

THE NEWS - RECORD

Feed Grain Program Is Explained

Sign-up for the 1973 feed grain and wheat programs begins February 5 at the ASCS county offices and continues through March 16.

In making this announcement, Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Director, gave the following explanation. The 1973 feed grain program includes barley, corn, and grain sorghum, and producers may elect to participate under one of two options. Option A requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 30 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Payment will be on an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. Per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program

yield times 35 cents for corn, 33 cents for grain sorghum, and 28 cents for barley. A supplemental payment is possible if a five-month national average price plus the payment is less than 70 percent of parity. Feed grain acreage on farms signed up in Option A will be limited only by set-aside and conserving base requirement.

Option B requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 15 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Farmers electing to participate under this plan agree to limit their 1973 total feed grain acreage to the total acreage certified as planted for harvest in 1972 and also agree to forgo supplemental payments. Payment will be on

an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. The per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program yield times 24 cents for corn, 23 cents for grain sorghum, and 20 cents for barley.

Under either option, substitution of wheat in excess of the allotment and soybeans planted for harvest as beans will be considered as feed grain for purposes of preserving feed grains base history for the farm.

Commodity loans will be available to all participants in the feed grain program on the farm's entire production. National average loan rates will be \$1.08 per bushel for corn (No. 2 basis); and \$1.79 per hundredweight (1.00 per bushel) for grain sorghums; and 86 cents per bushel for barley.

Those interested in obtaining more details should check with the County ASCS Office, Ramsey said.

Ramsey said that the farmers will be given notice of their 1973 feed grain bases and farm yields within the next week. Base acres and per acre yields will be the same as for 1972 for most farms.



CHAMPIONS! Pictured above are the members of the Marshall High School team which recently won the INS competition at UNCA against eleven other schools in Western North Carolina. First row left to right: Sheila Wallin, Marilyn Wyatt, Debra Roberts, Patricia Fisher, Jean Chandley, and Rhonda Sprinkle. Second Row: Sharon Henderson, Harlon Rice, and Teddy Deal. Third Row: Susan Frisby, Larry Davis, and Ben Ledford. Not pictured are Ralph Ponder, James Briggs, and Leslie Masburn. Items of interest pictured are the champion's trophy and a handmade flag of the nation Marshall represented. The flag was made by the team itself.

Marshall High School Declared Champions In INS Competition

Recently thirty Marshall High School seniors were involved in a project known as INS-UNCA. INS, which stands for Inter-Nation Simulation, was conducted in a Marshall High senior class under the supervision of four UNCA students and two Marshall faculty members, Miss Carol Whitt and James E. Boone. The four UNCA students were Chairman-Ricky McDevitt, Wayne McDevitt, Jack Brown, and Danny Stewart.

During a two week period, the class simulated a real world situation. The class was divided into six groups of five students. Each group represented an individual nation. The six nations were Algo, Bingo, Dorb, Ergo, Yora, and Zena. The five members of each nation were given individual offices. These were Head of State, Foreign Affairs Diplomat, Foreign Policy Advisor, Official Domestic Advisor, and Domestic Opposition Leader. Each nation was given individual characteristics such as population, budget, armed forces, and other various characteristics that real nations of the world have today. Each day the simulation was conducted for one hour which represented one year. During the simulation each nation conducted its affairs, both internally and foreign, the way its officers saw fit. Trade bargaining, alliances, war, or any activity a real nation does could be enacted. During the simulation many concepts of international affairs and internal governmental complexities came out and were understood far better by the students. The simulation involved a Sea of Salt which the nations were disputing its ownership. Possession of the Sea of Salt would greatly increase a nation's resources, power, and basic capabilities. The dispute eventually ended in a war between the nations. By the end of the simulation, the Sea of Salt situation was still not resolved and its possession did not belong to any nation.

