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Parents Want New Marshall-Walnut School

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December.

Ernest O. Burnette Spokesman

A spokesman for the board said that the members of the board had already concurred with the first three resolutions and were doing all they could to relieve the situation which now exists.

This brought forth many referendum was called inquestions from various persons as to just what the board had really done to speed up action and planning for a new school.

suggested that the county might borrow money through an FHA loan. Leake, however, stated that the statutes prohibit the county (commissioners) from borrowing money

Bill Roberts said he was in favor of instructing their attorney (Leake) to ask the county commissioners to set up a bond referendum so that the citizens of the county could approve or disapprove additional taxes to finance a new school.

Don Anderson cautioned the audience about the crucial wisdom of a bond issue at this time and suggested the board of education make two work sessions to study the feasibility of a bond election. He commented that in addition to the board members. superintendent, the the principal of the Marshall school (Bill Brigman), the commissioners, health officials and other local and state representatives as well as parents be included in the study sessions.

Richard Wilde of Marshall questioned the delay any longer in taking immediate steps for a referendum. "Why delay further. Haven't you men (board members) already stated that you have discussed this need many times. Have you no definite plans to offer us at this meeting?" Wilde said. Wilde further said he was tired of one delay after another at the "cost of our children." "The Island is nothing more than a pig pen and a disgrace," Wilde continued.

Vernon Chapman of Mars Hill told the board members and the audience that " ... we



Soloist Ellen Jenkins; acompanist. Bill Mashburn:

of waiting. Something must be possible." Chapman stated that he was from Mars Hill but he was vitally concerned about the new Marshall-Walnut School prospects. Someone asked why the

Cloice Plemmons of Walnut wanted to know just what the people would be voted on if a cluding the overall cost, the location and other specifics to be considered.

J. Bert King, architect of Asheville, answered that he Teddy Cody of Marshall could estimate the size of the proposed school, number of

want action now. We're tired rooms, etc., in a few days by using the required specifics as done now as quickly as to state regulations. King has had years of experience in the construction and planning of schools and spoke ably of the various problems.

> board had found ways to "build a new elementary school at Mars Hill (now in progress) and not found a way to start a new Marshall-Walnut School?

Bobby Ponder, a member of the board, said that the biggest problem was money and that he had never known a substitute for money." We

want a new school just like you do but we must have money, and a lot of it, to build a new Marshall-Walnut Elementary School," he said.

The Rev. Vincent Young, of Marshall, suggested a quick date for another meeting at which time a "package deal" could be offered the public to enlighten them just what was involved in the proposed plans for a new school.

Zeno Ponder spoke of the need for a new school and after asking for a show of hands from those present from different sections of the county, remarked that the

vast majority of those present the huge sum necessary for its were from the Marshall- construction remains a major Walnut areas. He pointed out problem. that citizens from this school

The meeting finally addistrict constituted only about journed after 112 hours of 20 per cent of the voters in the intense but orderly county and suggested that the discussions

"package deal" include a The final action was a study of schools in all the motion and second that the sections of the county. Board of Education instruct

Several other parents and its attorney to contact the concerned citizens spoke, all commissioners to set up a in favor of immediate action referendum on a bond issue as by the board soon as possible and that the

The need for a new Mar- architect come up with a shall-Walnut Elementary suitable plan which will meet School in a different location state requirements as to cost. location, size, and other other than the Island was pertinent details unanimously expressed but



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Mike Cody; and flutist, Nadyne Worley, violinist REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, president of the Little Pine Home Demonstration Club, announced that the club will serve hot coffee and chocolate in the lobby of the courthouse immediately following the production.

Opening and closing remarks, Jim Story.

The public is cordially invited to attend this annual celebration of the birth of Christ

Certification **For Farmers Is Delayed**

Environmental The Protection Agency originally set Oct. 21 as the deadline for farmers certification to use pesticides. restricted-use Chemical companies have not yet changed their labels to indicate which pesticides come under restricted use. Therefore, a delay is now being considered as to the date that certification will be required. The Spring of 1978 has been mentioned as a possible time for the law to come into effect.

