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ASCS Will Explain Farm Census Questions

By the time farmers receive their 1974 Census of Agriculture questionnaires in early January, employees at the local county ASCS offices will have an information packet on hand so they can answer questions about the 1974 farm census.

The Bureau of the Census plans to send to all county ASCS offices throughout the country a complete information packet which will include a reference handbook and a sample questionnaire.

The farm census will be held by mail, and producers in the counties may expect to receive the census forms by early January and are asked to fill in the blanks and return the forms by mail before the

end of the month, if possible. Farmers might want to make a note now that if they have any questions about how

to fill in the 1974 Census of Agriculture forms, they can get help at the county ASCS office.

Installation By Masons December 27

The installation of Masonic officers will be held at the Masonic Lodge here on Friday night, December 27.

Activities will begin at 6:30 o'clock when supper will be served by the members of the Marshall Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

The program includes piano selections by Mrs. Joe Eads and the installation services with Lester Wilde being the installing officer.

The following will be installed:

Sam Houston, Master; George Slagle, Senior Warden; Elwood Waldrup, Junior Warden; Bill Ricker, Secretary; Jack Guthrie, Treasurer; Grady Rice, Senior Deacon; Roger Slagle, Junior Deacon; Bobby Arrowood, Senior Steward; Kenneth Rice, Junior Steward; Chauncey Metcalf, Tiler; Phil Wallin, Chaplain.

Weather Observer Honored



MRS. MABEL RAMSEY

Mrs. Mabel Ramsey of Hot Springs has been presented with a pin by the National Weather Service in recognition of 20 years' ser-

vice as a cooperative weather observer.

Mrs. Ramsey makes aviation observations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and calls the reports to the National Weather Service at Asheville Airport each hour.

These reports are entered on the national telecommunications network for the benefit of pilots flying over the Western North Carolina mountains.

Mrs. Ramsey also keeps daily records of temperature and precipitation, and this information is published in the North Carolina Climate Data. The station Mrs. Ramsey operates was established in January, 1902 when E. C. Laird was appointed observer. She is the ninth observer since the program was begun.

The aviation observational program was started in 1940. The reports consist of cloud height and extent of sky covered, visibility, temperature and dew point

measurements.

Mrs. Ramsey is one of 13,000 cooperative weather observers in the nation.

The pin was presented by Ernest A. Rodney, meteorologist in charge of the Asheville Airport office of the National Weather Service, accompanied by Earl Ramsey, substation network specialist for Western North Carolina.

Jim Baker Is Appointed To MHC Office

Three students have been named to fill Student Government Association offices at Mars Hill College. Larry Pike, president of the SGA, announced the appointments, noting that the vacancies occurred through mid-year graduations, and in one incident, through a student getting married and transferring to another school.

The three are: Jim Baker, a sophomore political science major from Marshall. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Baker and will fill the office of secretary.

Belinda Scalzo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter V. Scalzo of Brookfield Center, Connecticut, will fill the position of treasurer. Miss Scalzo is a sophomore biology major.

Ben Sprouse of Orchard Drive in Forest City will serve as the first speaker of the joint residence hall council. Sprouse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Sprouse, Sr., and is a junior religion major.

These three students will serve until the spring elections, when the entire student body will elect officers.

Echoes From The Ridge

By: VICTOR CASSIZZI

All over the world people are praying for revival. In many places people are having a series of meetings that they call revival. They invite speakers and special singers and when it's all over they say 'Praise the Lord, we've had a revival'; when all they've had is a series of meetings.

Revival never ends for God is a continuous revival. Revival is the life of Jesus Christ poured into our human hearts, filling us and overflowing through us to others. Before we can have the life of Christ dwelling within our hearts our wills must be broken to His will. The Lord Jesus can not live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken. This means dying to self and self-attitudes. Just as Paul said of himself in Galatians 2:20 - 'I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me'. NAS This means that the hard-hearted self which wants its own way, stands up for its rights and seeks its own glory surrenders

all to Christ that He may have His way in our hearts.

Jesus said, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me' Matt. 16:24-KJV. We can pray for revival week after week, but until we are willing to deny self, pick up our cross, and truly follow Jesus there can be no revival.

