

Transylvania County 'ASCS News'

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NEW FARM BURLEY TOBACCO QUOTAS

Applications for persons interested in a burley tobacco quota may be filed at the Transylvania County ASCS Office from now until February 15, 1975.

All the following conditions must be met to be eligible for a burley quota.

- (1) The farm cannot have a current quota.
- (2) The soil must be suitable for the production of tobacco.
- (3) Equipment must be available to produce tobacco.
- (4) The farm must be operated by the owner.
- (5) The farm operator must have had experience growing burley tobacco for at least two of the past five years. This experience may have been as sharecropper, tenant or operator of a farm with a quota.
- (6) The operator and his spouse must obtain more than 50 per cent of their total income from the production of agriculture commodities or products. (Part time farmers have difficulty in meeting this requirement).

WOOL PAYMENTS

Sheep producers are

reminded to file application at the ASCS office prior to January 31, 1975 for the 1974 Wool Incentive Program.

Small payments are likely since prices for the year have averaged 60-65 cents per pound — below the 72 cent incentive price.

TOBACCO CARDS

Tobacco markets have closed for the season. Please return your tobacco marketing card promptly.

March 7 World Day Of Prayer

March 7 is World Day of Prayer when Christians in 169 countries will be worshipping 'together,' using an Order of Worship written by the women of Egypt.

Transylvania County's United service will be held at the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church and the first planning meeting will be held there on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m., it has been announced.

All area churches are urged to send a representative to help in preparing for this date on every church's calendar. A nursery will be available, a spokesman said.

Politics Is Impeding Fight Against Hunger

WILMINGTON, Del. — The real villain in the world fight against hunger and starvation may not be a lack of food, but rather political, economic, and distribution roadblocks in getting available food to those who need it, according to the December issue of Du Pont Context.

In addition, the magazine states that significant gains in productivity by traditional agricultural methods can still be made in the United States and in other countries.

However, the search for nontraditional sources of food will probably continue for several years before any significant gains can be realized.

"We have nowhere near reached the limits of traditional agriculture," says Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, head of the department of nutrition and food science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"But there are obstacles to applying the latest scientific techniques everywhere. It's a theoretical potential which cannot be realized quickly," he says.

This potential for facing or avoiding widespread famine is explored in the Context issue whose theme is "Can the World Feed Itself?" The magazine contains articles exploring how the United States became the major producer of food, what critical questions America faces in determining food trade policy, how much help the so-called Green Revolution can promise underdeveloped nations, why unconventional sources of food are still some years away, the way some agribusiness corporations are exporting farming know-how, and why there is still room for agricultural gains to be made worldwide.

During the 1960's, the main hope for production increases came from the Green Revolution, a revolution based on new, high-yield varieties of dwarf wheat and rice cultivated with the aid of fertilizers and chemical crop protectors.

At first, major gains were made in increasing food output in underdeveloped countries, but then the revolution came under increasing criticism as per capita food production in these countries began to falter.

All of this criticism is not justified, Lester R. Brown and Erik P. Eckholm of the Overseas Development Council maintain in their article, "Buying Time with the Green Revolution."

"Critics are quick to point out that per capita food output has not improved very much in the countries where the new seeds are being used," they concede.

"This is certainly the case for the great majority of countries, but to focus on this is to miss the essential point: Without production boosts made possible by the new seeds, there would have been disastrous decline in per capita food production in Asia because of great population

increases." "In sum, the Green Revolution does not represent a solution to the food problem," the authors conclude, "rather it has been a means of buying time — perhaps an additional 15 years, of which half has already overtaken us — during which some way may be found to apply brakes to population growth."

While means of increased food production abroad are being sought with the Green Revolution, there is no reason to expect American agriculture's historical growth to suddenly cease. Another context article reports:

"There is a large mass of evidence and informed opinion that says, in essence, 'Don't worry — the American agricultural capacity still has significant growth room, and per-acre yields can still be substantially improved.'"

This can be done through putting more land in production (almost 300 million acres of suitable land are not being used), through machinery to insure better harvesting, through better seeds and animal stock, and through wider use of chemical crop protectors, the article says.

