

'69 Feed Grain Program Opens In County Mon.

Farmers Having Questions Asked To Contact ASCS Here

The major provisions of the 1969 Feed Grain Diversion Program are now available according to announcement this week by Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison County ASC Committee.

The principal features of this year's program are: (1) Acreage diversion to conserving use to qualify for price support payments, loans or diversion payments is continued at 20 percent of the farmer's base acreage of corn, grain sorghum and barley. No diversion payment will be made for this minimum diversion except for small base farms of 25 acres or less. (2) Additional acreage diversion for payment will be possible up to a total of 50 percent of the base or 25 acres whichever is larger. The acreage diversion payment rate will be at 45 percent of the total price support times the farm's projected yield. (3) As in 1968 a farm with a base of 25 acres or less will earn diversion payments on the first 20 percent of his diverted acreage at a low rate of 20% of the price support rate and at a higher rate of 45% of the support rate on the additional acreage he elects to divert to conserving use. (4) Farmers with corn bases who elect to divert a portion of their base (not less than 20%) and plant the remainder of their corn base will receive a price support payment in the amount of 30 cents per bushel times his farm yield times his planted acreage.

Robinson explained that one difference in the 1968 and 1969 feed grain program is that for 1969 barley will be considered as a feed grain and if planted for cover crop or purposes other than (Continued To Last Page)

DISTRICT COURT IS IN PROGRESS

Judge J. Ray Braswell, of Newland, is presiding at the current term of district court for the trial of criminal cases.

Among the cases heard thus far include:

Murray Yelton, non-support, judgment.

Roland Bishop, driving under influence, not guilty.

Earl Eugene Chandler, driving under influence, guilty, \$100 fine and cost, appeal.

Ashley Warren Ball, following too close, verdict, not guilty.

Wade Wild, driving under influence, cost and fine.

Jack Swan Ray, driving drunk, pleaded guilty, cost and fine.

Woodrow Buckner, driving drunk, guilty verdict, \$100 fine and cost.

Jacky Ball, speeding, not guilty verdict.

Mason King, N.O.L., driving under influence, pleaded guilty, fine and cost.

Pritchard Geter Dockery, driving drunk, guilty verdict; appeal.

Jerry Dale Hunter, driving left of center, guilty verdict, appeal.

Dewey Coffey, hunting in closed season and attempt to take game, non suit.

W. C. Ward, interfering with officer and carrying concealed weapon, pleaded guilty, cost and fine.

HELPS BUILD HOME

After rushing 215 tons of food to flood victims in Chittagong District, East Pakistan, CARE added materials to help 100 homeless families build new houses for themselves.

Committee Of 100 To Meet On Island Tonight

School Site Selections To Be Discussed At 7:30 O'clock

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, chairman of the Madison County Committee of 100, has called for a special meeting of the committee to be held in the Marshall High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

"The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the ad hoc committee for school site selection. Inasmuch as this committee has done an extensive investigation of proposed school sites and comes to us with specific recommendations, it is our anticipation that some definitive action of the committee will take place on Thursday, the thirtieth. Please be present for this very important meeting, if at all possible," Dr. Bentley stated.

Scott Keeps Promise And Preaches Sun.

North Wilkesboro — Gov. Bob Scott fulfilled a campaign promise Sunday by preaching the sermon at the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro.

And the church's minister, the Rev. Allen Laymon, kept his part of the bargain. He fed the governor after the services.

Gov. Scott, an elder in Hawfields Presbyterian Church in Alamance County, drove the 108 miles from his Haw River home in the big state limousine bearing tag No. 1. He arrived at the church about 10:45 a. m., with his chauffeur, highway patrol Sgt. Wayne C. Keeter.

He came, he said, in answer to an invitation by the Rev. Mr. Laymon.

"Back during the campaign," Scott said, "I went to the town of Benson to attend a civic club luncheon. The Rev. Al Laymon, who was minister of a Baptist Church there then, was getting ready to move to a North Wilkesboro pastorate.

