

County Assumes Direction Of Operation Mainstream

Effective August 1, Operation Mainstream became under the direction of the Madison County Board of Commissioners. The program had previously been under Federal direction.

Technically, Operation Mainstream, as it has been known for years, is now titled Adult Work Experience. Main offices are on Main Street in Marshall. At the meeting of the commissioners last Friday, Howard Ogle, of Route 2, Marshall, a native of Madison County, was named as director of the project in Madison County. He succeeded Troy Guder, of Weaverville, who has served as director for several years.

Mr. Ogle previously served as Outreach Worker of Commodities and Food Stamp Program with offices on Main Street in Marshall.

Mrs. Coy Haynie has succeeded Mr. Ogle as Outreach Worker, it has been announced. **OBJECTIVES EXPLAINED**
Operation Mainstream, a project designed to provide Madison County residents with work experience, vocational training and social services designed to improve their chances of obtaining permanent, productive employment, begins a new year this week under the direction of the Madison County Board of Commissioners. Funds for the project, totalling \$110,334

in Madison County, are administered in Region B by Land-of-Sky Regional Council through a grant from the Department of Labor and the North Carolina Office of Manpower Services.

According to federal regulations under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), project participants must be "disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed." The Region B CETA Manpower Plan, developed by the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee whose members include James Ledford, Ralph Dover, John Corbett, Wallace Cook and Jane Rice of Madison County, outlines further target groups for project participants as veterans, female heads of household, minority individuals, drop out youths and handicapped individuals. Participants for the project are recruited through the Employment Security Commission, Department of Social Services, Community Action and other agencies with access to client groups, as well as through the project staff.

Once an individual is accepted into the project, the project staff develops an Employability Development Plan for him or her that includes the type of public or non-profit job experience he or she will be receiving any vocational training he or she will receive and any social services necessary to improve the quality of life of the participants' family. Past work experience has included housing renovation throughout the County as past of an Opportunity Corporation

project, and working with the County's Child Development Program. Asheville - Buncombe Technical Institute has provided vocational education and aid toward obtaining GED high school equivalency, and social services received by

participants and their families have included transportation, child care, and health screening. The County Department of Social Services, Health Department, Family Planning Program and Child Development

Program will aid in this effort. The goal of the Mainstream project is to return the participants to non-subsidized employment when possible and to provide the family with income and social services to aid in improving their lives.

Annual Tour Of Homes Slated For Friday

Eight homes will be open to the public Friday, August 8, during the Annual Madison County Homes Tour sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service. Landa Harrell, Home Economics Extension Agent, reports that this year's tour is geared to meet the educational needs of almost everyone interested in housing. New family homes, resort homes, and remodeling projects will be covered. Innovative furnishings such as

modular units and reclaimed furniture will be highlighted on the tour.

In addition to the Old English Home on Punchon Fork and the Page Lee Home in Mars Hill other homes to be open will be

The Harold Holcombe Home on Woodland Drive. This family discarded many pieces of furniture in order for Mr. Holcombe to build modular units and other innovative

furnishings that would better serve the family's lifestyle. The Donald Gehring Home also on Woodland Drive is a study of space usage. Through careful planning the basement was converted to a parents' retreat complete with a living area large enough to accommodate family gatherings.

After lunch at Wolfe-Laurel the tour will visit three very unique homes. The Robert Ramsey Swiss Chalet on Oak Ridge Drive will teach a wonderful lesson in mountain landscaping and outdoor living. The William Ward Home on Trillium Lane defies tradition as a conventional home in a resort area. The splendid use of color in relation to its environment is exceptionally well executed.

The Keith Sanders Home on No. 14 Green is a four-level contemporary home that boasts a "New England" flair. This home, an architectural delight, is complete with art studio and 18 feet clerestory windows.

Certainly a highlight on the tour will be the Edward English B-shaped Home on Upper Laurel. The use of vivid colors, new building materials, and excellent planning are only a part of this exciting home.

