



## Requirements For New Tobacco Allotments

February 15 Will Be Closing Date For Making Applications

The acreage allotment and marketing quota regulations on burley tobacco provide for the establishment of an allotment on new tobacco farms in cases where the farm and the applicant meet each of the eligibility requirements that are set forth in the Act. Novile Hawkins, chairman of the Madison County ASC committee, said that a tobacco acreage allotment could not be established for any new farms unless each of the following conditions were met: (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing burley tobacco either as a share-cropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during two of the past five years; (2) The farm operator shall live on and obtain 50 per cent or more of his livelihood from the farm covered by the application; (3) The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator for which a burley tobacco allotment is established in 1961-62 marketing year; (4) The farm shall be operated by the owner thereof; (5) The farm or any portion thereof shall have not been a part of another farm during any of the years 1956-60 for which an old farm tobacco acreage allotment was determined, except that this provision shall not of itself make a farm ineligible if (a) it is the same farm or portion of the same farm for which an old farm acreage allotment was cancelled since 1955 due to no tobacco being produced thereon, or (b) it was a portion of an old farm during any of the years 1956-60 and at the time of the division of the farm contained cropland but received no part of the allotment on a contribution basis; (6) There is cropland on the farm and suitable barn or shed space for curing the tobacco.

The chairman also explained that February 15 was the established closing date for making application at the ASC Office for a

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## 68 PINTS BLOOD AT HOT SPRINGS LAST THURSDAY

The Recreation Center at Hot Springs was a busy place last Thursday during the visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. The visit netted 68 pints of blood, officials stated. 89 volunteers offered blood. Officials of the Buncombe-Madison Chapter termed the response as "excellent."

Much credit should be paid Dr. John Ditunno, the Hot Springs Lions Club, the Friendship Club, the Health Council and Pacific Mills for the splendid response.

The bloodmobile will visit Marshall on Wednesday, January 4, from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m., and will be located at the American Legion Building.

"We're going to have to work hard to equal the fine record set by Hot Springs," one enthusiast said here.

## FINAL DRAWING FRIDAY, DEC. 23; CAR TO BE GIVEN

The final drawing, sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association, will be held at the courthouse on Friday afternoon, December 23, at 4:00 o'clock.

In addition to the Grand Prize of a 1961 model American Rambler, other prizes will be \$70 worth of groceries (Dodson's); Bride Doll, valued at \$6.98; and 20 Silver Dollars (Merchants Association).

The annual Lions Club drawing for the baby beef and other prizes will be held at the courthouse on Saturday, December 24, at 3:00 o'clock. Proceeds from the beef projects are used to furnish baskets for the blind people of Madison County.

## ASC COMMITTEE BANQUET HELD IN ASHEVILLE

The Buncombe County ASC Committee and Office Personnel held an ASC Committee Banquet in the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Horace D. Godfrey, State ASC Administrative Officer, was the principal speaker, giving an inspiring talk on public relationship for agriculture. The purpose of this banquet was to honor past and present Buncombe County Community Committeemen who had served five or more years. Certificates were presented to those who had served five years and certificates and service pins were presented to those who had served 10, 15, and 20 years. Attending from Madison County were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Tipbon, Gene Fox, Mallie Brown and Novile Hawkins.

## YOUTH FALLS FROM A TREE DOWN PRECIPICE

A 19-year-old Hazelwood youth was critically injured near Hot Springs Sunday morning when he fell out of a scrub pine at the edge of a cliff and tumbled 670 feet to the bottom.

Gene T. Thompson was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville suffering extensive injuries. His condition was listed by hospital authorities as "critical" Sunday night.

Thompson's three companions told Hot Springs Chief of Police Leroy Johnson and State Highway Patrolman Edward E. Hall, who investigated, that Thompson had climbed the pine at the edge of Vann Cliff near Hot Springs to get some pine cones.

The tree had bent under his weight and he had plunged down the precipice, the officers were told.

## FORESTRY MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT

Forests trees should be looked at as a steady source of income. To obtain the maximum income, good forestry management is essential. Forest land on your farm can be improved with planned cutting and removal of undesirable trees. Proper cutting can help provide a steady income from timber. But careless cutting can result in more harm than good. Planned cutting can help to establish a fast growing stand of good tree species.

When forest land has no attention in a number of years, the first trees to cut are those that have little commercial value. Cut trees which are slow growing, defective and crooked. If, after these trees are cut, the stand of trees is still too thick, they should be thinned until the top branches do not touch. Enough room should be given to allow plenty of sunlight for future timber trees. This will enable timber trees to grow at a much more rapid rate.

