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## An Agricultural Look At What 1969 May Bring To N. C.

### Stikeleather Reports Road Building Progress

#### Summary Of Projects In 13th Division Are Outlined

Activities of the State Highway Commission in Division 13 over the past three and a half years have produced new construction and improvements on all systems involving some 625.28 miles with a value of \$24,394,029.97, Commissioner James G. Stikeleather Jr., of Asheville said Tuesday.

Stikeleather, who was appointed to the Highway Commission by Gov. Dan Moore July 1, 1965, was responsible for developing the multi-million dollar highway program for Buncombe, Burke, Madison,

McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, and Yancey counties.

A comprehensive summary of the work shows that \$7,318,494.71 in primary and interstate federal aid funds was spent on 60.97 miles of the total.

Federal Appalachian aid funds totaling \$8,868,212.47 went for 21.50 miles of road work; \$1,450,035.42 in secondary road federal funds was spent on 1.80 miles; and urban bond money in the amount of \$693,270.80 went into 28.21 miles in the 13th Division in the 3 1/2 year period.

Work on 35.42 miles of roadway (Continued to Last Page)



Shown above from left to right are Mrs. Mildred Morris, Asheville City ESEA Social Worker; Mrs. Reva Plimmont, Madison County ESEA Instructional Supervisor; Mrs. Billie Hagan, Reading Teacher at Asheville City ESEA Reading Clinic; Miss Jennie Cressman, Coordinator of ESEA, Title I Asheville City Schools; Miss Jinsie Underwood, Madison County ESEA Librarian; Mrs. Lestrade Robinson, Madison County ESEA Guidance Supervisor; Mrs. Pauline Dittmore, Asheville City Psychometrist; and Mrs. Leo Donini, Asheville City ESEA Social Worker. The picture was taken during the recent visit of the Asheville City ESEA Title I staff to Madison County.

### Asheville City ESEA Staff Visits Local ESEA Staff

#### Group Visits Walnut And Mars Hill Schools Recently

The Asheville City ESEA Title I Staff visited the Madison County ESEA, Title I Program here recently. A joint conference of the Title I Staff of Asheville City Schools and the Title I Staff of Madison County schools was held in the ESEA Unit Center Library located in Walnut School.

A preliminary overview of the Madison County Title I program was given by Coordinator, Owen W. Fish, as well as an inspection of the Madison County ESEA Unit Center Library, the Walnut Elementary Library, and the Walnut ESEA Reading Program. The highlight of the program was when

Miss Jinsie Underwood, Madison County ESEA Librarian, gave the group an A-V cultural presentation on Madison County.

From Walnut School, the group traveled to Mars Hill School for a visit of the Mars Hill ESEA Reading Program, and the Mars Hill ESEA Business Education Program. Immediately following lunch in the school cafeteria, the group toured the ESEA Processing Center located in Mars Hill, where all library books and audiovisual material for Madison County schools are processed before delivery to each individual school.

This visitation was most beneficial to both organizations, in that there was a sharing of ideas and problems on ESEA, Title I.

### District Court Is Held Here

The first term of District Court, under the new court system, was held here on Monday and Tuesday with Judge J. E. Holsouser, of Boone, presiding.

Several cases were disposed of and several cases had to be continued due to illnesses of defendants and witnesses, it was reported.

### Republican Women To Meet Feb. 6; Not In January

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will not meet at their regular time during January, as the meeting has been cancelled.

The club will meet February 6, at the home of Bill Zink in Mars Hill at seven-thirty. You can't blame David Teague

### Local Girls Are Sponsors At Inaugural Ball

Miss Martha Louise Ramsey and Miss Margot Roberts, both of Marshall, are among thirteen Western North Carolina girls who will be among sponsors to be presented at the 1969 Inaugural Ball tonight (Thursday) in Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The event honors Governor-elect and Mrs. Robert W. Scott.

The event is open to the public and is formal for patrons and dancers, but not for spectators.

Miss Ramsey is the daughter of State Representative and Mrs. Liston B. Ramsey.

Miss Roberts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts.

### Now Governor



Bob Scott

The reins of North Carolina's government will be handed over today (Thursday) in Raleigh to Haw River dairy farmer Bob Scott during a colorful array of inaugural festivities.

