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## County Election Results

Voters in each of Madison County's three municipalities elected a mayor and three aldermen on Nov. 6.

In Marshall, Lawrence Ponder was re-elected mayor with 246 votes. Ponder, who has served one term as mayor is on the executive committee of the Land of Sky Regional Council and chairman of the county Industrial Development Commission.

George Penland gathered 47 write-in votes.

For alderman, incumbent Jackie Davis won with 218 votes. Davis is chief of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and works as a building contractor and carpenter.

Also, S.L. Nix won with 201 votes. Now retired, Nix worked as a truck driver for ABF Truck Lines of Fort Smith, Ark., and Youngblood Trucking Lines of Fletcher.

Also, incumbent James R. Penland won with 173 votes. He is the owner and operator of Edwards Cleaners and has served three terms as alderman.

John A. Dodson gathered 168 votes, and incumbent James B. Marler 165.

In Mars Hill, Bill Powell won unopposed

with 94 votes. Powell, who has served as alderman and mayor in Mars Hill since 1965, is a pharmacist with Community Medical Center.

For alderman, Gordon Randolph was re-elected with 94 votes. He is employed as an engineering technician by Micro Switch.

Also, Carl Eller was re-elected with 94 votes. He is the owner of Eller Repair Service, a small engine repair firm.

Also, Arthur Wood was re-elected with 92 votes. He is a mathematics and physics teacher at Mars Hill College.

On election day, the weather was clear and warm, and voter turnout was considered to be good.

In Hot Springs, S.B. Huff, running unopposed, was elected mayor with 168 votes. Huff was appointed mayor upon the death of Mayor Joe Henderson last summer.

For alderman, voters elected Debbie Ponder Baker with 157 votes.

Also, Jerry E. Ramsey won with 148 votes.

Also, Wesley H. Staude won with 126 votes.

## Micro Switch Expands

Micro Switch has announced plans to expand its facility in Mars Hill by 30,000 square feet, according to plant manager Tom Bodvig.

The decision to go ahead with the expansion has been reached only recently at corporate headquarters in Freeport, Ill., so that details of construction and employment are not yet available.

Nor are plans for the use of the new space yet complete, according to Bodvig. The plant now assembles the company's standard "basic

switch," a component of electrical and mechanical systems used worldwide in such machines as refrigerators, stoves, furnaces, assembly tools and monitoring devices. Mars Hill may manufacture certain parts of the basic switch or some of the many other components made by Micro Switch.

The expansion represents an increase of approximately 40 percent of the plant's floor space. Whether employment at the plant will expand by a similar amount depends on

the nature of the new operation, said plant officials.

Construction of the new wing is scheduled to begin next spring and to be completed in early 1981. Bodvig said that the company has talked with several architects, including firms in Asheville and Charlotte, about the design.

"Our decision on what to do with the space," said Bodvig, "will be affected by economic conditions that we can't predict right now. The reason we have decided to expand the plant here is because of the outstanding performance

of the operation to date. It isn't clear whether we are headed into a recession, or already in one, but in either case this decision represents a lot of faith in the Mars Hill workers."

The plant presently employs approximately 350 workers. Micro Switch is a division of Honeywell.

On Nov. 6, Bodvig formally announced the company's decision to the plant employees. "This will mean several more jobs here," he said, "and a chance for many of our present employees to better themselves through

promotion and job posting through our credited service policy.

"This expansion is made possible because of your demonstrated fine performance. We have proven that at this location, we can manufacture a quality product efficiently. It is this proven ability that gives the company the confidence necessary to invest expansion funds at this location. I am very excited about this expansion and new challenges it will offer and each and every one of you have made this possible."

## Story Accepts Award For Marshall

Marshall will be recognized by Gov. Jim Hunt as a recipient of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award November 15 during the first annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Story have been invited to receive the award during special ceremonies in Raleigh. Marshall was one of 77 North Carolina towns which earned the coveted award this year according to Larry Conick, executive director of the Economic Development

Divisions of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

"I am proud of the progress which has been made by these towns and communities all across North Carolina," Gov. Jim Hunt said. "The commitment they have made in preparing themselves for new industry is a major step toward a better life for all of our citizens."

