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SOIL TESTS ARE URGED UNDER ACP COUNTY PROGRAM

Assistance Possible In Top Dressing And Meadow

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This year Madison County farmers have several new practices under the A.C.P. Program which can and will mean a lot to the restoration of stands and increased growth of permanent vegetation cover. One of these is practice 19, which applies to permanent vegetative cover normally used for grazing or hay and which may be restored to normal growth or stand by the application of lime and fertilizer as determined by a soil test.

Nitrogen, phosphate and potash may be applied as a straight material or in a mixed fertilizer. A. S. C. will allow 4.5c per lb. of available plant food used but can not exceed \$1.70 per acre. If lime is needed the credit rate is \$3.25 per ton.

Two requirements for this practice are: (a) Soil Test and (b) Be in compliance with acreage allotments. Soil tests are good guides to what you have left in your soil bank. If, for example you put money in the bank, draw some out on checking account, your monthly statement will show what's left on deposit. When minerals are put into the soil bank, the crops write a check for the amount taken out. Then unless you have a soil test you don't know what's left in the soil.

By soil testing you can not only qualify for help in top-dressing under practice 19, but the result will tell you what kind of fertilizer to put on a given crop. If your alfalfa and meadow needs top-dressing take your soil samples now and send them to the Soil Test Division at Raleigh. You have until April 15th to complete this practice, so if you want help in top-dressing, take your sample now. Early soil samples will get back to you before the crop season begins.

Schedule Of Home Demonstration Clubs in County

Monday, January 24 — 2:00 P. M. — Ebbs Chapel Lunch Room.
Tuesday, January 25 — Marshall — Recently many requests have been made for a Home Demonstration Club to be organized in Marshall. The ladies of the community are requested to meet in the Courthouse at 2:00 P. M. for the purpose of making plans for this.
Wednesday, January 26 — Walcott — Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. T. A. Woody.
Thursday, January 27 — Hot Springs — Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. Robert Kirby.
Friday, January 28, Forks of Ivy — Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. Roy Marshbanks.

Weekly Legislatives Summary

NOTE: This is the first of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the North Carolina General Assembly for 1955. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.
Determined to get down to business, the 1955 General Assembly convened on January 5 to face issues which have been pending since before the fall election. In the absence of a Lieutenant Governor, chose Luther E. Cabarrus as its first President in over 76 years. Cabarrus, a former Speaker, Governor and legislator, delivered his message to the assembly on January 11. He stressed the need for fiscal revenue and the need for the passage of bills which both houses have passed in the past few years.

PRESBYTERIANS VOTE AGAINST CHURCH UNION

Presbyterian union was defeated Tuesday in the South, where the proposal was high 18 years ago.

A Asheville Presbytery, voting 11 to 23 against union, had a hand in defeating the proposal of the Southern and two Northern branches. Tuesday's results, from 21 of 24 presbyteries voting, combined with previous votes, gave the anti-union side 23 votes (22 sufficient to defeat) and the pro-union side 11 votes. SAY DEFEAT TEMPORARY.

Pro-union leaders throughout the church claimed the defeat was temporary—that the proposed merger, if dead, would be resurrected. Anti-union leaders greeted the decision as one dictated by God and said they hope there would be no more "agitation" for union.

Thirteen other presbyteries joined Asheville in voting "No" to the question: "Shall the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (Northern, 2,500,000 members), the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern, 757,000) and the United Presbyterian Church of North America (North Mid-West, 300,000) be united to form the Presbyterian Church of the United States (National, 3,500,000)?" Seven said "Yes."

Huey, Hogan Leave Today For State Baptist Meeting

Mr. Wade Huey of Marshall and the Rev. Ralph Hogan of Hot Springs, left today for Raleigh where they will attend the General Board meeting of the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Huey and Mr. Hogan are members of the General Board. Mr. Huey has been named to the Missions Committee to study needs and requests concerning the Convention program.

They expect to return from Raleigh this weekend.

Presbyterian Meeting Postponed

The annual congregational meeting of the Marshall Presbyterian church has been postponed to Wednesday, January 26th, following the church family supper.

