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## ARA Grant Approved For County Redevelopment Plan

### To Necessitate Local Action On Specific Projects

Congressman Basil L. Whitener announced in Washington last week that the Area Redevelopment Administration has granted provisional approval for the overall redevelopment plan for Madison County.

"Approval of the plan," Whitener said, "makes it possible for the county redevelopment committee to submit requests to the Area Redevelopment Administration for Federal assistance on a variety of projects, which can include:

1. Loans to help in the expansion of existing plant facilities or the construction of new plants which create new employment opportunities;

2. Loans or grants for such community facilities as water and sewer systems needed to create new jobs;

3. Job retraining programs, including subsistence payments for workers learning new skills;

4. Technical assistance on studies that are essential to solving problems that impede economic growth."

Congressman Whitener pointed out that the provisional approval of the Madison County overall redevelopment plan was made in order to speed local action on specific projects. Local redevelopment committees must file their comprehensive economic plans with the Area Redevelopment Administration within one year.

## Clyde English Is Named Member Of N. C. State Grange

According to Robert Scott, North Carolina State Grange Master, Mr. Clyde English of Mars Hill RFD 8 has been elected as a member of the standing livestock committee of the N. C. State Grange for a two-year term.

## FROZEN CAT

Ventura, Cal. — Elmer A. Powers, raiding his refrigerator for a midnight snack, had quite a surprise.

He opened the door and found the family cat. His tail standing straight up a pole, was frozen stiff.

Powers' wife, Billie, said: "He wasn't really badly hurt — he's just as frisky as ever."

How he got into his predicament remains a mystery.

## Unproductive Land Can Be Made Profitable With Trees

### Suggests Planting Pines; Idle Land Is Costly

By J. BOYD BAUCOM  
Conservationist

Madison County possesses thousands of acres of idle unproductive land. This land is not suited for the production of field crops. It is either too steep, stony or shallow for this purpose. The farmers in this county are stuck with property which will not produce field crops and consequently there is no income or interest derived from the value of this land. Money for taxes on these acres will need to be produced from other acres on the farm. The type of growth which will naturally take place (except in a few isolated spots on this land will be of very little value. We call it scrub growth and its primary function will be to hold and retard erosion.

Suppose we give this idle land a value — say \$100.00 per acre. Now suppose it is nice if we had some wood which would pay us 4% interest on this valuation? We would pay the \$100.00 tax and have (Continued To Last Page)

## ARA OFFICIALS IN HOT SPRINGS FOR TOUR MON.

On March 5, Dr. Ott Romney, Recreation Specialist for Area Redevelopment Administration, with offices in Washington, D. C., Mr. Wayne Shields, Regional Representative for the Area Redevelopment Administration of Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Hugh Master, of the Kellogg Foundation, were guest speakers at a luncheon given in Hot Springs by the Hot Springs Planning Board, the Hot Springs Housing Authority and the board of aldermen. Mr. John P. Hampton, director of WNC Regional Planning Commission, was also a guest at the meeting. The Reverend Charles Heier, minister of the Larger Parish of the United Presbyterian Church, USA, was also present for the meeting.

On hand to meet with these men were Mr. Peter J. Hanlon, Forest Supervisor of the North Carolina National Forests, and his assistant, Mr. W. H. Howell, both of Asheville. After lunch the men toured the area. Their tour included the Hotel, bath house, French Broad Lookout, the Gahagan property and Vann Cliff Lookout. These men were especially interested in visiting Hot Springs, due to the Overall Economic Development Plan for Madison County that has recently been approved.

## Still Is Leveled; 2 Men Charged

Two Madison County men were freed on \$500 bonds each Saturday and the still where they were arrested was leveled following a raid by federal and State officers.

Both Robert Shelton, 22, of the Shelton Laurel section, and Otis Franklin, 19, of Cutshall, waived hearing before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker.

Federal Alcohol and tobacco Tax investigators and state ABC agents from Buncombe County moved in on the 50-gallon, steamer pot still Friday afternoon. They said it was located on the U. S. Government's Laurel Wildlife Refuge on Hickey Branch Road.

The lawmen said the operation had just begun running when the raid took place.

## 1962 FEED GRAIN SIGN-UP TO END ON MARCH 20

Growers of corn who did not take part in the 1961 Feed Grain Program, but who would like to participate this year (1962) have only until March 20 to visit the County ASCS Office and file the information needed by ASC Committee to establish a corn base for their farms.

