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Organization Democrats Win Victories In 20 Of 23 Precincts Sat.

Democratic Convention To Be Held Here Saturday Night

State Committees Will Be Named At State Meet May 17

The second phase of the organization of the Democratic Party in Madison County will occur on Saturday, May 12, when the bi-annual Democratic County Convention will be held, according to Hilliard Teague, Democratic Chairman.

The convention will start at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse, he said. The first phase was completed last Saturday when precinct officers were named. The third and final level of the state-wide organization will be completed in Raleigh on Thursday, May 17, when several thousand Democratic Delegates from all over North Carolina will converge on Memorial Auditorium at noon, for the Democratic State Convention.

Congressman Harold D. Cooley, representative of the fourth district since 1934 and Dean of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation will deliver the keynote address, it was announced from State Democratic Headquarters in Raleigh on Monday by state chairman Bert Bennett.

Bennett stated that the all-important state executive committee, congressional, judicial, solicitor and senatorial committees will be selected by the delegates from the various counties at the district meetings to be held in Raleigh at 10 a. m., on May 17. After the convention Bennett will appoint a chairman and secretary from each committee and plans will be made to utilize these groups during the fall election. The state chairman also stated that he is asking the district chairmen to arrange with the county chairmen in each district to arrange a meeting place for an informal caucus on Wednesday, May 16.

The state chairman pointed out that since the district lines have been changed a revised plan of Organization is effective at the convention for the first time, and it is necessary that the counties in each district agree on various problems prior to the official district meetings.

MARSHALL LIONS INSTALLATION MONDAY NIGHT

Ladies' Night Will Be Held; Ed L. Niles Is New President

Ladies' Night and Installation services will be held by the Marshall Lions Club Monday night at the Rock Cafe here.

Lion Bill Shull, of Canton, past District Governor of 31-A, will act as installing officer, it has been announced.

Officers to be installed are as follows:

President, Ed Niles; first vice president, Jim Story; second vice president, Earl Robinson; third vice president, Walter Ramsey; secretary-treasurer, Earle Wise; assistant secretary-treasurer, Ralph Barnes; Lion Tamer, Kelley Davis; assistant Lion Tamer, Bernard Reese; Tail Twister, Bob Davis; assistant Tail Twister, Boyd Baucom.

New members of the board of directors are past president Harry Silver, Wade Huey, E. C. Teague and Ralph Barnes.

108 Gallons Of Booze Poured In River Here Sunday

If the fish below Marshall became intoxicated last Sunday, you can't blame them.

An abandoned car on Hopewell Hill near Walnut last Sunday contained 18 cases (108 gallons) of non-taxpaid or white liquor. State Patrolmen seized the car and cargo and brought it to the Marshall jail. About 8 a. m., Sunday morning, the patrolmen and sheriff's department emptied the whiskey in the French Broad River.

The occupants of the car were thought to have run away after the car broke down. No arrests have yet been made.

FARMERS URGED TO FILE ACP REPORTS

One of the responsibilities of farmers who receive Government cost-sharing for carrying out conservation practices on their farms is to make a report of the use of the materials as soon as they have completed the practice, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, Manager of the Madison County ASCS Office.

All approvals given under the 1962 ACU this spring carried a report date of May 31, 1962. There is a provision whereby a request for an extension of time in which to complete the practice may be approved. If a farmer finds that he will be unable to complete the practice before the report date, he may file a written request with the County Committee requesting that the date be extended provided he does so prior to the report date.

In conclusion Ramsey urged all farmers to file their reports prior to the report date of May 31.

Revival Mission At Hot Springs Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, announces a Revival Mission starting Sunday night, May 13 at 7:30, and continuing every night through Sunday, May 20.

Rev. Charles Heier, director of Madison County Parish of Presbyterian Churches, will be the speaker each night. Special music and Gospel singing will be featured every night with the message. Sunday night's message will be entitled "The Need for Revival."

The public is invited to attend these services where everyone is always welcome.