Cutting undesirable trees will help release good species of trees such as pine and poplar. Where there are no good trees to replace the undesirable ones, white pines can be obtained. Pine seedlings are available for every farm in the county. These pines can be obtained by contacting any agricultural agency in the county.

## HUGE CROWD AT DRAWING HERE ON SATURDAY

Despite bitter cold weather, thousands of people flocked to the courthouse here Saturday morning at ten o'clock for the third drawing sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association. In addition to the crowded sidewalks and courthouse yard, the courtroom was also filled with people and orange-colored tickets.

It required only 38 minutes and 12 stubs to find the six winners.

Below are published the winners:

Ruby Davis, Marshall RFD 6, Toilet Set; Mrs. Jess Griffin, Marshall RFD 4, \$5.00 in trade; Mrs. Robert Bullman, Marshall RFD 4, Towels, Wash Cloths, etc.; Blackboard and Stand, James Haynie, Marshall; Miss Jean Rice, and June Worley, of Marshall RFD 5, was the winner of the main prize, a 21-inch table-model television set.

The final drawing will be held on Friday, December 23 at four o'clock at which time the grand prize — an American Rambler automobile will be given away.

## Madison County Boys Win Top Honors In Tobacco Event

Jack Fender, of Marshall RFD 6, was winner of the tobacco display contest held at Walker's Warehouse in Asheville Friday. He won \$30 in prize money for his 1,346 pounds grown on .59 of an acre. Other prize winners in the contest were: Clyde Allen of Marshall RFD 6, \$20; Warren English of Mars Hill RFD 3, \$10; Johnny Rigby of Walnut, \$10; Charles Thomas of Hot Springs, \$5; and Nicky Roberts of Walnut and Paul Honeycutt, of Mars Hill tied for third place and receiving \$2 each.

These boys were given a banquet at Tingle's Cafe in Asheville at which the prizes were awarded.

## Bonds Are Set Here In Gosnell Murder Case

### ROBT. JOHNSON IS ACQUITTED IN SLAYING

A jury brought in from McDowell County deliberated only 45 minutes last Thursday evening December 8, 1960, before acquitting Robert Johnson of a second degree murder charge in Madison County Superior Court.

Johnson, 46, of Walnut claimed self-defense in the shooting of Clyne Rector, 26, last March.

According to Johnson's testimony, he found his daughter in a parked car with Rector on Roberts Hill Road. Upon ordering his daughter from the car, Johnson said, he told Rector he had heart trouble and couldn't fight.

When Rector offered resistance Johnson declared, he fired his pistol into the car. Not realizing that the bullet had gone through both of Rector's legs, Johnson stated that he shot the younger man in the head when he got out of his car and lunged toward him.

The courtroom was packed during the entire two-day trial which ended at 6:10 p. m. with the jury's verdict.

Judge J. Will Pless warned against demonstration, reminded the crowd that Johnson had been tried before an impartial jury and in full compliance with the laws of North Carolina.

### Daughter Is Released; Trial Set For February Term

Judge J. Will Pless set bond for two persons and released a third without bond Friday at a habeas corpus hearing here which grew out of the fatal shooting Nov. 12 of Creanes Gosnell, 53, of Marshall RFD 4, during an argument at a filling station.

Judge Pless set bond at \$5,000 for J. L. Hodges, 50, of Kingsport, Tenn., RFD 4, charged with murder; and \$1,000 for Mrs. Berlie Gosnell, estranged wife of the slain man, charged with aiding and abetting in murder.

Mrs. Gosnell's daughter, Dorothy Mae Gosnell, was released without bond. She also was charged with aiding and abetting, according to Robert S. Swain, district solicitor.

A coroner's jury Nov. 13 ruled that Gosnell had died from a bullet fired by Hodges from a high powered rifle.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said the shooting occurred during an argument at a filling station near the homes of Gosnell and Mrs. Gosnell, who lived apart.

Hodges, a washing machine salesman, had delivered a washing machine to Mrs. Gosnell's home, Ponder said, before the fatal argument occurred.

The trial is scheduled for the Feb. 27 term of Madison Superior Court.

## PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED AT ENON SUNDAY

"Christmas Under The Stars," a beautiful Christmas pageant, will be presented by members of the Enon Baptist Church Sunday evening at seven o'clock, it was announced this week by the Rev. J. C. Furr, pastor.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program and enjoy the inspiring pageant.