According to Ralph W. Ramsey, County ASCS Office Manager, there are two dates pertaining to the 1962 Feed Grain Program on corn which producers should keep in mind if they are interested in diverting a portion of their 1962 corn acreage to conservation use for payment. The first date is March 20, which is the last date ASCS offices are permitted to accept acreage reports or information needed in establishing farm corn bases from interested farmers. After this information has been filed by the producer, a farm base and payment rate will be established and the farmer given written notice of same. He will then have only through March 30 to revisit the county ASCS office and file his intention to take part in the program, Ramsey explained.

The office manager said that any farm operator who produced corn on his farm during the base period of 1959 and/or 1960 is eligible to participate in the 1962 program provided he takes the necessary action within the established time limits.

Ramsey pointed out that there was considerably more interest being shown in the 1962 program than for last year's program. He also stated the program is strict. (Continued To Last Page)

## John McLeod Suffers Broken Hip On Tuesday

Mr. John A. McLeod, of Mars Hill, a professor of English and director of publications at Mars Hill College, suffered a broken hip Tuesday when he fell in the deep snow on the campus.

## Celebrates 101st Birthday Sunday



Mrs. Rebecca "Granny" Henderson

## Granny Henderson, 101, Is Still Young In Spirit

### Likes People; Can't Get Interested In Politics; Lived Simple Life

By BOB SEYMOUR  
Chillicothe Staff Writer

Mrs. Rebecca Henderson's name has changed during the past 11 years from "Aunt Becky" to "Granny."

When she was 90 in 1951, Aunt Becky still cared for her self in the ancient house nestled in bir-

chines on a hill overlooking this Madison County community.

Granny Henderson of Walnut, observed her 101st birthday Sunday — and if she were able she still would be looking after her simple wants. Her spirit is still young and her memory is keen.

She remembers growing up in Backer settlement near Marshall, and recalls leaving her mother, (Continued To Last Page)

# Citizens To Vote In May Primary For Industrial Development Tax, Comm.



50 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING

## 50th Anniversary Of Girl Scouts To Be Observed

### Mars Hill Grange To Meet Tuesday

The Mars Hill Grange will meet Tuesday, March 13, at the Mars Hill Community Center. All members are urged to attend from 7 to 8 o'clock.

All farmers that are non-members are asked to meet for the meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock. Mr. Harry Silver, county agent, will have charge of the program on "Tobacco Production."

### MENANCE

People who ignore traffic safety rules are always on the verge of a serious smashup.

### Local Girl Scouts Will Be Recognized At Churches This Sunday

The 50th anniversary of the Girl Scouts will be observed during Girl Scout Week, which will be celebrated from Sunday, March 11 through Saturday, March 17, by the Pisgah Girl Scout Council. Monday, March 12, marks the date in 1912 when Juliette Low founded the first troop of 12 girls in Savannah, Ga.

On Sunday, March 11, the Girl Scouts will attend the church of their choice in their uniforms and will be recognized at the morning service.

Girl Scout troops are making "Emergency Game Kits" in cooperation with the Red Cross and Civil Defense.

During 1962, Girl Scouts across the nation will plant golden blossoms of all kinds in honor of their 50th Anniversary and to beautify their communities. These blossoms will include a yellow Girl Scout Rose and Brownie Scout Marigold, both names for the Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scouts is a nationwide organization for girls from seven through 17 years of age. Its purpose is to help girls develop as happy, resourceful individuals, ready to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, their country and the world.

Every member promises to do her duty to God and country, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Girl Scout Laws.

The theme for the Girl Scout Anniversary is "Honor the Past — Serve the Future."

There is a total membership of 3,419,000 of whom 2,646,000 are girls and 773,000 are men and (Continued To Last Page)

## BLOODMOBILE TO BE AT REA BLDG. HERE MARCH 19

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the REA Building here on Monday, March 19, it was announced following a meeting of Red Cross officials at the REA Building here last week.

The urgent need for blood was stressed and the public is asked to make plans now to visit the bloodmobile when it is in Marshall and give a pint of blood.

"We should have at least 100 donors on March 19. It has been a long time since the bloodmobile has been here and the blood is urgently needed at the blood bank," an official said.

## REPUBLICANS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

Chairman and Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Mrs. Mary B. Roberts, R. S. Rice and Loy P. Roberts of Madison County were among the Republicans from all sections of North Carolina which adopted a "fighting" platform at the GOP State Convention held in Durham Saturday.

