

# Returns In 6 Precincts Declared Fraudulent

## Snelson Lose Battle For Reappointment To Board

## New Tally Would Give Norton District Senate Nomination

### WHAT RED CROSS DID IN AUGUST IN THIS COUNTY

**Tommy Nix Qualifies As Swimming Instructor, Life Saving**

The Madison County Branch of the Asheville Area Chapter, American Red Cross reports the following activities and events during August.

Tommy Nix, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nix, attended the Red Cross National Aquatic School, August 21-31, at Camp Blue Star, Hendersonville. In addition to being qualified as an instructor for Red Cross swimming and life saving courses, he also received training in first aid, boating and canoeing.

Twenty-five Madison Countyans donated blood at the Regional Center in Asheville. Forty-two units of blood were received by hospitalized persons from the county.

The Home Service Department gave the following services to:

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### ASC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS NOW IN PROGRESS

**County Farmers Are Urged To Vote Before Sept. 11**

The election of ASC County Committee members by mail in this county got underway early this week.

According to Emory Robinson, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, ballots and special envelopes for use in returning them to the ASCS office, were mailed to all farmers on August 31. Farmers have through September 11 to mark them and return their ballots. Mr. Robinson urged all qualified voters to be sure to cast their ballots. He also pointed out that these ASCS committees have broad program responsibilities which are important to all farmers which makes it all the more urgent that representative farmers be elected to the job.

Each year, the chairman explained, such qualified voters elect a community committee composed of a chairman, vice chairman, regular member and two alternates from their own immediate community. An eligible voter is a farmer of legal voting age who is either taking part or is eligible to take part in one or more of the farm programs which the committee administers.

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### DEATHS OF INJURIES IN AUTO CRASH SAT.

**Dr. Charles Trentham Will Address MHC Faculty**

Dr. Charles Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church at Knoxville, Tenn., will address members of the Mars Hill College faculty and staff next Sunday.

A pre-school workshop for faculty and staff will open at the college Saturday. Dr. Trentham will speak at an evening session Sunday.

Ivy Hixson, dean of Salem College, and Warren Jones, president, emeritus of Union University, will discuss senior college accreditation at the Sept. 7 sessions.

The Rev. Howard Ford, president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will speak Sept. 7 on the relationship between the convention and its seven colleges throughout the state.

Orientation and registration at Mars Hill College are scheduled Sept. 8-12, and classes will begin Sept. 14.

A capacity enrollment of nearly 1,250 is expected this fall at the college.

### LABOR DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN MARSHALL

**Stores, Offices, Agencies To Be Closed Next Monday**

Practically all places of business will take a day off next Monday—September 7—to observe Labor Day. Also closing will be offices in the courthouse, the banks, the various agencies and post office. In other words, don't wait until Monday to do your business. Do it either before Monday or wait until Tuesday.

It was also announced that no rural mail deliveries will be made next Monday and that court will not convene that day.

The county board of commissioners will not meet Monday due to Labor Day, and have announced that the board will meet Tuesday, September 8.

All motorists are cautioned to be extremely careful while driving and to turn your headlights on to promote safety on the highways.

### N. C. State Board Releases Findings Mon.; Awaits Certification

The N. C. Board of Elections Monday tossed out voting returns cast in six precincts in this county's May 30 primary balloting for state Senate.

The returns were called "fraudulent," apporportioning the board's earlier ruling that the loser, Clyde Norton of Old Fort should be considered winner.

The new tally would cost Zero Ponder 1,164 votes and the Democratic nomination for state senator in the 24th District.

It would give the nomination to Norton by a margin of 497 votes, nearly the margin he had apparently lost by in the May 30 primary.

"The facts before the board in this case go far beyond a showing of innocent errors," Chairman William Joulin said in spelling out its findings.

The board conducted a series of hearings on fraud charges brought by Norton, Old Fort furniture dealer, after Ponder won an apparent 400-vote victory.

The Madison County Board of Elections was ordered to meet "at its earliest convenience" to review the returns, throw out the returns from six precincts and file an amended report certifying the winner.

"Time is of the essence," the board said, because of the approaching deadline for the printing of ballots for the Nov. 3 election.

### MARSHALL PTA WILL MEET HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

The first meeting of the Marshall PTA will be held at the Marshall High School on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 p. m. All parents, teachers, and other friends of the school are urged to attend.

### Paint Rock Men Are Injured In Truck-Car Wreck

Four Paint Rock young men were injured in a two-car accident at approximately 4:00 p. m. last Friday on the Paint Rock road.

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### Employees At H.S. Plant To Get Pay Rate Hike

Mr. Neil Ross, plant manager of the Hot Springs plant, announced today that an upward adjustment of pay rates will be given to all hourly paid employees of the Hot Springs Plant.

This increase in pay rates will be effective as of the payroll period for week beginning October 4, 1964.

### Bond Sales In July Total \$8,293 In This County

C. L. Rudisill, Jr., Madison County Volunteer Chairman for the Bonds Program, pointed out that Bond sales in Madison County during July totaled \$8,293. Cumulative sales for the year amount to \$92,771, which is 56.8 per cent of the county's quota of \$163,200 for the year.