The tour is free to the public and will begin promptly at the Mars Hill Methodist Church at 9 a.m. Friday morning. Lunch will be available at the Wolfe-Laurel Restaurant. The Mars Hill, Punchon Fork, Wolfe-Laurel, and Upper Laurel communities will be visited.



THE ANNUAL REDMON (an) (d) reunion, held on Sunday, July 27, was again successful. Shown in top picture is the youngest member present, Michelle Redmon, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Redmon. Michelle's mother is at left and Mrs. Evelyn Redmon Davis, secretary of the "clan", is at right. Bottom picture shows Tom Redmon, 89, of Tyler, Texas, the oldest member present, receiving the Redmon Coat-of-Arms from Mrs. Davis. He also came from the greatest distance. The largest family present was that of the Arthur Redmons, with 11 members. Mr. and Mrs. John McClure was the newest married couple present.

County Schools To Open Next Week

It's that time again! The opening of Madison County schools is drawing near - very near.

Teachers are scheduled to report next Monday and students are scheduled to register next Thursday, August 14. The first complete day for the school opening will

be on Monday, August 18. Efforts to secure a list of principals and teachers for publication in this week's issue proved futile due to many uncertainties. It is hoped that a complete list of principals and teachers will be available for next week's edition.

Students in the Walnut School district may have freedom of choice in selecting to attend either Marshall school or Walnut school. Students who attended Walnut school last year and who would like to attend Marshall

school this year should make applications to the following persons: Mr. David Wyatt, principal of Walnut School; Mr. Clive Whitt, principal of Marshall school and Mr. R. L. Edwards, superintendent of the Madison County Schools.



STIRRING UP the last batch of cookies; Xnath Espina, Lisa Middleton, Miss Dottie Overman, Jason Espina, Danette Middleton, Chris Middleton, and Gina Middleton, know that learning about nutrition can be fun at Super Summer. Super Summer was a cooperative program of the Extension Service, DED, Board of Education and the County Recreation Department, and held in each of the six county schools.

Homecoming At Walnut Church This Sunday

The annual Homecoming observance will be held this Sunday at the Walnut Methodist Church.

The morning worship service will be at 11:00 o'clock with Mr. Mike Tweed, pastor, delivering the message. Following the service there

will be dinner served on the church grounds. All members, former members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Helping Hands 4-H Club Makes Plans

The Marshall Helping Hands 4-H Club met Saturday, July 26, at the Marshall Community Picnic Area for their regular monthly meeting and a picnic.

Plans were made for a

camping trip for August at Rocky Bluff. Before the meeting adjourned, the 4-H'ers and leader cleaned the picnic area of trash and garbage left by other picnickers.

WCU Summer Commencement

Western Carolina University will hold its 1975 summer commencement program at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, in Reid Health and Physical Education Building.

More than 400 students are candidates for degrees in the four undergraduate schools and graduate schools.

Dr. H. F. Robinson, Chancellor, will deliver the commencement address and confer the degrees.

Tourists spent \$57,958 in Madison Last Year

Travel spending in Madison County was \$57,958, according to figures published in the 1974 North Carolina Travel Survey. The survey is published annually by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources' Travel Development Section.

The 1974 travel expenditure was down 18 percent from the

\$70,560 spent by travellers in Madison in the previous year. Total state expenditures were \$78,964,770, and \$51.9 million of this was spent by out-of-state visitors. There were 39,000,000 out-of-state visitors to North Carolina during 1974.

The average number of people per vehicle was 3.09. This was for all parties who registered at a North Carolina Welcome Center.

Travel expenditures are expected to go over the \$1 billion mark during 1975.

Copies of the survey will be distributed to news media, chambers of commerce, Travel Council of North Carolina members, and those persons interested in travel in North Carolina.

Loss Of Feed Grain Allotment

Letters have been mailed to all farmers with a feed grain allotment that will have their allotment reduced for next year unless they make an acreage report.

