

County Cage Tourney To Start Here Next Thursday

Important For Farmers To Vote In Burley Referendum

Two-thirds Majority Needed For Approval Of Quotas

Burley tobacco growers will vote Thursday, February 25, 1965, on marketing quotas for the next three crops, Emory Robinson, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committee, reminded farmers today.

Growers eligible to vote in the referendum are all those who produced burley tobacco in 1964 and shared in the crop or its proceeds. Also, each person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1964 burley tobacco allotment was established is eligible to vote, even though no tobacco was actually produced on the farm in 1964, if an allotment was established for the farm for 1965.

For the 1965 crop of burley tobacco, the Department of Agriculture has announced a total of 284,146 acres available for allotment. This compares with 315,698 acres allotted for 1964. Under an allotment program, the allotments are announced annually, for one year at a time.

The total supply of burley tobacco for the current marketing year is 2,043 million pounds, in- (Continued To Last Page)

POLLS SET UP FOR TOBACCO QUOTA VOTE

Polling places for the February 25 Referendum on marketing quotas for the next three crops of Burley tobacco have been designated by the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee as follows:

- Community 1: The ASCS Office at Marshall; Walnut Supply Store.
- Community 2: White Rock School.
- Community 3: Silver's Store; Oak Grove Community Center.
- Community 4: Beech Glen School.
- Community 5: Dock Ramsey's Store.
- Community 6: Reeves' Store; Paul Buckner's Store.
- Community 7: Wiley Roberts' Store Building.
- Community 8: Spring Creek Agriculture Building; Caldwell's Store.
- Community 9: Rathbone Store (Shutin); Hot Springs Recreation (Continued To Last Page)

NEXT MONDAY DEADLINE FOR NEW LICENSES

Motorists Urged To Purchase Car, Truck Licenses Here

Next Monday is the deadline for purchasing and displaying 1965 licenses on cars and trucks.

Motorists and owners of vehicles are again informed that license plates can be purchased at the Farm Bureau Office on Lower Bridge Street in Marshall.

HEART SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED IN COUNTY SUN.

As you know, February is Heart Fund month throughout the nation and Madison County is doing its part to raise funds. The county's goal this year is \$1,000.

Next Sunday has been designated as "Heart Sunday" and special efforts will be made to raise funds.

Mrs. Vena Davis is Marshall chairman; John H. Hough is Mars Hill City Chairman; and Mrs. Mona Swann is chairman at Hot Springs.

Miss Daisy Anderson will assist in Mars Hill on Sunday; Mrs. Vena Davis will have charge of Heart Sunday in Marshall; and the Hot Springs Friendship Circle, headed by Mrs. Muriel Austry, president, will assist in Hot Springs on Sunday.

It was also announced that various churches will cooperate in raising funds and house-to-house canvassing will also be done in some sections.

MARCH OF DIMES GOSPEL SING IN ASHEVILLE SAT.

The annual March of Dimes Gospel Singing will be held this Saturday night in Asheville's City Auditorium beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

All singing groups and individuals are invited to participate in this worthy cause.

C. E. Bailey is chairman of arrangements and Ed J. Ball will serve as master of ceremonies, assisted by Frank Reid.

There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM HERE IS DEDICATED

The Town of Marshall officially assumed responsibility of the new sewerage disposal system Wednesday morning when key officials, contractors, engineers and others met with city officials on the Island where the main structure is located.

The new system, recently put into operation, was constructed at a cost of some \$122,000. The project was made possible through a federal grant from the Health, Education and Welfare Administration.

The system also has two pumping stations, one located at the mouth of Frisby Branch at the lower end of Main Street and the second located next to the jail. Both pumping stations are beneath the surface of the ground.

The main treatment structure on the Island disposes of some 85,000 gallons every 24 hours with approximately 90% purification.

Marshall is one of the first towns on the French Broad River Basin to complete such a system in the vast anti-pollution program in this area.

DIRECTORS ARE REELECTED ON MCDB HERE MON.

Prospects Are Bright For A Successful County Tomato Season

Nineteen stockholders were present at a meeting of the Madison County Development Board at the French Broad Electric Membership Corp., here Monday afternoon. 2,710 shares were represented either by person or by proxy with the election of directors the main purpose on the agenda.

Zeno H. Ponder, president of the board, presided and in the absence of D. M. Robinson, secretary, Mrs. Ernestine Plemmons served as secretary.

