

## Community Calendar

### Madison Commissioners To Meet

The Madison County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in the Madison County Courthouse.

### School Board To Hold Meeting

The Madison County Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Little Theater of Madison High School.

### Mars Hill Board Meeting Set

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Mars Hill Town Hall.

### Hot Springs Aldermen To Meet

The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Hot Springs Town Hall.

### Chamber Of Commerce Sets Meeting

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Madison High School.

### Marshall To Hold Special Meeting

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Marshall Town Hall to meet with municipal employees and the town's auditor.

### Class Of '78 Members Sought

The Madison High School graduating class of 1978 will hold its 10-year class reunion in June 1988. Sharon Rice Davis (704) 686-7170 and Luvenia Shelton Joyner (704) 254-8468 are coordinating the reunion and request help locating classmates.

### Calendar Deadline Announced

The deadline for items in The News Record's "Community Calendar" and "Church News" is noon Tuesday prior to publication. Items received after noon cannot be accepted.

### Soil, Water Board To Meet

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the District Office located at 116 Main St., Marshall.

### Post Office Announces Schedule

Window service at local post offices will be closed Saturday but rural route service will be the same. No postal service on Jan. 1.

## Use Caution With Woodstoves

With temperatures dropping, fireplaces and woodstoves come into increasing use as a means of heating homes in North Carolina. But the burning of treated wood and plywood can cause serious health problems, according to state health director Dr. Ronald H. Levine.

"Abandoned scrap wood may seem like a good source of cheap fuel," Levine said. "However, wood used for building is often treated with a preservative such as creosote, pentachlorophenol (Penta, PCP) or a mixture of copper, chromium and arsenic (CCA)."

In the case of wood treated with creosote and Penta, toxic gases can be emitted and inhaled. Burning wood that has been painted with a lead-based paint is a potential source of lead poisoning, as is the burning of battery cases.

"There are a number of documented cases of poisoning as a result of burning CCA-treated wood in fireplaces and woodstoves," Levine said. "Toxic metals such as chromium, copper and arsenic can accumulate in fireplace dirt, dust and ash. Exposure to these toxic metals

can result from breathing airborne particles or from direct contact with the ash."

Symptoms of poisoning from the burning of treated wood include conjunctivitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, sensory hyperesthesia, muscle cramps, dermatitis, nosebleeds, ear

infections, blackouts and seizures, gastrointestinal disturbances and loss of hair.

"The money that might be saved by using this readily available wood is not worth the risk to your family's health," said Levine.

## Winner To Teach Course

State Sen. Dennis Winner, D-Buncombe, will teach a "Constitutional Law" course during the University of North Carolina at Asheville's spring term, which begins Jan. 11.

Winner, a three-term senator representing the 28th district, is a practicing attorney and graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill Law School. The 28th senatorial district includes Madison, Buncombe and McDowell counties.

The course meets Wednesdays from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and offers three hours of academic credit. The ap-

plication deadline for UNCA's spring term is Jan. 4.

Registration for non-degree students is Jan. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. in UNCA's Justice Sports Center. Registration for degree-seeking students is appointment only on Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Justice Center.

For N.C. residents, five semester hours or less is \$104. For six to eight hours, the cost is \$207, books not included. Senior citizens receive a lower rate on a space-available basis.

Late registration is Jan. 11-15 in Lipinsky Hall. For more information, call 251-6481.

## Burley Growers Are Disappointed

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"The quality we are seeing now is really off in all markets," Fishel said. "And buyers are getting pretty selective now as it gets near the end of the season. But the quality problem is not just confined to your region."

"Quality is down considerably," agreed Charles Day of Day's Tobacco Warehouse. "The crop is one of the worst crops I've seen up here in years."

And for the lower grades of burley, prices have plummeted. Green tobacco going for 35 cents the first week brought 65 cents the week before Christmas, Day said.

The bright color is not selling as well as it usually does, and bidders are looking for the dark red color, according to Mark Hollingsworth, a grower who observed the bidders recently.

"The color is indicative of the quality right now," Fishel said. "It's not that the color is important, but what the deep red indicates about the quality of the leaf."

Grower Don Smart agreed that the quality is off this year and that the burley had not cured well. But tobacco buyers are not purchasing inventory as they once did, Smart said. Companies used to keep four year's worth of tobacco in stock, but with anti-smoking campaigns, they have cut it to two year's of stock, he said. Because of the smaller stock, the companies are buying what they need sooner.

"Burley I was getting \$1.61 for, I got \$1.32 yesterday," he said dur-

ing the week before Christmas. "The price was \$1.61 for the first two weeks."

Kentucky burley in general is a darker red than North Carolina tobacco this season. The average price in that state for the first three market weeks stayed up at \$1.5899 per pound, while in North Carolina, the burley price for the first three weeks was at \$1.5535.

"We're having a good bit of green tobacco and inferior grade tobacco coming in right now at this point," said Ray Owen, manager of Dixie Big Burley in Asheville. "The weather hurt us here in the fall and a lot of the tobacco is off-color."

"Tobacco with a good true burley color is still selling good," Owen said.

With some of the bids falling under price supports, a lot more burley has been going into storage. The first week the market opened, 3.6 percent of the burley fell below price support. During the second week, 9.3 percent fell below price support and went into storage. Overall, throughout the burley belt, 5.7 percent of the crop placed on the market has gone into storage.

The U.S. Crop Report Board predicts that 452 million pounds of burley will be sold this season, but that total is down by 8 million from the board's November prediction.

Last year, when the weather was particularly dry, 415 million pounds of burley were sold.

Tobacco sales will resume Monday, Jan. 4.

## Free Classes Offered In Madison, Buncombe

Free classes for adults in reading, math, English and high school equivalency (GED) preparation will be held at the following locations in Madison and Buncombe counties:

- The Asheville-Buncombe Technical College Madison County Center (computer lab) — Monday and Thursday, 6-8:30 p.m.
- Barnardville School — Monday and Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Mars Hill Elementary School — Monday and Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center — Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m.
- Sleepy Valley Clubhouse — Wednesday, 6:30-9 p.m.

- Spring Creek School — Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8 p.m.
- Weaverville Elementary School — Monday and Wednesday, 7-9:30 p.m.

For more information on these and other classes offered by A-B Tech in Madison County, call 649-2978.

## Savings Bond Sales Up

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Nationally, fiscal year 1987 sales of U.S. Savings Bonds exceeded \$10 billion (\$10,317 million) for the first

time since 1945 when sales were \$11.4 billion.

Accumulation of interest during October 1986 through September 1987 on outstanding E and EE Bonds amounted to \$6,129 million. Savings Bond sales in September 1987 were up from August's total of \$461 million, but down \$627 million from September a year ago when sales reached \$1.19 billion.

Total holdings of U.S. Savings Bonds reached \$100 billion, the highest total value outstanding in the history of the Savings Bonds Program.



## WORMS

Most dog & cat illnesses are not contagious to people. However, roundworm infection is an exception. In children exposed to large numbers of roundworm eggs, the larvae can cause extensive damage by migrating through various organs, especially the eye.

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