



Testimony Ends; Board Awaits Hearing Sat.

Contempt Proceedings Are Started Against Roy Freeman

Former Chairman Of County Election Board Defies Subpoenas

The North Carolina Board of Elections Wednesday asked the state attorney general's office to begin contempt proceedings against Roy Freeman, the discharged chairman of the Madison County Elections Board.

Freeman failed to respond to a Superior Court order signed by Judge J. Will Pless that he appear before the board of elections hearing at 3 p. m., Tuesday.

Board Chairman William Joslin had issued three subpoenas ordering Freeman to appear at the hearing into alleged voting irregularities in this county during the May 30 Democratic Primary.

Joslin said at 4:01 p. m., that he had asked the state attorney general's office, "to take such steps as necessary to cite Roy Freeman for contempt of an order of Judge Pless."

Court officials said it would be Thursday morning before Pless could sign the order.

Lonnie Williams, a special agent (Continued To Last Page)

State Forestry Winner



Mike Ledford

MIKE LEDFORD IS FORESTRY STATE WINNER

Mike Ledford, of Marshall, is the North Carolina Champion in Forestry Demonstration, having won the coveted honor in Raleigh last week against six district participants during 4-H Club Week.

Ledford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ledford, of Marshall, has won many honors for his outstanding achievements in 4-H work.

He was presented the state award by J. C. Jones, Extension Forestry Specialist and W. D. Reynolds, of Southern Bell and Telegraph Company. In addition to the certificate, Ledford also received an Elgin watch with a 4-H emblem.

Earl Wise, county 4-H leader, who is Mike's coach, was present for the ceremonies.

Other county 4-H members attending were: Hilda Gosnell, Shirley McIntosh, Martha Ramsey, Doris Cantrell, Brenda Ray, David DeBruhl, Clayton Willis, Jerry Dale Hunter, Rocky Grooms, and Roger Rice.

CONSERVATION IS PRACTICED BY LOCAL FARMERS

Madison County farmers are becoming more aware of the benefits of conservation farming every year, according to Ralph W. Ramsey, office manager for the ASC service. They have found that conservation is a must in any successful farming operation.

Ramsey says that from 1956 through 1962 the number of county farmers carrying out approved practices under the agricultural conservation program increased considerably each year. In 1963 there were 1683 farmers in the program and in 1962 the number (Continued to Last Page)

MASONS ENJOY PICNIC SUNDAY AT HOT SPRINGS

Members of French Broad Lodge 292, AF&M, their wives and children enjoyed the annual Masonic picnic at Hot Springs last Sunday. Approximately 40 persons attended which included several Masonic officials. Dinner was served at the Hot Springs Hotel and an enjoyable time was reported.

PACIFIC MILLS TO CLOSE AUG. 10 FOR VACATIONS

The Hot Springs Plant of Pacific Mills, a unit of Burlington, will observe the week of August 10 as a vacation week, it was announced today by R. Neill Ross, plant manager.

The plant will close down at the end of operations on Saturday, August 8, and will resume operations with the third shift, Monday, August 17, he said.

Mr. Ross said that all eligible employees are to receive vacation pay, based on length of service.

WORK BEGINS ON SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Preliminary work was started here Monday on Marshall's sewerage disposal plant. Drilling and other work was started on the Island and actual construction of the plant is expected to get underway in two or three weeks.

DEMS TO ATTEND UNITY DINNER IN CHARLOTTE

Representatives from Madison are expected to attend the Democratic Unity Dinner in Charlotte Friday, according to Liston B. Ramsey, county chairman.

State Democratic Party Chairman Lunsford Crew stated that more than 1200 Democrats from all over the state are expected to attend the affair at the Park Center at 7 p. m., when Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges will make the principal address. All state and district candidates have indicated they plan to attend. In addition, Crew stated that he had received word from the majority of the unsuccessful primary candidates that they will attend.

Party meetings will highlight the business prior to the Unity Dinner. These include meetings at 2 o'clock of county chairmen, YDC presidents, Democratic Women presidents and regional coordinators. An organizational meeting of the delegation to the National Democratic Convention in Atlantic City will be held at 4 p. m., followed by a press conference at 5 p. m. All meetings will be held in the Queen Charlotte Hotel.

MARS HILL BUS FOR STUDENTS TO RUN DAILY

Plans for the daily operation of a college-owned \$7-passenger bus between Asheville and Mars Hill during the 1964-65 school year were announced Thursday by the college.

