

FHA Programs Strengthen Family Farms, Communities

Various Loan Benefits Are Cited; Offices Here

The Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, serves eligible farmers and other rural residents with needed credit and technical help on farm and money management problems. Loans are made only to applicants unable to obtain adequate credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms. Loan funds for the 1968 fiscal year have been made available and applications for assistance may be placed at the local county office above the Citizens Bank Building in Marshall.

Operating Loans

Operating loans are made to eligible operators of not larger than family farms, to assist them in making improved use of their land and labor resources and make adjustments necessary for successful farming. Funds may be advanced to pay for equipment, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer, for other farm and home operating needs, to refinance chattel debts, carry out forestry purposes, and develop income-producing recreation enterprises.

Farm Ownership Loans

Farm ownership loans help family farmers obtain the resources needed to improve their living conditions and farm successfully. These loans are made to buy farms or land to enlarge farms; construct or repair buildings; improve land; develop water; forestry; and fish farming resources; establish recreation enterprises to supplement farm income, and refinance debts. The interest rate is 5 percent; repayment period may not exceed 40 years.

Soil and Water Conservation Loans

Loans are made to eligible individual farm operators and owners to develop, conserve and make better use of their soil and water resources.

Rural Housing Loans

Rural housing loans are made to farmers and other rural residents in open country and small rural communities with populations of not more than 5,600. Loans are made to construct and repair needed homes and essential farm buildings, purchase homes or buy sites on which to build homes. Families who do not have enough repayment ability may use co-signers to assure loan payments. The maximum term is 23 years. The interest rate varies. (Continued To Last Page)

MANY STORES TO BE OPEN HERE FRIDAY NIGHTS

Listed in an advertisement on Page Two are the firms which will begin remaining open until 8:00 o'clock each Friday night beginning this week.

Members of the Marshall Merchants Association decided recently to start Friday night opening in order to give the people who are working and unable to shop during the day an opportunity to shop every Friday night in Marshall.

If the plan proves successful, other firms are expected to begin the Friday night plan.

ADAMS, WALLIN AGAIN WIN AT CATALOOCHEE

Jones, Leatherwood Win Top Honors In Muzzle-Loading Event

The 27th annual Cataloochee Reef Shoot was held Wednesday at the Cataloochee Ranch on the mile-high table land of Fie Top Mountain above Maggie Valley. Mike Jones, from Lake Junaluska and Mrs. Mercedith Leatherwood from Bryson City, won top honors.

Back after a lay-off of four years was 20-year-old Jerry Adams of Walnut who, back in 1962, at the age of 15, became the youngest king of the muzzle-loading clan since the event was started. On that occasion he placed three shots in a circle less than the size of a quarter.

The best he could do, Wednesday was to group three shots in a 1.8-inch circle, but it was enough. (Continued To Last Page)

ASC COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED

ASC community committees should always be the "best people available," according to Emory Robinson, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. Slates of nominees for membership on ASC community committees soon will be established at the ASCS County Office.

Farmers who are eligible to vote in the community committee elections also have the right to nominate by petition candidates for committee membership any farmer who is eligible and who has indicated that he is willing to serve. Such petitions, each one nominating one farmer and signed by six or more eligible voters, may be filed at the county office any time before August 24. Eligible voters may sign as many petitions as they wish. Additional nominations will be made by the incumbent ASC community and county committees. For administrative purposes Madison County is divided into 16 ASCS communities. The ASCS community boundaries coincide with the original 16 townships of the county. There have been no changes in the ASCS community boundaries for 1967. The community committee elections will be held by mail during the second (Continued To Last Page)

Motion Calls For Immediate Telephone Improvements

ACTIVITIES OF OUR RED CROSS IN JULY

The Asheville Headquarters of the American Red Cross has reported that 39 units of blood were used by hospitalized Madison County residents during July. Five units were given by persons in the county during this period.

The Red Cross Service to Military Families department gave assistance to five servicemen or their families during July by sending and receiving reporting from the Military. In two cases veterans or their dependents were assisted in claims for government benefits.

The swimming classes taught at Marshall pool by Emagene Ponder and Tommy Nix ended this month. The Mars Hill College pool opened this month.