Holcombe Named To Finance Committee

Listed among the committee appointed Wednesday at the N. C. General Assembly was the following of interest to Madison County: Fred Holcombe was named to the Finance Committee.

Father Of P. R. Elam Killed By Tractor Tuesday

Funeral services for Richard Fuller Elam, 76-year old farmer who was instantly killed near his home at Kings Mountain Tuesday afternoon, January 18, 1955, in a tractor accident, will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. Robbins, pastor of the church, of which he was a member, and the Rev. Gordon Weekley of Charlotte will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. The accident took place near Mr. Elam's farm on Rt. 2, Kings Mountain, at about 4:10 p. m., Tuesday. The victim was driving the vehicle when a front wheel ran off into a seven-foot gully. Paul Barnette, 15-year-old youth, who was riding the rear of the tractor, said that he jumped but Mr. Elam attempted to back into the road and the vehicle flipped over into the gully, pinning the victim underneath. He was the son of the late Philip Ramseur and Mary Barber Elam and was married to the former Sallie Roberts, who survives. He was the father of P. R. Elam of Mars Hill and Marshall. In addition to Mr. Elam, he is survived by two other sons, three daughters and 14 grandchildren.

New Farm And Home Program Introduced At Meeting Saturday

Dr. C. B. Ratchford Addresses Group At Courthouse; Much Interest

Last Friday, a meeting was held in the courthouse for the purpose of explaining the Farm and Home Development Program which was recently accepted as part of the expansion of the Agricultural Extension Service Program. Dr. C. B. Ratchford, Assistant Director of Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service in North Carolina, addressed about 82 farm men and women, business people and ministers from throughout Madison County and gave them a background of the farm and home development program. In explaining the background of this program, Dr. Ratchford explained the birth of the Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service from the days of a hundred years ago in this Nation when College catalogs were printed in Latin and the emphasis in the college curriculum was placed on the study of Latin, Greek and other studies preparing students for social activities, law degrees, literary studies and was devoid of practical studies including scientific courses, thus, farmers and industrial workers were looked upon as people who needed no education and it was felt by many at that time as people who would be dangerous to society if they were educated. He explained a demand from this element of people for some enlightenment in their way of life and as a result of this demand the Morrill Land Grant College Act was passed in 1862. This Act gave Federal aid to each State to set up agricultural and industrial colleges. At first, progress was slow since professors could not be found who were trained in these fields, thus, another act, the Hatch Act, was passed in 1885 providing Agricultural Experiment Stations for experimental work to provide subject matter based on facts for agricultural training in these colleges.

Another demand was made upon the government for some method of bringing the results of new knowledge in agriculture to the farm families. From this demand the Smith-Lever Act was passed in 1914 giving Federal aid to the States in order to get information and aid to the farmers and rural people. The organization designed to do this job was termed Cooperative Agriculture Extension Service because it combined the funds and resources of the Federal government, State and county governments to pass on and diffuse the information of the Land Grant College to the farm people in our country.

In recent years the demand upon the Extension Service workers, county agents, home agents, and assistant agents for both, has become so great that many people have felt they were

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Home is Destroyed Tuesday By Fire On Rector's Corner

The four room one story frame house, owned by Mrs. Ella Rector, located on Rector's Corner about three miles from Marshall was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis and three small children, two sons and one daughter, resided in the house. According to Mr. Davis, the blaze was discovered by one of the children who quickly notified Mrs. Davis of the fire. Mrs. Davis was preparing to do her regular washing and was in the yard at the time. Mr. Davis was not at the home when the fire was discovered.

Before assistance could be summoned the flames had engulfed the house making it impossible to save any of the household furnishings, clothing, etc. Mrs. Davis and children escaped without injury.

It is thought that the blaze originated at a stove in the home. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family had moved into the house only a week ago where Mr. Davis was a tenant. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are temporarily living with his sister until he can find another place in which to live.