The bus, given to the college by the First Baptist Church of Asheville, was operated during the 1962-63 and 1963-64 seasons. Day students from the Newbridge, Stone Knob, Weaverville, Flat Top and Forks of Ivy sections continued to class on it.

Registrar Robert Chapman, who handles reservations for the vehicle, said that dormitory space for women is filled and a waiting list exists. Just a few rooms are vacant for men, he said, but applications are still being accepted from qualified students who plan to commute. Interested persons should write or call him, he added.

BOND SALES IN COUNTY ARE 50.1 PERCENT OF GOAL

U. S. Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during the first six months of the year amounted to \$26,572,315. This is over 53 percent of the State's 1964 quota of \$50 million. Compared with last year's sales record for the same period, sales are slightly over 1 percent higher.

During June, sales in North Carolina were \$3,947,938. This is a decline of more than 9 percent from the comparable month of a year ago.

C. L. Rudisill, Jr., Madison County Volunteer Chairman for Bonds Program, in making this release pointed out that Bond sales in Madison County during June totaled \$12,676. Cumulative sales for the year amount to \$81,810, which is 50.1 percent of the county's quota for this year.

4-H MEMBERS NOW ATTENDING CAMP SCHAUB

4-H members, their leaders and county 4-H agents are now attending the annual campout at Camp Schaub, near Waynesville.

The agents who are at the Haywood County camp are Barbara Capps and Earle Wise. Leaders who are there include Hope Fox, Doris Barber and Jack Gale. The following 4-H members are attending the camp:

Delbert Arrington, Joyce Ball, Janet Buckner, Jane Buckner, Teresa Buckner, J. C. Brazil, Karen Sue Chandler, Patti Coates, Diane Coates, Teddy Richard Cody, Margaret Dycus, Vickie Sue Edwards, Barbara Edmonds, Jean Edmonds, Jay Neely Edwards, Phillip Elam Jr., Johnny Fisher, Faith Fox, Tommy Franklin, Sonnie Gahagan, Leonard Gosnell, Loretta Gosnell, Ronnie Graham, Elissa Lee Hailey, Freddy Haynie, Fay Hensley, Kay Hensley, Van Holt, Sandra Hunter, Jerry Dale Hunter, Joann Hunter, Pauline King, Gary McDevitt, Ricky McDevitt, Wayne McDevitt, Shirley McIntosh, Charlene Nix, David Norton, Darlene Patsy Plennmons, Jack Radford, Denny Ramsey, Winfred Ramsey, Gail Rector, Linda Redmon, Frank Roberts, Carolyn Robinson, Owen Schagle, Tommy Shelton, Janice Sawyer, Charlotte Shupe, Hilda Tipton, Barbara Jean West, Rickie White, Joy Whitt, Patti Whittson, Gary Worley, Mary Wood, Sue Worley.

DORLAND-BELL SCHOOL REUNION SUNDAY, AUG. 9

Former students and faculty members of Dorland-Bell School will have their annual reunion at Hot Springs on Sunday, August 9. Morning worship and Church School will be held in Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church, beginning at 10 o'clock and a picnic lunch will follow these services. As usual, it will be held on the Alpine Court grounds which was the Dorland-Bell campus. All students and friends are cordially invited to bring a filled picnic basket and meet old friends in fellowship and worship on that day.

Those arriving on Saturday are invited to gather in the Fellowship Room of the church for registration and coffee at 7:30 p. m.

SELF-ESTIMATE

An individual man is one who has the ability to make others feel him at his own valuation.

Meadow Fork, Little Pine Testimony Ends Hearings

STEEL DELAYS COMPLETION OF TOMATO PLANT

The tomato plant is nearing completion on the Marshall bypass and is expected to be in operation in the next few days. Although the shed was expected to be in operation before this date, failure of some steel for the roofing to arrive has caused the delay.

Officials are optimistic about the completion of the shed in a few days after the steel arrives.

Although some of the early tomato crop is being harvested it is expected that later tomatoes can be graded and handled at MATO. "We are most anxiously awaiting the steel so the shed can be in operation," one official stated here this week.

HEARING INTERESTS YOUTHS

In a courtroom filled with spectators, two of the most interested on-lookers at the Madison County election probe were junior high students from Raleigh.

Carolyn Joslin, 18, the daughter of State Election Board Chairman William Joslin, and Mary Zaytoun, 13, the daughter of election board member Joe Zaytoun, were taking notes on the probe into charges of election irregularities in the 34th State Senate district Democratic primary May 30.

Zeno Ponder defeated Clyde Norton by 400 votes in the contested race.

