



Rural Housing Loans Total \$105,200 In Madison County

No Losses Reported From FHA Rural Loans In This County

15 low-income rural families in Madison County used \$105,200 of Farmers Home Administration credit during the fiscal year of 1965 for improved housing facilities, County Supervisor, W. E. Hill announced today.

Loans for individual housing ranged from small amounts for minor repairs to loans for constructing modest but adequate rural homes. Funds can also be used to improve or construct essential farm buildings.

"The rural housing program has brought untold benefits to local communities as well as to the people involved," Mr. Hill said. "Improvements made by borrowers on their homes have increased the tax base, making it easier for local communities to finance improvements in roads, schools and other community facilities."

Since the program was expanded four years ago, over 5,200 rural families have borrowed more than \$47.4 million to improve their housing. Loans have been made in all 100 counties in North Carolina in the amount of \$8.5 million during the 1965 fiscal year.

Payments of principal and interest equal 111 percent of the total amount due since the program began. Many of the loans are repaid ahead of schedule.

There have been no losses on Farmers Home Administration rural housing loans since the program started in North Carolina.

Loans by Farmers Home Administration are made to applicants who are unable to obtain credit from private lenders at reasonable rates and terms. Loans are tailored to individual needs and are accompanied by assistance in farm and financial management.

The Madison County office of The Farmers Home Administration is located on the second floor of the Citizens Bank Building and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a. m., to 5 p. m.

POWELL FUNDS TO HELP THREE COUNTY TOWNS

The biggest Powell Bill split-up of gas tax money for North Carolina cities and towns since the law was passed in 1951 will bring more than \$800,000 to Western North Carolina this year.

Fifty communities will share in the divide, part of a statewide total of \$9,776,008, which is \$450,000 more than 1964's.

The largest single allocation in the mountain area goes to Asheville. It will receive \$297,630.55.

In Madison County, the following allocations have been announced:

Marshall, \$4,806.56; Mars Hill, \$5,437.79; Hot Springs, \$5,200.11.

TVA FLOOD PLAN MOVES CLOSER TO REALIZATION

Madison Is One Of Five Counties Involved In Development

An \$80 million TVA flood control program and overall economic development for the Upper French Broad region moved closer to realization Wednesday.

Representatives of three of the five counties involved OK'd the naming of a five-member steering committee to work out the details of setting up a local development district which would be eligible to receive Appalachian Regional Development Act grants for the initial planning phase. Later, the development district may be transformed into an Upper French Broad Authority with full statutory authority to carrying out the huge project.

Attending the meeting at Asheville Airport and approving the (Continued to Last Page)

Program To Start Here Will Aid County Residents Over 50

Headquarters To Be In L. B. Ramsey Building

LIONS' WHITE CANE DRIVE TO START SUNDAY

Madison 9 Loses 15-4 Verdict To Fairview Sunday

The Fairview baseball team of the Buncombe League scored 10 runs in the first inning of an exhibition game Sunday at McCormick Field and went on to humiliate the Madison 9 team, league champions, before more than 150 fans, 15-4.

The local team was jittery during the first inning and this coupled with the wildness of Doug Ponder, starting hurler, started the Madison 9 on the road to defeat.

This was the final baseball game of the season for both clubs.

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT

Marshall at Spruce Pine

Mars Hill (Open)

Hot Springs (Open)

Education, On-Job Training Planned; U. S. Dept. Of Labor Responsible

Announcement was made this week of a year-long program to be conducted in Madison County designed to improve the existing educational facilities available to older persons. One long-range objective is to improve the chances of employment open to men and women over fifty years of age.

Local headquarters are being established in the newly remodeled Liston Ramsey office building on Main Street, and the project will be under the general guidance of Buncombe County/Committee on Aging, which has received a grant from the U. S. Department of Labor for the "experimental and demonstration" project.

Under the terms of the Labor Department contract, the project staff will concentrate on residents of rural areas within the county who are past fifty years of age and who are unemployed or underemployed. Under-employed persons are those who are not working full time, and also includes those who, with additional education and training can qualify for better jobs than they now hold.

Educational activities planned range all the way from basic reading and writing on through skill and trade training, and include allowances for On-the-Job training to be conducted by cooperating employers.

Special counselling services will be available to qualifying county residents which will use existing social and professional groups with resources to provide assistance to such persons.

Dr. H. W. Stevens, chief of Buncombe County's Health Department and president of the sponsoring committee, announced that staff members are now being selected, with emphasis on the employment of local residents, and that a detailed statement would (Continued to Last Page)

ASC Election Ballots To Be Counted Wed.

The incumbent County ASC Committee will publicly tabulate the ballots cast by farmers in this year's ASC community committee election on Wednesday, September 15, at the ASCS office in Marshall, starting at 8 a. m. In making this announcement, Ralph Ramsey, ASCS office manager said farmers interested in observing the tabulation could do so. He explained that in this year's mail election of community committees which ends on September 10, farmers will decide who their ASC community representatives are to be for the coming 12-month period. The three farmers receiving the three highest number of votes at the community level will be the newly elected community chairman, vice chairman and regular (Continued to Last Page)

Revival Speaker



Rev. Ted Williams

REVIVAL WILL START SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CH.

A series of revival services will begin Sunday evening at the Marshall Baptist Church and will continue through the morning service on September 19, it was announced this week by the Rev. Jack L. Thomas, pastor.

Guest speaker for the services will be the Rev. Ted Williams, secretary of the department of statistics and survey, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Mr. Williams, a native of Charlestown, W. Va., has been in North Carolina since 1951. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and has served as pastor at Lillington Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Mt. Olive. He also served five (Continued to Last Page)

Madison - Buncombe EOA Joint Action Is Approved

Each County Will Maintain Identity But Will Work Together

The board of directors of the Opportunity Corporation of Asheville-Buncombe County Tuesday approved a memorandum of agreement with Madison Community Action, Inc., for joint action by the two organizations in developing programs under the Economic Opportunity Act.

