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State Board Delays Making Case On Contempt Charges

Joslin Says "No Rush" In Action Against Freeman

The State Elections Board indicated Thursday it may wait until October before pressing contempt charges against Roy Freeman, ousted chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections.

Freeman failed to respond to two subpoenas and a Superior Court order by Judge J. Will Pless that he appear before the North Carolina Board of Elections' hearings into charges of voting irregularities in this county.

Pless ordered Freeman to appear at the courthouse here where the board was hearing testimony concerning charges of voting irregularities during the May 30th Democratic primary for the 34th Senatorial District nomination.

Freeman didn't appear and William Joslin, Elections Board chairman, asked the state attorney general's office to begin contempt proceedings.

Joslin said "there is no rush" in pressing the contempt charges against Freeman.

The next term of Superior Court in Marshall is set for August, but Judge Pless will be avacationing in Russia, his office said. The next term will be in October.

Joslin also pointed out since the board has ended its hearings, it is too late for Freeman to appear before the board. Elections Board members wanted to ask Freeman about a missing registration book for the Centertown precinct and several other matters. A new book was ready to be [illegible]

[illegible] one but Ponder the winner. Ponder also gained a mandamus against the board which asks it to say why Ponder should not be named the winner.

DR. W. A. SAMS IS CITED FOR AAGP DEVOTION

Local Physician Is Paid High Tribute In Academy Publication

The following tribute is republished from the July issue of Tar Heel Practitioner which cites Dr. W. A. Sams, beloved Marshall physician, for his devoted work in the American Academy of General Practice:

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I have wanted for some time to write you in order to express to the North Carolina Chapter some indication of the measure of es-

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WALNUT HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ramsey and family located in Walnut was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. In addition to the home, all furniture and household goods were lost. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and two children were in South Carolina on vacation.

The origin of the fire, discovered by awakened neighbors, is not known.

The Marshall volunteer firemen answered the call about 3:00 a. m., but the fire was beyond extinguishing.

A nearby home was not damaged as firemen conserved the water supply to protect the house after it was discovered that it was too late to use water on the Ramsey home.

Mr. Ramsey is associated with Marshall Tire & Recapping Company here.

TAX LIST TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT THURSDAY

The 1963 delinquent tax list will be published in next week's issue, according to law, it was stated this week by Byard Ray, county tax collector.

"If you pay your delinquent 1963 taxes before next Tuesday your name will not appear in the paper," Mr. Ray stated.

ASC COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Farmers are being reminded that slates of nominees for membership on community committees now are being established at the ASCS county office. And a special effort is being made to secure the greatest possible participation in eligible voters in the election.

Emory Robinson, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Madison County committee, said today that farmers who are eligible to vote in the committee elections also have the right to nominate as candidates for committee membership any farmer who is eligible and willing to serve. Such petitions, signed by six or more eligible voters, may be filed at the county office any time before August 20.

Additional nominations may be made by the incumbent ASC community and county committees, if these are required or determined desirable.

TOBACCO MEET IN ASHEVILLE THURS., AUG. 13

A series of fourteen informational meetings for tobacco growers will be launched by the North Carolina Farm Bureau in early August, State President, B. C. Mangum has announced.

Mangum said the meetings, covering both the flue-cured and burley areas, will be designed "to offer growers the most current tobacco information available." The sessions are slated for location ranging from Williamston to Asheville.

"Tobacco farmers have many crucial decisions to make this year," the Tar Heel farm leader said. "Keeping the industry on a solid footing is going to require a thorough knowledge of the situation and a lot of calm deliberation."

The informational meetings will be the launching pad for Farm Bureau's formulation of tobacco resolutions for 1965. The policy development process, which will yield official statements on a full range of agricultural subjects and issues, begins in the Fall with local grassroots meetings and reaches its climax at the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December.

Asheville will be the site of a meeting on August 13 at 7:30 o'clock.

Mangum is urging "a good turnout" at each of the meetings. We can't whip an enemy that we can't identify," he said. "And we can't solve a problem if we don't know quite what it is. These meetings are open to Farm Bureau members and anyone else who is interested in the health of our tobacco industry."

District Scouters To Hold Planning Conference

Boy Scout leaders of Buncombe and Madison counties will hold their annual planning conference next Monday night, August 10, at the Groce Methodist Church in Asheville. The conference will begin with a general assembly at 7:30 p. m.

Immediately following the assembly the leaders will divide into four groups. The district committee and the commissioner's staff will meet jointly to discuss and plan a district program and calendar in the areas of Unit Organization, Leadership Training, Camping and Activities, Advancement, Health and Safety, and Finances.

NOTICE

To be assured of publication, all copy should be in The News-Record office BEFORE Thursday morning.

Nearly every week, news from several communities, as well as other articles, arrive too late for publication. We ask all those who wish articles and news published to mail it in time to arrive in the office as soon as possible to assure publication. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Courthouse Clock Again Strikes; Started Tuesday

Many local citizens expressed satisfaction Tuesday morning when the courthouse clock started "striking off" every hour after being silent for several weeks.

