

MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Schools Are Playing Big Part In Campaign; Funds Are Needed

Officials of the March of Dimes Drive in Madison County were optimistic this week at the progress shown thus far in the drive. Area chairmen have been named throughout the county and they are hard at work soliciting contributions.

Mrs. R. G. Franklin, county drive chairman, stated this week that the schools are cooperating and she soon expects to have some reports sent in.

Arthur Ledford, county chairman for Infants' Paralysis, stated this week that he had received several sizeable donations from civic clubs and individuals and urged the public to send or bring their contributions to Frank Fisher or Mrs. Ron Sprinkle at the Citizens Bank here or give them to the community worker.

Governor Luther Hodges stated this week, "I urge each of you to give generously to the March of Dimes Drive."

American Legion Officials Donate \$50 To Dimes Drive

It was announced this week that \$50.00 had been donated to the current March of Dimes Drive by the officials of the Davis-Sexton Post, American Legion.

The next regular meeting of the Post will be held at the Legion Building on Thursday, February 2. All members are asked to attend.

DROUGHT OF 1952 CAUSED INTEREST IN IRRIGATION

Silver Says Marshall, Madison County Are Dry; REA To Sponsor Study

The drought of 1952 caused a great interest to be shown in irrigation in Madison County, according to Harry G. Silver, Madison County Farm agent. This interest was "panic" interest in that crops were drying up and thousands of dollars worth of crops were being lost by the day due to the hot dry air robbing the soil and plants of their moisture. Artificial application of water appeared to be the only insurance against a crop failure.

Droughts cost farmers more today than they did 20 years ago. Water becomes the limiting factor on 100 bushels per acre corn much sooner than it does on 30 bushels per acre corn. Tobacco treated in such a manner as to enable it to reach a 3,000 (Continued to Page Two)

Co. Health Department Announces Clinic Date Change At Hot Springs

The Madison County Health Department has changed its Hot Springs clinic days from the 2nd and 4th Tuesday to the 2nd and 4th Monday in each month from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

The next clinic will be held Monday, January 23.

Three County Men Sent Over To Feb. Court For Larceny

Three men, Raleigh Station and two others, all of the latter were bound over to the Federal court for larceny.

YMCA WEEK TO BE OBSERVED JANUARY 22-29

January 22-29 is National YMCA Week. During this period the purpose and program of the Young Men's Christian Association is brought to the attention of the American public.

Within the United States there are 1,802 Associations with over two million members. In Asheville the YMCA has been an influence for good since 1889 and currently is working through the Branch Committees of Market Street, Central, Woodfin, and West Asheville. Due to the extended Hi-Y Club program the 'Y' is touching every section of Buncombe County.

The Young Men's Christian Association is a "laymen's movement" and, due to the nature of its program emphasis, is considered "an Arm of the Church."

This Church congratulates the YMCA, local and national, on its more than a century of service to American boyhood and manhood.

Merit System To Have Clerical Exams Saturday, March 3

Raleigh — The North Carolina Merit System Council has announced March 3, 1956 as the examination date for clerical positions with all State and county departments serving under the Merit System.

Bulletin (No. 1) giving information concerning these positions may be secured from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C. Applications must be submitted on official forms on or before February 10, 1956. Application blanks may be obtained from the Merit System Office or from any county welfare, health or employment office.

Examinations will be given for the following series of State and county level positions: typist, stenographer, and general clerical. Examinations will also be given for the statistical series and for stock clerks on the State level. These are permanent positions with opportunity for advancement and qualified interested persons are urged to apply.

If there are a sufficient number of applications, the examinations will be given in 12 cities throughout the State.

Fred Sams Sells Interest In Model Grocery Store Here

It was announced here this week that Fred Sams, popular groceryman and butcher, has sold his interest in the Model Grocery here to Ron Sprinkle. This store has been under the co-ownership of Mr. Sams and Mr. Sprinkle. The transaction was made early this month.

Mr. Sams is remaining with the grocery store until another butcher can be obtained.

Marshall Baptist Church To Be Razed; New Church Is Planned

The Marshall Baptist Church, regular business session recently voted upon recommendation of the Building Committee to hold its final service in the present building on Sunday, March 4 and to begin on March 5 to move out all equipment in preparation for tearing the building down.

It is hoped that the building can be removed and the lot cleared by April 1. Erecting will probably be completed by the first of May and the construction of a modern and large church building with added classroom space and larger auditorium will begin.

The new building, completed in 1956, will be a two-story structure and will be a landmark in the community.

1956 Agricultural Conservation Program Is Open To All Farmers

Farmer Requests Will Be Reviewed By Committee January 26

Any Madison County farmer is eligible to participate in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program and farmers may sign up now to cooperate in this national program of soil and water conservation. Noville Hawkins, Chairman of the County ASC Committee, said today.

