

Rats Easier Destroyed Now

The United States supports a population of 170,000,000 rats! These rats eat as much as 10 million people, states Harry G. Silver, County Agricultural Agent.

Control of rats is generally a difficult job. During most of the year the rat population is spread throughout the farm. Farm buildings, ditch banks, and wooded areas generally support the majority of the rat population. During the winter months a large percentage of rats move to the farm buildings where they feed on farm feeds, grain, meats and waste from garbage and livestock. The winter concentration of rats around farm buildings offers an opportunity for farmers to destroy the pest.

Best results on rat control in Madison County has been obtained by using baits containing warfarin, an anti coagulant. During the past five years the following Madison communities have conducted community wide rat campaigns: Sleepy Valley, Beech Glen and Bull Creek. These campaigns have given excellent results and although they did not result in a 100% kill of rats they greatly reduced the rat population

NEWS from the Services

Fort Jackson, S. C. — Recruit Willie Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Lewis, R-4, Marshall, is presently assigned to Company D, 8th Battalion, 2nd Training Regiment of the U. S. Army Training Center, Infantry, at Fort Jackson, S. C., where he is undergoing eight weeks of Basic Combat Training.

He will be taught rifle marksmanship under the U. S. Army's TRAINFIRE program which enables the modern soldier to become a better rifleman in less time than previous methods. In this program, most of his training will consist of firing his rifle at pop-up targets at unknown distances on terrain which duplicates combat areas. Other highlights of his intensive training include squad tactics, bayonet and hand-to-hand combat, and crawling the infiltration course while machine gun fire is popping overhead. Many of his instructors are combat veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

During his seventh week of training, he will live in the field under conditions similar to those in the forward areas of a battle zone. He moves over rough terrain on foot and in tactical vehicles and participates in numerous combat situations of a realistic nature. He learns the practical application of the skills and knowledge gained in all previous instruction.

As a climax to this first phase of training, he will march with his battalion in a review before the commanding general of Fort Jackson. This ceremony is witnessed by relatives and friends of the trainees who attend the "open house" held by each company on graduation day.

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Good records result in good tax returns, and well-prepared tax returns based on actual records will result in quick payments of social security benefits.

Your Social Security

By LUCILLE M. RICKMAN, Field Representative, Madison County

All self-employed people, farmers especially, should be sure to keep records of all income and expenses which will enable them to prepare complete and accurate income tax returns. Every farmer particularly should understand that if his net profit (after farm business expenses are deducted) is \$400 or more, the Social Security self-employment tax is payable — to Internal Revenue — even though he may have no income tax to pay.

Good records can mean dollars to a farmer in the way of (1) efficient management of his farm business, (2) social security benefits, and (3) income tax savings. (Incomplete records of farm income may result in an incorrect payment of the Social Security self-employment tax, and the social security benefit may later be at a minimum because the net earnings are low. Since benefits are based on the net earnings, low net earnings will of course result in lower benefits.)

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Mrs. Susan Griffin Passes On Monday; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Susan Griffin, 79, of Mars Hill, died in an Asheville hospital Monday, Feb. 8, 1960, after a long illness. She was a member of Enon Baptist Church and the widow of Alfred Griffin, who died six years ago.

Services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., at Little Ivy Baptist Church. The Rev. Lawrence Rhodes, the Rev. N. H. Griffin and the Rev. John J. Huntley officiated and burial was in Mars Hill Cemetery. Grandsons were active pallbearers, and granddaughters were flower bearers.

Surviving are five daughters, Miss Nina Griffin of the home, Mrs. Chester Fisher and Mrs. Hilliard Ball of Mars Hill, and Mrs. Glen Slagle and Mrs. Hubert Price of Marshall; three sons, Posey, Homer and Charles Griffin of Mars Hill; 23 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

PASTOR'S PATER

Parnel, Mo. — The Rev. Louis V. Hubbard, a Methodist minister, in announcing special services, concluded his mimeographed message with this sentence: "If you can sin or play we want you to come and bring a special number." Of course, he meant to say "sing or play."

Andrew Chandler Passes At Walnut; Rites Held Sunday

Andrew Chandler, 67, of Walnut died in his home, Friday, February 5, 1960, after a long illness. He was a veteran of several years service in the U. S. Army.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m., Sunday in the Walnut Methodist Church. The Rev. George R. Blue officiated, and burial was in the Walnut Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Pauline Thomas Chandler; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Wertz of Glendale, S. C., and Mrs. Marie Yelton of Baltimore, Md., two half-brothers, Bert Holland of Marshall RFD 4 and Woodard Holland of Weaverville and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were under direction of Bowman-Rector Funeral Home.

Singing Convention

The East Madison Singing Convention will meet at the Old Bull Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, February 14. All singers and the public are invited to come and take part.

C. PONDER, Chairman.

MADISON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT At Fines Creek

Girls' Game
Laurel (42) F — Cook 26, Shelton 2, Ford 10, Landers 2; G — Tweed, Franklin, Edwards, Shelton.
Fines Creek (73) F — Kirkpatrick 11, M. Haynes 16, Wood 12, Fish 12, J. Haynes, Conard 6, E. Price 7, Parks, Presnell 9; G — E. Rathbone, Ferguson, Arrington, A. Price, H. Price, Trantham, C. Rathbone, Lindsey.
Halftime: 43-6, Fines Creek.

