



Precinct Probe Begins By Election Board

MH Hearings Are Switched From Town Hall To Community Bldg.

The new Madison County Board of Elections started a drive in Mars Hill to overhaul its machinery at the precinct level in hearings which opened Wednesday afternoon in the Town Hall.

Charges have been placed against officials in nine of Madison's precincts by the state-appointed county board, now headed by Rex Allen of Mars Hill.

One of the defense attorneys, however, called it an attempt "to break up the Democratic Party."

The board seeks to remove the precinct officials on charge of misconduct in the May 30 and June 27 primaries.

The resignations of the registrar, the Democratic judge and the Republican judge of one of the precincts were submitted to the board Wednesday through counsel.

Other than accepting those resignations, no decision was made on any of the precincts Wednesday, Allen said. The hearings will resume at 5 p. m., Thursday in the Mars Hill Community Center.

Testimony was heard Wednesday as to the conduct of the past two primaries in Sandy Mush, Little Pine, Big Laurel and Big Pine. The board will review the evidence and conduct discussions before final decisions are made, according to Joseph Huff, legal counsel for the board.

"Joe Huff is trying to break up the Democratic Party in Madison County," William J. Coker of Asheville, one of the attorneys for the precinct officials, said. "They are giving aid and comfort to the Republican Party."

"They are persecuting several officials on false charges, holding the hearing in the little town hall, and excluding the public and other county officials charged," Coker said.

Coker and A. E. Leake of Marshall are the defense attorneys. Coker charged that one man was "persecuted for not swearing on the Bible." He said the witness had asked that he simply say "I affirm."

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SCHOOLS CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY FOR NCEA MEET

Educators from schools throughout Western North Carolina will gather in Asheville Sept. 29 for a one-day meeting of the Western District of the North Carolina Education Association.

Governor Terry Sanford will address the opening session in the auditorium at Lee Edwards High School at 9:30 a. m.

Following the governor's address the various divisions of the association will hold meetings. The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division, of which Miss Virginia Hart of Mars Hill College is president, will have a track and field fitness demonstration at its session at 2:15 p. m., in the boys' gym at Lee Ed.

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GRAZING DIVERTED ACREAGE

Farmers within the county who diverted corn and/or wheat acreage under the 1964 Voluntary Feed Grain and Wheat Programs may begin their designated diverted acreage on Oct. 1, 1964 if they so desire. In making this announcement, Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison County ASC committee also explained that harvesting of the vegetative cover or forage from the designated diverted acreage is prohibited during the entire crop year which ends on Dec. 31. He also said that farmers who used soybeans as an approved vegetative cover on their diverted acreage or in meeting their conserving acreage requirements must incorporate the soybeans into the soil not later than Sept. 30, 1964 by plowing, disking, or other mechanical means.

Additional Lights To Be Installed On Island Here

Boosters Club Ends Its First Year; New Officers Elected

The Marshall Boosters Club ended its first year successfully Monday night and elected a new slate of officers who will take office at next month's meeting on Monday, October 19.

New officers elected were Jimmy Sprinkle, president; James Story, vice president; and Mrs. Liston B. Ramsey, secretary-treasurer. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim Story, outgoing president, commended the fine cooperation of members and officers and turned over the "gavel" to the new president. The only action taken by Mr. Sprinkle was to rename Mrs. Geneva James as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Mrs. James will appoint other members to the committee.

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED

For the first year, the local club was termed one of the most progressive and active Boosters Clubs in Western North Carolina. Not only the athletic program has been benefited by the club but the entire school facilities have been enlarged.

