



## County Voters Primed For Election Next Tuesday

### Precinct Officials Are Named For Election Tues.

Listed below are the Madison County precinct officials who are slated to serve on November 3, 1964, as announced by Rex Allen, Chairman of the county board of elections. The first name is the Democratic Registrar, the second is the Democratic Judge, and the third name is the Republican Judge:

- 1W1—Mrs. Hettie Blankenship, Paige Briggman, Jimmy Sprinkle, Jr.
  - 2W1—Fred Shelton, Ray Tveed, N. D. Landers.
  - 3—Irma Sprinkle, Howard Edwards, Carson Roberts.
  - 4W1—Hugh Haynes, Warren Anders, William Metcalf.
  - 5—James E. Ramsey, Harold Wallin, Carl Cody.
  - 6—Zack Reeves, Allen Bell, Neely Bradburn.
  - 7—Troy Wilson, Wayne Roberts, Lon Sluder.
  - 8W1—John Gentry, Raymond Price, Frank Plemmons.
  - 9—R. C. Kirby, H. W. Foster, Troy Self.
  - 10W1—Mable Gentry, Mrs. Vel.
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### CIVIL TERM TO START HERE ON NEXT MONDAY

Jurors Are Not To Report Until Wednesday, November 4

It was announced here this week that the November term of superior court for the trial of civil cases will start here Monday morning with Judge J. Will Pless presiding.

It was further announced that there will be no court on Tuesday due to the general election.

Judge Pless also stated that jurors would not have to report until Wednesday morning, November 4. Cases not involving jurors will be tried Monday, it was explained.

### BALLOTS ARE REPORTED MISSING

A bundle of 100 ballots has been reported missing in election-troubled Madison County.

The ballots, to be used in the Nov. 3 county contest between Democrats and Republicans, were missed on Oct. 21 as they were being counted out for delivery to the Madison County Board of Elections.

James Story, newspaper publisher here and operator of the print shop producing the ballots, reported the incident, according to Rex Allen, county Elections Board chairman.

Story's employees said they counted out 9,500 ballots, on Oct. 20, and when delivery was being made to Allen the following day they came up 100 ballots short.

Allen said there is a possibility that a miscount occurred on Oct. 20, but in view of rumors circulating to the effect that a plot is underway "to duplicate the official ballot in Madison County," the incident was reported to State Board of Elections Chairman William Joslin.

"There is no criticism of Mr. Story," Allen said. Story said 500 of the board's order of 10,000 county ballots had previously been delivered to Allen for use as absentee ballots.

### Education Week Leader



Mrs. George Shupe

### MRS. SHUPE IS EDUCATION WEEK LEADER

Mrs. Felix S. Barker, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, has announced the appointment of Mrs. George B. Shupe of Walnut as state chairman for American Education Week November 8-14.

Nationwide, more than 32 million parents are expected to visit their local schools during this week.

"We want each person to remember that good schools are, to a very large degree, his personal responsibility," Mrs. Shupe said, "and we want North Carolinians to especially be aware of the work of our schools as we go up the ladder of achievement."

Mrs. Shupe is a social studies teacher at Marshall High School where she has taught for several years. She is state chairman of publicity for the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, serves as vice chairman of Madison County Library Board, and a former state officer of North Carolina Home Demonstration Clubs.

Theme for this year's American Education Week is "Education Pays Dividends."

### T. N. Henderson

#### Suffers Injury

T. N. Henderson, of Marshall, Assistant Signal Maintenance Men for Southern Railway, was injured Tuesday when a large sledgehammer dropped on his left foot, injuring two toes on the foot.

### NO TOTALS ON REGISTRATION IN THIS COUNTY

Rex Allen, chairman of the Madison County board of elections, announced this morning that pending official certification of registration held in the county it was impossible at this time to release any figure as to the total number of persons who have registered.

### VOTER RIGHTS CITED BY STATE ELECTIONS BD.

Rex Allen, chairman of the Madison County board of elections, this week released the rights of the voters as given by William Joslin, chairman of the State Board of Elections. The release follows:

I want to outline the safeguards in our laws that will be used as necessary. Interested citizens should know and use these procedures. Our officials will welcome the interest and concern of our citizens.

1. Any interested voter has the right to go to the polls at his own precinct before 6:30 a. m. to inspect the ballot boxes before they are closed, and to assure himself that they are empty.

2. During the day any voter has a right to keep lists of voters and to observe the polls, so long as he remains 50 feet from the polling place.

3. Immediately after the polls close, any interested voter in the precinct has the right to enter the voting enclosure and to observe the entire proceeding of opening the ballot boxes, calling the ballots, and tabulating the vote.

