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Huey, Payne, Ramsey, Dodson Are Elected Here Tuesday

Payne Leads Entire Ticket With 357 Votes; 470 Vote

470 of the registered 600 voters in the Town of Marshall went to the polls at the City Hall here Tuesday and voted for the men of their choice for mayor and board of aldermen.

Most of the candidates remained near the polling place and on the sidewalks throughout the day despite chilly winds.

It wasn't until 3½ hours after the polls closed that the final totals were tabulated with the following men elected to serve for the next two years in Marshall:

For Mayor, Wade Huey received 356 votes; while Clarence Nix received 95 writein votes. Ralph Carver, who ran on a "promise nothing" platform, received 13 votes.

In the aldermen's race, Delmar Payne led the entire ticket with 357 votes, one more than was received by Mr. Huey for Mayor. Runner-up to Payne in the race for Aldermen was Caney Ramsey Jr., who polled 347 votes. The third highest man was J. C. Dodson with 274 votes. Mr. Dodson is serving on the board for the seventh consecutive term and was the only incumbent for alderman seeking reelection.

Kermit Cody was a close fourth with 259 votes while E. M. Brown received 59 votes.

Elected Mayor

Wade Huey

Starts 7th Term

J. C. Dodson

Led Entire Ticket

Delmar Payne

Everyone has a stake in the land. Everyone should consider himself a steward of the land. Directly or indirectly all of us look to the land for food, clothing and shelter. More than that, we must hold the soil in trust for generations to come.

PTA President

Mrs. George B. Shupe

MARSHALL PTA OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED MON.

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association held its last meeting of the current school year Monday evening in the cafeteria. Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts, president, presided. Mrs. Lewis Bryan's homeroom won the prize for the largest number of parents present.

Thomas E. White, program chairman, introduced Richard Wilde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Wilde, who played two piano solos.

Mrs. George Shupe gave a report of the 41st annual convention of the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers which she attended in Winston-Salem April 18-20.

Mrs. Jerry Rice, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, gave a report of the PTA-sponsored supper which was held Saturday evening and was presented a corsage by Mrs. Roberts in recognition of her work during the [illegible] year.

[illegible] Moore, treasurer; [illegible] John Gorendo, secretary; Mr. [illegible] Reeves, principal of the school, performed the installation.

New business taken up at the meeting consisted of motions from the floor that the PTA buy a new electric duplicating machine and a new set of stage curtains for the high school auditorium. These motions were voted on and carried and the new equipment will be installed prior to the end of this school year. These additions

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Dispute Over Mars Hill Principal Reaches Raleigh; Hearings Today

1,400 People Jam Gymnasium Monday; Name Leaders

By BOB SEYMOUR
Citizen Staff Writer

About 1,000 of the 1,400 persons who braved the miserable weather to attend a mass meeting at Mars Hill Monday night signed releases authorizing members of the Citizens for Better Schools in Madison County to use as their official representatives before the State Board of Education in Raleigh this week to plead for state intervention in the Mars Hill School crisis.

Dr. Otis Duck, elected spokesman for the citizens protesting the firing of Principal Ralph Neill Jr., will head the group.

Other members of the committee were not named and the exact date of the planned appearance was not released. Dr. Duck said he feared Madison County "politicians" would try to cross up his committee's work if they learned too many details of the trip, which he said would last at least two days.

Monday night's meeting in the gymnasium is the second mass meeting following the failure of the school committee to elect Neill as principal for next year.

In kicking off the meeting, Dr. Duck asked, "Is it possible that the powers that be in our county cannot tolerate progress combined with efficiency in the education of our children . . . I have been told that several months ago orders were issued from outside this school district to get rid of Mr. Neill . . . If this is democracy I'll eat my hat. Where do these

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Group Heard In Raleigh; Gets Sympathy And Advice

By DOUG REED

Raleigh — The Senate Education Committee in an unusual move gave ear Wednesday to 11 Madison County residents protesting the firing of Mars Hill School Principal Ralph E. Neill Jr.

It had sympathy and some free advice to offer, and dropped a hint or two along the way as to possible action by the Madison group.

But otherwise, the committee concensus added up to telling the delegation that the legislative unit couldn't do anything about the situation.

Meanwhile Dr. W. Otis Duck, spokesman for the group from Madison, announced a meeting with the State Board of Education at 2 p. m. Thursday. Efforts also were being made to see Gov. Sanford.

