

New Registrations May Be Asked By General Assembly

Some Counties Have Books Without Change In Many Years

The 1963 Legislature may be asked to enact a law requiring counties to call for a new voter registration every 10 years.

William Joslin, board chairman, said Monday, "I think it has a lot of merit. Some counties have registration books that haven't been redone in 35 or 40 years and there's a lot of dead wood."

Joslin said the proposed change may be discussed next Tuesday when the board meets to canvass the returns from the Nov. 6 general election.

The state board has no authority at present in the matter of registration. It can only make recommendations.

"A new registration is often a hot issue and this would take the heat off the board by making it mandatory," Joslin said.

Two systems of registration are used in the state, Joslin explained. About 10 counties use a continuous registration under which a voter can register anytime except just prior to an election. Under this system, the books are purged frequently.

The other system provides for registration only during a set time prior to elections.

Joslin said the board plans to have some recommendations for the legislature concerning the use of absentee ballots. Use of absentees has traditionally stirred up charges after each election.

County Women's Good Government League To Meet

The Madison County Women's Good Government League will meet Tuesday night, November 27, in the Mars Hill School Cafeteria at 7:30.

Mr. Richard Hoffman of the Mars Hill College faculty will discuss how legislation is passed and how individual citizens may best support or oppose legislation.

All members of the Good Government League are urged to be present, and women of Madison County who have not joined the League, are invited to attend the meeting and become members of this non-partisan organization.

W. B. RAMSEY ACCEPTS POST AT BANK OF F. B.

Has Been Associated With Citizens Bank For Eight Years

Craig L. Radnall, Jr., president of the Bank of French Broad, announced this week that W. B. Ramsey, prominent Marshall businessman, has accepted a position with the Bank of French Broad. Mr. Ramsey began his new duties last Friday, it was announced.

For the past eight years Mr. Ramsey has served as manager of the time payment department of the Citizens Bank here.

Prior to 1954 he operated a service station here and for many years was affiliated with his brother, the late J. J. Ramsey in the dry goods business.

Mr. Ramsey was also affiliated with Ebbs Brothers in Asheville for eight years.

He spent two years as a member of the bank's board of directors. (Continued To Last Page)

200 DEER ARE BAGGED AS SEASON OPENS

About 200 deer were reported killed Monday as the 1963 deer season opened. An estimated 2,500 hunters converged on the area Wildlife Management refuge.

Two areas, Mount Mitchell and Standing Indian, yielded 90 bucks while in the Toe Cane district only three were killed. Hunters in the Santestlah area did not bag a deer, but they did manage to shoot a couple of does.

The season in the refuge ends December 1 and continues until December 15 outside the refuge.

One accident was reported in the Rich Laurel Refuge about 3:30 p. m., Monday. Buddy K. Cutshall, 25, of Winston-Salem, shot himself in the chest. (Continued to Last Page)

BUS PLUNGES OVER BANK IN MARSHALL

The driver and lone occupant of a school bus which Friday morning plunged over a 65-foot embankment rode out the fall and escaped with cuts and bruises, State Highway Patrolman J. M. Shuler reported.

He said Kermit Cody Jr., a student at Marshall High School, was driving up Sandy Mush Road about 7:30 p. m., and met a car on the winding route on the south side of the French Broad River near the island on which the school is located.

Shuler said the right front wheel of the bus apparently left the pavement as the vehicles met. He quoted Cody as saying the bus (Continued To Last Page)

FARMERS LIKE ARTIFICIALLY SIRE HEIFERS

Madison County dairy farmers are sure that artificially sired heifers are the best replacements for their herds. Two and one-half years ago Madison dairymen organized the Madison County Breeders Cooperative, Inc. for the purpose of having available to them and other farmers in the county artificial breeding service for their cattle.

Mr. Thomas Payne of the Little Pine community went to the American Breeders Service school and was hired as the Madison inseminator. Mr. Payne is doing a wonderful job for the county. The number of farmers calling Tommy have increased steadily. The charge was (Continued to Last Page)

Madison Board Reelects Two To School Posts

By unanimous action Thursday night, the Madison County Democratic executive committee reelected two members of the county board of education and 16 school committeemen, all of whom had resigned prior to the Nov. 6 election in order to serve as election officials.

