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Opportunity Corporation Training Sessions End

The third and final training session for the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties board of directors was held Thursday night of last week in the corporation's conference room in the former Livingston Street School.

In two previous meetings, board members and members of the Policy Advisory Committee were given intensive instruction on Office of Economic Opportunity guidelines, and on their functions, roles and responsibilities in the positions they hold.

The instructors were Miss Ann Bauman and William Link of Controls System Research, Atlanta. The firm holds a contract with the OEO for training directors of 64 selected community action agencies throughout the Southeast.

At the meeting Thursday night, the various groups into which the class had been divided offered solutions they had worked out to hypothetical

problems based on actual situations experienced by other community action agencies.

Miss Bauman, who is supervising all board training in Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and also the training of community action training staff, said the program takes into consideration the many difficulties faced by new members.

"We look at the problems of new members joining the board without previous knowledge of their responsibilities or the guidelines they must follow, as well as the difficulties of people from different educational and economic backgrounds working together toward a common goal," Miss Bauman said.

"Our whole thrust is to give board members training which will help them formulate policies and develop programs which will be effective in helping the poor." This is one of the attempts made by the regional office of OEO to help develop strong, independent

local agencies," she said.

In a special board meeting preceding the Thursday night training session, the board adopted, with two changes, 10 revisions of the by-laws recommended by the Function and Structure Committee in accordance with a request from the State OEO office.

Also approved were five changes in personnel policies, submitted by the Personnel Committee.

An attempt to seat Mrs. Hazel Vardeman as a West Asheville representative of the poor on the board of directors, failed to receive action, but Mrs. Vardeman and Mrs. Charlotte McKinney were invited by Acting Chairman Zeno Ponder to return when the board meets again and make their presentation to the full board.

Action also was deferred, due to the scheduled training session, on a matter involving Head Start in Madison County, but the board voted to hold a December meeting, the date to be announced later.

Republicans To Meet Here December 20 Christmas Edition Next Week

A joint meeting of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, the GOP Women's Club, the Young Republicans, and the interested and active Republicans of the county will be held in the courtroom of the courthouse in Marshall at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20.

The meeting was originally scheduled and announced for Dec. 17, but due to conflicting with the annual Marshall Christmas Pageant on Dec. 16, 17 and 18, the date of the GOP meeting was changed to Dec. 20.

The meeting will consider five items of business and will hear the State Republican Chairman, Mr. Frank Rouse, or a representative of same and will take up any other legitimate business brought before the group. A brief report on the 1971 State Republican Convention will be given, and issues and prospects for 1972 will be discussed. Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey of Walnut is Chairman of the Women's Club; David A. Freeman of Mars Hill is Chairman of the Young Republicans; and Joe L. Morgan of R-2 Marshall, is Chairman of the Madison County GOP Executive Committee.

Every Republican who possibly can come is urged to attend this important meeting.

Presbyterian Candlelight Service Sunday

The annual Candlelight service at the Marshall Presbyterian Church will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to the impressive service.

Ed L. Loftin, Attorney, Passes Wed.

Ed L. Loftin of Weaverville, chairman of the Buncombe County Democratic Party, died Wednesday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital following a brief illness. He was 68.

Mr. Loftin, an attorney who maintained an office in Asheville, was admitted to the hospital Tuesday afternoon and placed under observation in the intensive care unit. His physician reported he had suffered a stroke Wednesday morning.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Weaverville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bryce Parker, pastor, and the Rev. H. B. Denny will officiate. Burial will be in West Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Zeb Weaver Jr., W. W. Shope, Sr., Edison Hill, Harold Bennett, Robert J. Robinson, Jack Stevens, Landon Roberts, Ward Hendon, Thomas H. Ferguson and Anthony Redmond. Honorary pallbearers will be members of Buncombe County Bar Association, Buncombe County Democratic Executive Committee and officials of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Loftin was well-known in Madison County having frequently represented clients in court terms here. He also had a host of friends in this county.

1972 License Plates Go On Sale Here January 4

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1972 license plates will be placed in the mail on December 20 and 21. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,500,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The 1972 Blue and White plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 4. The 1971 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department have thru February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at the Marshall branch office on Bridge Street.

Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Saturday. Also it will be closed from 1 to 2 p.m. daily for lunch.