FARMERS URGED TO SAVE HAMS

By M. P. ZUEVER
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Every winter a number of Madison County farmers have fat hogs which have lost the use of one or both of their hind legs. If they lose the hams from these hogs they have lost the best part of their hog carcass.

There isn't much a farmer can do to help a hog after it is crippled; however, if he has a crippled hog this year more than likely he can prevent having a hog that goes down in the hind legs next year.

We are aware that a growing child needs milk to furnish minerals for strong, sturdy bone development. A hog also needs these same minerals for the development of good bone. This strong bone is necessary to carry the weight of a fat hog. We all know what happens when the strong bone isn't there.

If you have had a crippled hog this winter and don't want one next winter, get your pencil out and write this mineral mixture on your calendar, that is recommended by the extension service.

Here are two mineral mixtures that will do the job. I would use the first one if I could because there is some danger of getting nails and broken glass in the wood ashes unless they are screened.

Finely ground limestone — Mixture No. 1, 10 pounds; Mixture No. 2, one gallon.
Wood ash meal — Mixture No. 1, 10 pounds; Wood Ashes — Mixture No. 2, 2 gallons; Common Salt — Mixture No. 1, 10 pounds; Mixture No. 2, 1 quart.

These mixtures should be kept in a dry place where hogs can get to them any time they wish. By using these mineral mixtures with all of our hogs we can expect to have fewer cripples in our litters and with our fattening hogs. We will also have larger litters where our bred sows can get to these minerals as they need them.

Some commercial mixtures are on the market which are designed for national use. Most of these commercial mineral mixtures contain minerals designed to take care of mineral deficiencies in all areas and contain minerals not needed here. They are also packed in small packages. Because of this the price per pound is considerably higher than the cost per pound of the mineral mixture recommended by the Extension Service.

CITIZENS BANK STOCKHOLDERS MET TUESDAY

The annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens Bank was held in Marshall Tuesday afternoon. After the routine matter of business was discussed, the following officers were elected:

E. R. Tweed, president; C. J. Wild, vice president; Donald M. Cox, assistant vice president and cashier; R. B. Chandler, assistant vice president; Frank T. Moore, assistant cashier; Mae Fleming, assistant cashier; W. B. Ramsey, manager of Time-Payment Dept.; Carl Cody, manager of the Mars Hill office; Joe Q. Tison, manager of the Hot Springs office.

The following directors were elected: C. E. Mashburn, chairman of the board; E. R. Tweed, C. J. Wild, John Corbett, E. C. Tesgas, S. A. Ramsey, Annie May White, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, L. G. Buckner, Carl Cody and Frank T. Moore.

Mr. Cox stated that the bank had a very successful year and the total resources were now over five million dollars. This is an increase of approximately 20 percent over last year, he stated.

NEW EQUIPMENT, BETTER METHODS AT SORENSON'S

The Sorenson Bent Wood Corporation of Marshall announces that a program of continued publicity is being planned in order to acquaint its many customers, among them furniture manufacturers of the South and all over the United States with the new equipment and improved methods now in use at its plant here. Along with one, Mr. Douglas DePew of Asheville made a visit to the factory on Tuesday to photograph the four essential operations of the wood-bending process. These are hand-bending, press-bending, machine-bending, and the proper shipping and crating in order to hold the bent wood during the drying and shipping process. These photographs will be used in connection with a feature article in The Wood-Worker, a magazine of the lumber industry, to be written by Mr. Paul Graham of the Clinic of Wood, Newfane, Vermont. The article, on commercial wood-bending plants, is also to incorporate information about the Corporation's activities here in Marshall.

Also, in connection with the publicity program, F. Ray Frisby is now in the process of doing some direct correspondence with furniture manufacturers of this area and will follow-up with personal visits together with C. P. Sorenson, and with A. M. McElyea on his trips to supply parts now on order.

Advertising is being done in four of the trade magazines with the assistance of the Burnley Weaver Advertising Agency of Asheville.

A special catalogue of basic and standard bent wood parts is being compiled with the photography to be done by Mr. DePew.