"I told him that if he needed a good preacher I'd be glad to go up and preach one Sunday. I was looking for an audience and an opportunity to go into the heavily Republican territory of Wilkes County."

Scott, however, heard nothing from Laymon during the campaign.

About two weeks ago Laymon telephoned the governor and asked him if he remembered what he had said about coming to Laymon's church.

"I told him," Scott said, "that my idea was to preach during the campaign, when I was hunting for votes."

Laymon laughed. Scott said, and smiled, "We decided it might not be proper to do that, but we'd (Continued To Last Page)

Dr. Robt. Seymour, Former MH Pastor, Speaks In Asheville

Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, addressed the Western Carolina Safety Council at its meeting Tuesday.

Calvin Leigh, chairman, installed new officers at the dinner meeting in Bucks Restaurant.

A graduate of Duke University, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Dr. Seymour has held pastorates at Mars Hill and Warrenton.

He is a trustee of Mars Hill College, president of the Inter-Church Council for Social Service at Chapel Hill, and president of the North Carolina Council of World Affairs. He has served on the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MET SATURDAY

Manarin Mentions Madison County Units In Civil War

The Western North Carolina Historical Association held its quarterly meeting on Saturday afternoon at Mars Hill in the college library auditorium. Dr. Richard W. Iobst of Western Carolina University introduced the speaker, Dr. Louis H. Manarin of Raleigh, research specialist in the State Department of Archives and History, who has been working since 1961 to compile a new roster of North Carolina troops in the great conflict of 1861-1865. He spoke on "Western North Carolina men in the Civil War."

The two units Dr. Manarin mentioned in his speech from Madison County were the 5th Battalion, N. C. Cavalry, as Company A of Madison County and also in the 69th Regiment, Company D of Madison County.

Dr. Iobst also reported that Dr. Harley E. Jolley of Mars Hill College has been added to the committee to write a new history of the mountain region.

The association will hold its April meeting on the WCU campus at Cullowhee.

Refreshments were served afterwards by Mrs. Harley E. Jolley and Mrs. J. A. McLeod, of Mars Hill.

Among those attending from Marshall were Mrs. O. A. Gregory and Mrs. Ethel Ward Roberts.

GRAHAM LEADS SERVICE FOR NIXONS SUNDAY

Washington — President Nixon observed his first Sabbath in the White House Sunday with a 28-minute worship service in the East Room conducted by evangelist Billy Graham and attended by 200 guests, including his vice president and cabinet members.

The President welcomed his guests with a brief statement and after the service, he, Mrs. Nixon and their daughter, Tricia, and Vice President and Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew received the guests for coffee and rolls in the State Dining Room.

The service itself in the East Room was marked by extremely simple ritual. As the guests arrived, there was an organ prelude by Marine M. Sgt. James Basta and a rendition of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" on the concert grand piano by Ted Smith, an associate of Graham.

At 11 a. m., the President ushered in Graham. He announced that he and his wife "warmly welcomed" the congregation, invited the worshippers to join him for coffee after, then introduced Graham as a "long-time personal friend."

After the audience sang the Doxology, Graham delivered an opening prayer in which he asked God to "lead and bless and direct" Nixon, the vice president and members of the cabinet and give them "a strength that is beyond their own."

"We thank Thee for this house and for all it stands," Graham prayed.

BANKS TO START WEDNESDAY P.M. CLOSING SOON

Officials of the Citizens Bank and Bank of French Broad announced this week that beginning next Wednesday, February 5, both banks will close at 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesdays.

Former Deputy Is Charged With Embezzlement

A warrant charging embezzlement was served Tuesday on Carl Shook, former deputy, it was revealed here this week. The warrant was taken out on the basis of information and belief and was signed by Sheriff Roy Roberts.

Shook, who recently resigned his post as first deputy here, is under assurity bond, it was stated.