If a farm has not grown corn or preserved the allotment in another manner for three consecutive years, its allotment will be reduced to zero for 1976. If no report is made this year, and it is not the third consecutive year, the allotment will be reduced by 20 percent for 1976.

Committeemen in the communities are asked to urge their farmers who are in danger of having their allotment reduced to make an acreage report by September 1, 1975. They can preserve their allotment by growing corn, substituting other row crops, or substituting vegetative cover on cropland. Farms that have certified crop acreages or where determined by the County

Committee to be producing commercial field crops will not have their allotment reduced for 1976.



SHOW WINNERS at the Ceramic Festival held through Sunday at Asheville Civic Center are shown with their winning. They are, (L-R): Mrs. Robert Hendrix of Candler, representing her husband for the "Freddy" award in the hobby division; Mrs. Pearl Davis of Marshall, "Best of the Show;" Mrs. Barbara McRary of Lenoir, "Peggy" award for the professional division and Mrs. Barbara Helgreen of Black Mountain, show chairman. (Staff photo by Gary Fields)



FmHA To Implement New Livestock Credit Provisions

Changes in the special Livestock Emergency Credit Program are now in effect in North Carolina according to Douglas E. Taylor, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), announced today.

The program, established under the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, will continue to be administered through county offices of FmHA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture rural credit agency.

Under the program FmHA guarantees loans made by banks and other commercial lenders to help farmers and ranchers continue in various lines of livestock production through a period of adverse economic conditions.

The bill, Public Law 94-35, signed June 16 by President Ford amended terms of the program established last year and extended its duration through Dec. 31, 1976.

Major changes in the program are

-Farmers and ranchers assisted by loan guarantees must be primarily engaged in agricultural production, and

livestock operations must account for a substantial portion, at least 25 percent, of their gross income, working time, or investment. Previously FmHA required that more than 50 percent of gross income or time be devoted to livestock operations.

-The limit on any one borrower's guaranteed credit is raised to a \$350,000 line of credit from the previous loan limit of \$250,000.

-The maximum guarantee to a lender is raised to 90 percent of principal and interest from a previous guarantee limit of 80 percent of loss.

-Maximum term of a loan was raised to seven years, with a three-year renewal permitted. Under the previous terms, loans could be made for three years, with a two-year renewal permitted.

-Under certain conditions, satisfactory evidence of a borrower's repayment ability can be accepted by lenders in lieu of collateral for a guaranteed loan.

-The national ceiling on total guaranteed loans out-

standing at any one time is reduced from \$2 billion to \$1.5 billion (loans guaranteed by FmHA through Mid-June totaled about \$325 million).

The amended Livestock Emergency Credit Act continues the previous guarantee authority for loans to farmers and ranchers in connection with the breeding, raising, fattening or marketing of beef or dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, chickens and turkeys. Interest rates are negotiated between borrowers and lenders.

Farmers and ranchers who may benefit from loan guarantees should apply to banks or other lending institutions. When details of a loan are negotiated, the lender may apply to FmHA for a loan guarantee.

Benefits of FmHA programs are available without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

County Supervisor Douglas E. Taylor said further information about the program can be obtained from the Madison County FmHA office located over the Wachovia Bank Building in Marshall, N.C.

No Connection With Klan, Says Amvets Official

The Amvets organization is not in any way officially connected with a proposed Ku Klux Klan rally in Madison County.

The rally is scheduled to take place on Aug. 9 and 10. It will be held in a vacant field adjacent to an Amvet Post

about two miles north of Mars Hill on U.S. 23.

James Gray of Asheville, Western District Commander of the Amvets of North Carolina, Wednesday stated that the Amvet post nearby is not connected with the rally.

"I would consider any such

arrangement between an Amvet Club and the Klan to be a direct violation of the terms of that club's charter with the Amvets," Gray said.

"And if I heard of such an arrangement, I would recommend strongly that that club's charter be reviewed."