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Soil Conservation News

Charlie Medford Convinced Strip Cropping Pays Profits

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Charlie Medford, conservation farmer of Iron Duff Community, has been sold on strip cropping for years. Mr. Medford bought his farm 50 years ago. He says: "The gullies were so deep I had to haul logs to fill them. I read about strip cropping over 15 years ago and decided to try it on my hill land. I have been strip cropping ever since. In fact, I have built the land back to what it is today. We made about 80 bushels of corn per acre last year."

Mr. Medford is laying a 70-foot tile line to drain a springhead in a field that will be plowed for corn this year.

Farmers all over the county who have drainage problems are being helped by their Soil Conservation District to solve these problems. Henry F. Teague in White Oak; Robert Harris, Roy Davis and Billy Carver of Beaverdam; J. R. Hardin, T. J. Mauney, Roy Rhinehart, and R. O. Chambers of Bethel; Frank Davis, Joe Haynes, and C. W. Medford of Iron Duff; R. J. Coffey and Bonnie B. Rayle of Sau-

nook; R. J. Fowler of Eagle's Nest; C. D. Ketner, C. R. and Alvin Palmer of Mauney Cove; Elmer Price and Rankin Ferguson of Jonathan Creek; and Elzy Caldwell of Plott Creek are laying field drain tile this spring.

The Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly has carried forward its woodland improvement and fire prevention program this winter. J. W. Fowler, Jr. reports construction work completed on the network of roads in the woods north of the assembly buildings. These roads were opened up primarily as access roads so that any woods fire could be stopped quickly before getting out of control. The roads will also be used to truck out firewood. The dead, diseased and crooked trees are being removed in a timber stand improvement cutting. Several fire packs, swatters and rakes are now on hand for use in fighting a woods fire, should one get started on assembly property.

Wayne Singleton of East Pigeon Community reports his farm pond filled during the rains last week. The Haywood County Soil Conservation District, acting as agent for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ordered bream and bass fingerlings for stocking this pond.

D. J. Boyd, treasurer for the Haywood County Soil Conservation District, ordered 60 Soil Stewardship Week bulletins to be distributed to ministers by the Haywood County Ministerial Association.

Bud Whisenhunt, manager of the Mountain Research Station, will call for sealed bids on deepening and enlarging Raccoon Creek



LADIES NIGHT was observed by the Hazelwood Lions Club Tuesday night at a meeting in the Pine Room of Timbes Brothers' Restaurant. Among the group of 32 Lions members and their wives present were (seated) Mrs. Clyde Fisher and Mrs. Gene Wyatt; (standing) Luther Gilliland, Gene Wyatt, and Clyde Fisher. (Mountaineer Photo).

Canton Boy To Receive Eagle Award

Marshall Geoffrey Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Cooper of Canton, will receive the award of Eagle Scout on Monday at the Pigeon River District court of honor in Waynesville.

In addition to winning the rank of Eagle Scout, young Cooper has proved himself a leader in his troop, his church, and his community. He is a senior patrol leader of Troop 1, Canton, and his held the offices of scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and has served as a den chief of Cub Scout Pack 1 of Canton for three years.

He is a former Cub Scout, with the rank of Webelos.

He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, honorary camping and service order of the Boy Scouts.

He was elected president of his freshman home room class at Canton High, and was voted "Best Citizen" of Patton School when in the seventh grade.

He also is a member of Central Methodist Church of Canton, and has a perfect attendance record for more than two years.

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2-Year Enlistment Program Offered By Marine Corps

Qualified Haywood County youth can still take advantage of the Marines' two year program. Local Marine Recruiter, T/Sgt. Joseph H. Lathrop, said a large number of Western Carolina men have already taken advantage of this program.

"The many young men of Western Carolina who are joining under this new two year active service plan find that it is a good way to fulfill their selective service requirements," Sgt. Lathrop said.

Young men of Haywood County can find out more facts about the Marines new two-year program by contacting Sgt. Lathrop at the Waynesville postoffice each Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or calling him at his home in Hazelwood, GL 6-3145.

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