The school board members were E. K. Meadows, chairman and Zeno Ponder.

Cases Involving Pistol, Delay On Election Day Heard Here Saturday

MOLT HAMPTON ACCIDENTALLY KILLED FRIDAY

Mars Hill Man Slips, Pistol Discharges; Rites Monday

Molt B. Hampton, 62, of Rt. 3, Mars Hill, was accidentally killed Friday afternoon, November 16, 1962, when he slipped and fell, and a .32 pistol he was carrying accidentally discharged, firing a bullet into his head, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported.

Mr. Hampton and members of his family were unloading furniture at a house in the Funsbee Fork section and he was climbing a four-foot embankment when he slipped, the sheriff quoted eyewitnesses.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lela James Hampton; three daughters, Mrs. Billie Medford of High Point, Mrs. Hugh Baxter of Lincolnton, and Mrs. Forrest Hendrix of Weaverville; two sons, Willie of Rt. 3, Mars Hill, and Frank of Highland Park, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Latt Honeycutt of Burnsville, Miss Ruth Hampton and Mrs. Willie Boone of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Ida Hensley of Asheville; four brothers, Merritt of Erwin, Charlie of Lenoir, Mich., Wade of Herndon, and Paul of Orlando, Fla., and thirteen grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Monday in Little Creek Holiness Church in Yadon County.

The Rev. M. J. Gentry, pastor of East Gate and the Rev. W. H. Randolph officiated. Burial was in Cooper Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK (EDITORIAL)

Many people have been wondering why nothing has been published concerning the proposed industry which showed interest in locating on the industrial site near the by-pass.

Frankly, there has been nothing to publish since the firm which was interested has still made no definite decision on the Marshall location. Negotiations are still going on but at the present it is not likely that the firm will decide to locate here.

However, if this is true, all is not lost. By no means.

There are other interested firms which are now negotiating and prospects are bright.

As soon as something definite is done, rest assured that an announcement will be made.

The trustees of the property are leaving no stone unturned. They are working daily on the acquisition of an industry here and their activities are being closely watched and endorsed by the Marshall Chamber of Commerce.

Many are wondering why the industrial site hasn't been graded. The reason is obvious.

It would be quite unwise to spend thousands of dollars on grading the site without knowing the actual requirements of a plant which will locate on it. First, an industry's ground requirements is of utmost importance before grading is started. This is especially true at the Marshall site where filling is necessary at a tremendous cost.

As yet, not one cent of the money pledged by interested citizens has been used. The only money used, according to officials of the trustees, is the money donated to purchase the site. Other monies which have been used are funds from the Committee of 100, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The special fund, made up of paid and unpaid pledges, is ready to be used WHEN necessary commitments are made by an industry.

We plead with our people not to become impatient or alarmed.

The trustees and the members of the Chamber of Commerce are most anxious to secure an industry and rest assured that everything possible is being done.

No Probable Cause In Pistol Case; Grand Jury To Get Delay Case

The courtroom was practically filled Saturday morning at the hearing before Mayor Wade Huey involving Zeno Ponder, Chauncey Metcalf, Clyde M. Roberts, et al. The first hearing involved a charge against Ponder for "drawing a gun, to-wit, a pistol, prior to opening the polls on November 6. The other hearings involved Metcalf and Roberts, who were charged with delaying the opening of the polls.

Prior to the hearings, Mayor Huey cautioned the spectators about any demonstrations or applause which might result during the hearings and stated that, if necessary, there was a jail here for any such violators.

The hearing had been continued from the previous Saturday when Metcalf contended he was not notified of the time of the hearing until Saturday morning and had not time to get his witnesses together or to engage an attorney.

Mayor Wade Huey found no probable cause in the case against Zeno H. Ponder, charged with drawing a pistol prior to the opening of the polls. At the same time Huey ordered a Grand Jury hearing of the cases against two Republicans charged by Ponder with delaying the opening of the polls on election morning.

