

Spirit Of The Season



Instead of a Christmas Party this year the students at Haw Creek Elementary School voted to donate to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital the sum the PTA would ordinarily use for the event. To supplement the gift the students donated an additional sum from their allowances. David Sawyer (left) accepts for the hospital. Erwin Ball, sixth grade student at the school, presented the gift on the behalf of the student body.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sawyer, formerly of Marshall, and grandson of Mr. Claude Sawyer, of Marshall and Mrs. Jessie Ball, of the Erwin community near Asheville, and great-grandson of Mrs. Alice White, of Marshall.

—Cut courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

Retired With Honor



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Johnson, a native of Walnut, recently received Army Commendation Medal and Citation from Colonel Edward J. Rübbs on his retirement from active duty after nearly 29 years. Mrs. Johnson attended the ceremony held at Waltham, Massachusetts, where the career officer was criminal investigator with Corps of Engineers, New England Division. Tom's brother, Robert Johnson, resides in Walnut, and is connected with Service Motor Sales, Inc., in Marshall.



Best regards to everyone in our community for a wonderful year.

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EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM

Due to the severe drought conditions which prevailed over much of the county during the summer and fall period, Madison County was approved as a natural disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture on Nov. 19, 1965. This approval, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, county ASCS office manager, entitles livestock and dairy farms to purchase Commodity Credit corn at a 25% discount to feed their primary livestock if they have a need for this feed.

Ramsey explained that the basic purpose of the emergency livestock feed program is to help the farmers maintain his foundation herd during a period when his supply of feed is short. Primary livestock are: (1) Dairy cows, heifers kept for replacement, beef cows, beef heifers for replacement, bulls kept for breeding purposes, sheep and goats. All other livestock are classified as secondary livestock and are not eligible for the discount corn but are eligible for corn at the full corn support rate of \$1.42 per bushel.

Due to lack of handling and storage facilities within the county, Madison County farmers must secure their corn through handlers located at Asheville. To secure this feed corn the farmers must first visit the local ASCS office and file a formal request at which time he reports his livestock by number and classes and the amount of feed available on the farm. From this data the ASCS personnel and county committee work out his corn allocation for a 90 day period of which the farmer is given written notice. The interested farmer then again visits the ASCS office, makes a deposit and secures a delivery order for the amount of his corn al-



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location he desires to secure at a given time. He then carries his delivery order to a corn handler where he secures his corn.

Ramsey said that through December 14, some 89 livestock applicants had been approved an allocation in the amount of better than one and a quarter million pounds of corn, and that 37 farmers had made deposits in the amount of \$2,459.81 and secured 2,300 bushels of corn for feed. He also stated that two trailer loads and a rail car load of corn have been received by the handlers for Madison County farmers, and that two additional rail cars of corn had been ordered.

Farmers with primary livestock which are interested and have a



need for this feed corn should contact the ASCS office at Marshall for the details and the filing of a formal application.

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