

Madison Vote Case To Be Called May 15

1954 Election Irregularities To Be Aired; Ten Defendants

Ten defendants in the two and one-half year old Madison County "vote fraud" case will stand trial on May 15 during the criminal term of U. S. District Court in Asheville.

Charges against the 10 of conspiracy to deprive voters of their rights by "injury, oppression, threats and intimidation" grew out of alleged election irregularities in the November, 1954 election. Specific charges included conspiracy for the use of illegal absentee ballots, use of unqualified or disqualified voters to impersonate qualified voters, casting or causing to be cast forged, fraudulent, illegal or fictitious votes and illegal vote counting.

The case was dismissed in May, 1956, when Federal Judge Wilson Warlick ruled that an order he himself had signed calling for seizure and impounding of all election returns, ballots, ballot boxes and other election records, was not a valid procedure.

District Attorney James M. Bailey Jr., appealed the case and the U. S. Court of Appeals in Baltimore held that Judge Warlick erred in ruling that election materials were illegally seized. The court ruled that it was proper and legal to seize the materials since they were public records.

Defendants in the case are Zeno Ponder, former chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections; E. Y. Ponder, Madison Sheriff; B. K. Meadows, Arthur

MHS ATHLETIC BANQUET HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Coach Don Henderson, Of Mars Hill College To Be Speaker

The annual Marshall High School Athletic Banquet will be held next Tuesday night in the Marshall school cafeteria at 7:30 o'clock.

Coach Don Henderson, of Mars Hill College, will be the guest speaker and Gene Wike, of the Sports Mart in Asheville, will again be master of ceremonies. Next season's football captain will be announced and the outstanding football player will receive an award.

Mars Hill Team Wins Second Place In FFA Contest Wed.

Valley Springs placed first and Mars Hill second in the Blue Ridge Federation Future Farmers of America livestock judging contest Wednesday.

They will represent the federation in the Western District FFA competition in Asheville May 17-18. FFA teams and individuals from 23 counties will participate.

Valley Springs took first place in the beef judging contest and second in dairy judging. Mars Hill placed first in dairy judging and North Buncombe second in judging.

Ashley Ball, Gayle Sluder King, Queen

Ashley Ball, son of Mrs. Glenna Ball, and Gayle Sluder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Sluder of Alexander, have been chosen as King and Queen of the French Broad School Festival.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD TUESDAY

The Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs voters chose mayors and boards of aldermen on Tuesday of this week. Following are the results from the three elections:

Marshall
For mayor—Clarence Nix, incumbent, 278. Write-in votes: for John Corbett, 10. Loy P. Roberts, 4. Delmer Payne, 1. C. L. Rudisill Jr., 2.

Board of aldermen (three elected) — J. C. Dodson, incumbent, 267; Liston B. Ramsey, incumbent, 266; John Ward, 210. Write-in votes: Leroy Pegg, 31. Caney Ramsey Jr., 27. Leonard Baker 1. Harry Davis, 10. Billy Zink, 23. Delmer Payne, 18. Ren Frisby 2. J. P. Fortner Jr., 1. Vader Shelton, 6.

Mars Hill

The Mars Hill mayor and board of aldermen were reelected without opposition.

Despite the fact that they were unopposed, a rather large vote of confidence was given to Owen Tilson, mayor; and Dr. Bruce Sams, Paul Tugman and Arthur Wood, aldermen.

Hot Springs

For mayor—J. R. Henderson (incumbent) 263. Peter M. Feldt-mose 87.

For aldermen (three elected)—Charles Schaffer, incumbent, 278. Aubrey Ramsey, incumbent, 235. E. B. Sumner, incumbent, 153. H. W. Foster 147, Burnett Moore 145, Lee Fowler 70.

Barry Will A Lion's Club

Edward G. Barry, of Little Rock, Ark., first vice president of Lions International, will address the annual Western North Carolina Lions Club District Governor's Night program Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p. m., at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Program will honor W. E. (Ed) Michael Jr., of West Asheville, Governor of 36 Lions Clubs in District 31-A comprising some 1600 members in 12 western mountain counties.

Barry will succeed John L. (Jack) Stickleby of Charlotte as president of the world's largest service club organization — 12,415 clubs with 546,447 members in 75 counties — at the international convention in San Francisco, Calif., in late June.

The Lions International officer (Continued to Last Page)

\$1,200 Needed To Assure Red Cross To Continue In Madison County

ASC VENDORS TO HOLD BANQUET HERE WED., P. M.

More than 100 Madison County ASC vendors, officials and guests will attend a banquet at the Marshall school cafeteria next Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock. The event is being sponsored by the vendors. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Horace D. Godfrey, State ASC Administrator. Awards for service will be made to ASC employees and committee-men.