Walnut PTA Will Sponsor Chicken Supper Saturday

The Walnut Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a chicken supper in the school lunchroom Saturday evening, between the hours of 6:00-8:00 o'clock.

The public is urged to attend.

AGRICULTURE MEETING HELD HERE TUESDAY

Denny, Jones, Bullard Are Speakers; Anderson Presides

Madison County school principals and teachers and other guests attended a county conference on adult education in agriculture Tuesday afternoon at the school building in Marshall. The meeting was devoted to planning for the future projects in the county. R. J. Denny, district supervisor of agricultural education, spoke on the purposes of the meeting, emphasizing the responsibility of the public schools in participating.

A. G. Bullard, State Supervisor of Agriculture spoke on the "Direction for Adult Education," pointing out the technical nature of farming, how adult education was needed as part of the school's philosophy, the quality and nature of the instruction needed and how time was needed to develop programs.

C. L. Jones, Consultant of the State Dept. of Agriculture Education, spoke on "Steps in Developing Programs of Adult Education," pointing out educational needs and to have special teachers and their responsibilities.

Tom Simpson, Director of the Asheville Center and J. B. Edwards, Coordinator of the Agricultural Technology Education also spoke at the meeting.

Mr. Zeno Ponder, member of the Madison County Board of Education, along with Mr. Printess England and Mr. Harry Silver from the County Office attended.

Mr. Fred W. Anderson, County Superintendent presided at the meeting.

ASCS FIELDMAN IS HONORED

The ASCS office in Washington, the State ASC office, and the western district of ASCS county offices have joined in honoring the Fieldman for the district, Jeff H. Enloe Jr. According to A. P. Hassell Jr., executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation state committee, Mr. Enloe is the first and only fieldman in this state to receive recognition for a sustained level of performance in his counties, for

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UNC'S JAKE WADE FOUND DEAD IN WRECK WED.

Jake Wade, 61, veteran University of North Carolina sports publicity director, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday while driving from Raleigh to Chapel Hill.

Wade, one of the best known sports writers in the country, was found in his wrecked car off U.S. 54 about a mile and a half east of Morrisville.

Wake County Coroner Marshall Bennett issued a tentative ruling attributing death to a heart attack.

Wade had taken his wife to Raleigh so she could get a bus to Wrightsville Beach to visit her mother. He was returning alone to Chapel Hill when death struck.

His car ran off the left side of the road, went down a slight incline and traveled about 30 feet into a heavily wooded area before it rammed into a tree.

FARMERS URGED TO GIVE WHITE PINES CHANCE

Farmers who have woodland that is being pastured may be missing a good opportunity for this land to be replanted in white pines.

Herschel Ramsey, who lives in the Sandy Mush community, fenced the cattle out of a thin stand of hardwood two years ago. White pines have come up, naturally and reforested this area. Herschel believes that the cows were biting these small seedlings off and killing them as soon as they came up. This reforesting job is so nearly complete that he plans to take out most of the hardwood now standing and give these white pine an opportunity to grow.

Athletic Banquet To Be Held Tonight

The annual Athletic Banquet will be held at the Marshall school tonight (Thursday) beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Coach Ed Morton will preside and Gene Wyke, of Asheville, will be the principal speaker.

MISS AMERICA MEETS PANTHER

By F. G. SIMONSON
Berlin, Germany — Two North Carolinians met in Berlin, Germany recently and compared notes on the Tarheel State.

Although they had not been formally introduced, the two had met before. Last year when Sp4 James A. Craine of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battle Group, 47th Infantry, was a postal clerk in Asheville, North Carolina, he sold stamps to a pretty young lady who is now "Miss America."

Beautiful Miss Maria Beale Fletcher stopped in Berlin recently for a three day visit. She is on a whirlwind two-week tour of U. S. military installations in France and Germany.

Specialist Craine is serving in Berlin with the "Panther" Battle Group, and he has been on duty here in the "Outpost City" since March 5. Craine is still in the "post office business." He's chief mail clerk of the 47th.

