



New Post Office Going Up On Marshall's Main Street

News From Agricultural Extension Office

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Burley tobacco grown in Western North Carolina is usually topped in the full flower stage and usually harvested about 25 days after topping. One application of either a contact or systemic chemical will usually give excellent control. However, if harvest is delayed or if the season is favorable for sucker growth, one application of chemical may not be enough to get the job done.

More and more Madison County farmers are using two applications of chemicals for near-perfect control. The method involves application of a contact (such as off-shoot-T) when tobacco is in the button stage, followed four to 10 days later by topping and an application of a systemic (such as MH-30). By using this method there are few suckers to remove at topping, and control will last a full 30 days or more after topping. The extra time used in the second spraying is partially offset by the lack of suckers to be broken at topping time.

The contact chemical needs to be sprayed on with a different method than that needed for M. H. Contact your agricultural agent for information on using the contact chemicals.

This method can save the farmer money and make the farmer money. Blooms and suckers are costly. When both are removed early, the benefits will show up in extra weight of tobacco.

Rec Area Proposed

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assistant. The county's RC&D Council is a part of the planning council for North Carolina Region B. "It was a chance to meet with others to examine opportunities to manage national forest land which will satisfy a local need," Olson said.

According to a forest service representative, there is a tract of about 50 acres in a gap between Hickey Fork and Big Creek that is suitable for such a development. It is accessible now only by logging road; a

new road would have to be constructed if the campground were to be built.

Members of the delegation gathered at the Madison County Public Safety Commission office in Marshall and used four-wheel drive vehicles to reach the site. Open fields in the area inspected are presently being maintained by the North Carolina Game Commission for Wildlife.

There are numerous small streams in the area which could be utilized as a water source for pond or lake development.

Child Care Centers Expect More Kids

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have rearranged to accommodate the new equipment bought this year. Whenever space allowed, new kitchen equipment was added.

Special emphasis was given health services during the year. Funds from a health grant were used to provide routine dental work for 53 children and some follow-up work. Services were provided in cooperation with three county dentists and the dental clinic at Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute. In addition, speech therapy was provided several youngsters.

A spokesman praised the cooperation of community agencies. Public health nurses continued to visit each center monthly to screen vision and hearing and to confer with teachers about health problems. Personnel from the health department and North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service volunteered to give programs on nutrition and health for day care staff and parents of children. The recreational department is providing swimming sessions for each center during the summer.

Each child was screened by a speech pathologist. Children with speech problems were given therapy by a speech pathologist through the training program or Rehabilitation Associates. While the children were learning so were their teachers. Under the Region B

Training Grant for day care personnel, all but two staff members have taken college credit courses. Observing and recording child behavior and speech corrections were the two most popular courses.

Starting off the new fiscal year is a workshop on first aid, choking and CRP (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Later this summer an institute on early childhood education is expected to draw several staff members to sessions at Warren Wilson College. Sponsor is the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

January presented undeniable problems, but as often as possible the snowy weather was turned to advantage. Despite frozen pipes and heating problems, day care centers remained open to accommodate children who could travel to the center.

To make efficient use of the time when attendance was low a puppet workshop was arranged with the Third Century Artist Deborah Compton in charge and a learning lab was set up in the Marshall Center. Especially popular was materials showing ways to use winter as a source for learning.

Although summer is usually the time for field trips, the ski slopes at Wolf Laurel provided an excursion for the children last winter. During the summer children enjoyed trips almost weekly with the duck pond at Biltmore Forest, Asheville Recreation Park and

Zoo, and the Health Museum being favorite spots.

Still further expansion of day care services is anticipated. A study completed this spring by Mars Hill College intern, under the direction of Dr. Jack Gross, chairman of the business department, shows that managers of the Madison County industries expect to increase the number of employees. This will mean more women will be in the work force, and some of them will need day care services. To find the services most wanted, questionnaires were given to current plant employees and parents of children currently

in the day care program. Most frequently requested was care for infants and toddlers up to 24 months of age. After school care and summer camps for children 6-10 years of age were also frequently requested. Completion of new buildings will allow these new services to be added. Additional copies of the study are at the Madison County Child Development Office on Skyway Drive.