Several Madison County youths have expressed an interest in doing Red Cross volunteer work after seeing a commercial on TV relating to Youth Teams.

F. B. Timber Sold During Year Is Valued At \$19,420

The National Forests in North Carolina did a million dollar business in Fiscal Year 1967, according to Forest Supervisor Peter J. Hanlon.

"According to final reports just in," said Mr. Hanlon, "we made 494 timber sales last year. These sales had a total volume of nearly 63 million board feet of timber — enough to build 6,300 average size homes. Of course, a lot of what we sold made furniture and other forest products."

National Forest timber is marketed for sale and sold to the highest bidder through sealed bids. Twenty-five percent of the sale price is returned to the counties in which National Forests lands lie. The money is spent for roads and schools.

While furnishing recreational opportunities, clean water and a habitat for wildlife, National Forests make an important contribution to the forest products in North Carolina.

District Ranger Aulds of Hot Springs added that 2.03 M. board feet of timber was sold from the French Broad Ranger District. (This timber had a value of \$19,420.00.)

Commission, Attorneys To Meet Soon To Further Plans

The State Utilities Commission plans to call a conference soon with representatives of Western Carolina Telephone Co., Westco, and Continental Telephone Corp., their attorneys and representatives of the state attorney general's office to discuss a motion presented at the recent hearings in Asheville.

The motion, presented by Commission staff attorney J. Melville Broughton and amended by Assistant State Attorney General George Goodwyn, called for an interim order by the commission which would require the respondent companies to begin immediately to plan definite action to correct many of the situations brought out in testimonies during the hearing.

Broughton also pointed out, "We have tried to incorporate measures within the realm of possibility. We do not think the motion goes beyond any matter already presented in the testimonies and Mr. Finch's statement."

Broughton said the present situation was "best described as 'tragic,'" and attorney R. R. Williams similarly called it a "state of emergency," as he pleaded with the Commission to accept the motion.

Respondent attorneys Herbert Hyde and F. Kent Burns resisted the motion, saying it went "beyond bounds," but both offered to meet with the Commission and anyone else designated by the Commission.

Hyde pointed out that the respondents had been ordered by the Commission "to show cause why they could not provide better service." "Not as yet is the opportunity to do so."

"We do not resist the motion for the purpose of delay or for any other ulterior motive. The truth is we have had no time to present our side."

Hyde said he was grateful for Finch's statement. "We agree there is much justification for the complaints."

Burns added that the respondents would "like sufficient time to formulate a reasonable plan" for remedial action.

Broughton's motion would require the following of the respondents:

"1. Report back in 30 days with a schedule for the conversion of (Continued To Last Page)

Red Cross Membership Drive To Be Held In October

Earl Wise To Serve As Drive Chairman; Goal Is \$3,303.00

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Madison County Branch, American Red Cross, was held recently at the REA Building here. The directors adopted a budget for 1968 and again set October as Red Cross Membership Drive Month with a goal of \$3,303.00.

It was explained that the increase over last year's quota is due to an increase of the Branch share of the national quota. The figure jumped from \$1,206.00 to \$1,658.00. It was further stated that there is to be a national increase of \$9,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 will go to the armed services, and the remaining \$4,000,000 will be delegated for the disaster reserve fund which at present, following three years of severe hurricanes, floods, etc., is almost depleted.

Earl Wise well-known and popular farm agent, will serve as drive chairman in October, it was announced.

It was also announced that Miss Emagene Ponder attended Red Cross Aquatic School from Madison County.

Jerry Plennmons was elected to fill the vacancy on the board of directors created when the Rev. Jack L. Thomas moved from Marshall.

Attend Historical Meeting At Richmond Hill Saturday

Mr. John A. McLeod and Mr. Joe L. Morgan attended the Western North Carolina Historical Association meeting Saturday afternoon at Richmond Hill House two miles west of Westgate Shopping Center in Asheville. Dr. Frank Edwinn of the Humanities Department of Asheville-Biltmore College, presented the program which consisted of a discourse on the history of the Dulcimer. He displayed musical instruments traceable to the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Music was produced by one of the ancient instruments by turning a handle.