It will be the third inauguration in which the 39-year-old Alamance County man has participated with considerably more than sideline interest.

The ceremonies in which Gov. Dan K. Moore, a Haywood County lawyer, will turn the office of chief executive over to Scott, begins at 4 p. m. today with the actual inauguration taking place at noon tomorrow (Friday).

It is probably little different from the ritual in which the late W. Kerr Scott, the incoming governor's father, took office in 1949.

Bob Scott was also involved in the inauguration four years ago when Dan Moore took office. It was on that date, Jan. 8, 1965, that Scott was inaugurated as lieutenant governor.

### 1969 To See Costs Up, Farms Down

By WOODY UPCHURCH N. C. S. U. Farm Writer

Declining farm numbers and rising farm expenses, two trends that have marked U. S. agriculture for several years, will continue in 1969.

A further decline in U. S. farm numbers of 5 per cent is being predicted. Total net income for the nation will drop, compared to 1968, but net income per farm is expected to be slightly higher. So the continuation of the rise in farm costs will not completely stop the wheel of farm income progress.

Net income for 1968 is predicted to be 4 per cent higher than a year ago at \$15 billion. The 1969 figure is expected to be about \$14.5 billion.

On the cost list, the same items that have made rapid increases in the past will continue to lead the list in 1969. These include wage rates, machinery and real estate costs, according to North Carolina State University extension farm management economist.

"With the exception of fertilizer, interest and feed, a general increase in costs of most production items is expected," said Hugh L. Limer.

Farm wage rates have increased at an average rate of about 10 per cent per year in the South Atlantic states, he said. This rate will continue, spurred on by a strong demand for labor in the non-

farm sector and an increase in minimum wages of 15 cents per hour for covered farms.

Farm machinery prices increased about 5 per cent during the past year. A similar increase is expected next year.

Although the national average price for hay may decline slightly, an increase is expected in North Carolina where silage, hay and pasture crops were damaged by summer drought.

A similar production situation existed with feed grain, but prices should be slightly lower in the state due to a large national supply. Processed feed prices are expected to average near last year due to higher processing and handling costs.

Other items: feeder cattle prices fairly stable first quarter with a decline in the last half, depending on feed outlook; feeder pig prices at near fall 1968 levels through first quarter of 1969 with some decline expected later in the year; replacement dairy heifers slightly higher, as milk prices increase; other increases expected for gas, oil, chemicals, building materials, farm real estate, and real estate and personal property taxes.

As for farm income, Dr. Fred A. Mangum Jr., of NCSU summarizes it like this: "With prices of both crops and livestock under pressure, prospects for farm income in 1969 are less favorable than a year ago."

### March Of Dimes Sing At Asheville Auditorium Jan. 11

A free gospel singing program, for the benefit of the March of Dimes, will be held Saturday, January 11, in the Asheville City Auditorium.

E. J. Ball and Frank Reed will serve as masters of ceremonies.

The public is invited.

### Icy On Wednesday - Today-Cold, Clear

Today (Thursday) is sunny and pleasant with a high in the mid-80's.

Wednesday's high was an icy 29 degrees with a low of 14.

Grandfather Mountain reported a low of 7 below on Wednesday.

### Secretary Freeman Announces 1969 Feed Grain Program

A voluntary 1969 feed grain program virtually identical to that for 1968 was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

Sign-up will be conducted simultaneously for feed grains, cotton, and wheat from Feb. 3 through March 21.

Target for acreage diversion in 1969 is 37 million acres of corn, grain sorghum and barley. This compares to the 1968 diversion of 32.4 million acres when barley was not included in the program. The 37-million acre diversion target for next year is designed to produce a 1969 crop about 3 to 5 million tons below estimated requirements. Utilization is increasing because of greater domestic livestock production, and corn exports are expected to show modest gains.

Price-support loan and payment levels for corn and sorghum will be the same as in 1968.

Producers may participate in the 1969 feed grain program by reducing their total base acreage by at least 20 percent. Additional acreage reduction is being encouraged by acreage diversion payments based on 45 percent of the total county price-support loan and payment (U. S. average of \$1.35 for corn), times the farm's projected yield.

