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MADISON TOMATO producers shown, left to right, Archie Clark, first place; Vance Edwards, third place; Billy Joe Cantrell, second place.

Madison Tomato Producers Win

Four Madison farmers were honored at the N. C. Trellised Tomato Growers Annual Meeting last Wednesday at Holiday Inn West.

Archie Clark won first prize in the Manapal production with 33.7 tons per acre. This was the third consecutive year that Archie has won first in his division. Bronson Rice and J. P. Roberts were top winners in the Walters production with over 34 tons per acre.

Each of the above farmers received plaques plus \$100 provided by the Trellised Tomato Growers Association. Second place in the Walters

division went to Billy Cantrell of the Shelton Laurel Community and third to Vance Edwards of the Bull Creek Community.

These farmers had above 32 tons of marketable tomatoes and received cash awards of \$50 and \$25 for their placings.

The contest is sponsored each year by the N. C. Trellised Tomato Growers Association with more than \$700 being awarded annually.

If you have a good yield in 1977 and would be interested in entering the contest, check with the County Extension Office.

Madison Food Stamp Applications Jump 45%

Don Harrell, the Madison County director of social services, says that there was a 45 percent increase in Madison County during January in food stamp applicants.

He said that the food stamp program helps people get more food for less money. Based on their income if they are determined eligible, they pay a certain amount for the food stamps and receive an additional amount of free stamps. The lower the income, the less they pay and the more free stamps they receive.

Food stamps are like money in that they can be spent at most grocery stores throughout the county to purchase food.

Harrell urges anyone in the county that needs help in stretching their food dollar in

order to have an adequate diet to contact the food stamp office to see if they are eligible for food stamps.

The severely cold weather has caused undue hardships both financially and otherwise for many North Carolinians from east to west. Those who have been affected the most are those with fixed low incomes, such as the elderly and

those families where the breadwinner has become unemployed because of the energy crisis.

Arthur Jones and his wife and three children are a perfect example of how these financial hardships have mounted for many North Carolinians during the past several months. Jones had a good paying job in one of the

plants across the state that had to lay off employees because of the energy crisis. His income is now limited to an unemployment compensation check. This means his family's income has been reduced considerably.

Not only has the extremely cold weather forced the Jones family to have to live on less money, it has caused them to

have significantly higher living expenses. Their fuel bill has increased by 40 percent and medical costs have escalated because two of his children have had the flu.

"Thousands of families like the Joneses and elderly people have found themselves with not enough money to pay the

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Easter Seal Society Begins Neighbor-To-Neighbor Appeal

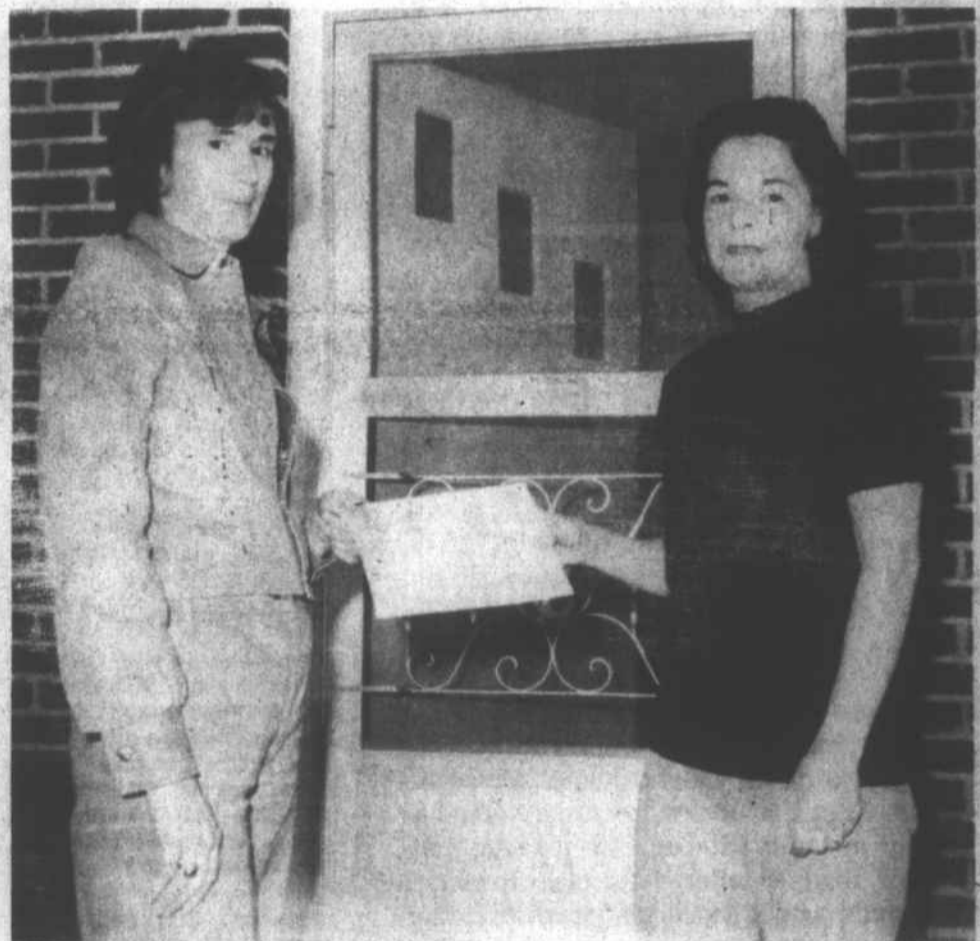
"Neighbor teaching Neighbor" is the concept behind the Easter Seal Society's annual spring Neighbor-to-Neighbor appeal, which is under way now throughout Madison County.

