

### Bethel High Blue Demon Tales

Bethel School is sending three square dance teams to the Asheville City Auditorium April 11-14 for the annual Mountain Youth Jamboree. The three teams are the senior, junior, and elementary teams. They are under the direction of C. C. Poindexter.

We sure hope the seniors are in suspense. I can tell you now Juniors and Seniors alike, I will never forget April 21st. Girls, come prepared to hold the boys in their seats. Teachers will have the best time of their life. Girls, if you don't have a date don't wait for the boys — this is Leap Year. We have something this year which has never been had before. This will be the best prom Bethel has ever had.

The seniors are working on their annual play. This year's play is "Love Is Eternal," the love-life of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln is portrayed by Christopher Bramlette; Margaret Sherrill portrays his wife Mary Todd. Thirty other characters are in the play. Stage manager is Joe Burke. Mrs. Alice R. Cathey and Miss Bernice McElhannon are co-directors of the play.

The annual has arrived and we are very proud of it. There was a big rush while everyone was getting their signed. The annual was dedicated to our principal, C. C. Poindexter, with a page of special recognition for our band director, Bob Matthews. Editor of the annual is Ava Jean Henson with Max Shepherd as assistant editor. Annual advisor is Mrs. Alice R. Cathey.

The Bethel representative in the spelling contest is being chosen by a spelling contest among home room spelling champions. Miss

Kitchen, junior sponsor; C. C. Poindexter, principal; and Bethel parents will accompany the group to Cullowhee.

Bethel students will participate in the tenth annual High School Field Day sponsored by Western Carolina College Friday.

Students who will enter each event of competition are: stenography, Patsy Heatherly; typing, Beta York; bookkeeping, Jean Mann; English literature, Mary Kay Phillips; mechanics of English, Ava Jean Henson; essay, Barbara Jones; memorized declamation, Neal Kelly; original declamation, Christy Bramlette; world history, Kenneth McNeil; American history, Wilda Grogan; current affairs, Tommy Lanning; French reading, Ava Jean Henson; French grammar and vocabulary, (first year), Martha Sue Plemmons; French grammar and vocabulary, (advanced students), Martha Presley; elementary algebra, Terry Sellars; plane geometry, James Fore; biology, Shirley Gorrell; first-year algebra; Rhoda Metcalf; and general science survey, Charles Cathey.

### Forestry Kits Given To N. C. Scout Troops

With the coming of spring, North Carolina's Boy Scouts are going to be taking more and more to the woods.

And this year they'll gain even more extensive knowledge of their state's forests through use of a special Boy Scout forestry kit prepared and distributed through American Forest Products Industries, national sponsor of the Tree Farm program and the "Keep America Green" fire prevention education campaign.

Use of the kit will begin in April, Forestry Month for the nation's 1.5 million Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

Contents of the kit include a program for a loggers' field day for Scouts, one-act skits, a radio-TV forum and suggester troop projects. A conservation chart to show individual progress of the Scouts is also provided.

Boy Scout officials say it is the most popular kit they have ever offered to individual Scout units.

Visits to pulp mills, sawmills, wood preserving plants; tours of Tree Farms, tree nurseries, laboratories and other facilities; and demonstrations by foresters of forest protection and other management methods are included in the troop projects suggested to scoutmasters.

"The forest industries of North Carolina are glad to cooperate in this program," Carr Gibson of Lumberton, chairman of the North Carolina Forest Industries Committee, state sponsor of the Tree Farm program, declared.

"We feel that the knowledge gained by these Scouts will help, in the long run, to give many of our state's residents more information about our forests and will help cut down on the terrific losses we have suffered in forest fires."



MR. AND MRS. JARVIS CALDWELL were honored for "loyalty and service to Iron Duff community" at a meeting of the Iron Duff CDP last week. Presenting a silver pitcher to Mr. Caldwell is Ray Milner, 1955 chairman of the CDP organization. (County Agent's Photo).

### Francis Cove CDP Will Hold Meeting Tonight

By MRS. RHODA RICKMAN  
Community Reporter

The Francis Cove CDP will be held tonight with Pink Francis in charge of the program.