Countywide High School Contest Here This Evening

The annual countywide high school Reading and Declamation Contest will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Marshall school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

Six schools will participate and a large crowd is expected to be present.

FFA MEET WEEK IN

The annual American and vocational agriculture teachers from 25 Western North Carolina counties will assemble in Asheville on May 17 and 18 for a giant rally. This marks the 3rd time such a district gathering of vocational agricultural students has been held in Asheville. In charge will be the teachers of agriculture and H. E. Beam, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education for the State Department of Public Instruction.

An outstanding feature of the rally will be the Parliamentary Procedure Contest. The winning teams from 9 federations within the district will be competing for top honors. A parliamentary procedure team consists of six students and the teacher of agriculture. The teacher does not participate except in the opening and closing ceremony. Each team has a total of 15 minutes to demonstrate various abilities in parliamentary procedure using one of nine subjects. The subjects to be discussed by a team is unknown to the members until they are ready to perform. The winning FFA team in this contest will receive a \$15.00 prize in addition to representing Western North Carolina at the statewide contest finals in Raleigh this summer. The Future Farmer of America Ritual and Parliamentary Contest is designed to encourage training for proficient participation in the conduct of meetings. Demonstrated ability to handle parliamentary procedure will be the basis of judging the contest.

The future farmers, representing 25 counties, will compete in various other contests, including dairy judging, beef and swine judging, and public speaking contests. The winners of these contests will also compete in the statewide contest finals in Raleigh this summer. In addition to these contests a 40-piece brass band and 40-voice male chorus of FFA members will perform.

Assisting with conducting this rally will be J. O. Coleman, vocational agriculture teacher of Marshall High School, who is a member of the Entertainment committee. Mr. Jack Cole from Walnut High School is chairman of the Hospitality committee.

12 POST OFFICES IN THIS AREA DISCONTINUED

Twelve Western North Carolina post offices have been discontinued according to a revised directory of post offices just released by the Post Office Department.

Among the post offices discontinued were Azalea, near Oteen; Bald Creek, near Burns Mountain; Buladean, supplied from Bakersville; Cheoah, supplied from Robbinsville; Day Book, near Burnsville; East Lenoir, supplied from Cullowhee; Lauada, near Bryson City; Ramsaytown, supplied from Burns; Shulls Mill, near Boone; Spring Creek, supplied from Hot Springs, and Swiss, supplied from Burnsville.

The revision also noted that the Glenrock Station Post Office in Asheville has been changed from a classified station to a contract station. This change comes about when the station is not leased by the U. S. Government and is not operated by a civil service employee.

Dr. S. W. Vance Returns From Southern Rhodesia

Dr. S. W. Vance, former Mars Hill and Marshall physician who has been in Southern Rhodesia as a medical missionary, arrived in Asheville Tuesday night. He spent several weeks with his wife and family at Mars Hill.

Mars Hill PTA To Meet Tuesday; To Install Officers

The regular meeting of the Mars Hill PTA will be held Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p. m., in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Hughie Ray, president, will install the following officers for next year: President, Mrs. Rollins Jarvis; vice president, Mrs. Hal Carter; secretary, Mrs. Bernard Proffitt; treasurer, Mrs. Coy Radford.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

"Red Cross Worth More Than Money," Family Asserts

During the recent bereavement of Mr. Sherman Cutshall and his family the Red Cross handled emergency communications regarding their son's (Buddy) leave.

Mr. Cutshall said his son's presence was a great comfort to his wife during her last days. Red Cross assisted the family in getting doctors' reports and other information needed by the military to bring the serviceman home.

Mr. Cutshall told the Red Cross volunteer worker that Red Cross services were worth "more than money" to his family at this time. Services to the armed forces and their families is one of the Red Cross responsibilities. About 35 families have been assisted with such services since January in Madison County, according to Mrs. J. B. Tweed, chairman, Home Service Volunteers.

Laurel, Mars Hill Students Win In Contest Thursday

Lena Jean Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byard Ray, of Marshall RFD 4, a student at the Laurel School, was awarded first place in the annual grammar grades Reading and Declamation Contest which was held in the Marshall school auditorium last Thursday night. Lena Jean's reading was entitled, "Baby in The Bathroom."

Roger Buckner, of the Mars Hill school, won top honors in the declamation contest, his subject being, "I Speak For Democracy."

W. W. Peck, Superintendent, presented the awards. Judith Ann Payne, Marshall student, won second place in the Reading contest and Wayne Fincher, Hot Springs student, won second place in the Declamation contest.

Others participating were: Girls: Luelle Shelton, Ebbs Chapel; Priscilla Holder, Hot Springs; Maxine Gosnell, Walnut; Shirley Moore, Spring Creek; Brenda Tomberlin, Beech Glen; Nancy Kendall, Mars Hill. Boys: Carroll Askew, Spring Creek; Bobby Miller, Beech Glen; Edward Ray, Laurel; Frank Fox, Ebbs Chapel; David McElroy, Marshall; Craig Burnette, Walnut.