After the competition, all the schools went home and eagerly awaited the next Saturday on which a banquet was held at 7:00 p.m. At this banquet, the winners were announced and awards given. Marshall High School was declared the winner of the first Saturday's competition. She was awarded a huge trophy for its first place finish. First runners-up were Christ School and Pisgah. Second runners-up were Asheville High, Asheville Country Day, and East Henderson. Owen High School was declared the second Saturday's winner. T. C. Roberson and Reynolds were first runners-up. Erwin, Enka, and North Buncombe were second runners-up. Each of the twelve schools were given a full scholarship to UNCA for one of its students. The members of the champion Marshall team were Heads of State: Patricia Fisher, and Ralph Ponder, Foreign Affairs Diplomats: Harlon Rice and James Briggs, Official Domestic Advisors: Leslie Masburn and Debra Roberts, Foreign Policy Advisors: Susan Frisby,

and Ben Ledford, International Relations Officers: Teddy Deal and Larry Davis, Security Guards: Sheila Wallin, Jean Chandley, and Sharon Henderson, and two alternates Marilyn Wyatt and Rhonda Sprinkle.

The competition was covered by the Asheville Citizen, WLOS-TV, and six educational television stations. On December 24, a half-hour program was telecast on WLOS-TV, Channel 13 featuring the two Saturday's competition and the UNC-A academic community extended its congratulations to the Marshall team and the school as a whole for an excellent performance.

The Marshall team wishes to express deep gratitude to Miss Carol Whitt, Mr. James E. Boone, the members of the Marshall class not on the team, and the UNC-A students for their help in making the team a success. All of these people had a definite part in making the team a champion and the team wishes to acknowledge their appreciation. The team also wishes to thank Mr. R. L. Edwards, Superintendent of Madison County Schools, and Mr. Clive M. Whitt, Principal of Marshall High School for financing the project and Mr. Bob Farzanegan, UNC-A professor and co-ordinator of the project, and UNC-A for the opportunity to participate in the program.

UNC-A with eleven other high schools in Western North Carolina. The schools were divided into two groups of six which competed on two consecutive Saturdays. Judging was based on level of preparation, understanding of concepts, ability to conduct nation's affairs, both internally and on a foreign basis, and on overall performance.

On Saturday, December 9, the Marshall High School team journeyed to UNCA to compete with Asheville High, Pisgah High, Asheville Country Day, East Henderson, and Christ School. The Vietnam conflict was the subject of the simulation. Marshall was North Vietnam, Pisgah was Russia, Asheville Country Day was China, Christ School was France, East Henderson was South Vietnam, and Asheville High was the United States. The issue was simulated for five hours or five years in the real world. One of the highlights of the simulation was a war between Russia (Pisgah), China (Asheville Country Day) and North Vietnam (Marshall).

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\$65,595 Paid County For SRC Taxes

Southern Railway Company has recently paid 1972 ad valorem taxes totaling \$65,595 in Madison County.

Southern, which operates 1,563 miles of road in North Carolina, in 1971 paid taxes in the state totaling \$2,703,556. It employed 3,049 people in the state whose total payroll during the year reached \$26,472,546.

Purchases and other payments by Southern in North Carolina reached \$8,514,867 in 1971.

Taylor Criticizes Agriculture Aid Cuts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain said Friday that the Nixon Administration's recent cuts of federal aid to agriculture "is shortsighted and will encourage the rush to cities, thereby increasing both rural and urban problems."

Taylor said, "Everyone would like to see a balanced budget, but cutting funds which could affect the country's food producing program is extremely shortsighted, as is cutting back aid to rural areas without similar cuts in urban areas where the big spending really exists."

Cancellation of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program was ordered recently by the Office of Management and Budget as part of Nixon's attempt to keep his budget within a \$250 billion limit.

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Budget."

Taylor said, "Congress last year passed the Rural Development Act to bring new hope and purpose to rural sections of our nation and reverse the rush to cities. The President's action in cutting funds for the rural programs is a step in the opposite direction."

He said using federal funds to encourage a strong rural economy by helping those who are presently on farms to remain, and others to go into farming is "in the national interest."

Taylor said, "Presently we are the best fed country in the world with only two percent of the people producing food and fiber for the rest of the population. But with an increasing number of farmers moving to urban areas, how long will this continue?"

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Hot Springs Methodists To Hold Meeting Jan. 21

United Methodist Women of Hot Springs United Methodist Church of Hot Springs will hold one of their most important annual observances—The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. More than 1.5 million women in 34,000 local units in all 50 states will join in the observance.

