

# AGENT URGES PARTICIPATION IN RURAL COMMUNITY CONTEST

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Considerable publicity has been given, and justly so, to the accomplishments of the Holly Springs and Carson communities in the W. N. C. Community Development contest. There are many reasons for this publicity and some should be called to the attention of other like-minded Macon County communities.

Farm families living in these communities, realizing that the home is the center of all that is worth while and that the happy comfortable and convenient home makes a stronger, progressive citizenship, decided to participate in the community development program. When it is said that a man, woman, or youth is a good citizen, he or she is known to be substantial, to believe in and work for progress in these things that

are good for the individual and for the community as a whole—things like better agriculture, churches, schools, recreations, and other community organizations. This substantial citizen, knowing that the home is the basis of all good things, realizes at the same time the close relationship and utter dependence of one family on all other families. With this in mind the families in each of these two communities have joined together in a working organization for the purpose of exchanging ideas as to what each individual can do to improve his own conditions and the community as a whole. Questions are discussed as to just what our community needs most, church and grounds improvement, better church and Sunday School attendance, a community center for educational and recreational facilities, home improvements, road side beautification, and other community activities. Projects were undertaken in order of importance as decided on by the group. Committees were designated to be in charge of each project. Regular monthly meetings were held to report progress, to discuss new projects and methods of financing the improvements. It was inspiring to listen to the open and frank discussions, the agreements reached and then, every one cooperating to get the job done.

The community development program has four main subdivisions:

- (1) Community Organizations and Development: This includes churches, schools, health, recreation, beautification, and the encouragement of other existing organizations, such as 4-H, F. F. A., P. T. A., and home demonstration.
- (2) Improved Farming Practices: This covers increased farm income, pasture improvement, crop improvement, land improvement, and labor saving.
- (3) Farm and Home Improvements: This entails improvement of buildings, home conveniences, and outside improvements.
- (4) Family Living: This focuses on food supply, health, savings, and recreation.

How to enter? First contact the county or home agent's offices for more detailed information. After organization has been perfected, make entry in writing to Asheville Development Council for your community.

The contest period runs from November 15, 1952, to November 15, 1953.

Your community will be a better place to live after it has actively participated in the community development program. It is not what is spent, built, or remodeled that counts, but the joy in finding that your neighbor is a good fellow and wants to cooperate with you to make your community the best possible place in which to live, rear your children, and worship your Creator.

Face the future together—as a family and as a community.

## STRICTLY PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

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a new, clean pot. We look at the label, know it is put out by a reliable firm, and we take it, because we need it, and put it to use to prove itself.

"And time will be the only proof that we have done the right thing."  
—SP—

During this election campaign we've heard a lot about such great issues as foreign aid, domestic spending, Communists, etc., but there's one issue no candidate touched on. And, to our way of thinking, it's an important one.

Not one word has been said about postage stamps.

Personally, I'm sick to death of all these issues of special stamps. The first two or three were interesting, but the time has long since passed that anybody but a philatelist (\$64 name for stamp collector) pays any attention to the special stamps that seem to come out two or three times every day.

They pay no attention, that is, except they have to look twice to see if they have the thing upside down, or sideways, when they're ready to put it on a letter.

It's time, too, for a Declaration of Independence from having to lick a piece of paper a yard long and two feet wide, every time you want to mail a letter.

Please, Mr. President-elect, get a pledge from your new postmaster general before you appoint him: "Not one single

special stamp issue for the whole four years!"

That may create complications, because we wonder if anybody, even in the post office department, remembers what does go on a REGULAR three-cent stamp.

## News Making

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However, while maintaining the trusteeship it should not allow its members to block improvements in these programs when and if they are advocated by the Republicans because of party lines.

## Corbin Enlists Tuesday In Army; Campbell Sent To Charlotte For Exams

Sgt. Clay Hensley, local army-air force recruiter, Tuesday announced the enlistment in the army for a period of three years of Bobbie Joe Corbin, of Cullasaja.

The recruiter also announced that Clinton Edward Campbell, of Franklin, Route 3, was sent to the Charlotte recruiting station for examination in the air force. If qualified, Sgt. Hensley said he will be enlisted in the air force in December.

## TO THE VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY:

I am using this means to express my thanks to you for your support in the recent election. Thank you, one and all, for your vote, and thanks to those who successfully conducted the campaign for me.

Sincerely,  
Walter Dean.

Certain forms of 2, 4-D, the chemical weed killer, have been modified for use in promoting growth of tomato plants.

## Shearouse, Newberry Senior, Selected For Student Edition Of Who's-Who In Universities

Frank R. Shearouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Shearouse, of Highlands, is one of six seniors at Newberry college, Newberry, S. C., selected by the faculty to represent the college in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's-Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

According to an announcement by the college, qualities considered in selecting the nominees for this honor are the student's excellence and sincerity in scholarship, his leadership and participation in extra-curricular and academic activities, his citizenship and service to the college, and his promise of future usefulness to business and society.

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