### SPEARS CASE IN PROGRESS

A grand jury in Madison County is in the first days of its term. The grand jury is expected to return indictments in the Spears case.

Spears is on trial for his role in the March 7 rifle slaying of Kenneth Eugene Ponder, 21, of Marshall.

As each witness testified, the net of accusation closed tighter about Spears, whose defense is that he was incapable of realizing what his actions were at the time of the shooting.

The state's evidence, presented rapidly by Solicitor Robert S. Swain and specially hired prosecutor Lamar Gudger, brought in testimony that revealed to the jury a day long crime spree allegedly perpetrated by Spears across several WNC counties.

### California Creek Election Row Heard Here Saturday

**James Ramsey, Defendant, Bound Over To October Term**

More than 3 1/2 hours were consumed here Saturday morning in a preliminary hearing involving conduct at the California Creek (Township 5) polling place during and after the Primary Election on May 30th.

The hearing, held before Justice of the Peace Wade Huey, grew out of charges against James E. Ramsey, of the California Creek community, by Novle Hawkins and Clate Grindstaff, also of the same community. In all, there were 10 charges against Ramsey, who was represented by Attorney Joseph B. Huff. Attorney A. E. Leake represented the plaintiffs.

The hearing began when Leake moved that the warrants be amended. Huff objected. Huey overruled the objection and stated the hearing would be held under the amended warrants.

Clate Grindstaff, a deputy sheriff, was the first witness and testified that he was requested by several to act as peace officer at the California Creek polling place on May 30th. He also stated that the defendant, James Ramsey, "seemed upset and emotional" most of the day. It was later revealed that Ramsey stayed at the polling place practically all day taking a "head count" of voters as they entered the polling place.

Grindstaff testified that the polls closed at 6:30 o'clock and when the election officials announced the number of names in the poll book, that Ramsey got mad and said that the election was crooked. From that time on, he (Grindstaff) was ordered to escort Ramsey from the room after Larry McLaughlin, registrar, had asked the

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### Local Drop Opener To N. Buncombe; Teamwork Is Outstanding

The Marshall Tornadoes dropped their first game of the season to North Buncombe Friday night, 24-13, at N. Buncombe, but don't let anyone tell you that the Tornadoes aren't plenty tough. Playing a team in higher classification and a team favored to win easily, the fired-up charges of Coach Lawrence Ponder made things extremely hard for the Black Hawks before finally yielding the home team two touchdowns in the third quarter which proved to be the margin of victory.

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### Charles Tolley Scores Four Touchdowns; H. S. Scores First

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On the first play of the second period, Charles Tolley, brilliant M. H. fullback, took charge and tore the H. S. line to shreds, scoring from the two. Minutes later, Tolley again crossed the goal line. Not content to seeing Tolley cross the goal line so often, Ronnie Wallin shot a pass to Garland Hamlin for 30 yards and a TD.

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### Contract Is Awarded For Hot Springs Post Office

A contract for construction of a new post office at 791 Highway 158 has been awarded by the Post Office Department to Robert L. Leake, 400 S. 1st St., Hot Springs, N. C. The new building will be on the corner of Highway 158 and the street.

Leake was the only bidder for the contract. The building will be a two-story structure and will cost approximately \$100,000.

The building will be completed by the end of the year and will be used for the Hot Springs post office.

### ROBERT GAVIN WILL ARRIVE IN ASHEVILLE FRI.

**Clyde M. Roberts To Assist In Headquarters Opening**

When Robert L. Gavin arrives in Asheville Friday morning to open the mountain segment of his campaign for governor of North Carolina, GOP hopefuls from Buncombe County will turn out to meet him at Asheville Airport.

The Republican gubernatorial nominee is expected to arrive at the airport at 10 a. m. and a motorcade will escort him to town.

On hand to greet him along with county candidates and other GOP faithful will be Clyde M. Roberts of Marshall, 11th District Congressional nominee.

Gavin and Roberts will take part in formal dedication ceremonies of the 11th District GOP headquarters at Haywood and College Streets at 11 a. m.

Open house is scheduled for the formal opening from 9:30 a. m. to 6 p. m., Friday.

The headquarters, bustling with activity from morning until evening, also serves as headquarters for Mr. Roberts.

### ROLLING STOCK

To be successful every man is duty-bound to keep his train of thought in constant report.

### FOOTBALL

**FRIDAY NIGHT:**  
Cranberry at Marshall  
Mars Hill at East Yancey

**SATURDAY NIGHT:**  
Clyde at Hot Springs

All games begin at 8 o'clock.

### LOG IN DRIER

Paris, Ky. — A few minutes after a baby sitter told little Bruce Dillion "your dog is tracking up the kitchen with his wet feet," she heard muffled cries from the basement. Bruce had dropped the pup into the clothes drier and flipped the switch. The pup was in sad shape, but he was really dry.

### Cecil Blackwell Lands Large Cat In Sandy Bottoms

Cecil Blackwell, of Walnut, took time out from his chores as Marshall policeman last Wednesday and went fishing at Sandy Bottoms.

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