Wade Huey, auditor, who is in charge of the courthouse, stated that several people requested that the clock be disconnected as the striking each hour wouldn't disturb anyone, but Huey continued, ". . . . but many, many other people urged me to start the clock again . . . . stating that they had grown so accustomed to the striking that the silence was "haunting" them . . . ."

"It's hard to please everyone," Mr. Huey said, "so I think the clock will stay hooked up . . . at least for the present."

Ponder Is Confident He Will Get Decision

Would Withdraw If "One Fraudulent Vote" Proven

Zeno Ponder said Saturday that he would withdraw from the 34th District State Senatorial race if the State Board of Elections could prove that "one fraudulent vote" had been cast in the disputed May 30 primary.

The elections board probe into alleged vote fraud has failed to prove "that there was a single fraudulent vote for anybody," Ponder said. He edged Clyde Norton, McDowell County commissioner, by a margin of 400 votes in the race for the four-county Democratic nomination.

It was Norton's protest, charging voting irregularities in Madison County, that triggered the State Board of Elections investigation which was adjourned here last week.

"The hearings, by innuendo, cast a bad reflection on the election officials in Madison County," Ponder said. He said he believes his nomination will be upheld by the state board.

Ponder said he was a scapegoat for Gov. Terry Sanford and defeated gubernatorial candidate L. Richardson Preyer. "There is no doubt in my mind," Ponder said that William Joslin, Sanford-appointed State Board of Elections chairman, and with the tacit standing of Preyer, felt that the Madison County Democratic organization could be captured.

"And because of this they thought the Joslin board could blind me with a [illegible] of votes in the Democratic [illegible]. There were willing to [illegible] me to prove to the [illegible] Republicans that they [illegible] not vote.

[illegible] Ford and Joslin at the Democratic party dinner Friday in Charlotte, we declined to say what was said [illegible] saying after sleep "restless."

[illegible] said he talked with Ford and Joslin at the Democratic party dinner Friday in Charlotte, but declined to say what was said.

Catholic Chapel On Wheels Now On Island Here

The Catholic Motor Mission, the Chapel on Wheels, is being shown around Madison County at the present. Father Paul Gilvary, pastor at Hot Springs, has already exhibited the chapel in Hot Springs and Spring Creek. It is now on the Island in Marshall through Friday, Aug. 7. The program is from 8 to 9 o'clock and consists of hymns recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford; a short spiritual talk and a half-hour film on the Life of Jesus.

The Chapel has been on exhibit at the State Fair and several county fairs over the past ten years. This is the first exhibition in this county, however.

The public is invited to attend.

Roberts Attending GOP Conference In Washington, D. C.

Clyde M. Roberts, Republican candidate for Congress in this district, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where he will attend a GOP Congressional Candidates' Conference this week. He was accompanied by his wife. They expect to return to Marshall Sunday night.

Larger Transformers Are Installed By French Broad Co-op

There was a planned power interruption on Wednesday, August 5, from 12:45 p. m., to 4:30 p. m., at the Marshall Sub-Station.

This interruption affected all the western and southern sections of Madison County, and the Sandy Mush, Leicester and Ivy Hill sections of Buncombe County. The purpose of the interruption was to permit the Cooperative to install some larger transformers at the Marshall Sub-Station. The capacity of the Sub-Station was increased from 5000 KVA to 7500 KVA. This step was taken to take care of the increased use of electric power in this area.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the members for their cooperation in permitting this work to be done.

Methodists To Have Conference

The Quarterly Conference for the Mars Hill Methodist Charge, Bright Hope, Chapel and Mars Hill, will be held August 16 at the Mars Hill Methodist Church at 2:00 p. m.

State Board Withdraws Change Of Venue Motion

GOP CANDIDATE

William C. Chambers

CHAMBERS IS GOP CANDIDATE FOR N. C. SENATE

Will Oppose Either Ponder Or Norton In November Election

Although there is considerable doubt as to who will be his opponent in the November election, for State Senate from the 34th Senatorial District, it is an assured fact that William C. Chambers will be the Republican candidate.

Chambers, who is engaged in the general practice of law in Marion (McDowell County), was licensed to practice law in 1936 [illegible] to Davenport, [illegible] judge of the McDowell County criminal court.

In the general election of 1946 Chambers was elected on the Republican ticket as representative from McDowell County and served in the 1947 session of the General Assembly.

In World War II he served with the 7th Armored Division in the campaign of France, Belgium, the Rhineland and Central Germany, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Since 1946 he has been a member of the Marion Posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion where he served one year as Commander of the American Legion Post in Marion.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Gilkey and they reside on View Point Drive in Marion.

Mars Hill Scouts To Meet Friday

The Mars Hill Boy Scouts will hold a meeting Friday in the Mars Hill Baptist Church where a cook-out will be planned.

Scoutmaster James Hunter and Assistant Scoutmaster Joe Hernandez urges all Scouts to attend the meeting.