Jesus was willing to have no rights of His own, no possessions of His own, willing to suffer persecution, to let men tread on Him and not once did He defend Himself. He is calling us as Christians to die to self and become like Him. Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven' Matt. 5:44-45 KJV.

'Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Rom. 6:11 KJV. To die to self and sin means we have no plans, no time, no money, and no pleasure of our own; for its all

been given to the Lord.

'And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.' Acts 2:42-27 KJV.

We here at Glory Ridge are praying that God through the Holy Spirit will light revival fires in the hearts of men throughout Western North Carolina. We want God to have His way in the ministry of Glory Ridge so that the lives of men and women might be channeled into the service of God. We need your prayerful support.

Extra Services Cost

The American consumer wants extra services. He wants more time-saving, work-saving, convenient foods in handier packages. He wants them with added safety, nutrition and flavor, available in the attractive 8,000-item supermarkets. Past purchases have shown that the consumer wants these new convenient products.

If an item doesn't 'move' from a grocer's shelf, it is soon replaced by one that will. If the consumer likes a particular product, he returns to buy it again.

The consumer votes for what he likes every time he buys groceries. However, his desire for convenience foods naturally increases the amount of his grocery bill.

Out of every dollar spent by the average U.S. consumer for food, it is said that from 7 to 12 cents goes for packaging and labeling. If the weekly grocery bill is \$50, that's between \$3.50 and \$6.00 for the fancy packaging alone. Consumers may be surprised to learn that, in some cases, the cost of the container is more than the farmer gets for producing the food inside.

With increased costs of labor and materials, packaging and labeling has become the third largest item of cost in the consumer food bill.

Another reason for rising 'food' bills: Today's supermarkets have more than food. In fact, nearly 30 percent of what we spend at the supermarket isn't for groceries at all. It's for something to wear, read, listen to, or clean with. The list of items available in grocery stores seems almost endless: laundry soap, potted plants, socks, records, magazines, light bulbs, hair spray, toothpaste, aspirin, paper towels, etc. Yet, many persons consider these items as part of the grocery bill.

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Midnight Mass At

Hot Springs Christmas Eve

The traditional Christmas Midnight Mass will be held at the Catholic Church of the Redeemer on Christmas eve at mid-night on the site of the Jesuit Residence across the road from the Hot Springs Grammar School. The parish would like to take this opportunity to invite all the people of Madison County to attend the Mass and service to welcome in the beautiful feast of Christmas. Fr. Jeff Burton, S.J., the Administrator of the Parish and Boys' Home and Youth Hostel will offer the Mass. He will also preach the Homily at the Service. Immediately following the ceremony, coffee and donuts and cookies will be served in the Jesuit Residence. All are cordially invited to attend the service.

On Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m., Fr. Andrew V. Graves, S.J., Pastor Emeritus of the Church, will offer the

morning Mass of Christmas for all who might like to attend. The Catholic Church of Madison County would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the county and all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ESC Offices

Open Dec.

23-27

Employment Security Commission offices across the State will stay open December 23 and December 27 to process unemployment insurance claims, Governor Jim Holshouser said today.

The Governor recently announced that most state offices would be closed to entire week of December 23-27 as an energy-saving measure.

'We expect about 14,000 jobless workers to file claims on each of these days,' the Governor said. 'They will receive approximately \$1.4 million in benefits, and if our employment offices were closed on those two days, it would only delay the payments, which are as necessary during the Christmas season.'

Attention

Anonymous

This newspaper recently received a handwritten article entitled, 'A Tribute To Madison County' which we would publish except it has no signature other than 'Anonymous'.

Articles of this type cannot be published without a signature.

If the writer will grant to the editor before January 9, it will be published.

The Editor



Christmas Greetings

New Year's Edition

Early Next Week

In cooperation with local firms, The News-Record's annual New Year's Edition will be published in time next week so that readers will receive their papers before New Year's Day (Wednesday).

The early schedule also will give employers and employees of The Canton Enterprise, who print the paper, and the editor and bookkeeper of The News-Record an opportunity to enjoy New Year's Day when the office will be closed.

Those wishing to have New Year's Greetings, who haven't been contacted, can secure space before Saturday, December 28, deadline for next week's issue. This deadline also applies to all news articles for next week's issue.