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County Receives Additional Funds For Environmental Assistance

An additional \$15,000 has been allocated to Madison farmers for soil and water conservation under the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, according to Ralph Ramsey, County Executive Director. This brings a total allocation of \$97,300 to Madison, an increase of 23 percent over 1971.

REAP assists farmers on a

50-50 cost share basis for conservation measures and in cases of low income farmers, REAP will contribute as much as 80 percent of the total cost of the practice.

To date, Ramsey states that 930 farmers have received assistance on establishing new permanent vegetation grass or legume cover, improving

existing vegetative grass cover and planting trees. Cost share assistance is also available on establishing water impoundment reservoirs, controlling sediment runoff and pollution of water, lagoons for animal waste and protecting stands of trees intended for timber or pulpwood.

Madison REAP again this

year will provide cost-share assistance for the use of a helicopter in spreading fertilizer. All farmers interested in this service should contact the office immediately according to Ramsey. Farmers with conservation problems are urged to get in touch with the ASCS for possible cost-share assistance.

Native Of Mars Hill Named D.D. In Atlanta

Dr. J. D. Willis of Dunwoody, Ga., has been named deputy director for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's southeastern regional meat and poultry inspection office at Atlanta.

As deputy director, Dr. Willis shares responsibility with the regional director for planning, directing, coordinating and integrating the implementation of meat and poultry inspection in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

He also has co-responsibility in the Southeast region for reviewing and evaluating state meat and poultry inspection program operations as to their effectiveness, to determine



PICTURED ABOVE are members of the Madison County Board of Elections who were sworn in on Monday, Mar. 6, by Judson Edwards, clerk of superior court. Left to right, Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman, of Hot Springs; Oscar McDevitt, of Marshall; and Perry Willis, of Mars Hill. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. McDevitt are the Democratic members and Mr. Willis, who succeeded Lester Wilde, is the Republican member.

Mars Hill College Launches Drive To Enroll High School Juniors

"Scholar Trek '72" was launched this week by Mars Hill College in an effort to locate 25 qualified high school juniors willing and able to skip their senior year and enter college this summer.

Colleg freshman courses are often duplicates of what high school seniors study, according to Dr. John M. Hough, associate dean for academic affairs and director of "Scholar Trek '72." He said the project is an attempt to avoid such duplication for outstanding high school juniors whereby they may earn a high school diploma and

complete their freshmen college year at the same time.

The 25 students will take a freshman English course and an elective during the July-August term of the Mars Hill summer school. Upon successful completion of the two courses (equivalent to eight semester hours of credit) and a demonstrated capacity to adjust to college life, the students will be admitted as freshmen this fall—"providing their high schools will award them diplomas in the spring of 1973," Hough said.

The idea is not new, he said, and several other colleges in the state are recruiting high school students for several years. "We found many stable and mature high school students who were academically qualified and emotionally ready for college," he said.

Hough and his staff began the search this week with inquiries to 5,000 high schools in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Ohio.



their deficiencies and to recommend or initiate appropriate changes.

County Boys' Giant Pumpkin Brings Fame

An over-sized pumpkin has made two Madison County 4-H Club boys known from coast to coast — and they're enjoying it.

Robert and Charles Rathbone of Hot Springs won first place at the State Fair last year with a 188-pound pumpkin. County Agent Wiley DuVall distributed a picture and a news item of the pumpkin and its growers to a few newspapers, and the news spread far and wide.

The Rathbone boys race to the mailbox each day to see where their next "fan" letter is coming from. So far they've heard from such distant points as California, Wisconsin and Florida.

The 188-pounder was no fluke. Charles and Robert grew 38 pumpkins that weighed 3,470 pounds.

Powell Cautions Setting Of Vote Machines

The following resolution was adopted by the State Board of Elections at its meeting on February 21, 1972, by a vote of 4 to 1:

To: Buncombe County Board of Elections
"During the course of the 1970 general election, this board in reviewing the voting process in your county determined that your board was careless in its failure to properly set certain voting machines.