The local license agent, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, points out that "TO RENEW A PLATE YOU MUST HAVE A RENEWAL CARD" AND CAUTIONS AGAINST THE MISPLACING OF IT WHEN IT IS RECEIVED. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines

from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Marshall to turn over to the local office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mrs. Ramsey, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it.

Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application cards by January 1st, should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Mrs. Ramsey.

County Youth Is Killed In Automobile Wreck

Robert Anthony Hensley, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hensley of Rt. 3 Marshall, was killed Saturday, Dec. 11, 1971 when the car which he was driving hit an embankment at 8:40 p.m. on NC 212 in the Shelton Laurel section.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, who investigated along with the State Highway Patrol, said Hensley lost control of the vehicle when it scraped the sides of a bridge. The car traveled some 200 feet before crashing into a cliff, the sheriff said.

The youth was killed instantly, and the car was demolished. Hensley was alone in the car.

Surviving are the parents; a brother, J. V. Hensley of Rt. 3 Marshall; two sisters, Mrs. Bruce King of Rt. 3 Marshall

and Mrs. Glen Shelton of Erwin, Tenn.; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Tweed of Rt. 4, Marshall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Carmel Church of God.

The Rev. Olen Shelton officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Greenville, Tenn. Friends of the family were pallbearers.

Bowman Duckett Funeral Home was in charge.

Car Dealers Announce Xmas Holidays Here

It has been announced that Service Motor Sales, Inc., French Broad Chevrolet Co., Inc., Houston Brothers, and Ponder's Auto Service and Supplies will be closed from 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 until Monday, Dec. 27.

Two Plays At Cutshaltown Sunday Night

There will be a Christmas program at the Memorial Church of God in Cutshaltown this Sunday night beginning at 7 o'clock. Plays entitled "More Blessed to Give" and "Memories of Pioneer Days" will be presented. The cast will be dressed as in pioneer days.

The Rev. Lawrence Whitort, pastor, invites everyone to attend.

Operating Loans Made By Farmers Home Administration

The Farmers Home Administration makes operating loans to operators of not larger than family farms primarily to assist them in making adjustments and improvements in their farm and home operations necessary for successful farming.

To be eligible, an applicant must have a farm background and the farm experience or training needed to be successful in the proposed farming operation. He must possess the character, industry and ability to carry out the proposed farming operation. The applicant must manage and operate the farm, and be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to finance his actual needs.

The Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor will assist the applicant in working out a farm and home plan to make the best use of land and water resources, labor, livestock and equipment. This plan will be a guide for the borrower and his family. Before a loan is made, it must be clear that the borrower will have enough income to meet farm operating and family living expenses and to repay the loan and other debts. Borrowers are

encouraged to obtain as much of the credit needed as feasible through other sources when such credit is available to them on terms they can meet.

Each loan will be secured to adequately protect the interests of the Government. Security will usually consist of a first lien on crops to be produced, as well as on livestock and equipment purchased or refinanced with loan funds. Also a lien may be taken on certain other chattel property.

A farmer applies at the county Farmers Home Administration office serving the area in which he expects to carry out his farming operations. There he will be given an application and the supervisor will be glad to answer any questions he may have.

Pageant Sunday At Hopewell Baptist Church

A Christmas Pageant, "The Traveller," will be presented at the Hopewell Baptist Church this Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

The Rev. E. M. Pettie, pastor, invites everyone to attend.

Whitt For Buncombe Commissioner

Asheville businessman Bailey Z. Whitt said Tuesday he will be a Democratic candidate for the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and became the first announced contender for a local office in the 1972 elections.

A native of Madison County, Whitt, 49, of 842 Sand Hill Road, attended Western Carolina University. He is the son of A. Z. and Byrdie Whitt, both now living in Asheville.

When he went to Asheville from Madison County in 1946, he was affiliated with Asheville Flying Service and operated the Charlotte Street Food Store until he got into the tire business in 1948 on Lexington Avenue.

He now operates Whitt's O. K. Tire Stores in Candler, on Charlotte Street and Hendersonville Road in Asheville and in Black Mountain. Prior to World War II, Whitt was employed by an automobile dealer in Burnsville.

Whitt is active in the affairs of Acton United Methodist Church, where he has served on the board of trustees and the administrative board. He is on the board of directors of Hominy Valley Recreation Park, Inc., a member of the Candler VFW and the Hominy Valley Wildlife Club.