NATIONAL ECONOMY

The national economy loses 21 billion dollars each year because of the existence of poverty. The North Carolina share of this is \$578,000,000.

DORLAND-BELL SCHOOL REUNION AUGUST 12-13

Faculty members and students of Dorland-Bell School will meet for their annual reunion on August 12 and 13 at Dorland-Bell Church at Hot Springs. A memorial to Miss Ruby Sidebottom, beloved principal of the school for many years, will be given at the morning worship service.

At noon a picnic dinner will be spread on the lawn of Alpine Court through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, owners and operators of the Court, on what was once the lawn of the school. Come one, come all, bring a picnic basket and meet old friends and make new ones.

Mr. Bascom's Festival Reaches Its 40th Year

Rain, Rain, Rain, Showers Hit County Daily

For the past several days there have been showers, and sometimes heavy rains accompanied by thunder and lightning in the county. When it isn't raining, the weather is ideal — but because of so much rain the tomato crops are damaged.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford at 85 Years Is a Man With His Roots Sunk Deep in the Soil of the Southern Highlands.

More than that he is a man who has devoted the greater part of his life to the preservation of its ballads, its pickin' and singin', its clog steps, its "round" square dances.

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, will mark a milestone in the life of the squire of South Turkey Creek.

On this night — and for the two that follow — he will mount (Continued To Page Six)

Principals, Teachers Announced For '67-'68 Term County Schools

Monday, August 21 Is First Regular Day Of School

Superintendent Robert L. Edwards this week announced the principals and teachers for county schools for the 1967-68 term.

He also stated that teachers will report to their schools on August 16-17 and students will register and get class assignments on Friday, August 18. The first official day of school will be on Monday morning, August 21.

Mr. Edwards also said that Thanksgiving holidays will be observed on November 23-24, and that the Christmas holidays will begin on Wednesday, December 20 until January 2. Grover Gillis will again serve as elementary supervisor in the county.

Published below are a list of principals and teachers for the ensuing term:

- MARSHALL**
HIGH SCHOOL: Principal, Clive M. Whitt; Selwyn M. Eure, James E. Boone, Jessie M. Ramsey, Roy E. Reeves, Dorothy B. Shupe, Mary C. Sprinkle, Carol Whit, Margaret M. Anderson, Lucille Bullman, Jack C. Cole, James Allen, Bobby Franklin, Ardith Gail Singleton, Maxine Plennmons.
ELEMENTARY: Madra Clark, Mary Ward, Anna White, Judy Frisby, Winifred West, Emily
- WALNUT**
Elementary
Principal, Auburn Wyatt; Juanita Boone, Queen F. Bullman, Mary M. Ponder, Jeannette S. Tweed, Ora M. Fox, Tressalee B. Ramsey, Margaret R. Guthrie, Naomi G. Tweed, Zora E. Huffman, Lucile B. Burnette, Maxine Lettersman, Fox Sprinkle.

WALLIN, SANDRA EDWARDS, HELEN LEDFORD, VIOLA M. RAMSEY, BILLIE REDMON, HATTIE TEAGUE, ORLA PONDER, EVA SAMS, JESSIE WORLEY, SALENA FISHER.

BEECH GLEN Elementary

Principal, J. H. Ray; Eulala Boone, Edith Radford, Tillie Hawkins, Agnes Metcalf.

MARS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Principal, Fred Dickerson; Jesse Moss, Marvin Carriker, Roy Y. Ammons, Patricia Bell, Janet Hall, Linda McCurry, Thomas McCurry, Nina Moffitt, Patricia Phillips, Hazel Suttles, Eileen Wood, James Wallin, Pat Sams.
ELEMENTARY: DeLois Booth, J. R. Higgins, Peggy Thomas, Iva Brown, Lena Ray, Nina Ledord, Eva McIntosh, Thaida Roeberts, Clara Wyatt, Edna English, Janette Buckner, Mabel Carter, Delilah Hawkins, Aytis Briggs, Nancy Anderson, Minnie Ebbs, Ruby Ramsey, Billie Haynie.

