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# Bloodmobile At French Broad EMC Here Friday---2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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### Poundage Control Needs Planning

One requirement that the poundage control has made of North Carolina burley tobacco growers is that they do more planning. Now, they must plan for over-production or under-production and how to handle any surplus tobacco that they may have to be held on the farm.

If a grower under-markets, he should plan to produce enough crop next season to make up the deficit, points out Harold F. Ross, North Carolina State University extension burley specialist. The county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office can help growers determine the status of their quotas.

If more tobacco is produced than can be sold, the grower has to make the decision whether or not to hold it for sales next year and reduce next season's production. Ross said the best place to store the surplus tobacco is on the rails of the tobacco barn. Cover it with canvas or plastic to keep off the dirt.

A grower can expect to lose 12 to 15 per cent of the weight of the tobacco during the year's storage and the federal grade may go down slightly. Ross suggests holding the poorest grades if any must be stored. Ross said all phases of burley production will be reviewed by county extension agents who work with burley growers. This in-service training to be provided by Ross and other NCSU specialists and research personnel, will bring agents up to date in order that they may pass along the information to growers.

Production meetings will be held again this year in all of the major burley producing counties. Ross suggested that growers contact their extension office for the date and place of the meeting.



BARBARA BROWN (left), craft coordinator of Country Boutique, Mars Hill, and Dorothy Arrington (second from left), county manager of The Opportunity Corporation for Madison County, are shown listening to Nina Poage of Western Economic Development Organization (WE-DO) at a conference last week in Asheville. Plans were made at the conference for Country Boutique's participation in the Charlotte Gift, Jewelry and Housewares Show to be held Jan. 27-30 at the Merchandise Mart in Charlotte. Country Boutique is a retail store in Mars Hill, sponsored by The Opportunity Corporation to provide a sales outlet for low income craftsmen in Madison and Buncombe counties.

### Improperly Stored Gasoline Is 'Liquid Dynamite'

Employers who try to cope with the energy crisis by storing extra supplies of gasoline or other flammable fuels in drums or tanks at their places of business will create an "OSHA crisis" for themselves unless they follow the mandatory Federal safety standards governing storage of these liquids.

That was the word today from State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel, whose Department enforces the Occupational Safety and Health Act standards in North Carolina.

"I have become concerned in recent weeks about the very serious dangers to employees caused by careless or improper fuel storage," Creel said. "Improper storage of gasoline or other flammable fuels, in or near workplaces, can result in hazards to life just as serious as those created by hauling around spare cans of gasoline in a car."

"Improperly stored gasoline is 'liquid dynamite,'" declared Creel. "Fumes from a single gallon of gasoline can explode with the force of 14 sticks of dynamite. Five gallons of ignited gasoline can generate as much heat as 250 pounds of exploding dynamite."

Commissioner Creel said the OSHA safety standards for business and industry spell out in exact detail the necessary methods and practices needed for safe storage of flammable or combustible liquids. These standards are being strictly enforced by the Department of Labor, he added. Failure to follow them is a serious violation which, when found by an OSHA safety officer, will result in mandatory financial penalties.

### Beech Glen Wins Two From Mars Hill

The basketball-minded 7th and 8th grades of Beech Glen took both ends of a doubleheader from Mars Hill at Beech Glen on January 9. In the girls' game, Patsy Buckner led both teams with 24 points. The final score was 34-24. In a hard-fought boys' game the fast Beech Glen team defeated the Mars Hill boys, 33-28 in overtime. Outstanding for the winners were Jimmy Cavell, Clay Dodd, Dean Ray, Eugene Young and Bob Adams. Walker, Meun and Wood were outstanding for Mars Hill.

### New Farm Burley Tobacco Quota

Applications for new farm burley tobacco quotas may be filed with the Madison County ASCS Office from now until February 15, 1974, says Mrs. Mann, Acting Executive Director of the Madison ASCS Office.

The following conditions must be met to be eligible for a new quota: (1) The farm must be operated by the owner. A person who owns only a part of the farm cannot be considered as the owner. (2) The farm cannot have a current quota, or operator own any other farm in U. S. with an effective quota. (3) The soil must be suitable for the production of tobacco. (4) Producer must have available equipment to produce the tobacco.

(5) The operator must obtain more than 50 percent of his income from the production of agricultural commodities or products from the farm. Spouse's income must also be reported. (6) The farm operator must also have had experience in producing burley tobacco as a sharecropper, tenant, or farm operator on a farm having an effective allotment or quota in any prior year.

Mrs. Mann encouraged any one who feels he can meet these requirements and who desires to make application to come in at their earliest convenience but not later than February 15, 1974.

### 4-H Leaders Make Plans

Madison County 4-H Club leaders met Thursday night, January 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Extension Office, to discuss club activities and make plans for the coming year. The meeting stressed club member involvement and the leaders present shared ideas that would make their clubs more active.

Plans were made to continue leader meetings jointly with the 4-H County Council meetings of the members. The first meeting of this sort will begin in February. Development of a county level leader meeting can serve as a basis for greater 4-H club unity and activity in Madison County.

### Lawson Retires As Forest Technician

Arthur Lawson, after 23 years, has retired from the U.S. Forest Service in Hot Springs.

