

Mars Hill College Choir To Play Carnegie Hall

The Mars Hill College Choir, directed by Dr. Joel Reed, will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 30, as part of a special "Celebration of Youth."

The college's choir will be part of a 400-voice chorus including students from Anchorage College, Memphis State University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Morehead State — where MHC alumnus James Beane is director. The collaboration choir will perform Kodaly's "Te Deum of Buda Castle" and Karl Nielsen's "Hymnus Amoris."

The full evening's program will include 15-year old pianist and musical prodigy, Dimitris Sgouros, with the American Symphony, directed by Peter Tiboris.

"This will be a fantastic experience for our choir," stated Dr. Reed, "most have never had an opportunity to sing with a major professional orchestra."

An added benefit will be the opportunity for the Mars Hill students to associate with singers from other schools. The various choirs will give ten to 12 minute "mini-concerts" every other day in the St. Bartholomew Church, prior to the Carnegie Hall concert.

DeWitt Tipton, accompanist for Mars Hill's choir, will also be the rehearsal accompanist for all of the different choral groups participating in the concert.

Conductor Tiboris is scheduled to be in Mars Hill on April 13 to rehearse the college's choir in preparation of the Carnegie Hall appearance.

On April 24, the choir will stage its own benefit variety show to help the members raise money to pay their way to New York. According to Dr. Reed, nearly \$500 per student is needed before the choir can make the trip. The April 24 concert will also be the basis for the annual "Pops Concert" held during graduation weekend.

THE MARS HILL COLLEGE CHOIR
...Carnegie Hall bound

Louise Mandrell To Play At Ramsey Center

Nashville recording artist Louise Mandrell will perform at the opening of the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

Mandrell entertain following dedication ceremonies on April 19 at 7 p.m. The new center named for the Marshall native will be the largest such arena in WNC when completed.

Tickets for the Louise Mandrell concert are \$8 for adults, \$5 for non-WCU students and \$3 for all WCU students. Tickets go on sale tomorrow at Stage Door locations in Asheville, Franklin, Hendersonville, Pisgah Forest, Sylva and Waynesville and at the Hinds University Center in Cullowhee.

For more information, call WCU at 227-7327.



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Burley Referendum Closes Today

Today will be the last day of voting by Burley tobacco growers on a referendum to decide marketing quotas for the next three years on Burley crops.

Madison County director of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, Bill Zink, said any ballots postmarked no later than midnight Thursday, March 27, will be eligible.

"As long as we receive them before the ballots are counted on April 1, those mailed March 27 will be eligible," Zink said.

Zink said that those who had not received their ballots, or misplaced

them, can still come into his office and cast their vote. Eligibility will either be determined then, or decided by the state commission when they conduct the final count next week.

If Burley growers vote in favor of the proclamation by at least a two-thirds majority, quotas will be in effect for crops grown in 1986 through 1988. Price supports will then be available during this period.

If growers do not approve the referendum by the necessary majority, no limits on production will be in place and no price support program will be offered.

FmHA Introduces New Program

Agriculture lenders can join with the Farmers Home (FmHA) in a three-year interest "buy down" program to help farmers having trouble repaying their loans or obtaining new ones, FmHA County Supervisor, Douglas E. Taylor said today.

Under the new program lenders may make or refinance FmHA guaranteed loans to eligible farmers at reduced interest rates. FmHA will match a lender's reduction of interest rates up to 2 percent. If a lender reduces an interest rate 2 percent, FmHA can match that, providing a 4 percent interest rate reduction for the farmer.

FmHA can guarantee up to 90 percent of another lender's loan, State Director, Larry Godwin said. If the borrower should default, the Federal Agency would pay up to 90 percent of the loss to the lender.

"We hope agriculture lenders in Madison County will make use of this program," said Douglas E. Taylor. "By making Federally guaranteed loans at reduced rates to qualified farmers, lenders will strengthen their agriculture loan portfolio, reduce their chances of loss, and increase the availability of affordable credit to family farmers."

To qualify for a loan under the new 3-year, \$490 million program, a borrower must be unable to get a loan elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms; must be unable to make loan payments unless the interest rate is reduced; and must show enough projected income to make the reduced-rate loan payments.

"The FmHA regulations, which spell out the details of the 'buy-down' program, are expected to be in the County Office this week. Additional information is available by contacting the FmHA county office in the Griffin Building, Main Street, Marshall, N. C., telephone number 649-2821.

FmHA is an equal opportunity lender who provides farm credit to farmers unable to obtain credit elsewhere at rates and terms they can be expected to meet.

"Encouraging people to be better stewards of our land and water resources is the goal of the 1986 North Carolina Environmental Awareness Week," according to Jim Brown, chairman of the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District. The district is the local sponsor for this statewide observance during the week of April 6-12.

"The conservation and wise use of our land and water resources is vital to the health and economic stability of all the people in North Carolina," said Brown. "We must not only insure that future generations have the land and clean water they need to continue our state's growth, but they are also

environmentally educated on how best to manage these resources."

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, which includes all of Madison County, joins with North Carolina's 93 other Soil and Water Conservation Districts in observing Environmental Awareness Week April 6-12.

During this week you may call or come by this office for education materials, games, information. The office is located on Main Street in Marshall.

Environmental Awareness Week is sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Don't Plow Up That New Land Soil Conservation Service Issues Warning To Farmers

Don't plow up that new land, at least not before you know about the sodbuster and swampbuster provisions of the new Farm Bill. Any producer who plows out highly erodible land or drains wetlands after December 23, 1985, could lose USDA program benefits. The restriction only applies to land being cropped for the first time in 1986.

At present the final rules and regulations for the swampbuster provisions have not been published. This makes it difficult to know the specific criteria that will be used to determine which lands will be covered. However, all provisions of the law

will be considered effective as of December 23, 1985, when the farm bill was signed by the President.

The swampbuster and sodbuster provisions are part of the Food Security Act of 1985 and are intended to discourage farmers from converting highly erodible land or environmentally important wetlands into cropland. The law does not stop such conversion but will deny federal crop support or loans to the farmer who makes the conversion. The USDA plans to have the final rules and regulations published within the next 90 days.

Craft Workshop Is Planned

The annual District Western Carolina Craft Workshop, sponsored by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, will be held at Montreat Assembly on April 8 and 9. The district encompasses the 18 W.N.C. counties.

The workshop is open to all persons interested in learning a craft who would be interested in teaching the craft to individuals or groups, according to Freida M. Terrell, area craft specialist, who will direct the workshop.

Classes to be taught and their instructors include: Basketry, Peggy McLaughlin; Battenburg Lace, Ellen Goan; Calligraphy, Chair Bottoming (Fibre Cord), Jessie Cabe; Folk Art-Country Primitive, Carol Burnette; French Hand Sewing by Machine (Heirloom Sewing), Mildred Turner; Indian Design Wall Mats, Neil Rattler; Jewelry-Bowls-Trays, Mrs. E. E. Conley; Pine Cone and Native Materials, Ann Buchanan and Jan Morris; Pine Needle Basketry, Myrtle Youngbird; Rug Hooking, Emme Pebler; Sculptured Lamp Shade, Jane Surratt; Shadow Embroidery, Barbara Walsh; Stained Glass, Mr. Gene Messick; Stenciling, Jane Surratt; and String Patchwork Wallhanging, Laura Nette Estes.

If you are interested in attending one of the above classes, please contact your local agricultural extension office at 649-7311.

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fee and a \$3.50 conference fee, making the total pre-registration cost \$10.00 per person. Other costs will include meals and class supplies.

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