The Carolina beauty told Craine "My grandfather taught school in the country where you live." He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim F. Craine of Route 5, Box 188, Marshall, N. C.

Miss America asked Craine how he liked Berlin. "It's a wonderful experience," said 22-year-old Craine, "but it will be great to get back to North Carolina." Nineteen year old Miss Fletcher concurred on both counts.

Adams Defeats Leake At Walnut; Sams Easily Wins Mars Hill Chairmanship

PONDER ISSUES STATEMENT OF MEETINGS SAT.

Zeno H. Ponder, Secretary to Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, released the following statement of and concerning with the Precinct Elections of Saturday, May 5, 1962:

Mr. Ponder stated "of the 23 Precinct Chairmen elected and the 23 Vice Chairmen elected, 23 of the Chairmen and 23 of the Vice-Chairmen have been and are considered friendly toward the Democratic Organization. The contest in Walnut Precinct, Township 1, Ward 2, showed a numerical number for Garland Adams greater than the number for A. E. Leake, however, certain extenuating circumstances have led to Mr. Leake questioning procedural methods as well as ethics on the part of Garland Adams. There will be no protests as to Adams being seated but a full and descriptive set of minutes will show the Republican participation, as well as extreme coercive pressure by Mr. Wayne Brigan, Chairman of the Madison County Welfare Board."

"The Precinct election in Township 4, Ward 2, Middle Fork, has resulted in considerable charges and counter charges as to eligibility. The outcome as to whether Jack Fox or J. G. Gardner has officially won will probably not be known until Convention time, Saturday night, May 12th.

"The Mars Hill Township, No. 15, elected Bruce Sams, DDS, and Miss Irene Willis as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively. Dr. Bruce Sams headed a list of 21 Democrats proposed by the Ramsey-Ponder Organization as Democrats who would be acceptable as compromise candidates for Township Chairmen and subsequently (Continued to Last Page)

Protest Middle Fork Count; Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen Are Named

Intense interest prevailed at the 23 Madison County precinct meetings which were held last Saturday morning.

In 20 of the 23 precincts, the Organization Democrats, referred to as the "Ramsey-Ponder" faction, won uncontested victories for precinct chairmen, vice-chairmen and committees but the action in three of the 23 precincts — namely, Walnut, Mars Hill and Middle Fork — clearly pointed to plenty of opposition from opponents of the Organization candidates.

Perhaps the most confusing outcome is that which occurred at Mars Hill.

An overwhelming number of the 400 present at the Mars Hill meeting voted for a committee which named Dr. Bruce Sams as chairman and Miss Irene Willis as vice-chairman.

This action was generally regarded as an "anti-Ramsey-Ponder" victory by many, especially around Mars Hill. In a statement to this newspaper, however, Zeno H. Ponder, secretary to the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee and Organization leader, claimed that Dr. Sams "headed a list of 21 Democrats proposed by the Ramsey-Ponder Organization as Democrats who would be acceptable as compromise candidates for Township Chairmen and subsequently members of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee."

To the citizens outside Township 15 (Mars Hill precinct) the choice of Dr. Sams as chairman seems satisfactory to both Democratic factions.

At Walnut, where 189 attended the precinct meeting, Garland Adams, anti-Organization candidate, was named chairman by the committee elected in a rather close standing vote. Although accusations of "coercive pressure," "procedural methods" and "ethics" were advanced, Mr. Ponder stated that "... there will be no protests as to Adams being seated..." Mrs. Jennie Smith was elected vice-chairman by the committee. She succeeds Mrs. Jennie Lee Buckner.

In the meeting at Township 4, Ward 2 — Middle Fork — the "anti-Organization" candidates were victorious with the committee elected naming Jack Fox as chairman and Mrs. Reva Edwards as (Continued To Last Page)

Music Recital At Walnut School Next Thursday

The piano pupils of Mrs. Maude Long and Mrs. Minnie Davis will give their music recital in the Walnut school Thursday, May 17, at one o'clock. Every one is invited to attend.