To qualify for this award Marshall had to meet the basic criteria required by new industry. These included: an organization for putting together and presenting the

town's story, adequate labor, industrial sites, financing and access to markets.

The awards will be presented during an evening banquet at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. During an afternoon session, a number of nationally recognized speakers are scheduled to appear.

Story, who will accept the award on behalf of Marshall Mayor Lawrence Ponder, was editor of The News-Record for 33 years. He continues to work part-time with the paper and to operate the Story Printing Co.

## Young Women Guilty Of Armed Robbery

Two young women were sentenced to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 years in prison last Friday for armed robbery.

The charge against Kathy Moss, 19, and Louise Sprouse, 20, both of Asheville, stemmed from a confusing series of events on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, September 8 and 9, when the two women went from Asheville to a narrow dirt road near Alexander with 38-year-old Charles Brown.

According to Brown, they both pulled pistols on him, forced him to undress, knocked him down a steep bank and made off with his car and clothes toward Asheville.

The testimony of the two women conflicted with that of

Brown, whom they accused of luring them to the remote road and trying to rape Miss Moss, but the jury believed Brown and voted to convict.

The sentence was passed by Superior Court Judge C. Walter Allen, and will be served at the Department of Corrections in Raleigh.

Brown, a thin man with a moustache and receding brown hair, lives at Route 5, Marshall and works for Stroup Sheet Metal Works Inc. in Asheville. When he took the stand he testified that he left home Saturday night in search of a friend, ending up at the Cascade Lounge in Asheville where he thought his friend might be. When he pulled in, the two women, whom he said he had never met, were sitting on the steps.

The girls eventually learned Brown was going toward Marshall and asked him for a ride. Brown agreed, and after stops at the Starlight Lounge, the Cascade again, a 7-11 store, and a Hop-In, the three drove down the river in Brown's 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

Somewhere past Alexander — Brown did not know exactly where — he said he was told to drive up several unpaved roads, near the construction zone of new Highway 25-70. As he came back from inspecting the rough road, by his testimony, he was taken by surprise.

"I started to open my door," he said, "Then the Sprouse girl halfway got out of her door and laid a gun along the top of the car — at me. I froze for a thought, and then asked, what are you trying to pull? What kind of joke is this?"

After some discussion, he said, he was forced to undress totally. He kept edging toward the downhill bank of the road. "The Moss girl" then handcuffed him, and without warning hit him on the back of the head.

"It didn't hurt me," he said, "but I acted like it hurt me. I staggered over to the edge of the bank and rolled down. I

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MARS HILL PLANT of Micro Switch will expand by 30,000 square feet. The addition will be

placed on the north side of the existing facility (to the right in photo).

## Madison County Schools Receive Grant

Madison County Schools has been notified that their Title IV-B proposal has been approved in the amount of \$13,121. This money will be spent for instructional materials and library resources at Madison High

School. The school system has developed a four-year plan for Title IV-B monies. In 1980-81 grades K-3 will receive the funds, in 1981-82 grades fourth through sixth, and in 1982-83

grades seventh through eighth.

The Madison County Board of Education has approved this plan, which is same procedure which has been used for the past four years.

## County Nurse Practitioner Is Featured In Life Magazine

Sandy List is a person familiar to many Madison County residents, especially those who have been ill at some time during the past seven years. Sandy is a nurse practitioner at the Marshall-Walnut Clinic, and she has ministered good humor along with good health to many hundreds of Madison patients.

Last week not hundreds but millions of people were introduced to Sandy — through a feature article in LIFE magazine. The article described in words and pictures both her job and the people she tends. During three separate three-day sessions, LIFE reporter Jan Mason and photographer Jim Richardson of Topeka, Kansas — who works on special assignments for LIFE — went everywhere that Sandy did, recording her every word and deed.

"I just hated to see the article come to an end," said Sandy between patients at the clinic last week. "It was like losing a friendship. They were both so nice that I enjoyed every minute they were here. They didn't get in the way at all; most of the time I nearly forgot they were around, and really they were downright helpful. Jan was even down here at the clinic one day helping to scrub the walls."

