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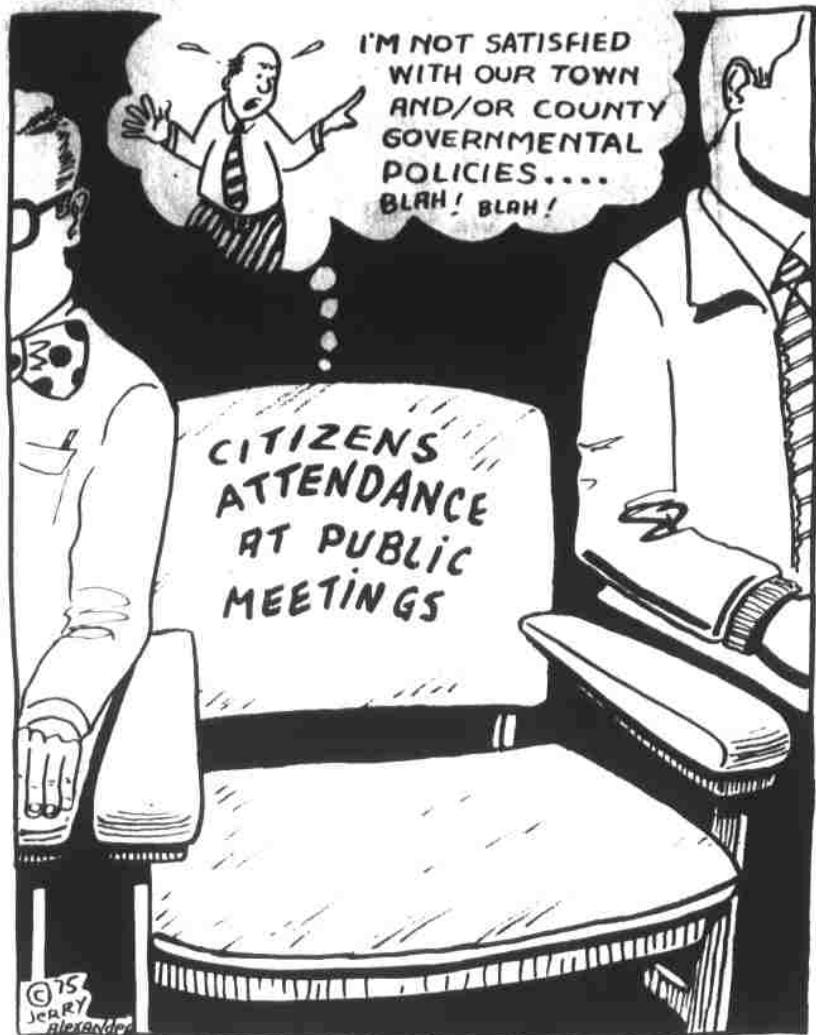
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YET IT'S A SEAT SELDOM FILLED

Leake Named State Director Of Target '76

State Democratic Chairman Jim Suggs and the Democratic National Committee have named Asheville attorney Larry Leake as the Director of Target '76 in North Carolina. Target '76 is a comprehensive campaign program working toward the election of senate, congressional, and gubernatorial candidates.

The major areas of emphasis of Target '76 will be on targeting (the gathering and uniform analysis of past precinct election results), voter registration, volunteer recruitment and Get - Out - The - Vote activity.



CHEROKEE BOUND — The above group are members of the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Marshall who visited the Cherokee Indian Fair last Saturday. Behind the group is the church bus which they use for various activities.

WC Bank Has Successful First Year

A recession can be an opportunity as well as a problem, according to Samuel L. Blythe, president of Western Carolina Bank and Trust Company.

Blythe should know. He runs a bank that opened its doors in October of 1974, just when the economy started to go sour. Tuesday, October 14, Western Carolina Bank celebrated a successful first year with an open house during business hours at its main office at 20 S. Pack Square in Asheville.

"We weren't supposed to make money for three years," Blythe said. "But we showed a profit in the third month of business. Now we're completely out of the red. According to original projections made in more flush times, Western Carolina Bank was only to have total assets of \$7,500,000 at the end of the first year. Those projections were shattered because the bank now has assets in excess of \$12,800,000 with deposits of almost \$10 million."

During the first year, the bank opened a branch office in Waynesville. Other branches will be opened as soon as it is economically feasible, Blythe said. Blythe attributes the bank's success to innovative banking services and to the way the bank was organized.

Western Carolina Bank has been a leader in promoting

free checking.