The study showed that industry representatives and parents of children currently enrolled are pleased with the day care services which are now available.

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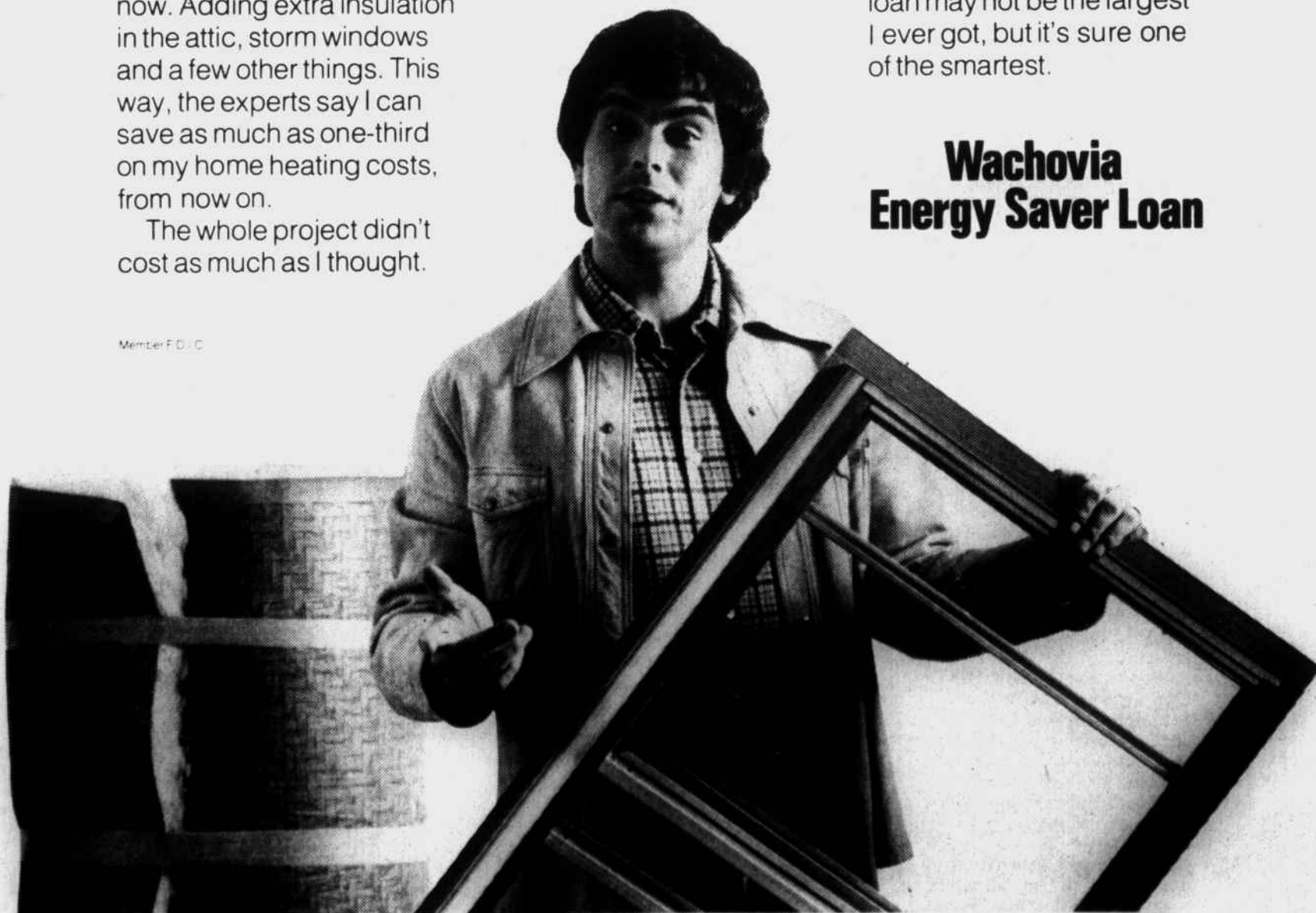
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