This board respectfully requests that your board make every possible effort to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident which created the basis for an election controversy.

You are required by law to inspect the setting of each machine prior to the opening of the polls."

Mayor William P. Powell of

Mars Hill, who was the incumbent state Senator from this district in 1970, registered the complaint that all the voting machines in Buncombe County, approximately 150, were set in such a manner that it was impossible to split your vote in certain combinations.

Mayor Powell states that he hopes the above resolution will make the Buncombe County Board of Elections and also the other county boards in our area be more careful in the manner in which they conduct the future elections. He further states that each person is entitled to vote for the candidate of his choice and when a machine improperly set denies this person of this right, proper corrective measures should be made then and not several hours later.

—William P. Powell, Mayor

Rouse Spoke At Mars Hill Barbecue

State GOP Chairman Frank A. Rouse of Winston spoke to 75 people at a barbecue at the Mars Hill Community Center, Monday night. He said the response to the statewide Sustaining membership program had been excellent. He said the Republicans would not have a decisive primary but would be united after the May 6 election. Joe Morgan spoke briefly and introduced Rouse. Local candidates present were: Walter R. Harrell, Frank W. Morgan, Jr., Mrs. Loy P. Roberts, J. Dedrick Brown, and

these candidates for District Court Judge: Wood Hall Young of Avery County and Bruce B. Briggs of Madison County. Lance Cook, Haywood GOP Chairman spoke briefly.

Steve Davis and LeRoy Briggs were in charge of square dancing, and Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey announced that a county wide GOP dinner would be held at 7 p.m., April 25, in the Mars Hill Cafeteria. Delicious refreshments of all types (nine cakes alone) were served by the YR Ladies.

Marshall volunteer firemen had a busy week end and are hopeful that so many calls will begin to taper off.

Last Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock, firemen were called to the home of Paul Reese on Walnut Creek. The trouble was an overheated electric stove. About an hour later, the siren again sent the firemen to Walnut Creek but this time it was at the home of Albert Reese. The trouble? Yup, it was an overheated electric stove. This was quite an unusual experience. Two fires in the same general area; two overheated electric stoves. And the two Reeses are brothers.

On Friday night, after answering the two above mentioned calls, the firemen were again called to the home of Tom Shook and his son, Reed. The house, located on Ivy Hill, was completely destroyed by flames with the Shooks losing all household furnishings, clothes, etc.

Sunday afternoon the firemen were called to several brush fires adjacent to the Southern Railway tracks. Flames were extinguished on the Redmon Road, on Rector's Corner where flames ran up the mountain; further up the railroad several other fires were caused by a passing engine and at Rollins, near Marshall, firemen extinguished still another "railroad fire" beside the tracks. Flames almost caused a

serious fire at the Bowman Hardware warehouse next to the railroad. Quick work by firemen and other volunteers prevented the warehouse from spreading thus saving perhaps a major fire in the business area of Marshall.

The firemen were also called to Bear Creek Monday afternoon for a brush fire.

Monday night, about 8 o'clock, firemen were called to another brush fire near the home of Mrs. Grace Taylor near Petersburg.

"If these fires continue like they have for the past few days we might as well keep the fire truck engines running all the time," one fireman said.



MISS MARTHA BOWLES (left) and Mrs. Holly Bowles Geil, (right) daughters of Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina in the May Primary, visited Marshall and Mars Hill Monday afternoon on a tour through North Carolina. While in the county they were accompanied by O'Neal Shelton, (center) of Mars Hill, who is Madison County campaign chairman for Mr. Bowles.

Alvin Stines, 82, Dies Of Brush Burns Monday

Alvin Stines, 82, of Mars Hill, died Monday afternoon, March 13, 1972, in an Asheville hospital from burns received while burning brush near his home Monday.