Dr. Duck said that the state board will be asked to conduct an official investigation into Neill's firing.

Everett Miller, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, who attended Wednesday's Senate committee hearing, said general administrative authority given the state board under present law empowers it to hold such a probe.

The group of 11 arrived here [illegible] Tuesday evening and began [illegible] with Madison Rep. [illegible] which lasted until after 2 a. m. Wednesday.

Dr. Duck told the Senate committee Wednesday morning the hours-long discussions with Ramsey had failed to achieve the group's hope for legislative moves by their representatives. He said the group told Ramsey "how we feel, and Mr. Ramsey said that he had a book to go by, and would have to follow it . . . that the Democratic Party framework is there and that he could not depart from it."

(Ramsey is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for Madison County.)

Appearing with Duck before the committee were his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Murray (Mrs. Duck

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CHRONOLOGY OF MARS HILL ROW DURING WEEK

Sunday, April 30:

The Mars Hill School Committee met in the home of Paul Gillis, Mars Hill RFD 2, to reconsider the ouster of Principal Ralph E. Neill Jr. Voted three to one in favor of its earlier action.

Oscar Anderson Jr. voted for keeping Neill and Brown Ammons, Eugene Reese and Paul Gillis cast dissenting votes. D. M. Robinson, who voted for Neill at the original meeting, was not present due to illness.

Monday, May 1:

Protest meeting held in Mars Hill School Gymnasium with estimated 1,500 citizens present.

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30 TEACHERS WOULD LEAVE WITH NEILL

Thirty of the 35 teachers at Mars Hill School Wednesday signed a statement [illegible] with [illegible] committee does not reconsider its action.

The statement was given as follows:

"We the following members of the Mars Hill School faculty feel that we can no longer carry out our professional duties under present conditions and affirm that if our present administrator is forced to leave, we will be obliged to leave with him.

"We can no longer tolerate the firing of any public school personnel without just cause.

"The following 30 teachers signed this statement:

J. R. Higgins, Porter Glenn Whitt, Lena B. Ray, Peggy Ammons Thomas, Jessie Mae Metcalf, Jeanette R. Grigg, Annie

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HOT SPRINGS PTA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

At its last regular meeting on Tuesday night, the Hot Springs Parent-Teacher Association installed new officers for the next [illegible] term. [illegible] installed officers for 1961-62 and presented each with a corsage. Officers installed were Mrs. George Shupe, president; Mrs. L. B. Ramsey, 1st vice president; Mrs. S. L. Nix, secretary; and Mrs. Bill Hunter, treasurer. Mrs. Craig Rudisill, 2nd vice president, was not present.

A gift and corsage were presented to Mrs. Roberts, the retiring president.

A covered dish supper preceded the meeting, with Miss Sheila Rice giving the invocation.

The committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make the occasion a success.

DIPHTHERIA CASE REPORTED IN THIS COUNTY

Madison County's first case of diphtheria since November, 1952, was reported to the Madison County Health Department last week according to Dr. Margaret J. Lord, Madison County Health Director.

[illegible] was a child [illegible] who had had no immunization against diphtheria. Fortunately the child was seen by a physician and diagnosis of diphtheria was confirmed by laboratory examination, and diphtheria antitoxin was administered. His condition is now reported satisfactory.

Dr. Lord stated "Diphtheria is one of the most serious of the communicable diseases, but fortunately today it is one of our most easily prevented diseases. Immunization against diptheria, as well as

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ROTHSCHILD JOINS GARNER IN JAIL HERE

Charles P. (Rocky) Rothschild Tuesday joined George A. Garner in Madison County jail here to await trial later this month for the 1955 murder-robbery of Carson Lawson in the Shutin community near Hot Springs.

Fruent C. Kimes, third defendant on charges of first degree burglary, armed robbery and murder, is in prison in Aberdeen, Miss., awaiting the outcome of extradition appeal now before the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Rothschild, who has been serving a five-year term in South

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Marshall Team Wins Cattle Judging Contest Thursday

Marshall High School's Future Farmers of America dairy cattle judging team won top honor's Thursday in the Blue Ridge Federation FFA contest at Valley Springs High School.

Team members are Craig Burnett, Herbert Ponder, Kenneth Ponder and Elymus Payne. Jack Cole is teacher.