Among the major accomplishments include the beginning of the Summer Program in Marshall which included supervision in sports, games and instructions in swimming and diving for local youngsters. This movement, sponsored by the Boosters Club, was made possible by its efforts and that of civic organizations, the

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COUNTY TOBACCO ACREAGE FOR '64

By RALPH W. RAMSEY

A summary of Madison County's tobacco acreage for 1964 reveals that 2805 of the 2896 farms on which allotments were established will harvest 2506.79 acres from the county's total quota of 2618.43 acres. During the 1964 crop year there were 85 tobacco farms which planted no part of their 36.87 acreage quota. The County record for 1963 indicates 2867 of their 2912 farms with quotas harvested 2816.19 acres from the County quota of 2900.83 acres and that only 45 farms failed to grow any part of their 14.53 acreage quota. The reduction in number of tobacco farms between 1963 and 1964 was due to combination of farms and the lower county quota for 1964 was due to the 10% reduction in quotas. It is felt that the big increase in number of farms that planted no part of their 1964 quota was brought about by lack of labor, the dry season or the slump in tobacco prices in 1963.

The 1964 tobacco record for the county also reveals that 593 farms planted in excess of their farm quota and all except one farm disposed of their excess acreage so as to be eligible for price support and evade the paying of penalty.

The 1964 burley crop will be supported at 58.9c per pound and the penalty rate on excess is 44c per pound.

WARREN REPORT TO BE ON WBT WBTV SUNDAY

Findings Of Investigation Of Kennedy's Assassination To Be Aired, Televised

Charlotte — The findings of the Warren Commission investigation of John F. Kennedy's assassination, together with interviews with 26 key witnesses called before the Commission since last November, will be reported in summary on both WBT Radio and WBTV Sunday night.

The two-hour report, "November 22 and the Warren Report," will be telecast on WBTV from 5 until 7 p. m. WBT Radio will provide coverage from 7 until 9.

Included in the CBS News Extra will be a re-creating of the events of November 22 in Dallas, Texas, plus special interviews with Lee Harvey Oswald's widow, Marina; Oswald's mother; and Mrs. Ruth Paine, Dallas housewife and former friend of the Oswalds.

Other witnesses dealing more with the actual sequence of events were also asked to comment on the CBS report. Among them are Texas Governor John B. Connally, victim of one of the assassin's bullets; employees of the book depository from which the assassin is believed to have shot; Dallas policemen and various others who had contact with Oswald before and after the shooting occurred.

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Supreme Court Hears Arguments In Ponder-Norton Controversy

4-H POULTRY EXHIBIT, SALE HERE SATURDAY

Ten members of the 4-H Poultry Chain will exhibit and sell try chain will exhibit and sell at 10:30 on the Courthouse lawn. Each member will receive a cash award and ribbon according to the quality of the job they have done in growing out the pullets. Sears, Roebuck Foundation sponsors the poultry chain in Madison County.

The pullets will sold in lots of twelve to the highest bidder. The proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase 1,000 baby chicks for the 1965 chain. Anyone interested in buying some of the Sex-Link pullets should be present for the sale.

Driver's License Office To Be Closed Oct. 7, 8

The Driver's License Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed here Wednesday and Thursday, October 7 and 8.

ZONING PLAN OKEYED BY HOT SPRINGS BOARD

To Present Plans To Town Council; Public Hearing

The Hot Springs Planning Board has recommended adoption of a Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Hot Springs. Prepared by staff personnel of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, the ordinance establishes the following zoning districts: Residential Commercial, Floodway, Industrial and Heavy Commercial, and Agricultural Transition.

Under state law, when a town is zoned, all of the land area must be included. Specific uses permitted are listed in the ordinance. The proposed ordinance will be presented to the Town Council for their study and adoption. Before going into effect, a public hearing must be held at which time the interest and advice of the general public is solicited.

High Tribunal Expected To Render Decision Soon

The State Supreme Court heard opposing arguments in Raleigh Tuesday on whether the State Board of Elections had the authority to make an investigation into charges of election irregularities in this county.

The arguments came as the court heard an appeal growing out of the disputed State Senate Democratic race between Zeno Ponder and Clyde Norton.

When the ballots were counted May 30, Ponder had an apparent 400-vote lead over Norton. The state board made a lengthy investigation and announced last month that Norton should have been declared the winner in the four-county 34th Senatorial District.

The board threw out the return in six precincts, terming them "fraudulent." This gave the decision to Norton, the board said.