An illustrated brochure to be lithographed is now being arranged for the Mountain Mill Shopcrafters, which project will be under the direction of Mrs. Helen S. McElyea. The hand-finished specialty articles for home and play will be put on a national market after a period of local sales.

Marshall Man Gets \$50.00 A Ton From His Alfalfa Hay

It sounds paradoxical when Zeno Ponder of Madison County says: "I can't afford to feed my alfalfa to my beef cattle."

But according to County Agent Harry G. Silver, the reason is quite simple. Ponder can get around \$50 per ton for his second and third cutting alfalfa hay, while his cattle will get along very well on cheaper silage which he also produces on the farm.

LUCKY ESCAPE

Chappell, Neb. — Driving across the railroad tracks, the automobile of Ed Wolf, 78-year-old farmer hit the third car of a westbound streamliner. The car was slammed partially around, still on the tracks. Helped out of the damaged car, Wolf was walking away from the scene when an eastbound freight train smashed the car.

FOOTBALL SLATE IS ANNOUNCED BY COACH BRADBURN

Coach Wayne Bradburn this week announced the 1955 Marshall High School football schedule. The new Skyline Conference will swing into action next season and the following schedule also included Brevard, of the Blue Ridge Conference. The schedule follows:

Sept. 2—Biltmore (site tentative)
Sept. 9—Bakersville (there)
Sept. 16—Spruce Pine (there)
Sept. 23—Clyde (here)
Sept. 30—North Buncombe (here)
Oct. 7—Glen Alpine (there)
Oct. 14—Brevard (here)
Oct. 21—Walnut (here)
Oct. 28—Tryon (here)
Nov. 4—Mars Hill (here)

MADISON FARM HOMES ARE NOW BEING IMPROVED

Madison County farmers are now improving their homes, many of them in the Marshall County area.

On the contrary, they are more likely to take in their homes. Tryon of the farmers who recognize the importance of the appearance of their homes and barns is A. E. Cantrell of the Station Laurel section.

Cantrell has given his old house a complete face lifting. Instead of the vertical boards, typical of the farm house, where Cantrell's house was built the house now gleams from new white horizontal siding. The siding is made of shaped aluminum which closely resembles regular German siding.

Cantrell hasn't just made an outward stab at renovating the house. In addition to numerous improvements that show he installed thick sheets of fiberglass insulation between the siding and the old boards, so that it is now snug and easy to heat.

Assistant Agent Robinson says that the house has been improved as much as the farm. Cantrell is no exception either.

ALSO REMODELLED
O. G. Ramsey of the Halewood Road section recently remodelled his home, adding one room and putting on siding. His house was "old fashioned" like Cantrell's.

James Briggs of the Panhandle section, Will Cook of the Shutin section, and Hilliard Teague of the Hayes Run section, have also made many changes in their homes, ranging from complete renovation and the installation of modern bathrooms, to one room remodeling.

At present, three farm families have already made definite plans to build new homes during the coming year. There's no way of knowing how many other new homes will be constructed in 1955.

But one thing's for sure. The time when the farmer's barn is a nicer building than his home is about gone. If you don't believe it, just take a ride into the country some time and notice the many new farm homes, or freshly-painted, proud looking old houses.

Harry Baldwin Is Painfully Cut At School Here Monday

Harry Baldwin, Marshall High School junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baldwin of Marshall RFD 1, received a severe leg wound Monday morning at the Marshall school when he accidentally dropped his pocket knife.

According to witnesses, Harry was showing his knife to another student who handed it back to him. In doing so, the knife slipped from Harry's hand and when he attempted to "catch" it in his lap, the blade stuck into his left leg, puncturing one of the main arteries. Coach Bradburn was called and rendered first aid which perhaps saved Harry's life. After he was brought to Dr. Sams, he was then rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville where he is a patient.

\$25.00 Reward Offered For "BB" Shooters

Mayor Clyde M. Roberts announced this week that a reward of \$25.00 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties who are shooting out windows and lights on Main Street in Marshall.

Numerous complaints have been made that large plate glass windows are being drilled with what appears to be "BB" shot, causing considerable expense to several business firms in Marshall.