During the opening last year, the bank offered free checking for a lifetime to charter customers. It opened over 1,700 accounts in the first month. There are now over 7,000 savings and checking accounts. Part of the anniversary celebration is offering the same free checking plan that proved successful in the beginning.

The concept upon which Western Carolina Bank was founded, Blythe said, was that the western region of the state needed a bank of its own. Western Carolina Bank contained fewer than five independent banks and none of these were regional banks, he said.

The idea of the original investors was that the management of the bank would be in Western North Carolina, the decision-making

power would be here, and all the money would be kept here.

"That's still the concept," Blythe said. "That idea, plus programs like checking without a service charge, proved popular with the people in this area, and helped us grow even during the worst recession since the 1930's."

Twelve incorporators - six from Asheville and six from other towns in the area - started the bank by selling 215,000 shares of stock at \$10 a share. They found a location for the main office in the Jackson building, now the Western Carolina Bank Building. This site was the former location of a stone-cutting shop operated by the father of Thomas Wolfe, Asheville's most famous native son. The boarding house where Tom Wolfe grew up is a couple of blocks away.

Coincidentally, Blythe's

father - Legett Blythe, a noted author - was a classmate and friend of Thomas Wolfe. One of his father's books is *Thomas Wolfe and His Family*.

The management team of Western Carolina Bank was formed with Blythe, a banker since 1960, coming from Charlotte as president. W. Louis Bissette, Jr. was named vice president and senior loan officer. Ben F. Massey became vice president for installment loans and Hazel Bradley, operations manager. Libby McFeeture is secretary. George E. McAlee is vice president and manager of the Waynesville office.

"It's been a wonderful year," Blythe said. "We're happy that the occasion of our first anniversary allows us to say thank you to our customers and friends."

State Mathematics Meeting At UNC-A

The North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics will hold its annual conference in Western North Carolina for the first time. On October 17 and 18 there will be 76 sessions on all phases of Mathematics at the UNC-A campus in Asheville.

Any teacher of a mathematics class, kindergarten through college will find many sessions of interest during the conference. This is a rare opportunity for teachers of this area and their support will determine any future meeting this far west. The Western North Carolina officers indicated to the NCCTM Board of Directors that teachers from Murphy and all points in the western part of the state have just as much right to a convenient conference as any teacher in the state.

The state certification committee has made it possible for teachers to receive one unit credit toward renewal of certificate for attending the conference. The final decision is left to each school unit - city or county. A challenge is extended to each principal, each superintendent, and each Board of Education to make it possible for the teachers to attend without penalty. A good teacher is a growing teacher, and a good school unit is one that encourages participation in workshops and conferences for enrichment. The teacher should not be expected to pay a substitute or to give up a personal leave day and still have to pay registration fees

and expenses to the conference.

There will be sessions on "Helping the Slow Learner", "Activities and Application", "Number Systems", "Metric Systems", "Teacher-Made Instructional Material", "Geobards", "Computers", "Mathematical Models", "Creative Geometry Projects", "Vocational School Mathematics", "Calculators", "The Making of a Teacher", "Attribute Blocks", "Computational Skills", "Something Old, Something New", "Intuitive Calculus", "Individualizing", "Curve Fitting", "Cuisenaire Rods", "Absolute Value and Inequalities", "Matrices in Economics", "Tangrams", "Graph Theory", "Mathematics in Nature", and many other interesting topics.

Dr. Virginia Newell from Winston-Salem State University will speak at the opening session at 1:45 on Friday, October 17 on "Putting It All Together". Dr. John Wagner from Michigan State University will speak on the same theme at the 6:30 banquet on Friday and Dr. J. F. Crabtree from Memphis State University will conclude the conference at the Saturday Luncheon with "Tom Thumb, Inc."

Madison County teachers

Republicans Pass Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS
The following resolutions were passed recently by the Madison County Republican

Convention relative to the need of good government.

1. Whereas, the two party system has long been a vital factor in keeping government responsible.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Republican Party in Madison County reaffirms its pledge to strengthen its position and, further, to work for an effective two party system to better serve the interests and concerns of all the people.

2. Whereas, we oppose discrimination of any character, and

Whereas, we believe in the dignity of man and we accept our responsibility for those unable to survive alone.

Be it resolved, that the most desirable solution for problems can be most effectively reached through local efforts at the local level.

3. Whereas, we believe in the fundamentals of the neighborhood school system which provides quality educational opportunities for all, and

Whereas, we recognize the individual's worth and dignity.