The Call, inspired by special mission needs and by the opportunities to be made possible, focuses on prayer, a deepened spiritual life, and a guided mission study. Major events of the observance include the Quiet Day and an interpretation of the mission projects in the United States and abroad for which a special offering will be made. Each woman who takes part is asked to give for others by denying herself, and to cultivate through prayer a spiritual oneness with planners, mission workers, and those served in church-related ministries.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial for women of the Hot Springs United Methodist church will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Hot Springs United Methodist Church.

The Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries sponsors the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and has designated two aspects of the large United Methodist mission program to benefit from this year's special offering.

In the United States the offering will be used to repair and improve mission properties and to renew programs of Christian mission. Through these instrumentalities the renewal of lives in the name of Christ is sought as well as a strengthened Christian presence in cooperative community efforts. Mission facilities are in constant use

and demands for help increase daily. It is the belief of the Women's Division that mission programs, to be effective, must be sensitive to the varying conditions and needs of their surrounding communities. Staffs must be ready to work in new or old directions and combinations.

Overseas the special offering will be used for leadership training for women around the world to follow earlier Christians in carrying on the responsibility of training other women for leadership roles in family, church, community, and civil life. A woman receiving such training has often passed it on to her whole community.

Missionaries and nationals from around the world have provided information for the

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance. The Quiet Day, "Our Life Together: A Pilgrimage," was written by Miss Peggy Halsey, formerly a US-2 short-term missionary to retarded children in the United States who is now Secretary for Financial Promotion for United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women is the sponsoring body for the former denominational women's groups—the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, and is related to the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. Last year the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offerings of United Methodist Women totaled \$61,312.96.

Shields Joins Station WMMH

Dean Shields, general manager of WMMH, announced appointment of Gary L. Moore, as news director of the radio station. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Marshall. He is a graduate of Marshall High School in the class of 1971 and a student of UNC-Asheville.

The 20 year old Moore resides on Skyway Drive, Marshall. Shields also announced certain basic changes in the WMMH format. Among the changes was moving the news cast to 25 to 55 minutes after the hour, with the exception of the two major news summaries at 7 a.m. and the noon

hour. Also announced were two major contests, one primarily for business men—the other, starting in February, for listeners. Shields stated the contest would provide potential prizes in excess of \$1,000.

Republicans Attend Ball

Among the local Republicans who attended the "Victory Celebration" and inauguration of Governor Jim Holshouser in Raleigh last Friday included the following:

Reuben Lisenbee, Frank Massey, Roger Swann, the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie English, Jr., Dr. Larry N. Stern, Mrs. H. B. Ditmore, Mrs. Roland Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Edney, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood Edney (Asheville), Dr. H. E. Bolinger (Asheville), Richard Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Willis, Malbie Brown and son, Gale; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crocco, Dr. and Mrs. W. Ernest Powell, J. Dedrick Brown, Mayor and Mrs. William T. Powell, Mrs. Loy P. Roberts, Alan Briggs, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts, Walter R. Harrell, Judge and Mrs. Bruce Briggs, C. William Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Willis, Jim Craine, Fred McDevitt, Jack Guthrie and Joe L. Morgan. Mr. Morgan, county chairman of the GOP Executive Committee, was presented a black and gold ash tray from State GOP Chairman Frank A. Rouse. On the tray were inscribed a North Carolina map with an elephant with the following lettering: N. C.—GOP.

Sen. Taylor To Address Sierra Club

Senator Charles H. Taylor, minority leader of the North Carolina State Senate, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Western North Carolina group

of the national Sierra Club, Saturday, Jan. 13th, in the Biltmore Forest Town Hall 4 miles south of Asheville. He will discuss forthcoming environmental legislation in North Carolina and has consented to a question-and-answer session after his talk. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:45. The public is invited. Anyone interested in conservation is particularly

asked to attend. Reservations are necessary for the dinner, but not for the program. Reservations may be made by contacting Warren Smith, 10 Oak Leaf Lane, Arden, phone 694-8952.

Western Auto Officially Opens Here



BILL HODGE Marshall's newest firm, Bill Hodge's Western Auto Store, located in the former Chandler Hardware Building on Main Street here, will officially open today (Thursday) at 9 a. m., with ribbon cutting and a brief ceremony.