"Exceptionally good crop weather and improved cropping practices at home and abroad during the last two years has led to worldwide increases in grain production," the Secretary explained. "The 1968 feed grain program put a strong brake on soaring domestic production."

"Despite the fact that corn yields in 1967 and in 1968 were about 18 percent greater than the preceding 1962-66 average, the acreage diversion program for these two years kept carryover stocks near needed reserve levels."

"Based on the December 19, 1968, crop report, production for 1969 will be about 160 million bushels. Utilization for the 1968-69 marketing year currently is estimated at 145 million bushels by October 1968, resulting in a slight reduction in stocks -- to around 67 mil-

lion tons. Through active participation in the 1969 program, farmers can realize further reduction of 3 to 5 million tons by the end of the 1969-70 marketing year. "Finally, I firmly believe the price-support loan program if fully utilized by producers, will substantially firm up market prices. If growers continue to use the price-support loan program for orderly marketing throughout the year as they are now doing, we can look forward to much progress," the Secretary concluded.

Price-support loan levels under the 1969 program will be the same as in 1968 for corn, \$1.05 per bushel; sorghum, \$1.61 per hundredweight; oats 63 cents per bushel; and rye, \$1.02 per bushel. Barley will be 83 cents per bushel instead of 90 cents as in 1968 because it now is eligible for price-support payment. These price-support payments (Continued to Last Page)

### Dr. Sams Observes 80th Birthday On Saturday Night

Dr. W. A. Sams observed his 80th birthday here last Saturday night at a birthday dinner given in his honor.

Those enjoying the dinner in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Sams were Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Rhea, of Canton; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lowe, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Reynolds and children, Andi and Bert, of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. Robena Pritchard, of Marshall.

### Bible Study To Start Sunday At Baptist Church

The January Bible Study will begin Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock at the Marshall Baptist Church. Sessions will also be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Teachers include: Adults: Rev. A. A. Peverall, Jr.; Intermediates, Joe Green; Juniors, Mrs. Joe Green; Primary, Mrs. Clyde Reed; Beginners, Mrs. Barbara Rice and Mrs. Polly Robinson; Nursery, Mrs. Lorado Ponder.

### Southern Belles To Play At Mars Hill Wednesday

#### Game In High School Gym; Sponsored By Civitan Club

Those colorful, sensational SOUTHERN BELLES, "Darlings of the Hardwood", "Queens of Big Time Basketball" will be appearing in Mars Hill on Wednesday night, January 8. Rated as one of America's Greatest Sports Attractions, the Famous Girl Athletes will be Mars Hill's top cage attraction for the current basketball season.

This season the SOUTHERN BELLES, America's Greatest Professional Girl's Basketball Team will play between 180-200 games, all against new teams, with new roles all across America. That means a game almost every night from October to May. The SOUTHERN BELLES, America's Favorite Basketball Team will feature the top basketball talent available anywhere.

where. Due to the fact that the SOUTHERN BELLES Organization selects only Top Champion Players from Areas where girl's basketball is played in High School and College, plus the experience and know how of the Management behind the SOUTHERN BELLES, makes them America's Greatest Girl's Pro Basketball Team.

The SOUTHERN BELLES will feature Fancy Feasting, Super Ball Handling, Exciting Play Patterns, Clever Moves, Amazing Routines and just plain good solid basketball. The SOUTHERN BELLES are playing each and every game with one thought in mind -- to build a reputation for pleasing the paying fan with their team and individual performance. The Girls will show amazing Court Fitness, Endurance, and Beauty to the millions of thousands of basketball fans. (Continued to Last Page)



The newly elected officers of French Broad Lodge No. 291, were installed recently in ceremonies held at the Masonic Lodge Hall here. Front row, Jack Guthrie, Treasurer; Ted Hunter, Junior Steward; Carol Edwards, Senior Warden; Edward Watkins, Master; Frank Bunn, Junior Warden; Ralph Bunn, Secretary. Back row, Frances Edwards, Junior Past Master; Glen Singh, Chaplain; Clarence Mack, Ill.; Tiler; Kenneth Bunch, installing officer; Bill White, Senior Steward; William Baker, Agate Deacon. Not present, Ernest Price, Past Master. Prior to the installation ceremonies, a supper was served by the Marshall Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.