The initial sign up period for spring practices is now in full swing and will end January 24. Farmers who do not get their requests filed by January 24 will be given an opportunity to file afterwards. To sign up, a farmer should contact the ASC office in Marshall. In signing up under the 1956 AGP, he is signing up under the approved soil and water conservation practices, the farmer does not obligate himself in any way, but he does become eligible for program assistance in carrying out needed conservation practices.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out that farmers who cooperate in this program, must bear their share of the out-of-pocket cost of the approved conservation practice which amounts to approximately 40 per cent of the total cost of materials per acre as well as perform the labor involved. In turn, the farmer and the nation enter into a contract which works to benefit both the farmer and the nation.

In conclusion the county chairman said that his committee would meet on January 26 for the purpose of reviewing farmer requests which are filed during the initial sign up period and that the farmer would be notified by mail as to the extent of his approval. Practices on which Government assistance is available this spring include any of the following for which a need exists and the qualifications for assistance are met: 1. Seeding Permanent Pasture or Hay; 2. Additional Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation; 3. Liming Materials on Farmland; 4. Stripcropping; 5. Forest Tree Planting; 6. Permanent Pasture or Hay Improvement; 12. Installation of Field Drain Tile.

SOCIAL WELFARE AID COURSE NOW BEING HELD HERE

Meetings Being Held At REA Building; To Continue Through Feb. 7

A Social Welfare Aid Course, sponsored by the American Red Cross, started this morning at the REA Building in Marshall and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout February 7. Each session of the course will begin at 9:45 o'clock and continue until 11:45 o'clock, it was explained.

The purpose of the course is to better acquaint the citizens of Madison County with Red Cross facilities, welfare aids and aids from other agencies available during a disaster.

John Wright, of Weaverville, is teaching the course and selected speakers from the various agencies in Madison County will be guest speakers during the course.

It is hoped that citizens from every community in the county will take this opportunity to learn more about the aids which can be secured in case of a disaster.

Story Of Lou Diamond To Be Shown Again On Television

New York, Jan. 18 (AP) — The story of Lou Diamond, a young man who was killed in the American Civil War, will be shown again on television.

COUNTY FARMERS REVIEWING 1955; PLANNING FOR '56

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, farm families in Madison County are now taking a look at last year's records and planning for 1956. The records are bad and the outlook is worse! The 1955 reduction in tobacco allotment by 25% coupled with higher operating costs on almost every item except purchased livestock feed has dug deep into farm income.

Information taken from Agricultural Outlook Charts for 1956, prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, reveals the following:

1. Realized net income by farmers in 1955 was the lowest in 13 years;
2. The farmer's share of the consumer food dollar is only 52¢ as compared with 69¢ in 1947-49.
3. Farmer's debt free financial assets are the lowest of recent years and are getting progressively lower;
4. One farm worker now supplies himself and 18 other people with food, fiber and tobacco and his output per man hour is up 85% since 1940, but efficiency isn't enough.

The situation is not good, but farmers of Madison County or the nation don't give up or call a strike when the going gets rough. There are always ways to keep going and now is no exception. It has often been said that our industrial capacity has made the United States great. No group of people in this country have a more important claim to making America great than the farm people. The farmer feeds everybody; he educates his children and then sends half of them to the factories to produce industrial supplies; he and his farm neighbors do more to keep a healthy religious foundation under this great country than any single group for they know God in His fullest glory by living with life and death each day with every ray of God-given sunshine and every drop of rain meaning something to him. Has any subversive group ever developed in the farm communities except the rebellion against Great Britain? Have the farm people not thus subsidized American growth?

In looking over the past we get courage for the future. We must be harder than ever to keep a strong economic foundation under our farm way of life. There are some bright spots in the future. Here in Madison County we have an opportunity to take up some of the slack by growing more of the things we use. A good garden should be planned and produced by every farm (Continued to Page Ten)

Jones Favors Balanced Budget; Foreign Aid Cut

Congressman Jones of the 11th North Carolina District stated in Washington today he was glad to see a balanced budget submitted to Congress. Jones said, "While I do not agree with all phases of the budget message, I am, nevertheless, glad to see a balanced budget proposed. The budget calls for the expenditure of \$65,500,000,000.00 during the fiscal year, 1957, which is in my opinion still excessive. This total sum can be further reduced and I am inclined to believe that the Congress will make serious efforts in that direction. The item of \$4,300,000,000.00 for foreign aid cut, and should be cut drastically. If Congress would reduce foreign aid by \$2,000,000,000.00, the budget could be balanced; the remaining \$2,300,000,000.00 could be used for a variety of other purposes."

CANTON MAN IS KILLED WHEN CAR SKIDS NEAR HERE

Icy Roads Blamed For Wreck As Car Overturns; Second WNC Fatality

Winter's cold, icy weather claimed a second life in WNC in as many days last Friday, January 13, 1956 when Robert Charles Wilde of Canton was injured fatally as the car in which he was riding skidded and overturned on a Madison County road.