LAUREL

HIGH SCHOOL: Principal, Ray Tweed; Frances Zimmerman, Louie Zimmerman, James J. Shelton, Lamar Lunsford.
ELEMENTARY: Lena Thomas, Naple Adams, Mary Franklin, Edith Shelton, Rena Shelton, Shirley Metcalf, Ruth Landers, Nell Franklin, June Plennmons, Helen Shelton, Glennis Ray, Oleta R. Shelton.

HOT SPRINGS

HIGH SCHOOL: Principal, J. C. Wallin, Jr.; Hettie Rice, Jewell Church, Roger Dale Buckner, Troy S. Harrison.
ELEMENTARY: Mamie Rice, Harvey Franklin, Dorothy Chandler, Lois C. Moore, Vera Sumner, Harriett Runnon, Hattie L. Henderson, Alma P. Fowler.

SPRING CREEK

HIGH SCHOOL: Principal, Fred Anderson; Garland Woody, Martha Kirkpatrick, F. N. Willett, Margaret Reeves.
ELEMENTARY: Emma Kate Davis, Donna L. Hutcheson, Viola Fowler, Jeannet Meadows, Howard Trimble, Carroll Narrow, Lucy A. Green.

EBBS CHAPEL Elementary

Principal, Bruce Phillips, Carolyn W. Ponder, Vernon J. Ponder, Mary D. Buckner.

Salvation Army Annual Sing To Be Held This Sunday

Event At Shelton Laurel Center; Begins At 10 A. M.

The Salvation Army is making plans for its annual Singing on the Mountain. This will be the thirty-first year and will be held Sunday, August 6 at the Shelton Laurel Center three miles west of the Fines Creek School.

Featured this year will be the Voyagers Quartet from Winston-Salem. The Voyagers have many followers in this section. This fine musical group will take part both in the morning and afternoon programs.

The program will commence at ten o'clock. There will be a break from twelve to one for lunch. The afternoon program will be from one until three. Additional singing groups are invited. If any group would like to take part in the Sing either in the morning or the afternoon, they may contact the Salvation Army District Office in Waynesville by calling 456-7111.

Lunch will be served the singers; and sandwiches, coffee, and cold drinks will be available for (Continued To Page Two)

DELINQUENT TAX NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED

Delinquent 1966 taxes will be advertised in next week's issue.

If you wish to pay your taxes and prevent the publishing of your name, do so by next Tuesday at Noon.

Tom Mallonee To Visit Marshall Friday, August 25

Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Friday, August 25, he will be at the Madison County Courthouse, Marshall from 9:00 to 10:00; at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville from 1:00 to 2:00; and at Town Hall, Spruce Pine from 3:00 to 4:00.

F. B. Baptists 160th Sessions Start Aug. 10

Lynne Baker And Jane McIntosh Are Featured In Story

Lynne Baker and Jane McIntosh, two Madison County 4-H'ers who recently attended State 4-H Club Week, at Raleigh were selected for an interview out of a group of over 600 girls. Susan Nixon of Lincoln County selected Jane and Lynne on the basis of their outstanding 4-H achievements. From facts gained in the interview Miss Nixon featured Lynne and Jane in a news article which was printed in "Clover Leaves" a newspaper edited and published by 4-H'ers and the extension staff during Club Week. The article told of Lynne and Jane's 4-H achievements and quoted them on some of their ideas and special enjoyments of the week.

Lynne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baker of Walnut, and Jane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntosh, of Mars Hill.

Thursday At Laurel Branch; Friday At Oak Grove Church

The 160th annual session of the French Broad Missionary Baptist Association will convene next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Laurel Branch Baptist Church.

Moderator Robert Holt will call the session to order and the Rev. Kinsey Ball will have charge of devotions. The Rev. W. L. Lynch, chairman of the program committee, will then give his report.

At 7:40, various promotional programs in the churches and association will be given and at 8:15 a roll call of churches will be held by Joe L. Morgan, clerk.

Following congregational singing, the Associational sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Arthur Ammons. The first session will adjourn at 8:15 o'clock. Friday's morning session will start at 9:30 o'clock in the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Share-croppers and Missions will be discussed at 9:45 and Dr. Perry Church (Continued To Page Three)