

# Crack-Down On Parking, Water Bills

The Marshall Board of Aldermen heard testimony from Police Chief Bill Lisenbee and several town merchants Monday night about the parking situation in Marshall, and decided to get tough with parking violators so that area shoppers will have parking spaces available when they come into town.

after Chief Lisenbee's comments as representatives of the local merchants, and voiced strong feelings about cars "being allowed to park on Main Street all day long" when the town has a two-hour parking limit downtown.

"Our customers can't find parking places, and are going elsewhere to shop," Niles said, "Anyone would."

The merchants contend that the parking spaces along Main

Street are being used beyond the city time limit by employees of some businesses, local government officials and people who "just come to town to sit and visit their friends."

They also urged the aldermen to back the police department when it issues parking violation tickets.

"We know some people are going to get angry over this, but something has got to be

done," the merchants said.

The aldermen agreed to fully back the police department in its issuing of citations, and councilman S.L. Nix told the merchants that the parking violation tickets would be paid, or they would "be sent to Raleigh" to count against the violators.

Concerning unpaid water bills, Alderman S.L. Nix presented the board with a two-page list of city water

users that have not paid their bills for several months.

"As of Sept. 15, action will be taken against these users with unpaid bills," Nix said. "On that date, we are going to have to begin cutting their water off." He said the city could no longer afford to let these bills go uncollected.

"It's costing the city money to pump the water to them," he added.

The list numbered over 65 city water subscribers and the amounts each owed on past bills.

"In order for these people to continue to have city water after Sept. 15, all they have to do is pay their current monthly bill and 10 percent of the total of the unpaid bills," Nix said. "Of course, we expect them to continue to pay on the unpaid amount."

In other action, the Board of Aldermen:

• Heard recommendations from Fay Reid, secretary of the Planning Board, on restrictions for rehabilitation to area housing.

• Approved helping the Merchants Association purchase 30 lighted Christmas decorations for the town by chipping in \$500 to buy five decorations.

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Gen. Kazem Sallam

## Parachutes Bring Egyptians To Marshall Classrooms

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK

Seventh and eighth graders at Marshall Elementary School were visited Friday by two high ranking Egyptian Army officers who were able to give the students some first-hand knowledge about a country the kids had been studying in class.

General Kazem Sallam and Colonel Mohamed Riad Rifaat, both of Cairo, visited each of the seventh and eighth grade classes to answer students' questions about life in the north African country.

The officers were in the U.S. specifically to tour the Mills Manufacturing Corporation in Weaverville, makers of military parachutes.

"We have come here to see how the parachutes are made," said Gen. Kazem Sallam, indicating his country's interest in buying parachutes made by the local firm.

Gen. Kazem is chief instructor of paratroopers in the Egyptian Army, and has served in the military for 25 years. But, military matters are not

his sole interest in life. The general is a poet as well as an artist who paints in oils.

"I enjoy painting nature scenes," he said, "and I would like to paint some of the scenes in the beautiful mountains that you have here."

Both officers were taken on a tour of Cherokee along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and said "the views are very lovely here," unlike the flat, desert-like region of their homeland.

Col. Rifaat, a textile engineer, has served in the Egyptian Army for 15 years,

and his other interests include sports. "English football" or soccer is his favorite. And it should be. Rifaat's father was Egypt's chief soccer referee, and he traveled over much of the world before his retirement officiating at games in various countries.

The students fired volleys of questions at the officers, ranging from minimum age for military service to teen-age preferences in music in the ancient Middle Eastern country. Col. Rifaat answered that the price of Coca-Cola in Egypt is

about 14 cents per bottle, and teen-agers like American rock music there.

The two military officials were accompanied on their tour of the parachute plant and the local school by Clifford Bonn and Vincent Magnum of Irvin Industries Inc. of Ontario, Canada, and Joe Keller, quality control manager of Mills Manufacturing.

Bonn is vice president of operations, and Magnum is quality control manager in the

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## School Board Hears Floridation Plan

Dr. Charles B. Hawkins, State Regional Dentist Supervisor, presented to the Madison County Board of Education a proposal to add fluoride to the county schools' water supplies in an effort to promote dental health in the county.

Dr. Hawkins said, at the board's regular meeting Monday, results in floridation programs in other areas of the state have shown a 40 percent reduction in tooth decay for students in schools participating in the program.

Hawkins explained that the process was a fairly simple one of attaching a pumping device with a fluoride reservoir to a school's existing well or source of water. The cost of installation of such a unit is \$2,200 per school, but the expense is totally paid for by a Federal Floridation Project grant through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

According to Hawkins, the

floridation of school water supplies is not a new program in the state. He said many schools have been on the program for "15 years or more," and tests are conducted every eight years to see how well the children's teeth have benefited from the project. "That's how we arrived at the 40 percent reduction in decay figure," he said.

There are 34 counties in Dr. Hawkins' district, and 22 of those counties have schools that are currently using the floridation process. Throughout North Carolina, there are 119 school floridators in operation, he said.