Wilde, 28, and Glenn Green, 17, of Newport, Tenn., were riding in an automobile when the driver attempted to pass a truck about four miles north of Marshall on U. S. 26-90. The vehicle hit an icy spot in the road, went out of control and overturned.

Green was carried to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville for observation. It was reported that Green was the driver of the automobile.

So on the road at the scene of the wreck had been covered with sand, but the car apparently hit a slip spot, skidded to the left side of the road and then went over an embankment.

The accident occurred at about 9:30 a. m., and Wilde died about 10:30 a. m.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the Rocky Branch Baptist Church on Allen's Creek near Waynesville at 3 p. m. The Rev. Milton Hollifield and the Rev. W. L. Queen officiated.

Wilde and his wife had two children, a son and a daughter. His parents are his father, who is well known in Madison County.

Soil Samples Should Be Taken For ASC Assistance In 1956

Are you planning to sow any new permanent pasture or alfalfa during the spring or fall of 1956? Do you expect to get assistance from the ASC in buying your lime or fertilizer? If you expect to get assistance through the ASC you should take a soil sample and have it analyzed. The ASC requirement states that in the absence of a soil test, you must use 2 tons of limestone per acre on land that has not been limed within the past 5 years, and one ton of limestone per acre on land that has been limed within the past five years. By a recent soil test, that means that the test should have been made in the last 12 months. Any soil test taken over 12 months before the farmer makes application will not be acceptable. It will be to all farmers' advantage to take a soil sample for all their crops, but for farmers who have limed their soil within the past 5 years it is very important to take a sample to cut down on cost of establishing alfalfa or permanent pasture.

Soil samples are very simple to take and if the samples are sent to the Soil Testing Division, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., the soil will be analyzed free of charge. Soil sample boxes and instructions on how to take a soil sample may be obtained at the County Agent's office in the Courthouse in Marshall.

"MR. TEXAS" TO BE SHOWN HERE ON JANUARY 28

"Mr. Texas" called the "world's first Christian Western" will be shown at the Marshall Methodist Church on Saturday night, January 28, according to an announcement made by the Rev. R. N. Barrett, pastor.

The film is the first major production of Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, Inc., and features the finest cinematography and his entire evangelistic team.

This is a new production by the people of the world's first Christian Western.

GIRL SCOUTS PLAN PATROL CAMPING AT NEW SITE

The new Girl Scout Camp site will be open for patrol camping in 1956. This is the announcement made by the Pisgah Girl Scout Council which serves girls in seven Western North Carolina counties, including Madison.

The 131-acre camp site is located in Transylvania County, 8 miles south of Brevard. Development of the property was started last year with funds from the Girl Scout-Cookie Sale which paid for drilling a well, building a pump house, and construction of a road. Additional work will be made to the camp each year as funds are available through the sale of more cookies.

According to the Camp Committee, the Council will hold two Patrol Encampments at the established camp site for five-day periods in July. A session for white girls will be held July 17 through 21 and the second encampment will be for Negro girls, July 24 through July 28.

Each neighborhood in the council may send one qualified patrol of 8 girls (at least 10 years old). Along with the neighborhood will furnish at least one leader, tents, cooking gear and equipment, furnish and cook their own food.

The Council will furnish a director, waterfront director, and a nurse or a qualified First Aid person.

Girls participating in the camp must meet certain requirements set by the Council. They must be at least 10 years of age, in excellent health, and shall have participated in a patrol camping experience and be skilled in the use and practice of the patrol system. Final selection of the campers will be made by the Neighborhood Selections Committee on a basis of skill in primitive camping and basic camping skills; knowledge, to be taught or shared, of songs, dances, crafts, dramatics, education, and story telling; and endorsement of leaders and troop members.

Plans for this "First Roundup" at the 1956 camp is termed, were announced along with a summary of Girl Scouting in the area during 1955. This summary is contained on attractive blotters which are being distributed to supporters of the Girl Scout program.

The report shows an increase of registered girls from 1,400 in 1954 to 1,772 in 1955 and an increase in adult volunteers from 435 in 1954 to 556 in 1955. Total receipts rose from \$17,914.96 to \$20,236.26 during the same period.

The Pisgah Council is supported by Buncombe County, Waynesville, Canton-Bethel-Clyde, Yancey County and Transylvania County United Funds, and Girl Scout Drives in Avery, Madison and Mitchell counties.

FOUR MEN HURT IN AUTO WRECK NEAR MARSHALL

The condition of Aud Ammons, 18, of Marshall, BFD 2, who was injured along with three other men in an automobile accident near Marshall Saturday, was reported as "very good" this week by Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

He, Paul Ammons, 25; Marvin Fisher, 29, and Coy Hollifield, 25, all of Marshall BFD 2, were hurt when their car went out of control while passing a truck and crashed into an embankment.

The car overturned and skidded 141 feet on its top, the State Highway Patrol said.

Patrolman A. I. Feldman said he of the crew were pinned between the car and the embankment and had to be rescued.