The reason LIFE came to Madison is that Sandy is more than an ordinary nurse. A nurse practitioner is a relatively new kind of health professional who, in cooperation with a physician, does many of the jobs that traditionally require a doctor. Often, as in Sandy's case, they help fill health care needs when a doctor is not available.

In Sandy's own words, a nurse practitioner is "a nurse with advanced training who can diagnose, treat, and prescribe with standing orders." She has a radio by



SANDY LIST removes stitches from the leg of Arthur Hensley, who cut himself with a bush ax. "Arthur works with the highway department, clearing brush," said Sandy. "There's hardly a spot on him that doesn't have a scar."

which she can contact her physician backup, Dr. John Laird, at any time, and the charts of all her patients are reviewed and cosigned by the physician.

In Madison County, the three public clinics are all part of the Hot Springs Health Program. Each day there is a doctor at one or more of the clinics who can be reached by radio from the other clinics. In the program are one other nurse practitioner, Myra Zeller; two other physicians,

Dr. Heather Spencer and Dr. Chipper Jones; and a physician's assistant, Lou Zeller. The director is Michael Norris.

The magazine learned about Madison's nurse practitioner program when an editor went to a health conference in Raleigh and heard about "some place in North Carolina" where nurses worked without doctors. A reporter came to Asheville and was told that this was not true, that the nurses always

had backup physicians. But the concept still seemed new enough to warrant a story.

So the reporter-photographer team was dispatched to the mountains. "They first came in November of last year," said Sandy. "We talked and talked, and they took pictures — oh, did they take pictures. They had one of those automatic cameras that makes a kind of whirring noise, and it seemed like I was always hearing that noise. They must have taken 30 rolls a day. They would go back to a motel in Asheville at the end of the day and be back bright and early next morning for more."

The photographer did not get just what the picture editor wanted on the first trip, so they came back again in January, and still again in July of last summer.

"They were trying to get a picture that showed the mountains in the background," said Sandy List. "That's the one picture they never got. The background never looked steep."

"Then of all the ones they took on the farm I couldn't believe the one they picked; I looked terrible. They kept trying to get just the right atmosphere, and at one point the picture editor had the idea of photographing me on a cow. I had to tell them that that just isn't done, and finally they compromised and got me on a horse. And ended up not using that photo."

Sandy started her career here as a registered nurse in 1972, after she and her husband Eddie moved north from Hollywood, Fla. For three years she performed RN duties with the "home health" program, traveling throughout the county to visit the sick and injured wherever they lived. Then she signed up with the Mountain Area

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## Public Opinion Asked At 2 County Hearings

### Marshall

The town of Marshall, through the mayor and board of aldermen, invite the citizens of Marshall to attend a second public hearing on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall for the purpose of submitting a community development application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

At this hearing, eligible community development activities and a budget for the pre-application will be presented for public review and comment. The first public hearing the following needs for neighborhood projects

were presented: housing rehabilitation, street paving, fire hydrants, extension of 4-inch water distribution lines, drainage pipes and culverts and the development of a small neighborhood park. It was decided that the Rollins section of Marshall would be the defined target neighborhood.

The Town Planning Board was appointed to serve as the Citizen Advisory Committee in the preparation of the pre-application. Committee members include James Allen, chairman; Ed Niles; Everette Barnette; Faye Reid; and Bill Taylor. Technical assistance in the grant preparation is provided

by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council.

All citizens of the town are urged to participate in the hearing and a special invitation is extended to Rollins area residents.

### Madison Co.

Madison County will conduct a second public hearing on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Madison County Courthouse for the purpose of submitting a community development pre-application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

At this hearing eligible neighborhood activities and a budget will be presented for public review and comment. At the first public hearing the

need for standard housing in different areas of the county was discussed. It was decided to select two target neighborhoods, the Bluff area and Lisener Branch in Spillcorn, for housing rehabilitation projects.

The Madison County Planning Board serves as the Citizen Advisory Committee and assists in the preparation of the pre-application. Technical assistance in the grant preparation is provided by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council.

All citizens of the county are urged to participate in the hearing and a special invitation is issued to Bluff and Lisener Branch area residents.