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Farmers To Report ACP Practices

Farmers who take part in the County's Annual Agricultural Conservation Program have the responsibility of completing and reporting performance on farm practices for which government Cost-Sharing was requested and approved according to Emory Robinson, chairman of the County ASC Committee.

He emphasized that this requirement applies to practices which are performed by the use of conservation materials furnished through the purchase order plans as well as those which are performed with materials purchased outright by farmers.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Agricultural Conservation Program is a voluntary program through which the farmers and general public benefit and share the cost on about a 50-50 basis. The farm practices performed under the program not only help to conserve our soil, water and forestry resources but it helps to reduce air and water pollution, provides for better wildlife habitat and beautifies the rural areas.

The chairman stated that better than 1700 farmers within Madison County were enrolled in the 1970 ACP and that approximately 85 percent had already completed and reported performance on their approved practices. In conclusion he urged the others to follow through with the completion and reporting on their 1970 ACP approvals.

Marshall PTA To Meet Here Next Monday

The Marshall PTA will meet Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

Open House will be observed. Parents are urged to attend and visit their children's rooms and talk with the teacher. "This is a time to show that we are interested in our children and our school," Mrs. Clyde Reed, PTA president, stated.

Mrs. Stanley S. Atkins, State PTA president, will be the speaker. She will have with her Mrs. L. E. Metcalf, district director. They are both from Asheville.

Parents and teachers are urged to attend this meeting.

Lighting Contest To Be Held Here

The Marshall Garden Club and the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will co-sponsor the annual



Lawrence B. Burwell Is New Director Health Dept.

Lawrence B. Burwell has accepted the position as Health Director of the Madison County Health Department. Mr. Burwell holds the Master of Public Health Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a major in Health Administration and Planning. He also holds a Master of Science in Public Health Degree with a major in parasitology and minor in bacteriology. Mr. Burwell is also Health Administrator and Assistant Director of the Buncombe County Health Department. A native of Charlotte, he has previously lived in the Asheville area having been chief medical technologist at Memorial Mission Hospital from July 1967 to June 1969. He has already assumed duties at the Madison County Health Department.

Mr. Burwell, his wife and two children at present reside at 205 Melody Circle in Swannanoa.

Members of the Madison County Board of Health expressed gratification at having been able to secure a well-qualified Public Health Administrator as Health Director.

Mars Hill Christmas Opera Friday, Saturday

As the crow in the fable who uses pebbles to raise the water level so as to drink, Douglas Therrell and HISA Opera Workshop at Mars Hill College are trying to raise an audience for opera in Western North Carolina.

The next pebble to be plunked into the pond is their second production of Menotti's Christmas operas, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," set for 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5, in the

college's Moore Auditorium. Opera is first and foremost entertainment, Therrell said this week during a rehearsal of "Amahl." A voice teacher at the college, he is director of the workshop which he started in 1968.

Therrell said they were repeating "Amahl" because the audience response to last year's production was so overwhelming. He said about 200 saw the opera during the four nights it ran in the smaller Owen Theater. And, he added should the audience continue to be enthusiastic, "Amahl" will probably become a tradition during the Christmas season.

Prisoners Escape And Return To County Jail

Not to be outdone by others who were spending the Thanksgiving weekend with loved ones, two prisoners in the local jail decided they didn't want to spend the weekend in jail.

Jackie Tweed of Madison County and Gene Dixon of Georgia escaped last Saturday night from the jail

through a light fixture above the jail hall onto the roof and then lowered themselves to the ground via a "sheet ladder".

The two men voluntarily came back to the jail Monday morning and reentered their cells. They are both scheduled for trial this week in superior court here.

Boys' Home In Hot Springs Is Progressing

Thanks to the efforts of the youth and adults of several communities in Madison County, the Boy's Home construction next to the Jesuit Residence in Hot Springs progresses very well and on schedule. With some of the recent good weather Doc Sumerel and Ed Lawson have been able to do the weather boarding and some of the window and door structures in the Home. On the inside construction Dave Wills and Charles Wills have joined

Billy Ellison and some 12 teenagers to put up the partitions necessary to divide up the rooms. Presently there are three students in the Home and with increased space, six new rooms will be added. Fr. Jeff Burton, S. J. has expressed the hope that the construction will be completed by the first of the year. "In conclusion, we would like to thank all who have helped in the rapid progress made in the work on the Home and Student Hostel," Burton said.

Youth Council To Manage HS Theater

As of this weekend the Youth Councils of Madison and Rural Buncombe Co. will manage and run the Times Movie Theater in Hot Springs. Movies are planned for this weekend at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the double feature, the Adventurer's will play some of the modern music heard at school dances in the county in recent weeks. This weekend the Theater will play the movies: "Moonshine War" and "Captain Nemo and the Underwater City". All the residents of the county are asked to support the theater project during the coming months when single and double features will be shown.

The proceeds will be used to help the projects of the 23 communities operating the theater for the winter months. Adults of the different communities and students from Mars Hill College will supervise the experiment which went so well last spring.

Singing

The regular 1st Sunday afternoon singing will be held this Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Memorial Church of God, starting at 2 p.m.

Bobby Gunter will be in charge.

All singers and the public are invited.



BOBBY JOE BLACKWELL is shown with the 8-point buck deer he killed with a 30-30 Marlon rifle last Friday morning while hunting in Rich Laurel Refuge in Madison County. The buck weighed 175 pounds. Blackwell was hunting with McClellan Rice when he spotted the deer. Both hunters live in the East Fork section of Madison County. Blackwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blackwell of Walnut. (Photo by Jim Story)

Enter Burley Contest Now

The fourth annual Madison County Burley Production Contest is now underway, announced Wiley DuVall, associate Agricultural Extension agent. Each year the contest is conducted throughout the burley area by Agricultural Extension agents.

The contest is separated into two divisions. Division I being those allotments larger than 5 tenths acre. Citizens Bank is offering a \$50 first prize for the winner of this division. A second prize of \$25 will be given by Johnson's Self-Service of Walnut. Division II is composed of allotments of 5 tenths acre or less. Coal Feed & Lumber Company of Marshall will give a \$50 prize

to the winner of this division. Cody Hardware of Mars Hill will give \$25 for second place in Division II.

The contest is based on the 1970 burley crop. Entries will be judged on how well they followed recommended production practices from plant bed through marketing. Yield and seeling price of tobacco will be a larger part of the final score.

Entry forms may be picked up from the sponsoring firms or from your Agricultural Extension office. All entries must be returned to the Extension office by February 2, 1971.

County winners will be entered in the state contest in April, 1971.

4-H Achievement Day To Be Held Sunday

What happens when a mad scientist comes to a 4-H meeting? Come see at Madison County Achievement Day, Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. The program will be held in Marshall High School Auditorium.

Achievement Day is the climax of a year of 4-H activity. Outstanding 4-H'ers and 4-H leaders will be recognized, awards will be presented, and exhibits will be judged by the 4-H district officers. In addition, a play will be presented, "The Big, Bright, Green Pleasure Machine," that will show what 4-H is in an unusual way. Harlan Rice, Jerry Cody, and

Cynthia Niles will be featured performers.

4-H Achievement Day is being planned by a committee of 4-H'ers consisting of Harlan Rice, Rhonda Sprinkle, Karen Rice, Lynne Baker, Cynthia Niles, and Randy Cody, who are being assisted by Gary Ealey, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent. All 4-H'ers, parents and other interested persons are urged to attend.

What happens when a mad scientist comes to a 4-H meeting? Lynne Baker, County Council president, and Harlan Rice, Achievement Day chairman, say that it may be surprising!