The following directors were unanimously reelected: 3-year term, Donald Stines, Delmer Payne, Zeno Ponder, 2-year term: Mrs. Vena Davis, Harry Silver, Mrs. Pauline Dittmore. 1-year term: J. H. Sprinkle, C. D. Bowman, L. B. Ramsey.

The directors were praised for their splendid work in the first year of the board's existence and were rewarded by being unanimously reelected.

In making the annual report of the officers, C. E. Mashburn stated that the first year was "successful and an even better 1965 season is expected."

Harry Silver, farm agent and one of the sponsors of MATO company here, explained that he was well pleased with the first-year results of tomatoes in this (Continued To Last Page)



NEW CHAIRMAN of the key Committee on Standards and Reports for Senior Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is Dr. Robert L. Holt, former vice president of Mars Hill College and one-time resident of Asheville. Dr. Holt, now vice president and dean of East Carolina College in Greenville, is a graduate of Lee Edwards High School, Mars Hill Junior College and Wake Forest, where he took his AB and MA degrees. He received his Ph.D. from Duke University. Dr. Holt is married to the former Claire Rebecca Hardin of Morganton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hardin of Ridgecrest.

Finals On Saturday, Feb. 27; Four Games Each Night

CHORAL CLINIC THIS WEEK-END AT MH COLLEGE

A choral clinic at Mars Hill College Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13 is expected to attract 300 high school students throughout Western North Carolina, Upper South Carolina and East Tennessee.

The workshop is the 17th such annual event sponsored by the college's Department of Music. It has been planned and will be coordinated by two members of the music faculty, J. Elwood Roberts and Robert C. Rich.

Guest director-conductor will be Robert Page, director of choral activities at Temple University in Philadelphia. He will work with the visiting students and their music teachers on a repertory of 11 outstanding choral selections. The clinic will be climaxed with (Continued To Last Page)

Marshall Girls, Mars Hill Boys Favored To Take Event

Capacity crowds are expected to jam the Marshall gymnasium next Thursday night when the 1965 county high school basketball tournament gets underway. The first game of the tourney, a Junior Varsity affair, will pit Spring Creek girls against the Laurel girls. The second game will be between the Mars Hill JV boys and the Spring Creek quint. The other JV teams drew byes in the opening round.

Varsity pairings for opening night are as follows:

GIRLS: Spring Creek vs. Hot Springs. All other teams drew byes.

BOYS: Hot Springs vs. Laurel. All other teams drew byes.

Four games (two JV and two Varsity) will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 18, 19, and 20. The semifinals of the varsity and finals of the JV tourney will be played (Continued To Last Page)

Aston Park Hospital In Deficit; Funds Needed

Urgent Appeal Goes Out For Donations From County Citizens

Mrs. C. D. Bowman, of Marshall, is heading up the drive in Madison County to raise as much money as possible for the Aston Park Hospital, which is striving to raise \$75,000 which is owing to hospital suppliers. This is the first time in its 42-year history that the hospital has been forced to ask the public to come to its rescue.

Mrs. George Shuford, of Asheville, has been authorized to tell the public certain pertinent facts about the hospital. Mrs. Shuford, who is serving as chairman of the assistance fund, cites the following facts:

—Recently the Joint Commis-

sion on Accreditation of Hospitals renewed its accreditation of our hospital for three years. The Board of Trustees was encouraged by the Commission to make every effort to retain Aston Park Hospital.

—The Buncombe County Planning Council will soon begin an extensive survey of health facilities in our area. Aston Park Hospital will be a part of this study.

—Aston Park Hospital has never before gone to the public for help. The new X-Ray unit installed several years ago was the gift of a very few interested friends.

—The current assets of Aston Park Hospital are presently valued at approximately \$350,000.

—The \$75,000 deficit is owed (Continued To Last Page)

Support Prices Set For Tobacco Crops

Burley Support Price Will Average 59.5 Cents

Washington — The Agriculture Department announced Monday grower price support rates for this year's tobacco crops. Rates for most types will be slightly higher than last year.

The support for flue-cured, the major cigarette type, will average 57.7 cents a pound compared with 57.2 cents for the 1964 crop.

For burley, also a major cigarette and smoking type, the support will average 59.5 cents compared with 58.9 cents last year.

The department said the increases in supports this year reflect mainly increases in prices of goods and services which farmers bought during the past three years compared with 1959 prices. Farm law requires that tobacco supports be raised or lowered with corresponding changes in prices growers pay.