Several Breakins Are Reported Here

Reports have reached the office here that several establishments have been broken into recently and articles stolen. One lady stated this week that some automobile tires and wheels had been stolen from her. Several filling stations have been entered as well as other establishments.

"I certainly do hope that local officers are doing all they can to catch these lowdown thieves," one person said.

GOP Women's Club Will Meet With Mrs. Zink Thurs.

The Madison County Republican Womens Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. B. Zink in Mars Hill next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Special guests will be Mrs. Jesse Ledbetter and Mrs. Eugene Foster, of Asheville.

All members are urged to attend.

UNPLANTED ACREAGE COSTS MADISON \$55,000.00 Taylor Offers Bill To Allow Burley Allotment Transfer

On ABC Committee



State Senator Bruce B. Briggs

BRIGGS NAMED TO SENATE ABC COMMITTEE

Members Are Chosen From Various Sections Of State

Raleigh—Sens. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill and Herman H. West of Murphy were appointed Tuesday by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor to the Senate Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee.

Chairman of the committee will be Sen. Claude Currie of Durham.

Taylor said he attempted to pick senators for the 12-member group from various sections of the state who do not hold extreme views in either direction on the liquor subject.

This committee would also pass or reject any liquor bills approved by the House. House Speaker Earl Vaughn appointed his Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control last week.

Other Senate committee appointments Tuesday included Briggs and Sen. David T. Flaherty of Lenoir, Committee on Insurance.

MORNING AFTER

Every day is the dawn of a new era, but sometimes it feels like the morning after.

BLOODMOBILE TO BE AT REA NEXT THURSDAY

Need For Blood Is Urgent; Citizens Asked To Donate

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the French Broad EMC building here on next Thursday, February 6, from two to six o'clock, it was announced this week.

The bloodmobile unit has not been to Marshall since last March, due to rescheduling.

"Since it has been so long since the bloodmobile has been here it is hoped that everyone possible will respond to the visit here next Thursday," one official stated.

It is suggested that those who plan to drive to Marshall, contact other friends and have "car pools" where possible.

Rice Will Address SAM Chapter At Mars Hill Feb. 6

Craig S. Rice, Director of Marketing Services at Henderson Advertising, Inc., will address the Society for Advancement of Management at Mars Hill College February 6. Mr. Rice is the author of "How to Plan and Execute the Marketing Campaign." He will present three short slide presentations (1) Marketing; (2) Concept Testing; (3) Fantastic Case History. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium of Memorial Library, Mars Hill College. Member of the Madison County and Asheville Senior SAM Chapter are invited.

Masons To Meet Monday Night

French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 will hold a regular Stated Communication on Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p. m.

Officers and members take due notice.

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Ralph Ramsey Cites County Figures; Bill Popular Here

Washington — U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor Monday introduced a bill which would authorize the lease and transfer of burley tobacco allotments from farm to farm.

The 11th District Congressman said his action was prompted largely by figures showing that Western North Carolina burley growers are now losing more than \$1 million annually in potential income through failure to use allotted acres.

Chiefly responsible is the fact that burley allotments are so small that it is often uneconomic or impractical for the allotment holder to grow tobacco. Authority to lease and transfer tobacco allotments from farm to farm would mean additional income to both the grower and the original allotment holder.

Under Taylor's bill, farmers could lease their allotment to other growers in the same counties for a period not to exceed five years.

The legislation has the backing of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, local ASCS organizations and other farm groups throughout the area, Taylor said.

The bill will be referred to the House Agriculture Committee for hearings. Taylor said he would push for action at an early date.

Taylor supported similar legislation last year and it was approved by the House Agriculture Committee, but did not secure approval of Congress.

Ralph Ramsey, manager of the U. S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services' office here stated that burley allotments, on an average of 100 Madison farms are not planted each year. The allotments total between 30 and 35 acres.