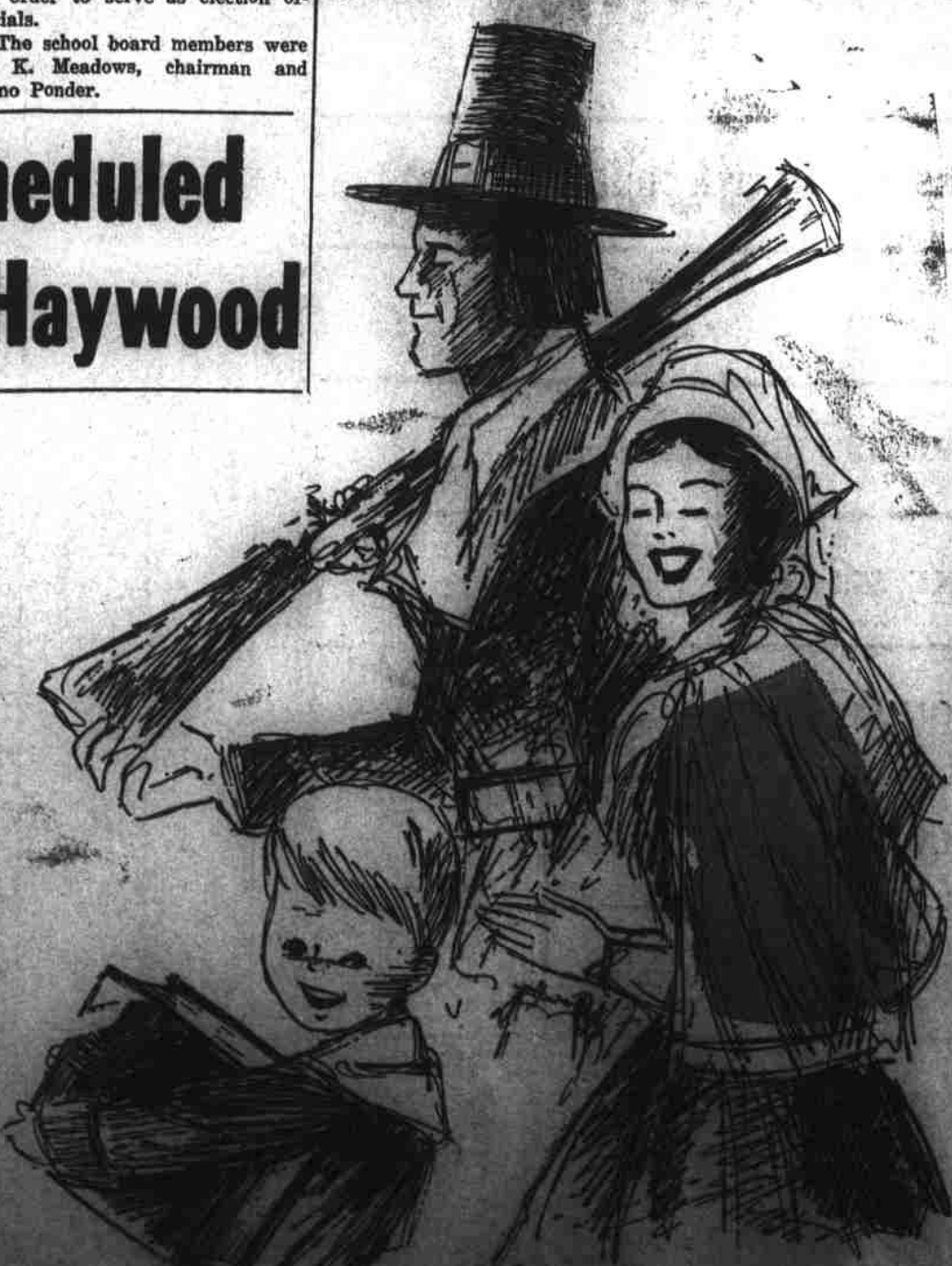
In a hearing which lasted for nearly three hours, Huey heard evidence in all three cases before announcing his decision to free Ponder and stating that probable cause had been found in the cases of Clyde Roberts, county GOP chairman, and Chauncey Metcalf, who signed the warrant against Ponder.

Metcalf was the first witness and he explained that he had been officially appointed by Roberts as a precinct watcher in the Marshall precinct.