New Loans Available For Low Income Group

FHA Issues Loan Plans For Farm Families With Small Income

A new program of small loans coupled with farm management assistance is now open to farm families with limited incomes in Madison County, W. E. Hill, county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, said today. Hill said farmers in Madison County can participate in the program to develop higher returns from farming operations.

Loans up to \$2,500 are available to farm families with limited incomes who cannot qualify for financial assistance under regular loan programs of Farmers Home Administration or private lenders.

Opportunity loans are aimed at helping farm and rural families earn more income through their own enterprises, Hill said.

Loans to farmers operating small, limited income farms may be used to purchase livestock, machinery and equipment, construct or repair farm buildings, pay annual operating expenses for seed, feed and fertilizer, refinancing real estate debts and purchase land.

The loans also may be used to buy shares in small cooperatives (Continued To Last Page)

AMA REJECTS LBJ PROGRAM ON MEDICARE

Chicago — The American Medical Association's House of Delegates rejected Sunday the Johnson administration's program for health care of the aged. It voted to "endorse and enthusiastically support" a rival plan it calls "elderware."

The 234-member governing body of the nation's biggest organization of physicians thus reaffirmed its opposition to a Social Security-financed program which would be administered by a federal government agency.

It broadened its earlier stand in favor of state programs financed with general federal tax funds and administered by the states through private health agencies.

Specifically, the AMA delegates accepted the bill now before Congress which was introduced by Rep. A. Sydney Harlow Jr., D-Fla., and Thomas B. Curtis, R-Mo., and adopted the AMA Board of Trustees' promotion pro- (Continued To Last Page)

Chairman On Elections

WNC To Lose House Post

By DOUG REED, Citizen Staff Writer

Raleigh — For the first time in many years, chairmanship of the House Committee on Elections and Election Laws will not fall to a mountain representative.

The post has traditionally belonged to Western North Carolina, where election squabbles and bitter partisan rivalry are virtually a way of life.

But House Speaker H. Pat Taylor Jr. let it be known to associates this week-end that he probably will give the post, highly coveted by some western members, to a representative from another

area of the state. Reliable sources said Taylor wants Rep. Allen C. Barbee of Nash County to head the committee and may announce his appointment within a few days.

These sources said Alamance County Rep. M. Glenn Pickard of Burlington is also being considered for the spot.

It was reported that while Pickard could become Taylor's choice, Barbee is considered the most like appointee.

Western North Carolina succeeded in picking off the comparable position in the Senate where 6th District Sen. Oral V. Taylor

of Haywood County was named chairman of the Senate Committee on Election Laws and Legislative Representation.

The dual role of the Senate committee — dealing not only with elections but with appointment of the General Assembly — could elevate Taylor's chairmanship to one of prime importance in the 1965 session.

This could come about if legislation is introduced to reorganize the House of Representatives on the sole basis of population, in line with federal court decisions in other states.

Opportunities Exist To Soften Blow Of Tobacco Income Loss

NORTON, RAMSEY ARE ASSIGNED ON COMMITTEES

Western North Carolina legislators were named to 17 Senate and House committees Monday night by Lt. Gov. Robert W. Scott and House Speaker H. Pat Taylor, Jr.

No chairmanships went to the WNC solons, although they drew a total of six vice-chairmanships. Clyde M. Norton, of McDowell, was named to the Education Committee and the Roads Committee. Senator Norton is vice-chairman of the Roads Committee.

Mrs. F. Crafton Ramsey, of Madison, was named to the Highway Safety Committee and the Library Committee.

On Tuesday of this week Norton was named to the Election Laws and Legislative Representation Committee as vice-chairman. Mrs. Ramsey was named to the Public Welfare Committee. (Continued To Last Page)

Trellis Tomatoes, Fruits, Vegetables Offered As Opportunities

Replacing in one year the full amount North Carolina is expected to lose from its tobacco income may be impossible, but a large number of alternatives exist that can help soften the blow.

Identifying the alternatives, selecting the right ones for the individual farm, county and region, and developing these alternatives with proper planning and management can strengthen the overall agricultural situation in the long run.

This is the observation of Dr. George Hyatt Jr., director of the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State.

"This state is blessed with many alternatives for continued agricultural progress," he said. "We have the soil and climate conditions suitable for growing a variety of crops and almost any kind of livestock we can handle."

"The worst state would be furnished if they were not to (Continued To Last Page)