riddle of Marshall; three brothers, Bob Fisher of Fletcher, and Quillen and Carson Fisher of Marshall; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

#### GOOD THINKING

Many a man displays good judgment by showing a lack of it in some of his friends.

### Mrs. J. N. Fisher Receives 130 At Open House Sun.

Approximately 130 friends and relatives stopped by the home of Mrs. J. N. Fisher on Tillery Branch Sunday to extend birthday greetings at an Open House observance held between 1:30 and 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. Fisher will observe her 90th birthday on May 9.

Mrs. Fisher is making her home at the present with one of her sons, Wayne. All three of her sons and five daughters were present, in addition to her brother, Carl Tillery, of Kingston, Idaho, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A color scheme of green and white was carried out. Mrs. Tillery seemed delighted at the many visitors who called.

Serving at the punch bowl were Mrs. B. F. Carter and Mrs. Dean Carter, assisted by Mrs. Charlie Sawyer, Miss Sandra Carter and Miss Janice Sawyer.

Miss Cathy Reid and Mrs. B. F. Carter had charge of the guest book.

### NEWS FROM THE MADISON COUNTY

## ASCS Office

RALPH RAMSEY, Office Manager

### SHOULD USDA BE RENAMED?

Would you be just as happy being an employee of the Department of "Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs?" Or, maybe, the "Department of Food and Agriculture?" These are some of the suggestions being made by the Secretary of Agriculture, and others, for a change in the Department name.

Secretary Freeman says that the Department should be given a name more descriptive of its myriad activities which, on the whole, affect non-farmers more than farmers. He has suggested the two names given above.

During the last century, the Department has branched out until it is as much a department for trade, business and consumers as it is for the farmers. It conducts the biggest recreational business in the world, and the biggest fire-fighting establishment. It has the biggest lumbering business and biggest banking business in the world. It conducts more research than any other organization in the world.

In the case of expenditures, about a third of the Department's funds go for price support and related programs in which farmers are the primary but not the only beneficiaries. The rest of the expenditures are for services which are of primary benefit to the general public.

Here is a rough breakdown of fiscal 1964 budget expenditures: Foreign programs (partly defense)—33%; price supports and payments — 29.5%; food distribution — 8.5%; agricultural conservation, soil bank, etc. — 8.2%; Farmers Home Administration and REA loans — 6.5%; Forest Service — 4.8% research, Extension, marketing — 5%; Soil Con-

### MARSHALL AUTO RACE DRIVERS MAKING MARKS

Three Marshall auto race drivers are making marks at the New Asheville Speedway on Friday nights, Marvin Collins of Marshall is in second place in the track's hobby division point standings and Boots Landers and Allon Silver are tied for 12th place.

In two races, Collins, who is competing in hobby racing for the first season, has finished in third place and in fourth place.

Silver ran 7th last Friday and Landers, who experienced mechanical difficulty last week, ran 7th in the opening race April 17.

All three drivers will be on hand this Friday when the hobby field competes in a 20-lap feature and two 10-lap heats. In addition, the sportsmen, all driving late-model racers, will run a 40-lap feature and two 10-lap heats. Qualifying runs will be at 8:30 p. m., and racing will start at 8:30.

#### THINK!

Don't drink and drive — too many joy-rides begin with a bottle and end at the morgue.

Assistant Secretary George Mehren this month, in a speech to the Pacific Dairy and Poultry Association, said this: "Among all its other functions, the Department actually conducts more programs directly oriented to the benefit of consumers than any other Federal agency."

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