Much of this technical know-how is also being exported to countries which can afford to purchase it, such as Iran and Indonesia. In "Agribusiness Hits the Road," Context tells how one such company, Hawaiian Agromonics, is selling farm technology and marketing expertise to some of the relatively affluent countries.

But, as Wayne Richardson, Jr., the company's president, warns, "Somewhere along the line, the 'haves' must give money to the 'have-nots' to get them started."

As illustrated by the policy dispute at the World Food Conference in Rome, other nations continue to look to the United States more than ever for surplus food. The Context article, "The Agricultural Policy Debate," delves into why there is disagreement at home about how food we ought to stockpile, give away, or sell abroad.

Finally, Context takes a look at one farm family, the Walter Wendtes of Altamont, Ill. Although there is no "typical" farm family, the Wendtes illustrate why America became the major world food producer — rich land, abundant immigration, a free-land policy during the 1800's, a superior transportation network, emphasis on mechanical, chemical innovation, and hard work.

But, according to Walt Wendte, there is more to feeding the world than back-breaking labor.

"They once said you couldn't do anything else," he says with a smile. "That is no longer the case — if it ever was. The farmer who wants to stay on top of the heap has to go along with change."

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WORK HAS BEGUN on the new Penrose Post Office on Old Highway 64, located about 100 feet behind the present post office. A dirt mover levels site as workman eyes site for foundation of new edifice.

Oakland Man Lake Toxaway Minister

BY MRS. I. S. SANDERS

The Lake Toxaway Baptist Church members elected Rev. Harold Roland as their pastor for the next year. Mr. Roland has been a resident of Oakland

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Mrs. Vickie Collette, Brevard
Mrs. Nell Dunlop, Brevard
Ms. Jan. Leslie, Brevard
Miss Pamela Martin, Brevard
Giles Moore, Brevard
Miss Phyllis Phelps, Brevard
Mrs. Mildred Rodger, Brevard
Mrs. Laura Misenheimer, Brevard
Mrs. Virginia Sack, Rosman
Roy E. Smith, Brevard
Mrs. Elinor Tinsley, Lake Toxaway
Mrs. Opal Whitmire, Brevard
Mrs. Juanita Morrison, Brevard
Tinsley Brown, Brevard
Mrs. Adaille Bush, Brevard
Lawrence Guy, Brevard
David Hanlin, Brevard
Mrs. Maggie Lowry, Gastonia
Joe McCrary, Penrose
William Owen, Penrose
L. V. Robinson, Brevard
Mrs. Nora Summey, Brevard

for some time. We are sorry to hear Mrs. Dot McNeely, Mrs. Evan Taylor and Mrs. Emma Paisey were on our sick list this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Norton announce a new baby girl as a great grandchild. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Norton of Rosman.

The Reid cemetery committee appreciates the gravel that the road men put out on the road around the Reid cemetery recently.

Mrs. Juanita Sanders and two children of Asheville were dinner guest Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders. They brought flowers to put on Ray Sander's grave, whose birthday is January 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Masters were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Revis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders have sold their property in Los Angeles, California and plan to come back home here soon.

Otto Alexander and two sons of Brevard were recent visitors of Mrs. Cora Cash and Miss Myrtle Cash. Also Mr.

Puppet Show February 8 At B. H. S.

"Jack and the Beanstalk," a puppet show sponsored by the Brevard Jaycees will be presented on Saturday, February 8, at the Brevard Senior High School.

The Nicolo Marionettes, one of the fine puppet-handling groups in the nation, will present the show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$1 for children, and \$1.50 for adults, according to Jaycee President Chuck Bradley.

"Lavish stage settings, unusual lighting effects, delightful characters, and an excellent musical score make this show a fun experience for young folks," Mr. Bradley said.

The cast includes the hero, Jack, the funny peddler, Willy, the painter of rainbows, JoJo, the princess, Suzanne, and others including a funny live giant.

The show is an adaptation of the favorite classic story, in which Jack reaches the giant's castle, snatches the duck that lays the golden egg, frees the princess, and finally outwits the lumbering giant.

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