The convention was described as the most enthusiastic held in recent years. They sharply criticized the state Democratic administration and took a positive stand against the sales tax on foods and federal aid to education. They demanded a statewide liquor referendum and a non-partisan State Highway Commission.

Among the other major issues, they urged a statewide registration of voters, non-partisan boards to supervise elections and elimination of the party loyalty oath for voters... more liberal minimum wage... elimination of absentee ballots and election of judges by districts instead of statewide.

## Dear Subscribers— We're Sorry, Too, But It Ain't Us!

The increase of "complaints" of subscribers living in Michigan, Florida and other states about not receiving their paper regularly really concerns us, too.

After checking into numerous complaints, we find that in over 99% of the cases, the fault is not with us. We are mailing your paper every week at the address given us. Why you're not receiving your paper is bound to be a mixup at "your end of the line."

We are anxious for you to receive your paper — just as anxious as you are. We appreciate your patience and assure you that we will do everything we can but we can't "control" the mail after it leaves the office here.

There is one suggestion, however, we wish to make. If you move or change your address (Street No., Box No., etc.) please notify us of the change. Also, please include your FORMER address.

## 4-H Club Activities And Accomplishments Are Cited

### LOW BIDS ARE RECEIVED FOR HIGHWAY WORK

The State Highway Commission received low bids totaling \$7,101,283.82 at the February 27 Highway Letting held in Raleigh.

Low bids will be approved when the 19-member Commission meets in Raleigh on March 8.

A total of 212 bids were received on the 45 projects included in the original call for bids.

Projects and bids affecting Madison County are as follows: Buncombe-Madison—38.95 miles concrete binder and resurfacing 17 sections of Secondary Road in Buncombe and Madison Counties, \$242,562.26, Asheville Paving Co., Asheville.

Madison-Buncombe—3.15 miles grading, base course and surfacing Secondary Road 1548 from SR 1546, east to Buncombe County line; and SR 2182 from Buncombe County line, south to NC 107, \$108,877.56; Asheville Contracting Company, Asheville.

## No Special Registration To Be Required; Voters To Decide On Tax Levy

The board of county commissioners Monday ordered an election to be held on the date of the May Primary so that voters can approve or reject plans for the establishment of a new tax and commission for Madison County. The proposed new commission, if approved, will be known as the Madison County Industrial Development Commission. (Not to be confused with the present Madison County Planning Board.)

The State Senate and Legislature at the last term approved the measure to be put before the voters. The first step was for the supporters of the measure to petition the commissioners for an election. After reading numerous petitions from citizens, the board voted Monday to order the election to be held in conjunction with the May Primary.

Voters will decide on whether or not a tax levy of 5c per \$100 valuation will be assumed to be used to develop "an expanded and diversified economy in Madison County; for the attraction, encouragement and expansion of agricultural, commercial and industrial enterprises and of venture capital and any and all costs or expenses related to the broad development purposes, such as professional planning assistance, resource, labor, location, land use, industrial and other surveys, and advertising."

No special registration will be required, according to the act. If the vote passes, the commission will come into being, with the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners serving as a member ex officio. Named to the agency in the bill are Jobie Henderson, J. J. Ramsey, Charles E. Maaburn, D. M. Robinson, James Story, Rex Allen, Leonard Baker, S. C. Rodisall and Fred O. Tilson.

Aims of the commission will be to promote the "business, agricultural and industrial development, and the general economic welfare" of the county.

Original members of the commission will serve until August 1, 1965, and members appointed thereafter by the General Assembly will serve four-year terms.

It was pointed out that the new commission, if formed, will work closely with the Madison County Planning Board in future development in Madison County.

For over fifty years, 4-H Club members, who are observing 4-H Club Week, March 3-10, have been able to learn by doing in North Carolina.

The 1500 4-H Club members in Madison County are among those in the state who learn through their projects and activities.

Such projects as sewing, canning, frozen foods, forestry, tobacco, livestock, and gardening enable the 4-H Club members to learn new skills and better methods of caring for their various projects. District competition in shows and sales has given 4-H Club members from Madison an opportunity to compete against boys and girls from other counties in project work. Jack and Larry Fender of Route 6, Marshall, were first and second place winners in the district tobacco show and sale held during December. Fat steers grown out by Phil Price and Joe Ferguson placed fourth and fifth in the Annual District Fat Stock Show and Sale held last November.

Most of the 4-H members have already started the projects they plan to carry during this year. County, district, and state projects are being carried on. (Continued To Page 2)