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County Voters All Primed For Primary On Saturday

Credential's Committee At Demo Convention Rules With Organization—TS 4, Ward 2

Each Side Is Heard; Leake's Objections Are Read

Another Madison County political controversy was argued for 90 minutes before the Democratic convention's Credentials Committee in Raleigh Thursday.

The result: The State Democratic Convention has directed the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee to pick a chairman Precinct 2 in the county's fourth township.

And no matter how one explains the decision, it must be considered as another victory for Zeno Ponder and his faction.

The dispute revolved around the selection of a precinct chairman in Middle Fork community on May 5. Presumably, Jack Fox was elected by a vote of 69-44 over J. G. Gardner.

When Gardner protested that it was a combination of Republicans and persons not properly registered that brought about his defeat, the county convention sided with him. It unseated Fox and gave Gardner the chairmanship.

Fox and his supporters took their protest to the state convention at the suggestion of Democratic (Continued To Last Page)

Piano Recitals To Be Given At Methodist Church

The pupils of Mrs. Maud Long will be presented in two piano recitals in the Marshall Methodist Church next week, it was announced here this week.

The Primary and Intermediate groups will perform next Thursday night and the Senior group will perform on Friday night. Both recitals will begin at eight o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mars Hill College Commencement Speakers



Dr. Ralph Overman



Dr. George Butterick

MH College Commencement Scheduled May 27 And 28

Atomic Scientist, Minister, Author To Deliver Addresses

An atomic scientist and one of the nation's most prominent ministers and authors will deliver commencement addresses at Mars Hill College May 27 and 28.

Dr. George Butterick, professor of preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University, will preach the benediction service Sunday morning, May 27. The graduation address will be given by Dr. Ralph Overman, author of "The New Testament" (Continued To Last Page)

MHS ALUMNI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING HERE

Musical Program Enjoyed; Virgil Smith, Jr., Is Elected President

The seventh annual meeting of the Marshall High School Alumni Association was held last Saturday evening in the school cafeteria here.

Tommy White, president, presided at the meeting which was attended by approximately 65 alumni and their families, teachers, former teachers, and four members of the 1962 Senior class.

Following the invocation by Mrs. Hettie R. Blankenship, R. L. Edwards, principal of the Marshall school, welcomed the group and spoke briefly of the growth of the school.

The roll call of classes was tabulated with the 1939 and 1959 classes tied with five former students present.

Mrs. J. Moody Chandler won the honor of having the most former students present with Mrs. Blankenship runnerup.

The president then recognized former presidents of the association: Mrs. Jim Story, Earl Robinson, Mrs. Clyde M. Roberts, Wade Huey, Jim Story, and Dr. J. L. McElroy.

Also recognized were members of the various committees who were commended by President White.

Three former students tied for "those coming from farthest distance." They were R. N. Ramsey (Greenville, S. C.), Clyde Reed (Shelby) and Katherine Cody (Knoxville, Tenn.) Runnerup was Mrs. Violet Tate Roberts, of (Continued To Last Page)

ORGANIZATION DEMOS SPEAK AT HOT SPRINGS

More than 75 citizens of the Hot Springs area heard many of the Organization Democratic candidates speak Tuesday night in the high school auditorium.

Morris Buquo, precinct chairman of Township 9, presided at the meeting.

Candidates speaking were Robert S. Swain, Liston B. Ramsey, E. Y. Ponder, Wade Huey, Herbert Hawkins, Bill Roberts, Emery Wallin and Byard Ray.

COUNTY DEMOS NAMED TO STATE, DISTRICT POSTS

Members of state and district Democratic Party committees were named last Thursday at caucuses of the 11 districts with the State Democratic Convention held in Raleigh.

Madison County is represented as follows:

State Executive Committee, A. E. Leake, E. Y. Ponder.

Congressional Executive Committee, Carol Tweed, Kenneth Gardner.

Judicial Executive Committee, Charley Shaffer, M. F. Tipton.

Solicitorial Executive Committee, B. J. Ledford, Brown Ammons, George Shupe.

Senatorial Executive Committee, T. E. Reid.

Buncombe Blocks Move To Seat Ponder On Comm.

Anticipating a protest involving Madison County before the convention's Credentials Committee, Buncombe blocked, amove led by Transylvania's Jack Potts to name Madison's Zeno Ponder to represent the district on the committee.

Swain, Macon, Cherokee and McDowell voted with Buncombe to give Buncombe's Herbert L. Hyde 144 and one-half of the 253 caucus votes. Haywood split its vote and Madison, Transylvania, Yancey, Polk, Clay and Graham voted for Ponder.

At a preliminary caucus Wednesday night, county leaders had agreed to go along with the proposal for Ponder to serve on the committee, but an overnight news story about the impending protest caused a quick change.

SELF-INFLICTED

People won't find life a burden unless they allow their conscience to burden them.

DEMOCRATS ARE "SCARED STIFF," ROBERTS SAYS

Clyde Roberts, of Marshall, Republican candidate for solicitor of Superior Court in the 19th District, Friday night said that Democrats "are scared stiff that Republicans will take over the state" in the next general election.

Speaking to some 75 persons at a meeting of the Buncombe County Republican Club in Langren Hotel, Roberts also ripped into his own party, faulting the GOP for not getting political issues before the public and hampering them home.

Roberts said, too that all candidates should feel that the offices to which they aspire are the most important ones in the election, and work accordingly.

He called for full backing by voters of candidates of their choice in the upcoming primary election, and concerted teamwork toward getting the party's candidates elected in the general election.

Other speakers were Mrs. Maria Schilthuis, and E. B. Queen, candidates for the state legislature; Clarence Parker and Ernest Bartlett, candidates for sheriff; William J. Purdue, constable; and Mrs. Mary Bredle, candidate for the County Board of Education.

President Clayton W. Harmon named a nominating committee to prepare a state of new officers for the club to report June 15. They are J. C. Clark of Candler, chairman; Mrs. J. R. Lacey, of Asheville and Buford Neal of Weaverville.

Oscar McDevitt Injured In Wreck Wed. Afternoon

Oscar McDevitt, 31, of Marshall, was admitted about 2:30 p. m., Wednesday to Memorial Mission Hospital for back injuries suffered in a highway accident.

McDevitt was quoted as telling the Patrol that the brakes of his truck failed on Walnut Mountain on U. S. 25-70, causing him to lose control of his vehicle which ran off the highway.

Gosnell Violation Of Probation Gets District Court Action

The following actions were taken in U. S. District Court in Asheville last Friday, May 18:

Ervin (Spats) Gosnell, 59, of Little Laurel section, was charged with violating probation and an 18-months' suspended sentence imposed in May, 1961, term for liquor law violations was ordered into effect.

Leonard Harrison Cutshall, 32, of Marshall RFD 3, had a liquor charge dismissed on defense motion. Case was not prosed.

CANDIDATES SPEAK TUESDAY AT RALLY HERE

A crowd estimated at more than 200 turned out Tuesday night for a "candidates night" sponsored by the Madison County Women's Good Government League. Candidates facing opposition in the primary, spoke to the group in the courthouse and unopposed candidates were introduced.

Those speaking were congressional candidates Dan Judd and Robert Brown, Republicans, and Democrats P. R. Elam, Landon Roberts, Rex Allen, Oliver Martin, Bruce Murray and Howard Edwards. Clyde Roberts, Lee Willis, Jeter Metcalf, Ralph Briggs, Roy McDevitt, Carl Cody and Jim Craine were introduced.

Following the brief speeches, a questionnaire period was opened by Mrs. Charles Davis, president of the League, who presided.

Main questions were directed at the Congressional aspirants, Judd and Brown.

The next general meeting of the Good Government League will be held Tuesday, July 24, at 7:30 p. m., in the Mars Hill Community Center, Mrs. Walter P. Smith, secretary, announced.

Savings Bonds Reach \$55,954.00 For Four Months

According to Mr. Craig Ruffin, Jr., County Volunteer Chairman, Savings Bonds sales in Madison County during the first 4 months of this year amount to \$55,954.00. This is 32.8% of the county's annual quota and 63.2% of its Freedom Bond Drive quota.

John L. Connet, Warren-Wilson Teacher, Killed

A runaway automobile Wednesday morning struck and fatally injured John L. Connet, 50, Warren Wilson College faculty member, near the administration building on the campus.

Mr. Connet, head of the college's music department, was pronounced dead on arrival about 10:30 a. m., at Memorial Mission Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at the Elizabeth Williams Chapel at Warren Wilson College at 4 p. m., Friday.

Mr. Connet was well-known by many Madison County students who have attended Warren Wilson College.

His widow, the former Miss Lillie McGuire, was also once a college faculty member. The Connets resided on the campus.

Mrs. Connet is also well-known in Madison County, having been active in Girl Scout activities.

Vigorous Campaign Comes To End; Public Awaits

CRIMINAL COURT TO START HERE MONDAY A.M.

The May term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge Francis O. Clarkson presiding. Solicitor Robert Swain will prosecute.

On the docket are some thirty-eight speeding cases, eight cases involving no operator's license, 4 forgery cases and other cases including rape, incest, bastardy, driving drunk, escape from state prison, breaking, entering, and larceny, forcible trespass, and others.

Following is a list of jurors drawn for this term of court: Clarence Lewis, Mrs. Emory Metcalf, Charles N. Sawyer, Lauren Shelton, George Slagle, Kermit Robinson, Gertha Pegg, D. F. Reeves, Mont Ricker, Mrs. Emery Wallin, Jess Proffitt, Obray Ramsey, Fain Sprinkle, C. G. Grindstaff, John Robert Messer, Emmett Crowe, Robert W. Kent, Richard Baldwin, Joe Woody, Talmadge Franklin Harley Willett, Harrison Ramsey, Hugh Barnett, Dewey Rice, Berry Edson, Walter H. Hall, Ralph Ponder, Lawson Rice, Charles Bishop, Shelby Hamlin, Joseph W. Willis, Step Fender, Kenny Gardner.