## SAFETY IN THE HOME

Editors write editorials about safety in the home and people continue to be injured and killed in stupid accidents. Some of the accidents are so unnecessary, and the result of such carelessness, they belie description.

A man is electrocuted while

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## Marshall Garden Club To Sponsor Decoration Contest

Judging To Take Place On December 22; Prizes Are Offered

The Marshall Garden Club will again sponsor the annual Christmas Decoration Contest in this community. This year, prizes will be offered in three categories, as follows:

Best Overall: \$10.00.  
Best Window or Door: \$7.50.  
Best Outdoor Tree: \$5.00.

Officials of the club announced that judging will be held on Thursday night, December 22, between the hours of 7:00-9:00 o'clock.

Those outside the city limits who wish to have their decorations judged are asked to contact Mrs. John Corbett by Wednesday, December 21, so the judges can go to their homes.

## SENTENCES ARE IMPOSED DURING COURT LAST WEEK

Two sentences were imposed by Judge J. Will Pless at the conclusion of criminal court held last week. They are as follows:

Ronnie Moore, breaking and entering, 12-18 months at Eastern Carolina Training School.

Verton Anderson, breaking and entering, 12 months in State Prison at Raleigh.

## Lions Club To Have A Special Meeting Monday

The Marshall Lions Club met Monday night at the Rock Cafe here with about 20 members present. During the business session the members voted to again sponsor the Marshall Cub Scout Troop.

It was also decided to have a special meeting next Monday night at the Rock Cafe to complete plans on distribution of the Christmas baskets for the blind in Madison County. The dinner meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and all members are urged to attend. Delmar Payne, president, announced.

## BLOODMOBILE TO BE IN MARSHALL ON JANUARY 4

It was announced this week that the American Red Cross bloodmobile would visit Marshall on Wednesday, January 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. The unit will be located in the American Legion Building.

Send a friend The News-Record for a Christmas Gift.

GIFT FOR A LIFETIME



Santa Claus, shying away from the trade centers for a bit, handed an unusual gift Friday morning to Sister Rosario, lab technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital. He pulled a pint of blood (from the Buncombe-Madison Red Cross Chapter Regional Blood Center) from his bag. It will be used to give a transfusion to Clay Shelton, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Shelton of Hot Springs, who is lying (right) on the bed. Also with

him (left) was Steve Baker, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Fletcher. Clay is suffering from a kidney ailment; Steve has acute asthma. Both have been at the hospital off and on for the past two years. The Blood Center in Asheville's Municipal Building has urged that so many give blood as possible before Christmas so that emergency needs resulting from holiday accidents may be met.

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## Madison County Farmers Order White Pine Seedlings

### GANGWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

Hard as it is to believe, Christmas is just around the corner. And the commercialism of this sacred observance is already under way at a dizzy clip.

More and more, Thanksgiving is getting snowed under in the rush for Christmas dollars. But decorating and preparation for Christmas is begun, in more and more ways, it seems, before Thanksgiving.

It is true that a late Thanksgiving leaves only four weeks or less until Christmas. But this year Thanksgiving fell on the 24th which is as early as it could arrive, and still this holiday was caught in the Christmas rush.

We do not wish to single out anyone in particular on the over-commercialism of Christmas. But it must be admitted, if we are honest, that Christmas' real meaning is too often lost in the shuffle for the hard cash.

Expensive gifts are good for those who can easily afford them. For those who cannot, they are a silly practice. The spirit of giving is fulfilled by the thought and act of giving — whether the gift is costly or not. So more thought should be given to self-made presents and homelike objects and more to the spirit of Christmas.

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### All Agricultural Agencies Are Cooperating In Reforestation

According to James M. Stewart, assistant county agent, Madison County farmers have ordered 80,000 white pine seedlings. This was an up to date combined total of seedling orders taken through the agricultural agencies in the county. All agricultural agencies in the county are cooperating in the reforestation program for the county. These agencies include the Vocational Agricultural Teachers, County Agricultural Agents, Soil Conservation Service, County Forester, Farm and Home Administration, National Foresters and ASC office manager.

Orders for seedlings will be taken through December, January, February and March. Plenty of moisture for setting makes January and February excellent months to plant seedlings. Seedling orders will continue to be taken by all agricultural agencies. Every farmer in the county may order from 200 to 4,000 free white pine seedlings for his farm.

### ENJOY MUD VACATION

Mr. Vernon, who is in the hospital, is enjoying a mud vacation. He is being treated for a condition which is common in the winter months. The mud is a natural product of the area and is used to help with the condition.