

Community Calendar

Snow Queen Dance Friday

On Friday, Nov. 18th, the 1983 Madison High FHA will hold its annual Show Queen Dance from 8 until 11 p.m. Admission will be \$3.00, with contestants admitted free.

Contestants for Snow Queen began raising money on Oct. 31 by selling food, chances on merchandises, and donations. The contestant who collects the most money will receive one dozen red roses and be crowned by last years queen.

All money collected will go to the March of Dimes. Everyone is invited to attend.

Reems Creek VFD Benefit

The Reems Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold a benefit pig pickin' Saturday, Nov. 19 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the fire house. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the fire company. Admission for adults is \$3. Children under 12 will be served for a \$2 donation.

Laurel VFD Turkey Shoot

The Laurel Fire Department wishes to remind everyone to the turkey shoot which will be taking place all day on Nov. 24. Food will be sold on the premises. Anyone wishing to make a contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Trout Course Offered

A course in Trout Culture will be held at Haywood Technical College in Room 361 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning November 15, and continuing through December 13.

The course is designed to give trout growers and potential growers information to grow trout profitably. The lecture and slide presentations will include new developments in marketing and promotion, feeds and feeding, hatchery management, maintaining water quality, culture of alternate species of fish, economics of trout culture, and the use of genetics to produce desired characteristics.

Top specialists in each field from North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania have been selected to teach the course.

A registration fee of \$10 will be charged. No advance notification or registration is required. For more information call Charles Johnson, Fishery Training Specialist at 627-2821.

Optimists' Holiday Tourney

Applications are now being accepted for the Madison Central Optimists Holiday Basketball tournament. The tournament will be held Dec. 26 through 31 at Madison High School. Registration is open to teams in the third through eighth grades. Registration fee is \$10 per team. For more information on the tournament, contact Ralph Baldwin at 649-2968 or Bryce Hall at 649-3515.

N.C. License Examiner

The N.C. License Examiner will be in Marshall on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. He will be in Mars Hill Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ACT Sets Auditions

Auditions for parts in "Pool's Paradise," a farce will be performed January 20-29 at Asheville Community Theatre, will be held Sunday and Monday Nov. 13 and 14 at the theater, 35 Walnut St., in Asheville. Readings will begin at 8 p.m. each evening. The play has parts for three women ages 19 to 45 and four men ages 19 to mid sixties. "Pool's Paradise" was written by Phillip King, author of "See How They Run." It is the story of the winner of a half-a-million-dollar football pool.

Optimists Open Pecan Drive

The Madison Central Optimists Club will be offering two-pound bags of pecans for sale again this year beginning on Friday. Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide Christmas gifts for needy Madison County children. Pecans may be purchased from Optimist members and at The News Record Office.

Tobacco Support Program Plaqued By Misconceptions

By WILEY DuVALL
Agriculture Extension Agent

The tobacco program is in a state of change. Constant references to it by the news media leave many people confused. This article is an effort to clarify some of the questions.

One misconception that exists concerns the tobacco subsidy. The tobacco subsidy is like the tooth fairy - it simply does not exist. There is no tobacco subsidy. The tobacco support program is financed completely by the people who grow the crop. Farmers will be assessed 5 cents per pound to finance this year's crop. In addition they are assessed to pay for the cost of government graders.

When tobacco companies are not willing to pay one cent above the support price for a basket of tobacco, it goes to the Burley Stabilization Cooperative, a farmer owned organization. Money required to purchase this tobacco is borrowed from the Commodity Credit Corporation, a government organization. This money is repaid by Burley Stabilization at the going interest rate. The cooperative is run by farmer directors. Roy Ammons, of Mars Hill, was recently appointed as a director in Burley

Stabilization. Tobacco stored by the Co-op is later sold to tobacco companies. Any profit is distributed to those farmers who had tobacco in the Co-op for that particular year.

The No-Net Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982 required that certain burley allotments must be sold by December 1, 1983. These allotments are held by public utilities, educational institutions, religious institutions, partnerships, cor-

porations, estates, and trusts. No individuals are required nor allowed to sell their allotment. Flue cured growers are allowed to sell their allotment if they choose. Some organizations are pressing Congress to change the law and to allow this privilege for burley growers.

The U. S. Senate has recently passed a new bill which would require some changes for burley growers. The House

of Representatives has not passed a bill, although it is being discussed. No changes will be made until they are passed by both the Senate and House and signed by the President.

The North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association is asking Congress to allow burley growers to sell allotments, also allow them to continue to lease up to 30,000 pounds to

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