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EDITORIAL

PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

Protest demonstrations are usually distasteful and are easily the cause of inciting hysteria and violence. They are often planned well in advance by careful organization and once out-of-hand they become intensely dangerous and distasteful to onlookers.

This, however, was not the case in Mars Hill Wednesday when almost the entire student body marched in protest against the dismissal of their principal, Ralph E. Neill, Jr. The demonstration was orderly with students acting courteously but by no means nonchalant. They showed that they were opposed to the action of the Mars Hill School Committee (with the exception of the chairman, D. M. Robinson) by shouting "We Want Neill," as they paraded around the school grounds and down the street to the center of the business district. Many of the students carried printed and written cardboard signs on which were written, "We Want Mr. Neill," "Keep Politics Out Of Schools," and many other wordings. When they arrived at the intersection of Main Street and College Street, they were joined by many Mars Hill College students who seemed to enjoy entering into the affair. Merchants and residents lined the sidewalks to watch the demonstration. Although the majority of the students returned to the school in time for late classes, many remained in town and the yelling, the cheers, the snake dance and the general uproar were still going on when this writer left Mars Hill in the middle of the afternoon.

Talking with various citizens we came to the conclusion that the majority of those present were "fed up" with the method of hiring and firing principals and teachers. Several said that "we as parents have absolutely no say-so in who teaches our children;" others spoke of "dictator rule," while most of those we talked with deplored "politics in school."

One person said that "Mr. Neill has made our school the best in the county. He is one of the finest principals and citizens Mars Hill has ever had. It hurts to think that such a person gets kicked out because he isn't a 'yes man' to the 'bosses.'"

This was the scene in Mars Hill on a crisp, sunny Wednesday afternoon of this week.

There is no doubt about it. Ralph E. Neill, Jr., is popular with students and parents alike. From all evidence, he has been a most efficient and beloved principal. We have seldom, if ever, seen a more convincing display of loyalty toward a person.

We don't know why the Mars Hill Committee (with the exception of D. M. Robinson) wanted Mr. Neill removed. We have heard that it was because he refused to permit solicitations for political campaigns to be held in his school. If this is the reason for his dismissal, we, too, are alarmed and disheartened.

If this is not the reason, then the Mars Hill Committee should make public the cause of its action so that the real reason is known.

It is not fair to the school, the students, the parents, the principal, or the public to "fire" a man of proven ability because he won't "play politics." In all fairness to the Mars Hill School Committee, the Madison County Board of Education and those who are disgusted with the dismissal of Mr. Neill, we hope there will be some valid and truthful explanations for the action and that satisfactory results will be forthcoming.

We deplore the divided and aroused feelings which exist in our county and we sincerely hope that, at least for the sake of our young boys and girls, bitterness and deceit come to an abrupt end and that our people can again return to normalcy and decency. Unless this is accomplished, our educational system is bound to fail — and when that fails, we all fail.

Local Girl Scouts Attend Event At Burnsville Mon.

Girls of Marshall Brownsie Troop 100 and Intermediate Troop 96 were guests of Burnsville Intermediate Troop 88 for a Puppet Show and an illustrated lecture on birds of North Carolina on Monday evening, April 17, at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church in Burnsville. The puppets were presented in three acts: "Dollies of the Pullies," "The Wedding of the Painted Doll," and "Nursery Rhyme Personalties." A Burnsville Senior Scout provided the piano accompaniment. Four years ago a puppet project of Troop 88 was featured in "The American Bird" magazine because of the excellence of the work involved. The event was sponsored by the Burnsville Intermediate Troop.

ny of their subsequent projects around puppets. Mrs. P. M. Coletta of Burnsville is Troop Leader, and the Burnsville Woman's Club is troop sponsor.

Following this part of the program, Miss Lunette Barber of the N. C. Wildlife Commission talked to the group about the many simple ways in which girls can help to conserve our natural resources. . . and she made a timely plea to all present: "Plant something . . . just anything, and plant it now." After some interesting facts covering some species of all N. C. Wildlife, she presented colored slides of many of the 400 kinds of birds native to our state. She told of their habits of feeding, nesting and migration.

A song session and social hour followed. Eighteen girls from Burnsville attended.

For Mayor Of Town Of Marshall



On Monday, April 10, 1961, I filed as a candidate for the office of Mayor for the Town of Marshall subject to the wishes of the voters.

This decision was not made in haste, but after many weeks of considering this important task, I decided to run for Mayor with one primary objective in mind — to render a service to all the people of the town. I have lived in the city limits of Marshall for twenty-four years. I am sure by this time the people know my life, my habits, and the principles on which I stand. The following day after I announced for Mayor one of my friends stated that after anyone served in a public office there would be political scars on them. I trust that this will never be said about me, but rather that he "bears scars" of service to his fellowmen.

I do not purpose at this time to know all the answers to all the problems and the solution to the many problems for the town of Marshall. I do realize there is something greatly needed and many, many things that should be carefully studied which would be of great benefit to our town.

If it is the wishes of the voters that I may serve a term as Mayor, I wish to say that I will cooperate with every church, every club, every fraternal organization, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, and any other group or groups that are operating in the interest and the well being of our community.

I would welcome every person or groups of persons from every section of our town to come and offer suggestions for the promotion of good in any way. If I am elected as your Mayor all of the worthy ideas and suggestions will be brought before the Board of Aldermen for their careful consideration. In other words, I am trying to say that I want to be a good public servant, not for small groups or cliques, but to serve every taxpayer and citizen in the Town of Marshall. If elected, I pledge to you my very best.