Boys' Game
Laurel (24) F — Thomas 5, Norton 7, W. Franklin 5, B. Franklin, Tweed 7, Ramsey.
Fines Creek (69) — Duckett 4, Hunter 14, Brown 6, Rogers 13, W. Teague 13, Fincher 3, Price 3, Lowe, B. Messer 10, M. Messer, J. Messer, Presnell 4, M. Teague.
Halftime: 33-7, Fines Creek.

At Cane River

Boys' Game
Mars Hill (32) F — B. Ponder 16, English 4, Huff 11, Briggs 3; G — E. Ponder, Silvers, Ledford, Brady.
Cane River (34) F — Proffitt 7, Letterman, Hilmson 19; Hughes 6; G — Morrow, Stiles, Lawhern.
Halftime: 25-17, Mars Hill.

At Marshall

Girls' Game
Hot Springs (32) F — Burgin 12, Lamb 7, Cribb 8, Osteen 5; G — Parker, Shipley, McCall, Huff.
Marshall (31) F — A. Crowe 25, Cody 2, Woodard 1, Silvers 3, Ward; G — Caldwell, Rector, Corbett, Crowe, Slagle, Henderson.
Halftime: 18-17, Hot Springs.

At Hot Springs

Girls' Game
Laurel (28) F — Cook 16, Shelton 8, Landers 2, Franklin 2, Shelton, Cook; G — Edwards, Tweed, Gosnell.
Hot Springs (44) F — Burgin 8, Lamb 23, Cribb 11, Osteen 2; G — Parker, Davis, Shipley, McCall, Huff.
Halftime: Laurel, 18-11.

At Mars Hill

Girls' Game
Walnut (36) F — B. Johnson 12, D. Johnson 13, Thomas 11; G — Fortner, Rice, Chandler, Stackhouse.
Mars Hill (31) F — B. Ponder 17, Briggs 12, Huff 2; G — E. Ponder, Silvers, Brady, Ledford, Moore, Hamlin.
Halftime: 20-8, Walnut.

TUESDAY NIGHT At Marshall

Girls' Game
Spring Creek (33) F — Willett

Hot Springs News

JOE L. MORGAN, Correspondent

After having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 3, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kirby left by train that night for Huntington, W. Va., to visit their sons, Robert and Dr. Rice Kirby. The citizens of the Sleepy Valley Community are the happy recipients of a \$100 award which was made in recognition of their winning 1st place in the Rural Community Development Program in this county in 1959. James McClure Clarke of Asheville presented the award on behalf of the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development Fund.

Al Ricker, Jerry McFall and Sidney Harrison of Warren Wilson College spent the week-end with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

The number of people who came to dinner at the Hot Springs High Cafeteria last Thursday evening indicates that the Baptists were quite successful in securing funds with which to continue their building program. The spacious classrooms of the new Baptist Church has been the subject of favorable comment, as has been the powerful sermon which Rev. Jimmy Rogers delivered recently at the Union Service at the Dorland Bell Presbyterian Church.

Although the local girls squeaked by the Marshall girls' basketball team by only one point, the boys so skillfully maneuvered about the court that they won by a twenty-three point margin. We should pause to give credit to our

players, to whom honor is due, for not winning games but for practicing good sportsmanship, developing team spirit, and striving for greater athletic prowess. Mrs. Esther C. Brooks continues to be bothered by a severe cold. May she soon recover.

Those who heard Dr. Robert E. Harris of Asheville during his weekly radio broadcast on station WMMH last Saturday will attest the fact that his sermon on "Conviction and Consecration" was both profound and meaningful. This writer knew Dr. Harris as an evangelist over ten years ago, and it is heart-warming to note the dedication, depth of thought, and spiritual power that he has cultivated over the intervening years.

Mrs. Jimmy Rogers attended a HD Club meeting in Asheville last Friday. Delegations from a fifteen-county area were in attendance. The reports and activities of the meeting were said to have been both interesting and enlightening.

Those visiting Joe Morgan here during the week-end were his mother, Mrs. Frank Morgan Sr., of near Mars Hill, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Rice of Charlotte. A thoughtful observer recently asked this pertinent question: "Have such media of communication as television and motion pictures caused conversation in America to become a lost art?"

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TODAY'S MEDITATION

Read Isaiah 9:1-7 or Matthew 1:18-25

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Sitting beside his father during a news broadcast, a boy asked, "Daddy, will there be another war?" His father replied, "I certainly hope not."

The question which seems to be uppermost in our thinking today is: "Why is the world in such a mess, and what can we do to build a better world?" Many approaches to world peace have failed. We are doomed unless we seek peace on a spiritual basis.

In his well-known book entitled "Doctor Zhivago," Boris Pasternak reminds us that Christ, and the Christ-in-every-man is the last best hope of the earth. The spirit of Christ within us must be one of active good will toward people. In Christ is our peace, and Christ in us will make for world peace.

The Prince of Peace is still the hope of the world. Is this hope, this Christ-Spirit within us, being reflected in our daily lives?

PRAYER: Our Father, during these days when hatred and bitterness would conquer us, fill our hearts and minds with the love of Christ. Help us to pursue the things which make for peace that we may be worthy sons of Thine. In Christ's name. Amen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our mother; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

The Family of

MRS. SUSAN GRIFFIN

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deep appreciation and thanks to all the people who helped in any way during the death and funeral of our husband and father, Andrew "Andy" Chandler; and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. PAULINE CHANDLER and MRS. ETHEL WERTZ.

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