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Democrats, Republicans Elect Nominees Saturday

Commencement Exercises At Mars Hill College This Sunday

219 Students Will Receive Degrees; Activities Announced

Commencement exercises will be held at Mars Hill College Sunday, May 12, with approximately 219 students expected to receive degrees.

Dr. John R. Claypool of Louisville, Ky., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at an 11 a. m. service. Dr. Fred Bentley, president of the college, will award the degrees and speak briefly to the graduates at 3 p. m. Both programs will be in the college auditorium.

The end of the school year comes two weeks earlier than usual this year because of a major change in the college calendar last summer. The academic year was begun two weeks early in order that the fall semester might be completed by Christmas holidays.

A host of end-of-the-year activities will begin on campus Saturday morning when two administrative groups at the college will hold meetings. The Board of Trustees will have a business session to adopt the college budget for 1968-69, appoint faculty and administrative personnel for the coming year, and handle other transactions. W. R. Chambers of Marion is chairman.

The Board of Advisors, a 57-member organization which was formed last October to add diversity and strength to the administrative procedures at the college, will have a luncheon meeting with the trustees. John W. Daniels of Asheville is chairman. (Continued To Last Page)

MHC Baccalaureate Speaker



Dr. John R. Claypool, III

FRISBY, TEAM WIN AWARDS AT WNC BANQUET

Henry Logan, WCU Cage Great, Wins Top Honors; 500 Attend

Four-year All-American Henry Logan of Asheville and Western Carolina College was honored at Mars Hill Saturday night at the 10th Annual WNC Sports Banquet as the most outstanding college athlete in Western North Carolina during 1967.

More than 500 athletes and sports fans attended the fete held (Continued To Last Page)

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS ARE ANNOUNCED

Precinct Meetings Saturday; Convention On May 25

J. C. Wallin, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, announced this week that the Democratic Precinct Committee meetings will be held in each of the eight polling places on this Saturday (May 11) at 10 a. m.

He stated that the purpose of the meetings will be the organization of the Democratic Party on the precinct level.

"All registered and active Democrats are urged to attend the meeting in your precinct," Mr. Wallin said.

The Madison County Democratic organizational meeting will be held in the Marshall school auditorium on Saturday night, May 25, at 8:00 o'clock.

All duly elected precinct chairmen and vice-chairmen will meet to organize the county Democratic Executive Committee.

CONVENTION

Following the organizational meeting the Democratic Convention will be held.

All Democrats are invited to attend the convention, Mr. Wallin stated.

SPRUCE PINE WINS LEAGUE TRACK TITLE

Charlene Nix Stars; Mars Hill, Second; Marshall Is Third

Charles Collis set two conference records and won three events as he led Spruce Pine to its third consecutive Appalachian Conference track championship at Mars Hill Thursday.

Ten conference records fell in this meet which features track competition for both boys and girls.

Spruce Pine scored a total of 73 1/2 points, more than 45 points ahead of Mars Hill which took (Continued To Last Page)

Rice Beats Peterson

Carl W. Rice defeated Everette L. Peterson for the GOP nomination for Commissioner of Insurance in the May 4th Primary (Republican) in Madison County.

Rice received 337 votes to Peterson's 327 votes. (Continued To Last Page)



Bob Scott (Democrat)



Jim Gardner (Republican)

4-H DRESS AND APRON REVUE TO BE HELD FRI.

The 4-H Dress and Apron Revue will be held Friday night, May 10, at 7:30 p. m. in the Marshall High School Auditorium. The public is invited. Girls from all over the county will model garments and aprons which they have constructed. Winners will be selected in the Apron Revue, Junior Dress Revue and Senior Dress Revue. The Senior Dress Revue winner will represent Madison County at District Activity Day, June 5.

Garments and aprons for the revue should be brought to the County Extension Office over Home Electric Building, by 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, May 10. Construction will be judged during the day. Girls should plan to arrive at 7:00 o'clock Friday night at the school in order to change into their garments.

FRENCH BROAD WMU TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

Will Be Held At Madison Seminary; Begins At 5:00 O'clock

The French Broad Woman's Missionary Union will hold its 64th Annual meeting on next Tuesday, at 5:00 p. m. The meeting will be at Madison Seminary Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. J. Slagle is pastor, and Mrs. D. Frank Fisher is president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The program, centered on the theme "Love In Action", will feature two visiting speakers: Mrs. Oren Bradley, State Mission Study Director, and Mrs. John Oliver, Missionary to Brazil.