Be it resolved, that we do not adhere to the alien philosophy that humans should be mechanized and regimented and we support legislation that will insure the highest quality of education for all children without creating controversial non-relevant issues.

4. Whereas, we recognize freedom of speech granted us by our constitution,

Be it therefore resolved, that we challenge all elected officials on all levels to use acceptable, dignified language at all times.

5. We urge that intervention into the internal affairs of foreign nations shall not effect the commitment of military action in any manner other than in protection and maintenance of American interests.

Roger Swann
Ch. Madison County GOP
Ex. Com.

Letter To Editor

LADY JUSTICE

Dear Editor,

It must have been a sad occasion for all of Madison County last March when Justice toppled from her perch on the courthouse dome in Marshall and crashed to the earth twisted and broken. She had served long and well, and would be sadly missed by those who followed her precepts.

Let it be said, however, that the good people of Marshall are not the kind to shirk a duty; so they picked up the pieces and stowed them away in the courthouse corridor, just outside the door marked "Ladies", until further arrangements could be made.

They were not long in the making. To a prominent artist and sculptor living in the vicinity, and known as Brother Rat, went the task of shaping a new and late model to replace the fallen Justice. It was in keeping with our times, known as the Plastic Age, that Brother Rat chose to use that strong and lasting substance in the making of this work of art. So it seems that we will now have a more powerful and enduring Justice than ever before.

Let us hope that this is true. May Lady Justice abide forever; may she not be bowled over by the first puff of hot air - or cold - that blows, but withstand all the ill winds that assail her. May she not be "weighed in the balances and found wanting." Being blind to everything but the purpose for which she stands, may she "hang in there" with her broadsword and her scales as a reminder to us to always fight for the right, and to be

fair and just in our dealings with all people.

Sincerely,
Ms. N. Price Racette
Skyway Dr. Apt. B2
Marshall, N.C. 28753

Holtkamp Is Candidate At Mars Hill

Freddy Holtkamp, a well known resident of Mars Hill, has announced his candidacy for the Mars Hill Town Council.

Mr. Holtkamp has been involved in many community activities. He is a member, and past president, of the Mars Hill Civitan Club, having been honored as "Civitan of the Year" and "Civitan Family of the Year." Freddy is currently serving as chairman of the Board of Directors of Mars Hill Handicapped School, as a member of the Resource, Conservation and Development Committee, and as worker with the Mars Hill Little League. In addition, he has been involved with the Mars Hill PTSA and Mars Hill Cub Scouts.

Freddy is on the staff of Mars Hill College, serving as



FREDDY HOLTKAMP

chairman of the Chemistry Department. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and are members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

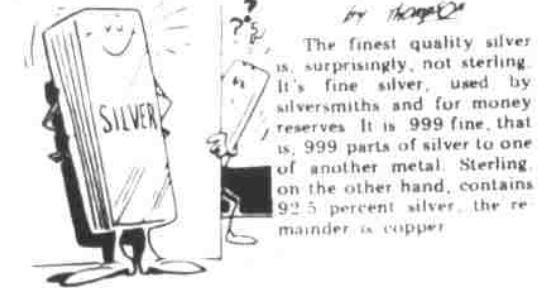
Immunization Action Month

October is Immunization Action Month. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, an estimated five million 1 to 4 year olds are inadequately immunized. During this month, parents are urged to review their children's immunization records and see that their children have necessary

boosters. If their child has had no immunizations, parents are urged to begin his immunizations as soon as possible. Anyone having questions regarding immunization schedules should ask his physician or call the local health department for information. Immunizations for diphtheria, whooping cough,

tetanus, polio, measles, rubella and mumps are available at no charge at Madison County Health Department.

FANCY THAT!



The finest quality silver is, surprisingly, not sterling. It's fine silver, used by silversmiths and for money reserves. It is 999 fine, that is, 999 parts of silver to one of another metal. Sterling on the other hand, contains 92.5 percent silver, the remainder is copper.

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Health News
By Dan Thayer

Don't let age spoil your medications

How fresh is a 30-day old bottle of vitamin tablets? Unless you've stored it properly, there's a chance some potency has "leaked" out. Just as you expect the freshness of fruit or a loaf of bread to diminish after a period of time, the same is true of many drugs and vitamins.

Some tablets, if stored improperly, will lose 50% or more of their potency and can even deteriorate into unhealthily compounds. This is why you should take medication as early as prescribed and toss away any old drugs that have accumulated in the medicine cabinet.

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