BEAUTIFUL AND REALISTIC FIGURES, made by Bill Stanton, an expert graphic artist of near Walnut are shown above on the courthouse lawn in

connection with the Christmas Pageant which will be presented this Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 o'clock. These figures will be removed for live characters during the actual performances.

ASC County Convention Held Here Monday

Emory Robinson, well-known Madison County farmer was re-elected to the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee by delegates to the ASC County Convention, held Monday, December 13, at the ASCS Office in Marshall.

The delegates also selected Emory Robinson and Andy Woody as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the three-member County Committee, and named Claude A. Cody and Eugene Woody as first and second alternate committeemen. Woody is serving under an unexpired three year term. Bert Freeman is serving as a regular member on the County Committee under an unexpired term.

The County ASC Committee is responsible for local administration of Government farm programs such as acreage

allotments, loans for eligible crops, the conservation cost-sharing on agricultural lands, the feed grain wheat set-aside program, and the wool incentive program.

The vacancies were filled and the County ASC Committee officers named by delegates who are newly-elected ASC committee members for 1972. Community committees assist the County Committee in farm program administration and help keep farmers informed of program provisions.

County committeemen are elected by the community committeemen to serve staggered three-year terms, so that ordinarily one vacancy occurs each year. The County Committee alternates are elected for one-year terms.

The newly elected county and community committeemen take office January 1.

Lighting Contest Competition Requires Telephone Call

All residents of the Marshall area are reminded that they must officially enter the contest by making that telephone call to the local French Broad EMC office, 649-2051, or to Mrs. J. B. Twee, Garden Club president, 649-3647 by 6 p.m. on December 22.

A total of \$50 in prize money is being offered to winners in four categories of the Christmas Lighting contest co-sponsored by the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation and

Marshall Garden Club. \$20 for best decorations using religious theme; \$15 best decoration using non-religious theme; \$7.50 best door decoration; \$7.50 best window decoration. Out-of-town judges, not familiar with the town or community, have agreed to judge the decorations between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. on December 22. Make that telephone call now and make sure your efforts are in the competition!

Presnell Is Killed By Wife Here

Mrs. Carolyn Presnell, 23, of Route 6, Marshall, is being held in the Madison County jail charged with murder in connection with the early-morning slaying of her estranged husband, Reeves Presnell, 34, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported today.

house and heard the shot. Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

4-H News

Marshall Helping Hands 4-Hers have had three meetings to make Christmas decorations and gifts. Items made were exhibited at the Annual Achievement Program in December and again at the Christmas Ideas Exhibit on December 10 and 11.

Monday, December 20, at 7 p.m., a 4-H Christmas party is planned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wallin. Inexpensive gifts will be exchanged. Members are in charge of games, refreshments, and decorations.

The Mars Hill 4-H Club will have a Christmas party at the Mars Hill Community Center, Monday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Little Laurel 4-H Club will have a 4-H party on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Abbeystead Church.

Result of Devaluation On Your Pocketbook

Your pocketbook probably won't be severely strained by devaluation of the dollar, and it might be fatter.

Only those things that come from foreign countries such as Japanese cameras, radios and televisions, imported cars, French wines and perfumes will go up, and they'll probably cost you about 10 per cent more.

It won't affect such things as eggs, milk or football tickets. But American goods will be cheaper abroad, and therefore you can expect to see more of our goods selling in foreign countries.

North Carolina ranks fifth among states in export of agriculture products, and 13th in the export of manufactured goods.

Therefore, the farmers in the Carolinas who grow tobacco, soybeans and cotton should feel an increased demand. And chickens, now competing with a government subsidized industry in Scandinavia, should sell

better.

So should textile products, furniture, and even Bibles (we're number one in exporting scriptures.)

But if you work for a company that distributes products manufactured abroad, watch out.

Another impact: if you are planning to travel abroad, it will cost you about 10 per cent more for hotel rooms and other expenses. And it will cost American servicemen more to live abroad.

Still Cut Down

A 500-gallon capacity Silver Cloud still was cut down in the Big Laurel-Rice Cove section of Madison County last Saturday, Sheriff E.Y. Ponder stated.

The still was not in operation and no arrests were made, Ponder said.

A BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED Christmas tree in the lobby of the courthouse here adds to the Holiday spirit. Personnel from the auditor's office are responsible for the attractive tree.