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EDITORIAL

Mother Nature

Mother Nature's changing of a gentle spring day into the fury of winter may be of only passing concern to most people. A rainy spell of several days duration is thought of as merely an inconvenience by many.

What about the farmer? To him, weather is a very serious matter and all too often he has been on the receiving end of Mother Nature's temper tantrums. Each season, her many moods have a direct bearing on whether it will be a "good year" or a "bad year" in the farm, and in the market place.

Both the farmer and the consumer suffer when the weather doesn't cooperate.

This year in some parts of the country, Mother Nature sent out warm spring breezes and rains to tease the buds of fruit trees into a premature birth—then, subjected the tender buds to a treacherous freeze and bitter cold. Another of her "triumphs" was Hurricane Agnes, responsible for much farm damage in North Carolina and other states.

These are just a few examples of the farmer's eternal battles with the weather. However, farmers accept the weather's unpredictability as a part of the gamble involved in their chosen profession.

Consumers find it harder to accept; it's difficult to vent their anger on the "uncooperative" weather when it nudges up the prices of those farm commodities affected.

After all, how can you boycott Mother Nature? Scientists tell us that the day will come when weather can be controlled—but in the meantime, Mother Nature will continue to have her say in the price consumers must pay for their food.

HEARD AND SEEN

By POP



THE ABOVE PICTURES were taken at the official opening last Saturday morning of the Family Dollar Store located in the Plaza Shopping Center on the Marshall by-pass. Top picture shows Mayor Lorado Ponder, center, cutting the ribbon; at left is Ray Davis, manager; and on right is Jack Metcalf, district manager. Mr. Metcalf is formerly of Madison County. Bottom picture shows a portion of the large interior of the store.

Eric Blackwell Recipient Of Scholar Award

D. Eric Blackwell, a member of the graduating class of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, is the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Reynolds Scholar Award of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

The award is given annually to a graduating Reynolds Scholar for outstanding achievement during four years of medical education at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Blackwell, who will receive the M. D. degree Monday (May 28) in commencement exercises on the Wake Forest University campus, was one of eight candidates for the Outstanding Senior Reynolds Scholar Award.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell. His father is president emeritus of Mars Hill College.



A graduate of Duke University, Blackwell completed a year at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, where he was a Rockefeller Brothers Fellow, before entering medical school.

He recently was elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society.

He will begin internship training in July at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Make plans now to attend the horse show on the Island this Saturday...both afternoon and night...proceeds from the annual event are used to further Lion Club projects, mostly for the blind and visually handicapped...38 classes (19 in afternoon and 19 at night) will be shown...plenty of good food and drinks will be available and a large crowd is expected...the appreciation banquet held Tuesday night of last week in honor of Ralph Ramsey who retired Friday as director of the local ASCS Office was an enjoyable event...the banquet, given by ASCS office personnel and held in the beautiful Wolf Laurel Restaurant was most appropriate and the sincere respect and admiration of the fine accomplishments of Ralph was evidenced by those attending...truly, Ralph was a most dedicated "Boss" and will be greatly missed, not only by his fellow-workers but by farmers throughout this entire area who he has served for more than 29 years...ASCS director...Mrs. Kyle (Nila) Mann, valuable member of the personnel, presided and anyone could tell she was visibly "shaken" by his retirement as she commented about his fine leadership and then presented him with a gold watch which bore the engravings "ASCS-1944-1973"..."Bill" and I appreciate the invitation to the banquet and also appreciate the kind remarks Ralph made

about The News-Record...sat at the same table with Annette McLean, Shirley and Earl Robinson, Mike Sam and Sandra Buckner...we had a fine time gossiping and working a coin puzzle...I feel sorry for Shirley who was suffering from laryngitis and could hardly talk...I thought Lee Roy Briggs' remarks were timely although he spoke under a "handicap"...Grayson Briggs, their son, is really a cute little fellow and seemed to enjoy the occasion...and, by golly, Hazel, Ralph's lovely wife, looked like a bride...Nancy Treadway and Kathy Livesay were among the pretty waitresses who served us...I also took advantage of the

open house at the ASCS office on Friday when more than 70 people visited the local office and were treated with delicious cake and punch...here's hoping Ralph enjoys his retirement after many years of continuous responsibility...glad to see Buford Marlor able to be out again after his accident recently...followed teachers and friends honored Mrs. Hilliard (Mattie) Teague Friday in her classroom with gifts and well-wishes...Mattie retired from the teaching profession and the high esteem in which she is held was evidenced by many gifts and messages...featured by a gift from her husband...a brand new LTD...Mattie was "on Cloud 9" and I don't blame her...