Will you please consider every angle and detail for the betterment of Marshall and, on May 2, express your interest in being at the polls to vote.

Wade Huey

With The Sick

Mr. Donald Stines, of Marshall RFD 4, returned to his home Saturday from Memorial Mission Hospital where he underwent treatment.

Mrs. Fred McDewitt, of Marshall RFD 4, returned to her home Tuesday from St. Joseph's Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mrs. John Anderson, of Walnut RFD 1 returned to her home last Wednesday from Memorial Mission Hospital where she underwent treatment.

The Rev. W. B. Robinson of Marshall RFD 6 returned to his home last week after being a patient in an Asheville hospital for a few days.

Mr. B. K. Meadows, of Spring Creek, is a patient in Aston Park Hospital where his condition is critical. Mr. Meadows is chairman of the Madison County Board of Education.

Mr. Talmadge Lewis of Marshall RFD 4 returned to his home Sunday from Memorial Mission Hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident.

Miss Inez Henderson, who has been a patient in Aston Park Hospital for several days, has returned to her home at Walnut and is now able to resume her work at the Madison County Health Department.

Mrs. W. F. Deaver is a patient in Aston Park Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. J. C. Dodson has returned to Aston Park Hospital and will undergo surgery Friday.

Mrs. Ralph Ramsey returned to



Mrs. Frances Parrott, Native Of County, Dies In Asheville

Mrs. Frances Plemmons Parrott, 44, of 52 Tremont St., Asheville, died at noon Tuesday, April 18, 1961, in an Asheville hospital following a long illness.

A native of Madison County, she was born August 21, 1916, a daughter of the late Joseph M. Plemmons, and Mrs. Martha Plemmons, who survives. She had resided in Asheville for 18 years.

Mrs. Parrott, a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church, was the wife of Floyd B. Parrott, owner and operator of Parrott Tree Surgeons.

Surviving, in addition to the mother and husband, are two daughters, Virginia Lee Parrott and Linda Gail Parrott of the home; two sons, Gary B. and Dennis (Sonny) Parrott of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Harley Gunter of Asheville, Mrs. M. C. Webb of Waynesville, and Mrs. Raymond Price, Mrs. Dock Gentry and Mrs. Stewart Plemmons of Spring Creek; and six brothers, Bryson Plemmons of Bluff, Ben Plemmons of Candler, Yates and Stephen Plemmons of Hazelwood, Woodrow Plemmons of Clyde and Wilbur Dean Plemmons of Waynesville.

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Miss Genevieve remains a patient in Aston Park Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

ANNOUNCEMENT

For ALDERMAN



I hereby announce myself as a candidate for alderman of the Town of Marshall, subject to the will of the voters in the May 2, 1961 election.

If reelected, I will promote all matters to the best interests of Marshall. Your support will be appreciated.

J. C. Dodson

Mars Hill Woman's Club Met Thursday In Community House

The Mars Hill Woman's Club held its regular meeting Thursday at 8:30 p. m. in the Community House. Hostesses were Mrs. William Powell, Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. James Thurman and Mrs. O. E. Sams.

The program committee, composed of Mrs. Don Henderson, Mrs. A. W. Edye, Mrs. Locke Robinson, Mrs. William Bennett, and Miss Virginia Hart, invited Joe Robertson of the Mars Hill College faculty and Mrs. James Stewart to present the program on Art. Special music was provided by the College Barbershop Quartet.

MRS. FRED WOOD, Publicity Chairman

Announcement

For Aldermen

We hereby announce ourselves as candidates for Aldermen of Marshall, subject to the will of the voters in the election to be held on May 2, 1961.

If elected we will serve to the best of our abilities in promoting the best interests of Marshall in a sane and efficient manner.

KERMIT CODY
DELMAR PAYNE
CANEY RAMSEY, JR.

T. B. Association Holds Organizational Meeting On Tuesday

An organizational meeting of the Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Association was held Tuesday afternoon at the W.N.C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain. Dr. H. S. Wadis, of Chapel Hill, Superintendent-Medical Director of the North Carolina Sanatorium System, presided.

Proposed By-Laws for the Association were read and adopted. The nominating committee also presented a slate of officers and members of the Board of Directors, which were also approved.

The area of the Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Association is composed of Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Rutherford, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Polk and Graham counties, with headquarters office

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being located at Black Mountain. In addition, each county will maintain a Local Advisory Committee. The annual Christmas Seal Campaign will now be conducted on an area basis with all letters being mailed from and returned to the headquarters office at Black Mountain, instead of each county conducting its individual campaigns as has been done in the past.

Mrs. Harvey Lance, a member of the present Madison County Tuberculosis Committee, was named to the Board of Directors from this county.

Mrs. J. I. Story of Marshall attended the meeting Tuesday, representing the Madison County Department of Public Welfare and the Madison County Tuberculosis Committee.

WEEK-END SPECIALS

STEAK POUND 79c

TRY SOME OF OUR BETTER GRADES OF BEEF — SIRLOIN — T-BONE — TOP ROUND —

TOMATOES POUND 15c

No. 2 1/2 VAN CAMP

Pork & Beans 20c

25 LBS. WHITE LILY

FLOUR \$2.20

GIANT

TIDE 79c

MODEL GROCERY

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