Hawkins cited Seagrove Middle School in Randolph County as one of the first schools in the state to use the process, and said that regional dentist supervisors, like himself, are very pleased with the positive results there.

Administrators of the floridation project provide the

money and materials for the program with no cost to the school systems.

"We supply the equipment, maintenance and testing equipment for the program," he said. "The water must be sampled and tested every two weeks, and any adult working at the school can perform the simple test in five minutes of time."

"We even provide postage-paid, pre-labeled containers for the water samples that have to be sent to the labs in Raleigh for testing."

Hawkins said the floridation systems would work at all the schools in Madison County, except at Marshall Elementary. The exception at Marshall is caused by water being piped in from a reservoir too distant from the school. "It's a technicality I can't explain very well," he said. "The board would have to consult a water engineer for a full explanation of that."

Hawkins gave the board

members a copy of a resolution that would adopt the program for use in the county, and the board told him they would consider the resolution before taking any action at their October meeting.

School board member Ed Gentry commented, "A child may drink one pint of water at school and three quarts of water at home. I can see it (the floridation process) working in the towns, but not at schools."

"I would like to talk with some of the communities that are using the system," he added.

Dr. Hawkins said that once the floride is in a tooth, the decay preventative effect lasts a lifetime. "It's not just for children. The children in schools that have the floridation system grow up to be adults, and then you have adults with healthier teeth," he said.

In other action Monday, the school board:

• Approved a motion to pro-

ceed with the construction plans for eight classrooms of the consolidated Marshall-Walnut Elementary School as presented to the board by architect Bertram King.

• Approved a supplement for vocational teachers at the high school.

• Voted to accept the lowest of two bids on maintenance of the heating and cooling systems at Madison High School.

• Approved the hiring of Joyce Deatmore as a CETA aide at Spring Creek School.

• Approved the hiring of Juanita Boone as Gifted and Talented teacher to travel the county and work in the schools.

• Accepted and approved the resignation of Mrs. Vernon Bradley, a second grade teacher at Mars Hill Elementary. The board also accepted the recommendation that if an art teacher position becomes open at Mars Hill Elementary, Mrs. Bradley would be considered for that position.



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GRADING WORK has begun for construction and improvements at the Recreation Park in Mar-

shall. Additions to the park will include tennis courts and basketball goals and playing area.

## Ballots Are Readied

### Elections Draw Near

The November 4 General Election is only seven weeks away, and the Madison County Board of Elections is getting geared up to handle voter registration and balloting for election day.

For those who will be out of the county on election day, or who are unable to get to the polls because of physical disabilities, the Board of Elections is now accepting applications for absentee ballots.

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained in person at the Board of Elections office in the Ramsey Building on Main Street in Marshall. If a voter cannot get to the office and does not have a near relative who can apply for him, the voter may send a written request for application to the board at P.O. Box 128, Marshall, N.C. 28753.

The deadline for receiving absentee ballots is 5 p.m., on Nov. 3.

The Board of Elections will meet Friday at 10 a.m. during the month of September to consider applications for absentee ballots. The open meetings will be held in the board's office.

While this is a presidential election year, voters in Madison County will also have the opportunity to elect state legislators, District Court judges and local Madison County officials.

Two State Senate seats are up for grabs in the 26th Senatorial District, with four candidates vying for the two offices. Democrats on the ballot are incumbent Robert S. Bessie and Janice McClure Clark, while the Republican candidates are William T. Bessie

and Mary Jane Hollyday. Running unopposed for two seats in the State House of Representatives for the 44th House District are incumbent Democrats Ernest B. Messer and Linton B. Ramsey.

Two District County Judge positions are available in the 24th Judicial District with Republican Roy Alexander Lysterly facing Democrat Richard George Miller, and incumbent Republican Robert H. Lacey running unopposed.

Local Madison County offices on the ballot this year are Register of Deeds and Tax Collector. Republican Fay J. Ball is challenging incumbent Democrat Jena Lee Buckner for the Register of Deeds office, and Democratic incumbent Harold H. Wallin is opposed by V.J. White, a Republican, for Tax Collector.

## Rate Requests Disputed

From the Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's Utilities Commission Public Staff has recommended hefty slashes in rate increases requested by Carolina Power and Light Co. and Duke Power Co.

Robert Fitchback, director of the Public Staff, said he recommended CP&L get \$27 million of the \$41.3 million increase requested and Duke get \$15.5 million of its \$107 million request.

"What this means is that we disagree with the companies," Fitchback said. "They are entitled to their judgment of what they

need, and we are doing what we were put into business to do. We were put into business to give the commission a clear, independent analysis on behalf of the public."

Fitchback said much of the difference between the rate increase figures represents the utilities' proposed rates of return for investors.

The Utilities Commission has completed its public hearings on the Duke Power rate case. Hearings on the CP&L request are scheduled to be held in the near future.



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KEN TOUPS, field representative for Woodmen of the World Lodge 871, presents flag to May Lawrence Ponder of Marshall. Both the flag and new fireplace

shall and the Marshall Fire Department by the local WOW Lodge. Aldermen Jackie Davis, S.L. Nix, and James Penland were on hand for the presentation.