

**YEARBOOK WINS PRIZE —
Panel Talks Conservation
At Garden Club Meeting**

A panel discussion entitled, "Why Conservation", featured Monday afternoon's meeting of the Franklin Garden Club. On the panel were W. L. Nothstein, Wayah District ranger, who served as moderator, Dr. A. Rufus Morgan, a member of the Appalachian Trail Association, W. L. Harper, soil conservationist, J. D. Messer, fish specialist with the Wildlife Resources Commission, and Mrs. Carl Slagle, a garden club member. At the meeting, the club president, Mrs. S. R. Simpson, announced that Franklin won first place in the district with its printed yearbook. Winners were announced last week in Brevard at a district meeting. The club's legislative committee reported, emphasizing once again the slogan, "Beautifully Macon County". The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Laughridge, on the Highlands road. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Grant Zickgraf, Mrs. B. B. Scott, and Mrs. William Dinnes.

Thirty-seven farmers did not grow any tobacco at all and some farmers did not grow their full allotment, which accounts for the 14.19 not grown. Marketing cards which are used in selling the tobacco will be prepared sometime soon. Mrs. Mildred Williamson, A.S.C. office manager, says farmers will receive their books prior to the opening date of the markets.

The final date for signing up in the Soil Bank has been extended to October 9, 1959. October 9 represents the close of the first step toward participating in the 1960 Conservation Reserve Program. In taking this first step, the farmer visits the A.S.C. county office, identifies for them the land he is considering for reserve and furnishes records or information with which they will establish maximum payment rate for the land. If the rate set by the committee is not acceptable to the farmer, he in no way is obligated to participate in the program. He merely requests this maximum rate in order to help him make his mind up. The actual signing of contracts will come at a later date, after the farmer has been advised of his maximum payment rate. The farmers who already have requested a rate have been mailed a notice of the rate that was set for their farm. The deadline for returning these applications is October 16, 1959. Farmers who are interested or who think they are interested should visit the office and make the first necessary step by tomorrow.

ing government cost-sharing in the purchase of seeds to be used in the establishment of winter cover crops should contact the A.S.C. office located in the Agricultural Building. Available seeds are crimson clover, ryegrass, vetch, rye, oats, barley, and wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell and daughter, of Toccoa, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. George Doster Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Ammons visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton and granddaughter, Rennee Sutton, visited relatives in Jackson County Sunday.

**Clark's Chapel
Bits And Briefs**

Church News
Members of the M.Y.F. attended the monthly meeting of the sub-district at the Asbury Methodist Church Monday night.

Meeting Called
A meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 to work on the scrapbook. All of the committees are urged to attend.

Last Thursday night, the Clark's Chapel Rural Community Development Club met for its monthly meeting at the Clark's Chapel church. Slides were shown by Charles Keener on the homes in the community. Mrs. Charlie Sutton gave the devotional. Attendance names drawn were Amelia Cabe and Shirley Wooten.

Personals
Charles Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Wells, has been inducted in the paratroopers through Knoxville, Tenn.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Keener over the week end were Eugene Bryd, of Almond, Catherine Byrd, of Winston-Salem, and Dennis Byrd, of Virginia.

Mrs. Nellie G. Shirley, of Easley, S. C., is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown and other relatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Angel has returned to Macon County after spending several weeks with her son and family, James B. Angel.

Mrs. Jura Byrd has gone to Almond to spend a week with her son, Eugene Byrd.

Mrs. Ray Vanhook has returned to her home after spending several days in C. J. Harris Community Hospital in Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown and family had as their guests recently Mrs. W. R. Oates an dson, James, and daughter, Barbara, and grandson, Leldon, of Easley, S. C.



Burley Data

Out of 228 Macon County farmers having burley tobacco allotments, 191 farmers harvested tobacco this year. Of the 70.19 allotment for the county, 56.00 was harvested.

Objective Told

The primary objective of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to assist farmers by bearing part of the cost of establishing sound soil and water conservation practices to protect the land from erosion. This is the season of the year when most farmers are establishing one of these practices, a winter cover crop on their fields from which they have harvested tobacco or other crops. These farmers are urged to take advantage of the government cost-sharing available through the county A.S.C. in performing this needed practice if they have not already done so. This help is available to each and every farm within the county that has a need for a vegetative cover to protect their bare land during the winter months. A good winter cover crop on land not only protects the soil but it provides good grazing in off season. All farmers interested in secur-

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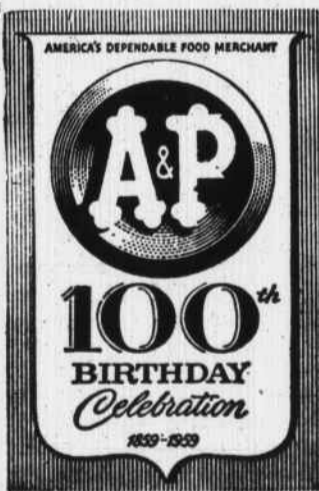
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