"We can't transfer the allotments, and they're getting down small. If we could, it would allow some farmers to increase their incomes," he said.

Madison County is allotted about 2,067 acres to be planted in burley tobacco each year; it is divided among 2,760 farms with the average allotment being 0.75 of an acre.

Income averages about \$1,685 gross per acre at current market (Continued To Last Page)

Nixon Plans To Cut Some LBJ Programs

A top government official says several Johnson administration programs will be cut or eliminated as soon as possible to make room for the objectives of President Nixon.

In a letter to top department and agency heads, Budget Director Robert P. Mayo Sunday urged the officials to study the budget submitted by former President Johnson to see which proposals can be thrown out or scaled down.

"This task is urgent and important," Mayo said. "We must start now to redirect the government's activities along the lines of our own objectives, reducing and removing programs where we can."

Mayo also said the administration is assuming the Johnson-sponsored 10 per cent income surtax will be extended past its July 1 expiration date.

Removal of the surtax remains a major goal of the Nixon administration.

that must wait until "economic conditions and defense needs will permit," the letter said.

Although Nixon promised during his presidential campaign to do all possible to eliminate or reduce the surtax, he has said more recently that probably won't be achieved until the Vietnam war ends.

While economy for economy's sake was urged, the letter also said a reduction of the holdover spending plans will shorten the period during which Nixon administration programs are forced to mark time.

Mayo requested the department heads to examine not only the \$196.3 billion budget for fiscal 1970 submitted two weeks ago, but the \$4.5 billion in supplemental requests for the present fiscal year that Johnson turned in shortly before leaving office.

Johnson submitted a number of more than \$1 billion for this fiscal year and Mayo is trying to increase this in order to gain funding flexibility for the new administration.

Heading his list of suggestions was this one:

"Examine closely all programs, expansion and 'new starts' proposed by the preceding administration, and reduce or eliminate those of lower priority. For example, either federal programs or parts of programs which private industries could do just as well — or better — or which could be postponed or eliminated without serious loss in view of today's priorities and demands on the budget."

If some programs appear to need even more money than Johnson asked, he said, the new department heads should put in for the increases "but any such additional should be a minimum for what is lower priority activities."

Girl Scout Fund Campaign To Begin In County Soon

Fysal Speaks At Red Cross Meeting Here On Tuesday

Ellis Fysal, Red Cross official of the Asheville Area Chapter and former star athlete and coach at several colleges, was the principal speaker at the Red Cross Area Chapter meeting held Tuesday in the French Broad EMC building here. Fysal reviewed the history of the First Aid program and Safety program of Red Cross and pointed out the importance of the services. He was introduced by Marshall Upton, Manager Area Chapter.

The Rev. T. J. O'Donnell, of Hot Springs, chairman of the Madison County branch chapter, presided. Mrs. Mattie Mathburn is secretary.

Officers of the Madison Branch are: T. J. O'Donnell, chairman; Jerry Flemmons, vice chairman; Mrs. Mattie Mathburn, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle, treasurer.

Directors, whose terms expired this year, were re-elected until 1972. They are Jerry Flemmons, Mrs. S. L. Mc. Truman Mathburn and Ralph Ramsey.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell To Head Drive; Letters To Be Mailed

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill, has been appointed to head a fund-raising campaign to enable Madison County to meet its share of the 1969 budget of Pisgah Girl Scout Council. For two years no campaign has been conducted in the county, and this effort comes several months after the usual fall campaign. The sources of money for the operation of the council are from United Fund contributions (ten in the area), Community Campaigns in the five counties having no United Fund organizations, and Sustaining Membership enrollments.

The Madison County Campaign is to be mainly a "letter campaign," but Dr. Blackwell expects to talk with many of the county people during the month of February to acquaint residents with details of the budget needs and the Girl Scout program. Letters will be mailed on February 15, and in view of the late campaign plan, it is hoped that the response will be prompt. It is hoped that the (Continued To Last Page)