No Losses In FHA Rural Housing Loans In 12 Years

LOCAL FIREMEN COMPLETE 14-WEEK TRAINING

Marshall firemen completed a 14-weeks training course last Friday night with a ladder drill and review of the entire course. Former Marshall Fire Chief A. L. Duckett was the director and was highly commended by the firemen for his thorough and splendid presentation of the many fire-fighting techniques.

At a future date the firemen, and their wives, will have a dinner-meeting at which time certificates of "graduation" from the course will be presented. "We wish to thank Chief Duckett for the entire course," Marshall Fire Chief W. E. Ramsey, said.

\$6,000,000 Loans Equivalent To Many Industries, Jobs

Mr. Melvin H. Hearn, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration for North Carolina, said today that during the 12-year operation of the Farmers Home Administration rural housing loan program in North Carolina there have been no losses on loans made. The statement was based on the status of all loans obligated up to last December 31.

More than \$18,000,000 have been advanced in rural housing loans in North Carolina, Mr. Hearn said, and payments on these loans are being received at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month. A statement of the program was made at a meeting of the State Board of Housing and Home Finance Affairs.

All-Risk Crop Insurance Is Now Available To Farmers

The United States Department of Agriculture has added several changes to its Federal All-Risk Crop Insurance program that is available to burley growers in Madison County for 1962, C. K. Withrow, district director for the Federal Crop Insurance Corp., announced this week.

The new program gives burley growers a dollar guarantee to cover their investment cost. Under the old guaranteed production plan, the amount of protection was based on the average Belt price for tobacco. Thus, if the price was low over an entire Belt, the loss payment from FCIC was low. This year — regardless of market price — a loss settlement will be the difference between the amount of protection a farmer has and the amount of tobacco he sells.

Also in 1962, a claim for a total loss can be settled when it happens. A payment for a partial loss can be made when the farmer sells his tobacco. In past years, claims could not be settled until all the tobacco on a Belt had been sold and the average market price determined.

Madison County has had a Federal All-Risk Insurance program for burley tobacco since 1960. The Federal Crop Insurance office for Madison County is located in Marshall across from the county jail on Bridge Street.

NEW CONSULTANT IS NAMED FOR WNC COUNTIES

A new field consultant for the North Carolina Heart Association will be working in western North Carolina, according to an announcement by W. James Logan, executive director of the state Heart group in Chapel Hill.

He is Robert Wilkins Lindsay, who recently moved to Asheville from New York where he was employed by the U. S. Public Health Service as public health director. A native of Sampson County, Lindsay is a graduate of the public schools of that county and of East Carolina College. His previous experience includes work with the U. S. Public Health Service in North Carolina and Ohio, and with the Fredell and Mecklenburg County Health Departments. He is married to the former Anna Smith of Charlotte.

Lindsay will work with local Heart Council volunteers in the following counties: Madison, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Wilkes, and Yancey. "The job of a Heart Association (Continued To Last Page)

POOR CONTACTS Gifted students who show sparks of genius while in school often develop ignition trouble when they get on their own.



HONORED AT MARS HILL College Saturday were (L-R): Hazel West and Peggy Plemmons.

OUTSTANDING COEDS HONORED AT MH COLLEGE

Outstanding coeds in the Department of Business Administration at Mars Hill College were honored Saturday evening during the 23rd annual reunion of the Business Club Alumni Association, composed of former honor students in business. Among those were: Hazel West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cline West of Mars Hill, winner of the medal given annually by the association to the outstanding student in a two-year business course. The medal will be formally presented during the commencement exercise on May 28. Peggy Joan Plemmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Plemmons of Rt. 1, Hot Springs, was recognized as the outstanding student in the one-year accelerated courses in business. Selections for the honors are made annually by the members of the faculty of the Department of Business Administration. Criteria are superior scholarship, Christian character, attractive personality, commendable deportment and promise of future attainment.