4. Similar rights of inspection apply in those precincts having

### ELECTION DAY NECESSITATES MANY CLOSING

Some people consider election day anything but a holiday but not true with others. A quick survey in Marshall reveals that firms, agencies and others closing include all county schools, banks courthouse, Farm Bureau, License Tag Office, Welfare Dept.

### New Board Member



Mrs. Virginia H. Anderson

### MRS. ANDERSON NEW MEMBER BD. OF EDUCATION

#### Prominent Hot Springs Resident Succeeds Swann Huff

Mrs. Virginia H. Anderson, of Hot Springs, has been named to the Madison County Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of her father, Swann B. Huff, who has resigned.

The announcement was made by Robert L. Edwards, superintendent of schools, and Rep. Liston B. Ramsey, after confirmation from Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of schools, and Dr. William D. Herring, chairman of the State Board of Education.

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### Polls Open At 6:30 A. M. And Close At 6:30 P. M. Tuesday

Madison County voters will have their first opportunity next Tuesday to vote for whom they wish since the new registration has been held in this county. Both Democrats and Republicans, are anxiously awaiting the outcome from the national level to the county offices.

This will be the first general election in which the new board of elections has served and many changes have been made throughout the county in precinct election officials.

Polls will open at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and will remain open for voting until 6:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

### To Post Results Of Election In Courthouse Tues.

Election results will be posted at the courthouse next Tuesday night, it was announced by Jim Story, editor of The News-Record. Also assisting in the election roundup will be Radio Station WMMH.

"The board will likely be in the courtroom where people can sit in comfort while awaiting the returns," Story said.

Election officials are urged to bring in the returns as quickly as possible as news media are anxious to receive the results, especially in the Presidential and gubernatorial races.

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It's easier to explain how things should be done than it is to make good on your own.

## Solicitor Plans No Criminal Action In County Election Case

### "Report Is Vague And Indefinite," Solicitor Swain Says

By JAY HENSLEY  
Citizen Staff Writer

The Madison County vote fraud case is closed as far as the district solicitor is concerned.

Robert S. Swain, 19th District Superior Court solicitor, said this week that he plans no criminal prosecution in the State Board of Elections probe which resulted in reversal of Madison County's May 30 election returns and the ouster of a number of officials.

The State Board's investigation was climaxed when the Supreme Court broke legal binders to allow the Board to certify Clyde Norton of Old Fort as the Democratic nominee to the State Senate from the 34th District.

Norton had charged widespread irregularities in Madison on May 30 when his opponent, Zeno Ponder of Marshall, came out with a 400-ballot lead in the four-county race.

The Board of Elections agreed with Norton after a series of hearings and threw out a host of contested ballots — enough to swing the decision to Norton.

A bulky report on the investigation was compiled by the State Board of Elections, and a copy was sent to Swain. The board has no power to initiate criminal actions.

"The report is vague and indefinite," Swain said.

"It fails to furnish any clue as to who was responsible for any wrongdoing . . ."

Swain said he plans to place a copy of the report in the hands of the Madison County grand jury. During the lengthy investigative hearings, the State Board of Elections ousted the Madison Election Board — Roy Freeman, chairman; Ernest Snelson, secretary; and Jack Guthrie, Republican member.

And just before the probe was launched, all 23 of Madison's precinct poll books disappeared. If they were ever located, the find was not made public.

In its report, the board said it found evidence that Madison elec-

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### MARS HILL TO RECEIVE \$6,000 PLANNING GRANT

Washington — Five Western North Carolina localities will receive federal planning grants totalling \$33,780, Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Friday.

The grants are being provided by the Urban Renewal Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency to help the towns and counties pay for planning urban renewal projects. The federal grants will cover about two thirds of the total cost of planning work on each project.

The funds will be distributed as follows: Jackson County, \$4,500; Columbus, \$3,000; Hendersonville, \$14,280; Mars Hill, \$6,000; and Murphy, \$6,000.

### MHS HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Marshall High School will have the annual Halloween Carnival Saturday night, Oct. 31, with the doors opening at 6:00. Plan to come out at that time and eat supper. There will be plenty of homemade food on sale.

An entertaining variety musical program has been planned for the entertainment of young and old.

A gala costume parade will be staged and prizes awarded.

Bingo, cake walks, a hall of horrors, a fishing pond, a Beale contest, and many other items will be featured.

As the climax Kings and Queens will be chosen in the primary, elementary and high school.

### LACKS CONFIDENCE

The fellow who is thoroughly convinced that he's a failure is very seldom mistaken.