"This approach to neighborhood contributions seems to eliminate much of the inconvenience and accompanying embarrassment of asking one volunteer to contact everyone on her street," explains Wanda Roberts who is coordinating the project here.

Each block volunteer simply takes the Easter Seal packet to one neighbor, explains the program, and leaves the information for her friend to read. The friend may then decide if she would like to contribute to the Easter Seal Society and following he instructions on the kit, passes it to the next neighbor.

"Most people probably don't know much about what the Easter Seal Society offers people in our area," Ms. Roberts added. "I certainly didn't before I started helping!" The contributions given through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor project will support a variety of projects, such as providing leg braces so a little boy can go to school, a wheelchair so a young mother can get around and take care of her family; transportation to the doctor for families who can't afford it; and information services for parents who don't know where to turn.

Anyone interested in knowing more about how



WANDA ROBERTS of Route 6, Marshall, is coordinator of the Madison County Easter Seal campaign. She is shown (left) leaving a packet with Mrs. Jim Cody of Marshall. Mrs. Cody will pass on the packet to someone

else in the "Neighbor Teaching Neighbor" concept of the annual spring appeal. This "chain reaction" is countywide in efforts to receive donations for the campaign. (Staff Photo)

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Buford Marlor Resigns After Serving 23 Years

Buford Marlor, 63-year-old employee of the Town of Marshall, resigned his position last Thursday after serving for more than 23 years.

"Buf," as he is affectionately known, started working for the town and its people when Clyde M. Roberts was mayor and has been "the main cog" in repairing water lines for the town and individuals ever since he started work. In addition to these services, he has supervised garbage pick-ups, sewer installations and repairs, helped maintain streets and roads within the corporate limits, and has served Marshall's

citizens in countless other ways.

He began new duties this week as an employee of Bowman Funeral Home where he will do numerous work at cemeteries, as well as other chores.

Not only has "Buf" worked faithfully, day and night in all kinds of weather, he also is active in the Marshall Community Free Will Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and Sunday school superintendent.

He and his wife, the former Miss Betty Sams, have four sons and four daughters.

In announcing his retirement

as an employee of the town, "Buf" expressed his thanks and appreciation to the people of Marshall who have been so cooperative and friendly.

"Town officials and most everyone have been kind and thoughtful and I have enjoyed serving them more than I can say," he stated this week.

Flu Vaccine Available

Edward A. Morton, Madison County acting health director, has announced that bivalent (Swine and Victoria) influenza vaccine is again available at Madison County Health Department. The bivalent vaccine will be available to anyone 18 years of age or older upon request. Anyone receiving the vaccine must

read and sign a voluntary consent form. The vaccine will be available to persons age 3 to 18 years only if they have a recent (within two weeks) statement from a physician.

Flu vaccine will be available at immunization clinics held each Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the health department.



BUFORD MARLOR



THE 1977 MADISON HIGH Varsity girls team. In the front row, left to right, are Janet Reed, Paula Boone, Lynn Massey, Pam Anderson, Sharon Rice, Penny Frisby, Janice Plemmons, Holly Hough. Back row:

Beverly Bruce, Carlene Gunter, Betty Rice, Sandy Feldman, Janet Reeves, Peggy Rice, and Coach Karen Dillingham. (Photo by Terry Gunter)

Girls' Basketball

There's A Flicker Of Hope For The Future

By TERRY GUNTER

There's not too many nice things one can say about a team that finished with a 3-17 record. One thing is certain—the Lady Patriots had a bad season. In spite of their poor showing this season, the Patriots seem to have a flicker of hope in the future.

A contributing factor to Madison's bad year was the fact that the Patriots lost last seasons entire first string to graduation. Carlene Gunter was the only player who had any appreciable playing time at all last year. The Patriots also had a new coach, Mrs. Karen Dillingham, who was also a rookie at the varsity level. In view of these circumstances, Madison was

almost doomed to a poor season from the beginning.

Inexperience hurt the Patriots most at the guard position. Three freshmen—Janet Reed, Holly Hough, and Janice Plemmons shared the guard duties for the most part. Lynn Massey saw more action near the end of the season for the Patriots. Her offensive ability could have won her a starting role if she hadn't been so foul prone on defense. Janet Reed should have a firm grip on the point guard position for the next three years, although Janice Plemmons gave her plenty of competition this year. Unless Holly Hough improves her quickness and shooting, she may lose her starting position, even though she has an abundance of talent.

The Patriots' scoring strength was in their back line with Peggy Rice at center and Beverly Bruce and Carlene Gunter the forwards. No one realized how important Madison's inside game was to their total offense until Mountain Heritage clogged the middle in the tournament with a tight zone defense. The Patriots are the worst outside shooters in the league. Until they do come up with some long range scoring punch, the Patriots' inside game is still the backbone of their offense.

Peggy Rice returned to action this season after sitting out a year and won the starting role at the center position. Her main job, besides scoring the

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