Jim Ammons, an ambulance driver for the Madison County Rescue Squad, said he received a call about 1:30 p.m. to come to the Stines' farm on Rt. 1, Mars Hill, about a mile south of the town. Ammons said when he arrived, he found Stines lying in a burned-off field with third degree burns covering his body.

Ammons said he took Stines to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where he died about 20 minutes later. An accidental death report had not been made either at the Madison County Sheriff's Department in Marshall or the Mars Hill Police Department as of late Monday night.

Mr. Stines was a lifelong resident of Madison County and

a retired farmer.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Robel West and Mrs. Troy DeBruhl, both of Mars Hill; Mrs. Lewis Davis of Jonesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. Hugh Sprinkle of Pageland, S. C.; Mrs. Nina Bell of Winston-Salem and Mrs. John Styles of Newport News, Va.; three sons, Fred of Mars Hill, Willard of Alexander and Charles Stines of High Point; a sister, Miss Vista Sines of Mars Hill; six brothers, Frank of Ogden, Utah, E. F. of Asheville, Cecil and Jack of Detroit, Mich., Brenton of Oak Ridge, Tenn. and Joe Stines of Camden, S. C.; 33 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Holcombe Funeral Home.

The Revs. Wayne Phillips and Orlando Hawkins officiated. Burial was in Gabriel's Creek Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers.



MADISON COUNTY YDC Officers recently elected are pictured above. Seated, Charles Huey, president; standing, left to right, Mattie Ray Ramsey, reporter; Pat Kent, membership chairman; Bruce Phillips, first vice president; Christine Lister, secretary. Absent when picture was made were Bobby Dean Franklin, second vice president; David Whitten, third vice president; and Ronnie Wallin, treasurer.

Masons Will Have 3rd Degree Here Saturday

French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF & AM of Marshall will have a Third Degree on Saturday Night, February 18. Supper will be served at 6 p.m. by members

of Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star. All members are urged to attend.

4-H Talent Show Winners Are Announced

An audience of approximately 300 people attended the 4-H Talent Show Saturday night, March 4, at the Mars Hill College Auditorium and enjoyed the performance of more than 75 club members from the county as 30 acts were presented.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Farrell Brady, Farm Program Director for WMMH Radio Station. Judging the show were: Miss Nancy Clark, Teacher, Spring Creek Elementary School; Mrs. Julia Holcombe, Piano Instructor, Mars Hill School; and Peter Gott, Craftsman and Musician.

Blue ribbon winners who will represent Madison County in the Western District Show June 23 in Waynesville are: Miss Loretta Barnett, Antioch Club, piano solo; Mike Metcalf, Foster Creek Club, piano solo; and Donna and Linda Norton, Grapevine Club, clog dance. Sheila Sams, Little Laurel Club, vocal solo, accompanied by Larry Norton, was an alternate winner.

Each person participating in the Talent Show received a ribbon for the performance.

Red ribbons were won by Sandra Feldman, Mars Hill Club, vocal solo, accompanied by Ellen Feldman; Ricky Ballard, Doug Ferguson, and Jerry Buckner, Pioneer Jr. Club, comedy act; Debra Ferguson and Kathy Chandler, Pioneer Jr. Club, skit.

Blue ribbon winners were: Lonnie and Ronnie Kent, Hayes Run Club, guitar and vocal; Vickie Radford, Pioneer Jr. Club, piano solo; Loretta Barnett, Belinda Strom, Danni Wills, Donna Barnett, Antioch Club, group singing; Rhonda Sprinkle, Marilyn Wyatt, Penny Houston, Nancy Treadway, and Cynthia Niles, Marshall Helping Hands and Hayes Run Clubs, Pom Pom Routine; Augusta Jenkins and Meg Pressley, Mars Hill Club, tap dance routine; Wanda Riddle, Avoleen McGee and Connie Edwards, Foster Creek Club skit; Renee Wyatt, Hayes Run Club, piano solo; Grapevine Club, group singing; Tammy Cody, Mars Hill Club, vocal solo, accompanied by Randy Cody; Faith Wise and Jane Reeves, Hayes Run and Marshall Clubs, tap dance;