Meeting To Be Held At Courthouse Friday Afternoon

"The future of the American Red Cross Programs in Madison County rests entirely in the hands of the citizens between now and June 15," Miss Ruth Lockman, Red Cross official, stated here this week.

Miss Lockman said that everything possible is being done by the National organization to help Madison County keep its Chapter. As previously announced, this county has been in arrears in their annual membership drive for funds during the past several years with the National organization "carrying the load."

A quota was set for the 1957 Membership Drive but fell far short. Officials of the Red Cross, distressed about the possibility of Madison County losing the many services of the Red Cross, stated that Madison County could keep its Chapter and programs provided \$1,200 more could be collected by June 15.

In an effort to continue the Red Cross Chapter in the county, an important meeting has been called for Friday afternoon at the courthouse when local and National Red Cross officials will discuss the plans for continuing to operate in Madison County. The meeting will begin at 2:30 o'clock and everyone interested in keeping the Red Cross Chapter is urged to attend.

It was pointed out by Miss Lockman that the blood program, one of great importance, saving the citizens of this county hundreds of dollars annually, has been given blood through the Red Cross program since January of this year.

Figures reveal that 60 persons were given blood during January, 53 in February; 46 in March and 60 in April. Without Red Cross, Madison County residents would have had to pay \$4,750.

The following persons have been given one or more pints of blood since the last visit of the blood (Continued on Last Page)

WALNUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MEET MAY 18

The Walnut High School Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting in the Walnut auditorium on Saturday night, May 18 at 7:30 o'clock. It was announced this week by Mrs. Treasalee B. Ramsey, secretary.

An interesting program is being planned and all members of the association are urged to attend.

ATTENTION ALL MHS ALUMNI

The annual Marshall High School Alumni Banquet will be held at the school cafeteria on Saturday night, May 18 at 7:30 o'clock.

Col. Edward "Husky" Rector is to be the guest speaker and all members and their wives and husbands are urged to attend.

Cards have been mailed to many of the ex-grads but Earl Robinson, president, said that many addresses were not known and stated that "if you don't receive a card, come anyway."

He stated that the purpose of the reservations was to have a card, per person, in the room for meal and the dance.

Main plans banquet and dance. (Continued on Last Page)

ACP REPORTS DUE

Some 1300 county farmers have received Government cost-sharing through the 1957 ACP in performing needed soil and water conservation practices on their farms this spring.

Many of these farmers, according to Ralph Ramsey, County ASC office manager, have not as yet made their report showing performance of the practice has been completed. Ramsey said that all spring practices for which cost sharing had been approved carried a report date of May 30, and urged all farmers who had not completed their practice to complete them immediately and to make their performance report with the ASC office.

He also urged farmers who have completed their practices but have neglected making their reports to file their reports at their very first convenience but in no event later than May 30. Approved cost sharing for spring practices for which performance is not completed and reported by May 30 will be cancelled unless the farmer requests an extension in time, Ramsey concluded.

Sorensen Corp. Makes Crown For N. C. Safety Queen

The Sorensen Bent Wood Corporation of Marshall has the distinction of making the beautiful crown which will be presented to the winner of the North Carolina Safety Queen at the 27th annual N. C. State Safety Conference which will be held on Friday of this week at Winston-Salem.

The crown, made of bent wood, will be painted white with the cross, safety emblem on the crown, painted green.

The contest was sponsored by the N. C. Industrial Commission.

Free Inspection Lane To Be Installed Here May 20-24

Will Be Located On C. E. Mashburn Property On Highway 25-70

John Corbett, coordinator, announced here this week that an inspection lane would be installed on the Mashburn property on Highway 25-70, May 20-24. He stated that all vehicles would be thoroughly inspected absolutely free of charge. The lane will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Mechanics from the various Marshall garages will be in charge of the inspection and it is hoped that car owners will take advantage of this opportunity to have their cars inspected, thereby lessening the possibility for highway accidents.

In the past, inspection lanes have proven very popular in Madison County with hundreds of motorists taking advantage of this opportunity of having their cars inspected free.

"We are looking forward to having more inspections than ever before," Mr. Corbett stated.

DONORS FOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Donors contributing to the plan for rural fire protection during the past two weeks included:

Fred Rigaby	10.00
Bud Swann	10.00
Bryan Wallin	15.00
Mae Fleming	5.00
Robert Chandler	10.00
Ethel Sprinkle	5.00
Arthur Ledford	15.00
REA	100.00
Ernest Teague	25.00
Leonard Baker	25.00
Sherman Ramsey	10.00
M. J. Ball	5.00
Total To Date	\$548.00

History proves that people who go to great lengths to find an easy way out usually fall short.