Winners were chosen for their excellence in judging four classes of dairy cattle. High scoring individual was Herbert Ponder with 375 points from a posible 400.

Second place team winner was Enka High School, with J. B. Edwards Jr., as instructor. Third place went to East Yancey High School, with Johnny E. Keever as instructor.

In the contest on judging beef cattle, first place went to the Mars Hill High School Future Farmers team, of which J. E. McIntire is instructor. Member of the team were Arnold Deap, Paul Honeycutt, David Robinson and Jack Thompson.

The high scoring individual in the beef cattle judging was Morris Hensley of North Buncombe High School.

The federation is composed of [illegible]

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COUNTY FARMERS RANK HIGH IN 1960 LIME USE

Madison County farmers used a total of 9,094 tons of lime in '60 with ACP assistance. Farmers in only one mountain county exceeded this lime use tonnage and only eleven in the state.

Lime is very essential in the production of many plants. It is especially needed for pastures, hay crops and all legumes. Farmers receive more results from the use of commercial fertilizer if the lime requirements are met first, says Harry G. Silver, county agricultural agent.

The application of limestone to land should be made six months in advance of seeding alfalfa and legumes, if practical. Time is required for limestone to react in the soil. It is a good practice to apply limestone and work it into the soil. Pasture soils that are not ready to renovate should receive lime about every four years to aid in keeping them productive, say Silver.

MAY DAY IS BIG SUCCESS AT HOT SPRINGS

The annual May Day festivities were held in the Hot Springs High School auditorium on Monday night, May 1. A huge crowd turned out for the program although the weather was inclement. The program was presented by students in grades 1-7 and the high school (girls) glee club. This was one of the best May Day programs ever held in the Hot Springs school and was well received by all present.

Mr. Roy Reeves, principal of the school, announced the Queen for May, Miss Patsy Daniels, a fifth grade student and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Daniels of Hot Springs. Mr. Reeves performed the crowning ceremony.

The purpose of the May Day

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Mars Hill, Hot Springs Renames Town Officials

Although no official results have been issued as to the number of votes cast, it is assumed that the officials of Mars Hill and Hot Springs were reelected in Tuesday's election.

There was no contests in either of the races.

Nealey Bradburn, a cord producer in the Worley Cove section of the county, receives his advance payment as the first participant in the 1961 Feed Grain Program from Dorothy Sprinkle, administrative clerk, at the local ASC office. This advance payment of $293.60 represents approximately half the payment which Mr. Bradburn expects to earn for diverting a portion of his corn base to conservation uses under the new program. The remainder of his payment will be made in late summer after performance has been checked on the farm. Mr. Bradburn says that participation in the feed grain program will enable him to retire a portion of his cropland to conservation uses, thereby giving the diverted acreage a rest from production of soil depleting crops and that the payment received will be used to help finance his 1961 farm operations and to purchase any needed feed grains. He also stated that he and other corn producers who reduce their corn production will be contributing a helping hand toward improving the surplus grain and storage problems of this nation.

'Permitted Acreage' On Feed Grain Is Explained By ASC

Each cooperating farm under the 1961 feed grain program will have a "permitted acreage" for corn and grain sorghum, according to Joel B. Morgan, Chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

This "permitted acreage" will be the largest acreage of corn and grain sorghum that may be produced on the farm in 1961 in order for the farm to continue as a cooperating farm.

Under the feed grain program the producer of corn or grain sorghum agrees to divert acreage formerly planted to these crops to a conservation use. For this diversion, he receives a special payment, and the guaranteed price support on the normal production of his 1961-crop feed grain sorghum acreage. He also becomes eligible for support on other 1961-crop feed grains — barley, oats and rye.

Chairman Morgan explained that the program calls for a minimum of [illegible] of the farm's permitted acreage to be diverted to conservation use. The [illegible] "fair share" is an amount [illegible]

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AUXILIARY RUMMAGE SALE HERE SATURDAY

The Marshall Firemen's Auxiliary will have a rummage sale on Saturday, May 6 in the store building on Main Street which was formerly occupied by Model Grocery. The sale will begin at 9 a.m.

RADIO, TV ANTENNA IS STOLEN HERE

What will thieves think of next?

It was reported here this week that the radio and television antenna at Fred Ponder's home was stolen last week-end.

"I hope that whoever stole this antenna will phone collect when they finish using it," Mr. Ponder said here yesterday.