

Fall Festival Is Planned

The Bright Hope Laurel Methodist Church will hold a Fall Festival on Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. The fair will feature a rummage sale, old-fashioned apple butter and apple cider.

Saturday Night Singing

The Hopewell Baptist Church will hold its first Saturday night singing on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Bud Griffin Singers from Old Fort are expected to perform. Rev. Ralph McDevitt invites all singers and listeners to attend.



Five generations of the Buckner family gathered recently to celebrate Jim Frank Buckner's 103rd birthday. Mr. Buckner resides in the Greater Ivy community with his daughter and son-in-law, Fred and Myrtle Rice. Mr. Buckner was born on Sept. 2, 1881.

Joining in the birthday celebration were, from l. to r., Shirley Roberts of Detroit, Mr. Buckner's granddaughter, Myrtle Rice and great-granddaughter, Rachel Carroll of Wisconsin. Mr. Buckner holds his great-great granddaughter, five-month old Jessica Carroll, on his lap.

Mr. Buckner has three other daughters still living. They are Fuschia Woody and Virgie Ball of Greater Ivy and Vivian Taylor of Burnsville.

Living And Growing

By CARL MUMPOWER
The Asheville Counseling Center

They call it growing up. That process that we go through when we move through childhood to adulthood. We don't have much choice about the matter. We're going to grow regardless of our wishes to the contrary. What is within our control is how we grow. We have the option of growing up, toward maturity, sensitivity, and personhood, or growing down toward other alternatives. It's an important distinction.

Growth is not something to be left to chance. The natural system may help us along the way, but a more intentional touch is more likely to lead to better results. The parent, for example, who consciously seeks out opportunities for their child to grow in a positive way, has a better chance of seeing a good outcome than a parent who let's things flip and flop along. That's also true for you and I.

There's something to be said for taking life in stride, but not to the exclusion of purposeful growth. The more we reach, the better our chances of experiencing our potential and life at its fullest.

There's another important point about growth. We can't grow in all

ways at the same time. Our lives pass through different phases where different growth will occur. In my own life, for example, the past decade has been devoted to academic, financial, and professional growth.

Even as I write, I am aware of a dawning transition to emotional, social, and spiritual growth. Having made pretty good strides in the former areas, it's time to place primary emphasis on other equally important areas. That's not to say that those others cease to exist. They continue to walk with me, but not as closely as in the past. In our lives it is important that we grow. It is not necessarily important that we grow in all ways at all times.

Someone once said that when we quit the process of growing, we begin the process of dying. Certainly it is true that growth is not near so much an option as a necessity in life. Look to your own life. You are growing, but is it taking you up or down? Your chances for successful growth are much enhanced by your willingness to make growing important.

In reaching, you will not only discover who you are, but also who you can become.

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For centuries mankind has turned to religion for moral and spiritual strength and endurance. Faith helps us grasp firmly truths that provide a sound foundation for daily living. Trust helps us withstand the downward pull of discouragement, despair.

The hour or so we spend at worship during the week can make a difference in our daily life. Attend the church or synagogue of your choice.



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Psalm 1-17	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Romans 1:18-32	Ephesians 2:11-22	Colossians 1:24	Matthew 13:24-43	1 Kings 3:1-15
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Soil & Water Report Delivered

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District delivered its annual report recently at a meeting of the board of supervisors.

The report stated that 24 Madison County farmers have joined the service as co-operators in the past year, raising the countywide total to 110. The Soil and Water Conservation District currently serves 2,882 acres of county lands. The report stated that 642 acres are currently in pasture and hayland. An additional 274 acres have been used for conservation cropping and 124 acres have been converted to no-till farming, mostly in corn.

In addition to providing technical assistance to area farmers, the Soil and Water Conservation office provides educational field days and publishes a newsletter for area farmers. The district also operates training sessions for Madison County school children and sponsors an annual poster contest.

First place awards in this year's poster contest went to Leaha Jenkins of Walnut, Chris Bullman of Walnut and Michelle Rich of Mars Hill.

The district program is funded by local, state and federal agencies, with most of the operating budget being provided by state and county funds.

The five-member board of supervisors meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month. The board is composed of Emery Metcalf, chairman; Benny Chandler, vice-chairman; Jack Landers, treasurer; Jim Brown, secretary and Rita Norton. Board members receive no salary for their participation.

In delivering the annual report, Brown acknowledged the assistance of the Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, N.C. Extension Service, the N.C. Forest Service, radio station WMMH and The News Record for their assistance in promoting conservation.

Burley Committee Meets

The Burley Sales Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Oct. 17 in Lexington, Ky. The meeting will determine the market opening date, selling hours, market recesses and sale regulations for the 1984-85 burley tobacco markets.

The meeting will be held in the Ramada Inn at 325 Waller Ave. in Lexington. The meeting is open to the public. Burley tobacco farmers wishing to make recommendations may do so at the meeting or by writing to the committee at Post Office Box 670, Mt. Sterling, Ky. 40353.

The members of the sales committee board are Dr. Charles Barnhart of the Univ. of Ky.; Alvin Beckley of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Assoc.; Jon Coleman of Taber City; Tom Kugel of Owensboro, Ky.; Ray Mackey of the Ky. Farm Bureau Federation; Ralph Oliver of Winchester, Ky.; Lawrence Russell of New Tazewell, Tenn. and William Walker III, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture.