

Democrats In County Are Victorious In Election

Republicans Protest Election; Violations Cited

Ponder Leads Demo Ticket; Roberts Leads GOP Ticket

Illegal Ballot Boxes; Too Many Ballots, Roberts Says

Formal Protests Are Made Today To County Board

Formal protests were made to the Madison County board of elections today (Thursday) charging flagrant irregularities throughout the county in the election Tuesday, according to Clyde M. Roberts, chairman of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee, who was also a candidate for solicitor of the 19th district, including Madison and Buncombe counties.

Roberts stated this morning that ballot boxes used in Tuesday's election were illegal and their construction in violation of the law (Section 158, North Carolina Election Laws). Roberts stated that, as an example, new ballot boxes used at the Marshall precinct contained openings 15/16 inches in width and 10 1/4 inches long. He cited the law as follows, "... Each box shall be supplied with a lock and key and with an opening in the top large enough to allow a single folded ballot to be easily passed through, but no larger."

Leads GOP Ticket



Clyde M. Roberts

"Those openings were large enough to put a book in," Roberts said. "This illegal box protest applies to all precincts and we are asking for a change in the law." (Continued To Page Four)

COUNTY CANCER MEETING TO BE HELD HERE FRI.

The public is urged to attend a meeting here Friday night at the French Broad Electric Membership Co-op Building beginning at eight o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be to reactivate the Madison County Cancer Society and to discuss local participation. A cancer detection center for the county will also be discussed. Lewis E. Heavner, of Lincoln, will be present to discuss the possibilities of an active chapter in this county. Cancer, one of the most dangerous of all diseases, may strike at any time and at any age. It is important that Madison County should have a working chapter made up of dedicated citizens, one official stated.

MARSHALL PTA TO SPONSOR DONKEY GAME

To Be Played In Marshall Gym Saturday, Nov. 17

The Marshall PTA will sponsor a Donkey Basketball Game, Saturday night, Nov. 17, at 7:30 in the Marshall gymnasium. Advance tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Helen Hunter at P. R. Elam Farm Supply Co.; John Hensley at the Madison County jail; and Mrs. Jerry Rice at the Variety Shop. Advance tickets will cost less than they will the night of the game, it was stated.

TWO BURNED IN MINE BLAST IN COUNTY

Two Madison County men were seriously burned about 2 p. m., Thursday when a keg of black gunpowder exploded as they were carrying it into a mine where they worked.

Chester Franklin, 21, of Rt. 4, Marshall, was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville for first and second degree burns of the face and second and third degree burns of both hands, elbows, knees, thighs and the calf region.

J. C. Hensley, 27, also of Rt. 4, was admitted for first and second degree burns of the face, both hands and knees.

They listed their employer as the Georgia Talc Company. Hospital spokesmen quoted the men as saying that they were carrying the keg of powder into a mine where they were scheduled to do some blasting when there was "... a sudden flash and explosion."

Their condition is reported as improved.

AMERICAN RED CROSS DRIVE IN PROGRESS

Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs Workers Named

The November drive for membership and funds by your American Red Cross Chapter is moving ahead with the appointment of the following people to receive contributions both personally or by mail in the three areas of Madison County.

Marshall: Mrs. Kermit Coby, and Mrs. S. L. Hix; Hot Springs: Mrs. J. B. Tread; Mars Hill: Mrs. Roland Peck.

Plans for further activities to raise funds in all three sections are in progress, and will be announced soon.

Since each and every person in Madison County can avail themselves of the service of this organization it is hoped that each citizen will become a member of this organization through their contributions.

Red Cross services include Home Service (Service to the armed forces and their dependents and veterans and their dependents).

Blood Program (blood to people in this area; Safety Services (water and first aid); nursing services which offer classes in home care of the sick and injured and mother and baby care; disaster (assistance of Chapter in National Organization in areas affected by national disaster such as Hurricane Carla in 1961; junior, high school and college Red Cross programs (community responsibility and interest within the schools).

YOUR SHARE

Success demands initiative — nature freezes water, but a man has to cut his own ice.

FBI Is Investigating Election Charges Here

By PETE GILPIN
Citizen Staff Writer

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from Asheville Tuesday night investigated five reports of voting irregularities in Madison, Yancey and Buncombe counties.

The five charges included one that Madison County Democratic leader Zeno Ponder had pulled a pistol in the presence of a Republican poll watcher at Marshall Precinct No. 1 and caused the watcher to leave the area.

Three of the five reports concerned Madison County incidents.

U. S. Western District Attorney William Medford said that his office had referred four complaints to the FBI for investigation. Joseph L. Kinsiah, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, later reported that five incidents were being checked out by agents in Asheville, some of whom he said had been dispatched to Yancey and Madison counties.

In addition to the report involving the charge against Ponder, charges were made that a last minute move was made of the polling place of the Little Laurel Precinct in Madison County, and that voters registered in Bun-

combe actually cast their ballots in Madison.

In the pistol-pulling report a Madison GOP poll watcher, Chancy Metcalf of Rt. 1, Marshall, made a written statement to the FBI stating that he had challenged the size of the ballot box openings at the Madison precinct. He stated that Registrar Ponder agreed with him that they were too large but said that was what the Board of Elections had given them and that's what would be used. Metcalf said he then asked that the poll book's pages be numbered. Metcalf told the FBI Ponder pulled a pistol and said that he (Ponder) was running the election and Metcalf was no longer a watcher.

The incident allegedly took place between 6:15 and 6:30 a. m., Tuesday.

FBI agents in Asheville would neither confirm nor deny they had taken a statement from Metcalf.

Ponder said the charges were "Absolutely false and ridiculous and were promulgated for political reasons."

Ponder said there was a pistol which was owned by him and was (Continued To Page Four)

CLAY UPSETS BROWN IN BUN. FOR SHERIFF

Harry P. (Phil) Clay, 30-year-old construction superintendent, upset veteran Sheriff Laurence B. Brown by a slim unofficial margin of 145 votes Tuesday to become Buncombe County's first Republican sheriff in 82 years.

Clay is the son of Paul Clay, well-known in Madison County, having been connected with bridge construction here for many years prior to his retirement.

All other Democratic candidates won with majorities ranging from 678 to 4,687. A total of 37,195 votes were cast, the biggest off-year election vote in Buncombe County's history.

Reelected Solicitor



Robert S. Swain

MRS. ROOSEVELT DIES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the 32nd president of the United States, died Wednesday night.

Mrs. Roosevelt, 78, often was described as one of the best-known women in the world. She had been active in various governmental and semigovernmental agencies for many years, until she entered Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center on Sept. 26.

Reelected Representative



Liston B. Ramsey

Leads Demo Ticket



E. Y. Ponder

PAPER LATE DUE TO ELECTION RESULTS

In order that our readers could get the official election results, the paper is a few hours late. The official returns are on last page.

The next best thing to saving for a rainy day is a reputation for paying bills promptly.

Official Count Of Votes Is Listed On Back Page

According to official canvass of votes, tabulated this afternoon, all Democratic candidates were elected to office over their Republican opposition in county contests in the election Tuesday.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, with 5641 votes, led the Democratic ticket while Clyde M. Roberts, who was defeated by incumbent Robert S. Swain in the solicitor's race, led the Republican ticket with 3405 votes.

The ratio in the county races revealed that the Democrats won by 2,000 vote majorities.

In the 11th Congressional race between incumbent Roy A. Taylor and GOP candidate Robert Brown, Taylor was victorious. In the unofficial count, Taylor held a lead of 10,969 votes with 214 of 245 precincts reporting.

The solicitor's race between Swain and Roberts was close in Buncombe County with Swain having a slim margin of 678 votes unofficially.

J. Yates Bailey, in a close race with his GOP opponent Hall Young, was victorious by a few hundred votes in his bid for the State Senate in this district which includes Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery Counties.

Nix, Candler Are Unanimous All-Pisgah Selections

Reelected To Congress



Roy Taylor

Taylor's Lead Over 11,000

Congressman Roy A. Taylor maintained an 11,321 vote lead over his Republican opponent, Robert Brown of Asheville, on the (Continued To Page Four)

County Gridlers Are Well Represented On Pisgah Conference Team

The Clyde High School Cardinals were named 1962 football champions of the Pisgah Conference Monday night at a meeting of Pisgah Conference officials and coaches. Second place Roman, however, will represent the conference in the State playoffs due to a probation placed on Clyde last year.

An All-Conference team was named with four of the selections unanimous. These were end Tommy Nix of Marshall, a junior who was named last year also; Clyde Candler, a backfield choice from Marshall, also his second year on the All-Conference team; John Berkshire, a senior flanker from Roman; and Dal Peak of Mars Hill, a guard.

Ronnie Ray of Cane River was picked for his third straight year as All-Conference guard. Floyd Rogers was chosen for the All-Conference team last year as an end and this year made it as a tackle. Other players making the team for their second year are David West, end, senior from Clyde; Lewis Crisone, tackle, senior from Tryon; Carroll Bar-

These Democratic Candidates Were Victorious In Tuesday's Election



Herbert Hawkins



Byard Ray



William (Bill) Roberts



Gay Merrill



Emory Wallis



Wade Hany



W. A. Jones