"We might use the notes when we go back to school," Carolyn said. "We may use them in our school paper," Mary added. The girls are both in the eighth grade at Joseph Daniels Junior High in Raleigh.

The girls sat through Monday and Tuesday's testimony from 9:30 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon and have shown a great deal of interest in the proceedings.

Carolyn said they take notes on what people say and get the general idea of the hearing.

"I like the people best," Carolyn said. "I just like to study the different characters of the people. They are not different from the people in Raleigh."

"I thought the hearing would be different," Carolyn said. "I didn't know it would be this much like a court hearing."

Mary added she got "bored" sometimes when people just keep talking.

A. E. Leake, Jr. Passes Part I Medical Exams

Arthur Eldridge Leake, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leake, of Marshall, has been notified that he has successfully passed Part I of the examinations of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners. Leake's achievement was signed by Joseph J. Comb, secretary, N. C. Board of Medical Examiners. Leake, a student at the University of North Carolina, took the examination in Raleigh June 15-16.

REGISTRARS BY WARD RICE

Registrars by Ward Rice Attached; Hearings Tense

1,098 Pages Of Testimony Already Transcribed Here

If you don't believe there's been many a word spoken during the May 30th election hearings here just ask Mr. Worth, the reporter who takes down everything that is said.

As of Monday morning when the hearings were resumed, 1,098 pages (doublespaced on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets) of testimony had been transcribed with an additional 300 pages in the process of being transcribed.

Remember, these figures do not include testimony presented this week.

THE ROLE OF ASC COMMITTEEMEN

The farmer-committee system of administration of farm programs has been in effect for more than thirty years. On May 12, 1933 the Agricultural Adjustment Act was passed by the Congress and approved by the President. The passage of that act authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to establish State and local committees of farmers. In 1938, legislation directed the Secretary to administer certain farm programs through farmer elected committees. Following this legislation, the basic procedures for electing farmer committeemen was established. Since 1938, farmer committeemen have been elected by their fellow farmers each year.

The duties of these farmer committeemen have been quite varied (Continued To Last Page)

Big Pine Testimony Ends On Monday

Grover Baker Pleads 5th Amendment; Miss Inez Caldwell Testifies

The registrar of Big Pine Precinct became Monday the first person to plead the Fifth Amendment in the N. C. Board of Elections' investigation of voting irregularities in the disputed May 30 Democratic primary in Madison County.

Grover Baker was the first in a long line of witnesses taking the stand in almost two months of questioning that had used the self-incrimination clause of the amendment to keep from baring details in the race for the 34th District's N. C. Senate seat. Monday, Baker was questioned by Norton's attorney, Paul Story, as to how 156 persons voted in the race when 14 of the 71 persons registered were Republicans and 10 ballots were not marked.

"I can't say about that," Baker said.

When Story asked Baker to check off the names in the registration book which he had marked as having voted on May 30, Baker replied, "I won't do that on grounds that it may incriminate me."

One of Ponder's attorneys jumped from his seat and asked, "What do you mean it might incriminate you?" Baker replied, "I can't read (Continued to Last Page)

Guntertown Testimony Is Filled With Drama Tuesday

N. C. Elections Board, which is looking into charges of voting irregularities, said he didn't know if "it is important enough to bring about another fight."

He refused to taking further action to get Freeman to appear. Freeman told State Bureau of Investigation agents that he was too busy to appear and that he had not been paid for his last appearance.

Special witnesses testified Tuesday they had had some conversations (Continued To Last Page)

Adjournment Comes Soon After Ceiling Begins To Leak

The final "loose ends" of the lengthy hearings concerning voting irregularity charges in the May 30th Democratic Primary in this county were completed at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon after testimony from Meadow Fork and Little Pine had been completed. Although a heavy downpour of rain slightly cooled the hot courtroom, it was obvious that members of the State Board of Elections, attorneys, other officials, witnesses and spectators were glad to breathe fresh air again.

The hearings, which were for the most part tense, ended on a somewhat humorous note as the ceiling above Attorneys Leake and Cocks started to leak from the downpour. Counsel for both sides, as well as board members, amused each other and all attorneys agreed that although more testimony was available they moved for adjournment.

BOARD RESTRAINED

The state board is restrained from making a decision in favor of anyone but Ponder until after a mandamus hearing has been completed Saturday before Judge J. Frank Huskins in Burnsville.

Wednesday's testimony involved for the most part, Meadow Fork and Little Pine.

MEADOW FORK

Lee McGaha, a registered Democrat in the Meadow Fork precinct, testified during Wednesday's hearings that he knew every registered Democrat in the precinct (Continued To Last Page)