The board's action was made subject to approval by the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity and the North Carolina Fund. Representatives of Madison Community Action approved the agreement August 25.

Joint action was requested by Madison Community Action in July after the organization was informed by the Office of Economic Opportunity that counties with less than 50,000 population will

not receive OEO poverty-fighting grants unless they join with one or more other counties.

The agreement provides that each organization will keep its corporate identity, but that a joint board of directors and executive committee will be appointed. Madison County EOA projects will be developed by Madison Community Action for submission to the joint board.

The Opportunity Corporation of Asheville-Buncombe County will submit such program proposals to OEO and will be the responsible agency in receiving such grants, and in administration.

The agreement approved Tuesday calls for Madison Community Action representation on the joint board on a straight population ratio of 13 per cent. This item is still to be approved by the Madison County group.

BUS SERVICE TO MARS HILL WILL CONTINUE

Bus service for students in the Asheville and Weaverville areas to attend Mars Hill College will be provided again this year, college officials announced Monday.

A 37-passenger bus given to the college three years ago by the First Baptist Church of Asheville will operate daily between Asheville and the campus.

Registrar Robert Chapman who handles reservations for the bus, said applications for admissions to the 1965-66 session are still being accepted from qualified commuters, although dormitories are filled and no more resident students are being accepted.

Any student interested in riding the bus should contact Chapman.

Cranberry Downs Tornados, 12-7; Cardinals Beats Blue Devils, 19-0; Wildcats Lose To East Yancey, 32-0

Marshall - Cranberry

In an Appalachian Conference game at Cranberry Friday night, the Cranberry Wildcats edged out the Marshall Tornados by a 12-7 score.

Larry Hughes scored for Cranberry in the second quarter and the second touchdown was made on a pass from Johnny Tate to Freddy Julian.

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Hot Springs - Clyde

The Clyde Cardinals bounced into the victory column Thursday night as B. J. Thompson scored 18 points in a 19-0 victory over Hot Springs at Clyde.

Thompson, a 175-pound senior fullback, scored on a 10-yard run in the first period, on a one-yard burst in the second, and on a 20-yard gallop just before halftime.

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Mars Hill - East Yancey

Right halfback Bonnis Robinson put on a one-man show, scoring 26 points as East Yancey High shot out Mars Hill, 32-0, at Mars Hill Friday night.

The visiting team, gaining 244 yards of its 386 total on the ground, scored in every period with Robinson tallying four touchdowns and placekicking two extra points.

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ASC County Convention Is Set For September 17

To Be Held In ASC Office At 9:30 a.m.; Important Changes Made

The Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee for next year will be elected by farmer-chosen delegates at a county convention on Friday, September 17 at 9:30 a. m., in the ASCS office at Marshall, according to Emory Robinson, chairman, ASC county committee. The convention will be open to the public; however, only farmer-delegates to the convention may participate in the election process. Election will be by secret ballot and plurality vote.

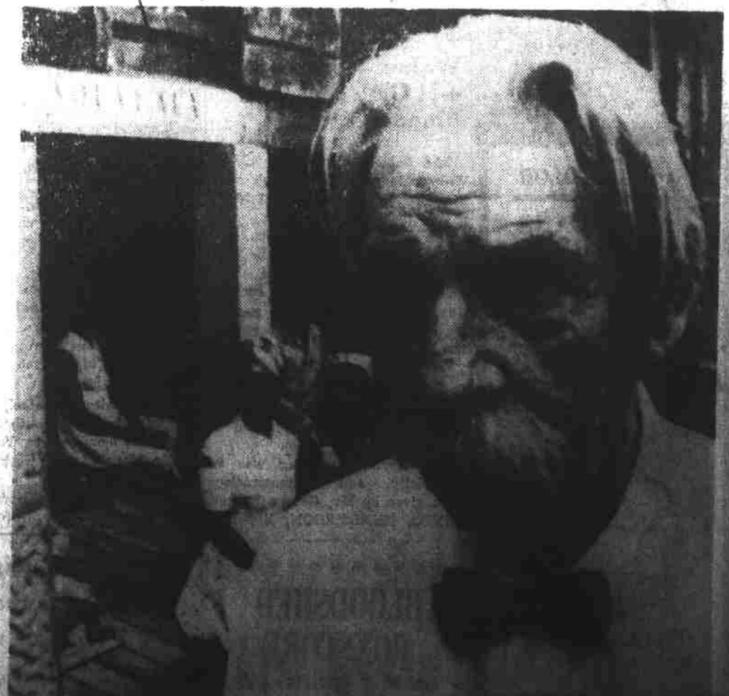
ASC county and community committees are in charge of the local administration of such farm-

action programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, the feed grain program, the voluntary wheat program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, and the National Wool Program.

A qualified candidate for service on the ASC county committee, the chairman explained, is one who is a resident eligible to vote in one of the community elections in the county, and who meets other eligibility requirements. Eligibility to vote or hold office as a committeeman is not restricted by reason of race, color, creed, or national origin. Other details as to qualifications of candidates are available in the ASCS county office.

Any questions on eligibility to hold office as an ASC county committee member should be directed to the (Continued on Last Page)

A MAN AND HIS WORK



Famed humanitarian-physician Dr. Albert Schweitzer was photographed last December as he stood in front of his hospital in Lambaré, Gabon. He spent a great portion of his life there. The "great white doctor," who died Saturday night, was buried Sunday in the red African soil near the jungle hospital.