Mike Metcalf and Karen Boone, Foster Creek Club, skit; John David Kent, Hayes Run Club, solo; Beverly Waldrop, Mars Hill Club, piano solo; Anna Lou Silver and Linda Norton, Grapevine Club, song and dance; Mark Wood, Mars Hill Club, song and tap dance, accompanied by Mrs. Farrell Wood; The Swinging Grapes from the Vine Square Dance Team, Grapevine Club, Anna Lou Silver, Lonnie Davis, Randy Littrell, Pamela Clark, Tommy Griffin, Linda Norton, Annette Littrell, Michael Silver, Chris Shelton, Felicia Shelton, Donnie Norton, and Freida Shelton, Belinda Strom, Loretta Barnett, Donna Barnett, and Danni Wills, Antioch Club, skit and song, accompanied by Nancy Prickett; Anna Lou Silver, Grapevine Club, pantomime.

Special thanks are in order for the judges and Farrell Brady who did an outstanding job. Also, special thanks to John Gideon, stage technician, for his help and Mars Hill College for the use of the auditorium.

4-H County Council Met Here Monday

The 4-H County Council met Monday at the REA Building with Rhonda Sprinkle, president, presiding. The Pledge was led by Harlon Rice, the 4-H pledge by Sharon Kent and Susan Frisby gave the devotions. The minutes were read by Ellen Feldman.

The following committee for planning the Dress Revue is composed of Susan Frisby, chairman; Vickie Radford, Ellen Feldman, Judy Franklin and Harlon Rice. This committee will select a theme for the Dress Revue.

Mr. Ealey recognized the Talent Show winners.

A committee was appointed to cast votes for District officers. The following are on the committee: Warren Wise, Jane Rice, Susan Frisby and Edna Ann Silver.

Dianne Wallin showed slides which pictured the opportunities in 4-H.

4-H Horse Club To Hear Veterinarian

Have your horses been looking a little rough lately? If so, chances are the condition is due to internal parasites. If you would like to find out more about internal parasites in horses, please plan to attend a lecture by Dr. E. L. Shufford, retired veterinarian from Asheville. The meeting will be upstairs at the Marshall Library Saturday, Mar. 18, at 2 p.m.

Macrame Proving Popular Study In County

Macrame, the art of tying knots, has been sweeping the country. In the past several months various groups have conducted macrame sessions in which different articles have been made.

One such macrame session was recently held in the room of Mrs. William Pegg, seventh grade teacher, at Mars Hill. Randy Cody and Steve Wood, members of the Mars Hill 4-H Club, (under the guidance of

structed the class members in a successful session. Both Randy and Steve had participated previously in such a workshop and were skilled in macrame.

One important aspect of 4-H work is teaching others what one has learned. Certainly, Steve Wood and Randy Cody have done this.

Several other groups have had similar sessions and will be included in the News Record at a later date.



RANDY CODY and Steve Wood, Mars Hill 4-H Club members, demonstrate the exacting skills of Macrame to Mrs. Pegg's 7th grade class.

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Jim Baker Is Speaker At Lions Club

Jim Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baker, of Walnut, was guest speaker at the Marshall Lions Club meeting at the Rock Cafe Monday night. Baker, who is president of the Marshall Senior Class, used as his subject, "Auto Pollution." He related numerous statistics concerning air pollution and the

effects it has on humanity. He stated that he was representing the Marshall FHA Chapter which is concerned with the pollution problems.

He was introduced by Elton Jack Cole, Marshall FHA teacher. Sixteen members were present.



JUNIOR LEADERS are active in the Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club. Left above are Brenda Brinkley and Nancy Treadway helping Sharon Hensley and Darlene Talton at the sewing class for



girls taking the 4-H Clothing Project. Right above are Diane Wallin and Brenda Brinkley with glass collected for recycling.