Superior Court Judge J. Frank Huskins directed the state board to recommend a winner in the Senate race, but to leave certification up to a Madison Superior Court jury.

Deputy Atty. Gen. Ralph Moody told the Supreme Court the hands of the state board "should not be tied" in making its finding in the dispute. He said Judge Huskins "placed us in a posture that a jury trial could be held. We contend this cannot be held" in Madison County.

Moody said Ponder has taken the position that the state board is "a mere adding machine" agency. He argued that the 1933 legislature made changes in the state law which gives the state

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Accomplishments Of Feed Grain Program Cited

A total of 358 of the 2203 County's Feed Grain farms took an active part in this year's voluntary Feed Grain Program, according to Ralph Ramsey of the county ASC office. He explained that the objectives of this program are to hold the production

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Loose-Leaf Poll Books Will Purge Dead Wood, Officials Are Told

Literacy Test Requirements To Be Administered To Each Registrant

The "loose-leaf" method of voter registration keeps dead wood out of the poll books and generally works for smoother registration and elections, the sixth Conference for Chairmen and Members of County Boards and Elections was told Monday in Battery Park Hotel.

Paul N. Guthrie Jr., assistant executive secretary of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners, said that with the loose-leaf system, "no new registration will ever be needed again." However, he cautioned that unless loose-leaf system is kept up to date it will be "a complete waste of money."

Guthrie said his investigations of the loose-leaf registration system around the state have shown counties using it "very well

planned" with the results. However, he cautioned election officials to look carefully into the cost of various types of equipment before making purchases.

He cited an unnamed small North Carolina county with some 7,000 possible voters where the system was installed and a full registration held at a cost of \$2,412.

In a larger unnamed county, Guthrie said, cost of installation and the new registration was \$9,525. The number of names of voters registered dropped from 30,000 to 19,000 after the new, loose-leaf registration. Guthrie said this is a typical result of the purging of names which are no longer current from the voting lists which occurs with installation of the loose-leaf system.

At the same session, the election officials were strongly advised that, under the new Civil Rights Act, there must be completely uniform application of the North Carolina literacy test for registering voters.

Henry W. Lewis, assistant director of the Institute of Government, said the widespread practice of registering a voter known personally to the registrar without administering the literacy test will no longer stand up.

Lewis urged the election officials to take simple passages from the state constitution and have them copied by the applicants without exception.

William Joslin, chairman of the State Board of Elections, said some counties in the state have been "lenient" in their interpretation of the literacy test requirements, and have accepted a signature alone as satisfactory. He said the Civil Rights Act requires specifically that where there is a state literacy test, its application must be absolutely uniform.

Roberts Launches Campaign At Dinner, Rally Here Tues.

INCUMBENT ASC COMMITTEE IS REELECTED

The community farmer-elected ASC delegates met in a convention here on Friday, Sept. 18 and elected the three incumbent members of the county ASC committee to serve for another term of one year. The newly elected members of the county ASC board are: Emory Robinson, of Mars Hill, chairman; Andy N. Woody of Spring Creek, vice chairman; and R. C. Briggs, of Upper Laurel, regular member. Alternate members elected to serve in case a vacancy should occur in the membership of the three regular members were Fred Trantham of Meadow Fork as first alternate and Wayne Burnette of Upper Laurel as second alternate. Members of the newly elected ASC board will begin their new term of office on Oct. 1, 1964 and serve for one year or until their successors have been elected. The principal duties of the county ASC committee are similar to that of a board of directors in that they are responsible for the administration of ASCS farm programs at the local level.

Scores Demos; Courtroom Is Filled For Rally Following Dinner

As long as Western North Carolina remains "in the bag" for the Democratic party, the mountain region of the state will never see the progress to which it is entitled, the 11th District Republican nominee to Congress declared here Tuesday night.

Speaking at a rally staged here to launch his campaign in the Nov. 3 election, Clyde M. Roberts told a district gathering that neither national nor state governments will recognize the needs of a region that assures its political support when the money they should spend in it could swing an election elsewhere.