MHC PLACES ORDER FOR BUS

Mars Hill College moved a step closer Saturday toward the acquisition of a bus to shuttle students from Asheville to the campus this coming school year.

Order for the 37-passenger vehicle was placed and delivery is anticipated in the summer in plenty of time to prepare for the opening of the fall term on September 12.

The vehicle is a gift of the First Baptist Church of Asheville to be operated for the convenience of day students commuting from the Asheville area.

Final details of the operation are being worked out by Dean Ralph M. Lee.

Election Officials

As this newspaper will again this year display election returns on a board on Lower Bridge Street, it will be greatly appreciated if all precinct officials will bring their returns to Marshall as early following count-out as possible.

—The Editor.

Polls Open At 6:30 A. M., Close At 6:30 P. M., Saturday

From all indications, Saturday's primary election will attract thousands of voters to the polls where they will select nominees for the Fall election.

This year's main "battle" is between the Democrats referred to as Organization Candidates and Democrats referred to as Anti-Organization Candidates. A vigorous campaign has been launched by both factions and the public anxiously awaits the results of Saturday's election.

Polls will open at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning and close at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening. Counting of ballots will begin immediately after 6:30 with results expected to be known by 11:00 o'clock or midnight.

As a public service, The News-Record will again have a board on display where election results will be posted as soon as they are made available. It is hoped that election officials in all precincts will rush their returns to Marshall as quickly as possible.

Madison County voters will select their nominees from the following candidates who are hoping to receive the nominations for county offices, township offices, and State Senate.

Republicans will cast their votes for Congressional candidates, Dan Judd or Robert Brown.

County voters will also approve or reject a plan to levy a 5c per \$100 valuation to promote industry, etc., and to create an industrial commission. (Story on tax and commission elsewhere in this issue.)

DEMOCRATS:

State Senate (30th District): Albert Canipe of Mitchell; J. Yates Bailey of Yancey; and Bill Atkins of Yancey.

Representative: Liston B. Ramsey, Marshall; P. R. Elam, Mars Hill.

Sheriff: E. Y. Ponder, Marshall; Leon Garrison, Mars Hill.

Clerk Superior Court: Herbert Hawkins, Mars Hill; Ralph Barnes, Marshall.

Commissioners: William (Bill) Roberts, Marshall RFD 5; Gay E. Merrill, Mars Hill RFD 1; Emery Wallin, Marshall RFD 4; Bruce K. Murray, Mars Hill; Ervin Adams, Marshall RFD 4; Oil-

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W. F. HENSLEY IS NAMED DISTRICT LIONS GOVERNOR

Willard F. Hensley of Asheville succeeded Robert W. Easley Jr., of Murphy as governor of Lions District 31-A at the Lions State Convention Tuesday at Carolina Beach.

Hensley, one of nine district governors elected at the meeting, will be installed July 21 in Asheville.

The new district governor is a past president of the Asheville Lions Club, a past chairman of Lions Zone 5, and has served as deputy district governor of Region III.

This year, Hensley served as district director of public relations, and is currently president of the Lions Club of Asheville.

Asheville was one of the 100 cities for the 1962 Lions State Convention, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 21-24.

It was pointed out that the new commission, if formed, will work closely with the Madison County Planning Board in future development in Madison County.

Citizens To Vote Saturday For Industrial Development Tax, Comm.

Madison County voters will have the opportunity at the Primary Election, May 26, to approve or reject plans for the establishment of a new tax and commission for Madison County. The proposed new commission, if approved, will be known as the Madison County Industrial Development Commission. (Not to be confused with the present Madison County Planning Board).

The State Senate and Legislature at the last term approved the measure to be put before the voters. The first step was for the supporters of the measure to petition the commissioners for an election. After reading numerous petitions from citizens, the board voted to order the election to be held in conjunction with the May Primary.

Voters will decide on whether or not a tax levy of 1c per \$100 valuation will be assessed to be used to develop "an expanded and diversified economy in Madison County; for the attraction, encouragement and expansion of agricultural, commercial and industrial enterprises and all ventures capital and any and all costs or expenses related to the broad development purposes, such as professional planning assistance, resource, labor, location, land use, industrial and other surveys, and advertising."

If the vote passes, the commission will come into being, with the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners serving as a member ex officio. Named to the agency in the bill are John Henderson, J. J. Ramsey, Charles E. Mashburn, B. H. Robinson, James Story, Rex Allen, Leonard Baker, S. C. Randall and Fred O. Tilson.

Aims of the commission will be to promote the "business, agricultural and industrial development, and the general economic welfare" of the county.

Original members of the commission will serve until April 1, 1965, and members appointed thereafter by the General Assembly will serve four-year terms.

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