Bill Hodge, owner, a native of Rutherfordton, his wife and three children, have recently moved into the F. A. Dodson house on Skyway Drive. The store has been repaired and modern lighting fixtures make Marshall's newest store most attractive.

In addition to the opening ceremony, a reclining chair and a Western Flyer Bike will be given away along with other free gifts for Mom and Dad. Children will also receive free balloons, Mr. Hodge stated.

"I look forward to serving the people of this area with hundreds of items and cordially invite everyone to visit the store and look over our vast merchandise," Hodge said.

M.M. Critical Care Recruitment

The Training and Education Department of Memorial Mission Hospital of Western North Carolina is concerned with the education and training of Critical Care Nurses in Acute Cardiac Care and Intensive Care nursing. To accomplish this lofty goal, the Training and Education Department of Memorial Mission Hospital will conduct a two day recruitment program to interest those nurses and student nurses who eventually will be selected to participate in the full and complete critical care nursing course, so that the new William B. Fullerton Wing of Memorial Mission Hospital (second to none in the Southeastern States) will continue to have critical care nurses with a highest level of sophisticated training commensurate with the most

Courthouse Schedule

Effective this Saturday, the Register of Deeds office and the Auditor's Office in the courthouse will be closed each Saturday until further notice, it was announced this week. The clerk of superior court office is also closed each Saturday.

The Tax Collector's office will remain open on Saturday until noon throughout January, but will be closed thereafter every Saturday until further notice, James Ledford, chairman of board of county commissioners, announced.

Plemmons Is Promoted To Lowe's V-P

Lowe's Companies, Inc., a building materials and appliance retailer with 90 stores operating throughout the Southeast, has named four new Vice-Presidents.

The four are Robert E. Black, Jr., J. Ross Burgess, Jr.; Dwight E. Pardue, and Albert E. Plemmons. Black is now Vice-President, Purchasing, while the other three men are now Regional Vice-Presidents. The four men average over 16 years experience with the firm.

In announcing the appointments, Lowe's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors stated, "These gentlemen have achieved an outstanding record of dedicated service to the company, and have contributed immeasurably to its growth, progress, and success. Their outstanding business careers in Lowe's are fully recognized by their new positions."

Plemmons began his Lowe's Career in Lowe's Asheville store. He was the Assistant Manager in Durham and Charlotte before being promoted to Manager of Lowe's Huntington, W. Va. store. He also managed Lowe's Durham store for six years before being named a Regional Manager in 1970.

Plemmons is a native of the Spring Creek Community in this county. He and his wife Betty have a son and a daughter. He is a graduate of Blanton Business College. He is a member of the North Wilkesboro Baptist Church. When asked to comment on his new title, Plemmons said, "My career with Lowe's has been an exciting one. At the time I joined Lowe's, we had four stores. Now we have 90, and we should top the 100 mark in our current fiscal year. Lowe's is truly a company with opportunities unlimited."



THE SMOLDERING REMAINS of the beautiful Fred O. Tilson Home are shown above. The two-story house, over 100 years old, was destroyed by fire late Friday night despite efforts of firemen and volunteers to extinguish the flames. No one was injured and the six pet dogs and a cat were rescued unharmed. The home was located on Highway 213 between Marshall and Mars Hill.

A home that was considered part of Madison County's historical heritage was destroyed by fire, along with many antiques, late last Friday night. The beautiful two-story house, known as the "old Doc Tilson Home," located beside the Marshall-Mars Hill highway was more than 100 years old. The fire broke out about 11 p.m. Firemen believe the flames spread to the home

from an adjoining outbuilding. Cause of the fire is undetermined. About 25 firemen from the Marshall and Mars Hill fire departments fought the blaze for nearly two hours. More than 50 neighbors and friends volunteered to try to save the antique furnishings, but all the antiques on the second floor were lost. Antiques salvaged were taken across the road to a barn where they were stored until removed.

The late Fred O. Tilson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Thomason were residing in the house and had recently made improvements throughout the house. Mrs. Thomason, the former Miss Ann Tilson, stated that she wished to thank the firemen, neighbors, and all others who helped save the many items and brought the fire. "I will always be grateful to them," she said.