"Why should Washington or Raleigh cater to the interests of the citizens of Western North Carolina so long as they need the money in other areas which are bipartisan and in which expenditures might make the difference in which party comes into power?" Roberts asked.

The GOP candidate, who Monday night shared the platform in Charlotte with the Republican nominee for president, was the principal speaker at the rally, which was preceded by a 55-plate dinner in the school cafeteria here.

J. Harman Saxon of Charlotte, state GOP chairman, had been scheduled to make the major address on Roberts' behalf, but was confined to bed Monday on orders from his physician.

Saxon, 56, also missed his "birthday party" at Charlotte's coliseum which was presided over by Sen. Harry Goldhamer.

Like the speaker from Arizona, Roberts found time to talk to him a few words at the dinner.

Sen. D. Edwards, Jr. took charge of the dinner program, and Sen. A. Taylor, Jr. presided over the dinner.

Roberts will be in Marshall on Monday night.

Marshall Defeats Cane River Here, 20-6 Tryon Downs Hot Springs Blue Devils, 33-7 Mars Hill Wildcats Upend Cranberry, 20-6

Locals Score in Final Three Periods On Dismal Night

The Marshall High Tornadoes evened the season's won-loss record on the Island last Friday night by handing the Cane River Rebels a 20-6 defeat which gives the local grid machine two wins and two losses for the season thus far.

Playing in a mist and heavy fog plus the fact the playing field was wet from daylong showers, both teams found the ball hard to handle. The Rebels lost three fumbles and the Tornadoes one, but each team recovered its own fumbles numerous times.

After a scoreless first period, the Tornadoes and Rebels were forced into a punting game but midway the quarter the Tornadoes started a drive from midfield that resulted in a touchdown. It was Johnny Fisher, fullback, who crashed over right tackle from the ten to set the TD. Fisher also dove over guard for the extra point. That was all the scoring.

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Fumbles, Mistakes Hurt HS Team; Devils Have Open Date Fri.

The Blue Devils of Hot Springs High School journeyed to Tryon for a game with the high flying Tigers last Friday night and were defeated, 33 to 7, but the score doesn't indicate the closeness of the game. Tryon's first touchdown was of the gift variety as Kenny Davis fumbled a Tryon punt on his own 4 yard line early in the first quarter with Fisher, Tryon fullback, carrying over from that point. Early in the second period an Andy Hancock pass to Tom Kimpton accounted for the second Tryon touchdown. Late in the second period Hot Springs was forced to punt and a poor punt which fell about the line of scrimmage set up the third Tryon touchdown. The half ended with Tryon leading 20-0.

Early in the third period the Blue Devil offense began to click for good passage through the center of the line and Tryon line and Tanager Hunt carried over from the 2 yard line after a 50 yard

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Tolley Paces Wildcats With Two Touchdowns; Biggs Scores For Visitors

Charles Tolley scored two touchdowns and Mars Hill High tracked up its fourth straight football victory, 20-6, over Cranberry High at Mars Hill Friday night. A crowd of 800 watched the game in a downpour of rain.

Eddie Castellone put Mars Hill ahead 6-0 at the half by plunging one yard for a second quarter touchdown. Tolley scored in the third and fourth periods on plunges of four yards each time. Steve Davis and Garland Hunter ran the extra points.

Gary Biggs intercepted a Mars Hill pass and ran it 30 yards for the Cranberry touchdown in the fourth.

Despite the rain, Mars Hill gained 244 yards on the ground.

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First downs	4	14
Rushing yardage	54	244
Passing yardage	18	48
Passes	12-5	6-3
Passes intercepted	1	1
Punts	2-31	1-32
Fumbles lost	2	1
Yards penalized	6	6
Time of game	59:00	59:00
Attendance	800	800

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Marshall at East Yancey

Spruce Pine at Mars Hill

Hot Springs (open)

SATURDAY NIGHT

(College)

Marion Institute at Mars Hill (High School Field)