He said he got to the school on the island (where elections are held) about 6:15, some 15 minutes before the polls were to open. He testified that Ponder came in moments later and soon began preliminary checks on equipment and supplies.

The first argument of the morning began when Roberts told Ponder the holes in the tops of (Continued To Last Page)

Joyful Thanksgiving



Lions To Give Away Champion Steer December 24

Members of the Marshall Lions Club announced Monday night at their meeting at the Rock Cafe that the grand prize for the annual Lions Christmas Drawing (Continued to Last Page)

Square Dance Here Friday; Will Benefit Red Cross Fund

MARKETING CARDS TO BE RETURNED

Tobacco Marketing Cards were mailed to all producers on Wednesday of last week, according to Emory Robinson, chairman of Madison County ASC committee. Farmers should be certain that they put their cards in a safe place until they are ready to use them and as soon as all tobacco from a farm is sold, the cards should be returned to the county ASCS office. Robinson pointed out that the cards are the property of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and that failure to return them or to otherwise properly account for disposition of all tobacco produced on a farm constitutes a violation for which the next allotment established for the farm may be reduced.

In conclusion, Mr. Robinson said that farmers should be sure they carry their tobacco marketing cards to the warehouse with them when they take the tobacco to be weighed, as the card number must be entered on the weight ticket.

RC Workers And Firemen's Auxiliary Cooperate; Public Invited

Workers in the Marshall area were joined by the Marshall Firemen's Auxiliary in efforts to raise around \$1,000, Marshall's part in the goal of \$3,000 for the county in the Red Cross Membership Drive now in progress. The workers and members of the Auxiliary have planned a square dance to be held at the Marshall Recreation Center on Friday night, November 23. The dances will begin at eight o'clock and will conclude at 11:30 o'clock, it was announced by the arrangements committee this week.

Admission will be 50c for children and students and 75c each for adults, it was announced.

Mars Hill and Hot Springs, like Marshall, are trying to raise \$1,000 in each area in order to retain the many Red Cross services which include the blood program, Home Service, nursing center, and readiness in case of disaster.

Key Red Cross workers in the Marshall area are Mrs. E. L. Hill and Mrs. Russell Cole.

"We invite everyone in Madison County and elsewhere to come to the square dance with a partner or to watch," was official said. E. Y. Ponder is in charge of the music for the evening.

Madison Cases Scheduled For Jan. Trials In Haywood

Ponder, McIntire, Gosnell Cases To Be Tried In Waynesville

Trial of the \$900,000 libel suit filed by Zeno Ponder and two other Madison County election officials against former state Republican chairman William E. Cobb has been moved forward to the Jan. 7 civil term of Haywood County Superior Court.

During the first day of a mixed term, the court Monday heard Solicitor Glenn Brown announce that a special term will begin Jan 21, for two criminal cases also transferred from Madison County.

The first case involves a grand larceny charge against J. E. McIntire, a former vocational agriculture teacher at Mars Hill High School, who is charged with theft of about \$2,900 worth of tools from the school on June 5, 1961. The charge stems from the time of a bitter dispute between the faculty members and the Mars Hill school committee over the committee's refusal to offer contracts for the coming school year to Principal Ralph Neill, McIntire and other teachers. Neill was re-elected on the recommendation of Gov. Sanford, but McIntire and several other teachers were re-elected.

Neill was replaced this year. The second case is the murder

8-Point Deer Felled Monday By Lawrence Treadway

Lawrence Treadway had a thrill Monday that he'll never forget. Young Treadway, who was deer hunting with Paul Treadway, Ronnie Haynie and Bobby Fisher, all of Marshall, spotted a large buck while hunting near the French Broad River about three miles from Hot Springs.

He quickly aimed his .35-caliber Remington rifle and with one shot, felled his first deer.

The buck had eight points and weighed 175 pounds.

When asked what he did with the buck, he answered, "I've got it in a deep freezer and am looking forward to some good eating."

Trial of L. L. Hodges and Mrs. Beulah Gosnell, charged with the death of her husband, Craven Gosnell. They were convicted in Madison County Superior Court of second degree murder and manslaughter, respectively, but won a new trial on appeal to the State Supreme Court.