BOB THOMAS IS IN CHARGE OF DRIVER ED. HERE

Succeeds Joe Bennes Who Has Served 7 Years In County

Bob Thomas, former teacher in Yancey County schools for the past five years, has replaced Joe Bennes as Driver Education Representative with the Motor Vehicles Department in this area. Mr. Thomas was transferred from Reidsville where he has been serving in the same capacity.

Mr. Thomas' territory includes Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Northern Buncombe.

Mr. Bennes, who had served as representative for seven years, will devote most of his time to Buncombe, Haywood and Jackson Counties.

NOLAN ADAMS IS BEEF SHOOT WINNER WED.

Marshall Man Uncanny With Muzzle-Loading Rifle

Nolan Adams, a sharpshooter from Marshall, is the new king of the muzzle-loadin' rifle clan.

He dominated the 26th annual Cataloochee Ranch Beef Shoot Wednesday on the mile-high tableland of Fie Top Mountain, above Maggie Valley.

Adams dethroned Vee Jones of Waynesville, the 1963 champion, with some expert shooting in a wind that made rifle balls swerve and dip and rise throughout the day-long matches.

More than 125 rifle crackers from all over the country battled it out from early morning until late afternoon in what has developed into one of America's unique sporting events.

Adams has been shooting a muzzle loader all his life. The 39-year-old native of Madison County hunted squirrels with a muzzle-loader as a boy.

He has been shooting in matches since 1959. In 1960, his son, Charles, now a student at the University of North Carolina, won the crown, beating out his father by an eighth of an inch.

Besides winning top shooting honors, Adams shared in the four-way division of a prize beef put up by Tom Alexander, owner of Cataloochee Ranch.

In the [illegible] Robert [illegible] of Leicester finished fifth place.

Move Is Made To Speed Up Decisions, Joslin Says

In a surprise move by the State Board of Elections, a preliminary bout, won over Zeno Ponder in the latter's legal battle for his disputed 34th District Democratic nomination to the Senate, has been handed back to the Madison County political leader.

The state board has withdrawn its motion for a change of venue for a Superior Court hearing requested by Ponder.

A petition for a writ of mandamus — which would order the state board to show cause why it does not certify Ponder as the Democratic nominee on the basis of his 400-vote margin over Clyde M. Norton of Old Fort — will be heard in Ponder's home judicial district despite a ruling here in July 22 in favor of the board.

The state board, which wound up last week an investigation of alleged voting irregularities in Madison County on May 30, was granted a change of venue by Madison Superior Court Clerk Herbert Hawkins.

William Joslin, chairman of the state board, said Monday that the effort to move the mandamus hearing to Raleigh was abandoned only as a means of expediting completion of the legal entanglements.

Ponder's attorneys had immediately appealed the clerk's decision to the judge of Superior Court. This, Joslin said, would amount to another 10-day waiting period.

The state attorney general's office, which is representing the state board in the legal actions by Ponder, did not disagree with Hawkins' decision, Joslin said. "It was purely a matter of working

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Vote Hearing To Be Held In Burnsville Saturday

A Superior Court hearing growing out of the State Board of Elections investigation of alleged voting irregularities in Madison County on May 30 has been continued until this Saturday, Aug. 8, in Burnsville at 10 a. m.

The hearing, scheduled for last Saturday before Judge J. Frank Huskins of Burnsville was postponed. It had originally been scheduled as a hearing on an appeal by attorneys for Zeno Ponder of a change of venue granted by the clerk of Superior Court on a motion of the State Board of Elections.

Ponder, whose victory in the Democratic contest for nomination to the 34th District Senatorial seat was protested by Clyde M. Norton, of Old Fort, had petitioned for a writ of mandamus which would direct the state board to show cause why it should not certify him as the winner.

MRS. WORLEY IS INJURED TUES. IN COLLISION

Mrs. Ralph Worley, of Walnut Creek, was painfully injured about 7:30 a. m., Tuesday when the car which she was driving collided with a truck driven by Glenn Roberts of Marshall Rt. 1. Roberts' son, Danny, and another occupant in the truck, Oliver Franklin, were uninjurred. The truck was demolished and the car badly damaged.

Mrs. Worley was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital but was released when it was found she was not seriously injured. She is now at her home.

Dance, Folk Festival To Start In Asheville Tonight

After 37 years, it will come as no surprise to Western North Carolinians that the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival will be again held in the Asheville City Auditorium, beginning tonight (Thursday) "along about sundown."

The weekend and the hour are [illegible] almost and have [illegible] of Southern Appalachian Folk Festivals. The event dates for this year's event are August 6, 7 and 8.

According to its founder and director, Baldwin Lonnie Lunsford, the leading citizen of Beech Mountain, the Festival will [illegible] to carry on its traditional aim.

"This is a community festival. It has always been that since [illegible] sundown people come in to play, to sing and to dance. For that reason . . . unlike other festivals . . . We never have a fixed program. The program has always been kept open to accommodate those who wish to come and perform," the 55-year-old folklorist explains.

To step up the traditional competition between the representatives of rival communities, special awards will be given whether in fiddling, banjo picking, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]