Raleigh Report

By ERNEST MESSER

The first session of the 1973-74 General Assembly came to an end on May 24, 1973, with Democrats and Republicans accusing each other of dabbling in partisan politics.

A bill, introduced by a Democrat, to place the management of the Highway Patrol under a nine man commission was passed by the House but held up by the Senate.

Republicans accused Democrats of trying to strip Governor Holshouser of his power; Democrats contended the only power involved was the power to "fire and hire."

This power to "fire and hire" has been the main issue between Democrats and

Republicans. Since the Republican Administration has established a personnel department, consisting of 17 personnel officers and three supervisors, covering the entire State of North Carolina, what are their intentions regarding all classes of State employees?

This is the question that has "bugged" Democrats. As the General Assembly leaves Raleigh, it leaves the Holshouser Administration with practically no restraint on its power to fire and hire State employees, including members of the Highway Patrol.

The fact that the Holshouser Administration has had, seemingly, little interest in the actions of the General Assembly has led observers to conclude that his main interest is in organizing, reorganizing, or restaffing State Departments. Governor Holshouser has, in fact, spoken emphatically only three times during this legislative session: once, when he opposed a bill to require that the make-up of the Board of Elections conform to party registration; the second time, when he spoke in favor of repeal of the soft drink tax; the third time, when he spoke in support of his state park program.

The General Assembly is scheduled to meet again on January 16, 1974. The direction this Administration will travel should be definitely established by then.

To be continued January, 1974.



HARLON RICE, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rice, of Walnut, and a 1973 graduate of Marshall High School, won first place in the NAS Promotional Bicycle Race held at the new Asheville Speedway on Friday night, May 18. The popular student and athlete was sponsored in the race by Western Auto Store of Marshall of which Bill Hodge is manager. He rode a "bike" loaned to him by the store. He competed against more than 10 other fellows in winning the race and was presented a beautiful trophy by NAS officials. Harlon is shown with bike and trophy.

Health Clinic Schedule

Lawrence B. Burwell, MPH, Madison County Health Director, has announced the Health Department Clinic schedule for June, 1973. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Friday, June 1, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, June 4, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6, Child Health Supervisory Clinic, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursday, June 7, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, Nurse Screening Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p.m.

Friday, June 8, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon 1-4 p.m.

Monday, June 11, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m.

Monday, June 11, Nurse Screening Clinic Rudisill Clinic BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tuesday, June 12, Maternity Clinic, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 13, Mental Health Counseling Alcoholism Counseling, Call 649-3531 For Appointment

Thursday, June 14, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p.m.

Friday, June 15, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon 1-4 p.m.

Monday, June 18, Mental Health Clinic, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Wednesday, June 20, Mental Health Counseling Alcoholism Counseling, Call 649-3531 For Appointment

Thursday, June 21, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p.m.

Friday, June 22, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, June 25, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26, Family Planning Clinic BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Wednesday, June 27, Mental Health Counseling Alcoholism Counseling, Call 649-3531 for appointment.

Thursday, June 28, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 o'clock

Friday, June 29, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon 1-4 p.m.

Friday, June 29, Nurse Screening Clinic BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

At all General Immunization Clinics, protection is available against diphtheria, Pertussis, whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), measles, rubella, and smallpox. Blood testing and tuberculin skin testing are also available at the General Immunization Clinics.

Mrs. Harrell Gets Master's Degree At UNC-G

Mrs. Linda H. Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Haynie of College St. Weaverville, has recently received her masters degree in education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Mrs. Harrell has taught at

St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines for two years and now is employed by the Madison County Agricultural Extension Service in home economics.

Mrs. Harrell and her husband, Donald F. Harrell, reside in Mars Hill where he is a social worker.

Little Pine E.H. Members Tour Bakery

Members of the Little Pine E. H. Club who recently toured the Rolling Pin Bakery at Northgate Shopping Center in Asheville, were: Mrs. Nell

Dover, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey, Mrs. Sallie McHone, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. Zura Worley, Mrs. Dorothy Payne and Miss Gladys V. Meadows.


"The trip was most enjoyable and we were especially impressed with the method of cake decorating," one member stated.

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Pharmacy Comments

Having trouble with new safety caps?

Safety packaging has been hailed as the great innovation designed to drastically reduce child poisonings. Though the verdict is still out, it's apparent that additional thought, planning, and development is needed.

To begin with, by simple request anyone can receive non-safety packaging for the dispensing of a prescription. And further, once Rs are dispensed in resistant containers, many parents shy away from closing them properly simply because of the difficulty of re-opening them, thus defeating the aim of safety packaging.



Whatever its drawbacks, we strongly advise parents to cooperate with the intent of this new law. If you have trouble opening the safety containers, advise us, and let us show you the "trick!"




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