### Car Damaged By Fire This A. M.

The 1961 Ford car belonging to Fleet Nix, Jr., was damaged by fire early Thursday morning near Tillery Branch Road on US 25-70.

The Marshall firemen were called to the scene but the blaze had been extinguished when they arrived.

Extent of damage was not known.

### RIGHT AND WRONG

Men can be divided into two classes — those who have good reasons for doing things and those who have excuses.

## Wildcats Roll Over Tornadoes, 46-7, Sat.; Rosman Defeats Blue Devils, 27-6, Sat.; Tornadoes Edge Crossnore, 13-7 Mon.

### Tolley Scores 4 Touchdowns; Tornadoes Stopped Cold

The Mars Hill Wildcats piled up 414 yards rushing and 43 yards through the air to crush the Marshall Tornadoes, 46-7 last Saturday night at Mars Hill before an estimated 1,400 cold and shivering fans. The win gave the well-balanced and powerful Wildcats, coached by Roy Yates Ammons, the county football championship and left the Wildcats firmly in first place in the Appalachian Conference.

The game, postponed from Friday night to Saturday due to the death of Coach Ammons' mother, was expected to far closer than it was although Mars Hill was heavily favored.

In what was hoped might be an upset by local fans it turned out to be a setup instead. Marshall won the toss and elected to receive. Unable to gain on the first series, Candler punted. On the

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### Everett Shelton Scores Blue Devil TD In Final Period

Larry Franks scored two touchdowns as the Rosman Tigers beat Hot Springs 27-6 at Brevard last Saturday night.

Franks scored in the second on a 52-yard run and a 75-yard run. Devon McCall ran the extra point.

In the fourth period Bob Hoxit scored on a five-yard run and Charles Chapman hit Richard Spillers for a 26-yard pass and touchdown. Ralph McCall ran the extra point.

Everett Shelton score for Hot Springs on a five yard run in the fourth quarter.

	HS	R
First downs	9	18
Rushing yardage	119	361
Passing yardage	40	50
Passes	4-10	5-9
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Punts	5-24	2-42
Fumbles lost	0	2
Yards penalized	30	80
Hot Springs	0 0 0 0	6 13 0 14
Rosman	6 13 0 14	27

### Bobby Fisher And Ralph Candler Score In Third Period For Win

A pass interception and fumble recovery in the third period set up two touchdowns and carried Marshall to a 13-7 victory over Crossnore here Monday night.

Marvin Martin intercepted a Crossnore pass in the third and returned it to the 45 yard line. Marshall moved to the one where Bobby Fisher plunged across for the score.

Marshall kicked and on the second play Danny Rice recovered a fumble and Marshall took control again. James Sprinkle passed to Ralph Candler who carried 45 yards for a second touchdown. Candler also kicked the extra point.

Crossnore scored in the first period on a 5-yard pass play from Troy Ledford to Steve Arnette. Ledford passed to Keith Bonker (Continued To Page Eight)

### County Is Designated Emergency Loan Area

The chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party charged Wednesday that the new County Board of Elections here is "conspiring and scheming to defeat Democratic candidates at all cost."

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee and the Democratic nominee from this county to the State House of Representatives, made that charge—and others—in a telegram to William E. Joslin, chairman of the State Board of Elections.

Joslin said Wednesday night that he had not received the telegram and refused to comment until after Ramsey's message reached him in Raleigh.

"On the basis of what I consider to be reliable information, I am sending this telegram for the purpose of preferring charges

## County Is Designated Emergency Loan Area

### Damages By Drought, Rain, Frosts Reason For Action

Madison County has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as an Emergency Loan area as a result of the crop damage and loss caused by drought in the Spring and recent excessive rains and frost.

W. E. Hill, Madison County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, said some individual farmers in Madison County received up to 80 percent damage and loss to their tobacco crops as a result of the drought in the Spring, causing tobacco to be harvested late, excessive rains and heavy frost this Fall, which also caused some damage to feed crops. Emergency loans bear a

against the Madison County Board of Elections for dereliction of duty . . ." Ramsey said in a 10-point complaint.

He charged that the Madison County Board of Elections, now headed by Rex Allen of Mars Hill, has failed to hold meetings at proper places and proper times as prescribed by law.

Allen's board, which also includes Ted Russell of Marshall, the other Democrat; and Vernon Wood of Mars Hill, the Republican member, replaced the three members ousted by the State Board of Elections during a lengthy vote fraud probe following the May 30 primary.

The old board was dismissed on findings of incompetency and failure to fulfill their duties as election officials.

Ramsey said the new board has

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