As a token of their appreciation, other Forest Service personnel presented Arthur with a Shield and other gifts at a recent retirement party.

Mr. Lawson began work back in the 40's and since that time has worked on various jobs with the Forest Service. For the past several years he has been in charge of the tree planting and timber stand improvement crew on the French Broad Ranger District. During his many years of service, Arthur never had a personal or vehicle accident which is a noteworthy accomplishment.

Arthur and his wife will continue to live in the Shut-In community.

### College 4-H Scholarships Are Offered

College scholarships are being offered to outstanding 4-H members to stimulate their careers.

Miss Dale Everett, Asst. Extension 4-H Agent says 14 scholarships worth \$500 each are available to high school seniors through the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, which is headquartered at North Carolina State University, annually presents a scholarship to a boy and a girl in each of the seven districts of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Miss Everett says applicants for the scholarships must have an outstanding record of 4-H participation and achievement, an excellent high school academic record, college aptitude, and a need for financial aid to attend college. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1, 1974. More information about the scholarships can be obtained by calling or writing the Madison County Extension Office, P. O. Box 336, Marshall, N. C. 28753 or telephone 649-2794.

### Story Hour At Library Next Wednesday

There will be a Story Hour at the Madison County Public Library, Wednesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. The Story Lady for January will be Mrs. Emma Jean Pegg. Children between the ages of three and six are invited.



### Mrs. Anna Fox Honored At Retirement Dinner

Mrs. Anna Fox of Route 3, Mars Hill, who has served as Public Health Nurse with the Madison County Health Department since October, 1950, was honored at a surprise retirement dinner at Wolf Laurel restaurant last Friday night. The personnel of the health department sponsored the event which was attended by approximately 50 co-workers, Madison County physicians, members of the Board of Health and guests.

Lawrence Burwell, Director of the Madison County Health Department, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Burwell's son, Jeff, presented Mrs. Fox with an orchid corsage prior to the dinner.

Mr. Burwell recalled the history of the county health department and stressed the important role Mrs. Fox has played during her years of devoted and efficient service to the public and to her associates.



### Madison Girls Cage Team No. 1

Coach F. N. Willett's Madison Patriots took over the number one spot in the top ten poll this week. Bill Tucker's Euka girls, top ranked all season, dropped to third as a result of suffering their first loss to Erwin on Jan. 4 by 39-38.

Madison, undefeated after 11 games, is making a runaway of the Ivy Division race. Led by the brilliant All-WNC center Linda Robinson, the team is averaging 53 points per game while allowing a stingy 35 per cent.

Linda is averaging 15 points and nine rebounds. Yvonne Coates, who Willett says "gives 110 per cent all the time," is a 5-7 senior forward averaging 12 points and 12 rebounds per game.

Lynn Plenum, the junior point guard, is averaging nine points and six rebounds. Guard Donna Davis is also behind with an eight point average. Ann Hensley, a 6-0 Junior forward, owns a six point scoring average and pulls down eight rebounds per game.

"Our play has been a little sporadic at times," Willett explained. "But I believe it is because of consolidation and not having played together before. I think we are improving on this with each game, though." Willett continued.

"I feel our bench should be given a lot of credit for our success so far," Willett said. "Debbie Yelton, Debbie Reed, Karen Greene, Sheila Goforth and Kathy Waldrop have performed well coming off the bench," he concluded.

### Miss Propst Competes For Scholarship

Valerie Jeanne Propst has been endorsed by the Rev. Ralph L. Hogan, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Mars Hill, for a Regional Baptist Scholarship from Meredith College. The church nomination is based on the student's contribution to the church, her potential as a future leader in the denomination, and her scholastic ability.

Miss Propst is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert N. Rich of Mars Hill, and attends Mars Hill High School. She is now in competition for scholarships available for an entering freshman at Meredith from each of the 10 regions formed by the Baptist associations.

The Regional Baptist Scholarships, which may be renewed annually, range from \$100 to \$1,000 per year depending on the financial need of the recipient. There are also identical scholarships available for graduates of two-year colleges in the 10 regions.

Before the church committees enter the regional competitions, their applications for admission to Meredith must be approved by the college. After approval, candidates in each region are interviewed by a regional committee. As soon as every region selects a winner, the 10 recipients of the Regional Baptist Scholarships for entering freshmen will be announced by the college.

### Candidates Announce

The following Democratic candidates have announced for the respective offices subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic Primary: Mrs. Blanche H. Edwards, Board of Education; James Edwards, Clerk of Superior Court; and Harold Wells, Tax Collector.

Others are expected to announce in the near future.

### Hunter Posts \$15,000 Bond Here Last Week

Jerry Dale Hunter of Marshall was released on a \$15,000 bond last week following a hearing before District Judge Bruce Briggs at the courthouse here. Hunter is charged with the murder of Joseph Massey, 66-year-old retired farmer of the Anderson Branch section who died in an Asheville hospital from injuries received in an altercation on the Marshall by-pass on December 22. He is also charged with ADWI on Cordell Massey, who was also injured in the affray. Hunter received an arm and back injury during the altercation, it was reported.