The meeting had been planned for last week and later postponed.

Miss Shirley Sheffield, who is a Junior at Woman's College at Greensboro, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Francis had as their guests during the Easter weekend, Mrs. Francis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holbrook of Albemarle.

Miss Sara Boone, a student at Appalachian Teachers College, at Boone, and Miss Ruth Helen Boone, a freshman at High Point College, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boone.

Miss Bessie Sue Francis, a teacher at Brevard College, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Henry Francis.

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Mrs. Henry Francis and daughter, Bessie Sue, left Sunday for Fort Bragg, where they were guests

### Grass Sod Buffer Strip Conspicuous When Plowed

By ROY BECK  
Soil Conservation Service

A buffer strip left in grass sod last fall, by Oral Yates, conservation farmer of Iron Duff, stands out clearly now. You can see it behind his house, on the road from Crabtree to Lake Junaluska, because it has been plowed and the new stand of alfalfa above and below the plowed buffer strip makes a sharp contrast. Buffer strips are sometimes used in small odd-shaped fields to control erosion when farmers are preparing to seed hay crops.

George Best of Upper Crabtree, finished installing field drain tile in the imperfectly drained field below his house. Mr. Best also repaired a rock ditch in the same field.

Another conservation farmer is making a trial seeding of a new grass in cooperation with the Haywood County Soil Conservation District. Richard Queen is seeding one acre of Oklahoma brome grass with Atlantic alfalfa, in the field east of his house.

H. B. Ferguson, conservation farmer of Fines Creek, says he likes the way strip-cropping is working out on his farm. Mr. Ferguson now plans to remove several large rocks in this field so he can farm with a tractor.

Joe Haynes of Iron Duff, is adding a unique feature to his field drain tile system where it passes behind his dairy barn. Spring water picked up 300 feet above the barn at a silt basin installation, will flow underground through a 3/4-inch plastic hose and rise into a concrete watering trough behind the barn. Overflow water from the tank will flow right back to the field drain tile, through a drain pipe under the watering trough. Albert Ramsey, Assistant County Agent, prepared the watering trough design.

District Supervisors D. J. Boyd, Joe Davis and Van Wells are reviewing copies of the "Short Course on Roadside Development" held at Ohio State University for the past 13 summers, in preparation for their meeting, later this month, with F. H. Brant, Landscape Engineer of the North Carolina Highway Department.

A farm is as big as its power to produce.

### Scoutmasters Instructed On Hiking, Camping

The second in a series of Scoutmaster training sessions under the direction of James Hurley and Howard Moffitt was held recently at the First Baptist Church in Canton with 22 scouting leaders in attendance.

James E. Anderson, Jr., assisted by Hugh Smathers, led the discussion, devoted to camping and hiking.

The next in this series of training sessions will be an outdoor session on camping and hiking at Camp Daniel Boone on April 7-8. The program, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and continuing through Sunday, will feature demonstrations of aluminum-fool cooking. This course is under the direction of Houston Blackwell with Floyd Lowrance, James E. Anderson, Jr. and other Scout leaders serving as instructors.

of Mrs. Francis' son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. Jack Hogan and children. Mrs. Francis will visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Francis and children at Mount Olive before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swayngim have received word of the death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Beatrice Swayngim, in a Detroit, Mich., hospital.

The body of Mrs. Swayngim is being returned to Waynesville for burial. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manson McCracken of Waynesville.

Mrs. Rhoda Rickman had as weekend guests, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Rickman and sons, Ricky and Mike of Wilson.

Bill Martin Boone, a student at Lake City, Fla., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boone over the weekend.

The Francis Cove Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Joe Boone Wednesday evening, April 11 at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haney and children visited Mr. Haney's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arrington in Hendersonville Sunday.

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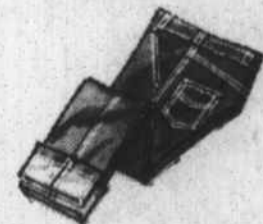


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