The covered dish supper will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. The hostess church will serve the beverage. A covered dish is to be brought by each WMU member (Continued To Last Page)

County Voters, For Most Part, Follow State Trend

No Second Primary

Mel Broughton decided Wednesday in a hastily arranged show of party unity, to let Bob Scott have the Democratic gubernatorial nomination without a run-off.

"After much careful and prayerful consideration I have concluded that it would not serve the best interest of the State of North Carolina or the Democratic Party for me to call a second primary," Broughton told a news conference.

"I will support (Scott) and all other Democratic nominees in the fall election and hope that those who voted for me this past Saturday will do likewise."

Work Going On To Improve Local Water System

Work by the local employees of the town is progressing on improving the water system at and near the lake which stores the water supply for Marshall.

An intake dam has been built, ditches dug, and piping underway which will, it is hoped, improve the taste of the local water. When completed the water supply will flow directly into the main water mains via the new pipes instead of out of the enormous lake. The project is expected to be completed in about four weeks.

PERSEVERANCE

It's the man who keeps on keeping on in the face of obstacles that reaches the top.

Scott And Gardner, Carry County; Ramsey, Messer, Briggs, Harvey Win

In a comparative light vote last Saturday, county Democrats and Republicans elected their nominees for the general election next November. For the most part, the local voters followed the trend of the state.

Out of some 3,789 registered Democrats, about 2,655 voted Saturday. Out of some 2,439 Republicans registered, some 869 votes were cast. (Governors' race).

In the Democratic voting in Madison County, Bob Scott, candidate for governor, received the largest number of votes—2,030. The four next highest vote-getters were Sam J. Ervin, Jr., 1,945; Roy Taylor, 1,905; and Liston B. Ramsey, 1,717.

In the Republican voting in Madison County, the leading vote-getter was Bruce Briggs, State Senator, with 740 votes. The next four highest vote-getters were Jim Gardner, 735; Don H. Garren, 654; Scott Harvey, 545; and J. E. Holshouser, Sr., 503.

The Republicans had no "local" contests except for State Senate where two nominees were elected. Bruce Briggs, incumbent, amassed 740 votes. E. T. (Ted) Dent was runner-up with 256 votes, while Jesse I. Ledbetter received 113 votes.

The Democrats had three "local" contests. In the race for Representative, Incumbents L. B. Ramsey and Ernest Messer were decided victors over J. Yates Bailey (Continued To Last Page)

Mato Packing Company Is Undergoing Improvements

Plans Call For Opening In Mid-July; Open House Soon

Mato Packing Company, Inc., of Marshall is now in the process of reworking its operation located near Marshall, for the 1968 tomato crop. Mato Packing, which is one of the largest and most efficient packing plants in Western North Carolina and employs more than 100 employees during its operating season, handles tomatoes for several hundred farmers in Madison and surrounding counties.

In planning for the new year, Mato is reworking its entire operation from forms to bathrooms to make Mato the finest, best running plant in Western North Carolina. Every possible revision is under way already here in early May to ensure that the entire operation will be ready to go well in advance of mid-July when the plant will open.

Norris Gentry, General Manager of Mato, stated that "We at Mato hope that 1968 will be a good crop year. We are planning and working now to make sure that we will be ready and able to handle each and every farmers tomatoes in the best possible way." Mr. Gentry went on to say that, "Mato was built by the people of Madison County, and for the people to have a place to market their tomatoes. In the last four years tomato production has grown greatly, and we want to continue to give every aid in the further development of our area. Mato was the first packing house in Madison County, and will continue to be a leader."

Many changes are under way at Mato for 1968, and between now and opening day there will be an open house for everyone who is interested in getting a first hand view of MATO-68.

French Broad EMC Paid 56% Of Net Revenues For Taxes

DAIRY FARMERS TO VOTE MAY 23 IN REFERENDUM

North Carolina dairy farmers will have the opportunity to vote on a greatly expanded research and promotion program on May 23.

Voting places in Madison County will be as follows: Marshall — Teague's Milling Company.

Mars Hill — Cody's Hardware.

Hours for voting will be 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. In a referendum scheduled for that day, Grade A dairy farmers will vote on the question of assessment. (Continued To Last Page)

FARMERS URGED TO REPORT ACP PERFORMANCE

One of the responsibilities of farmers who enroll in the county's annual Agricultural Conservation cost-sharing program is that of filing a written performance report on their approved farm practice(s) after they have been carried out or completed. Ralph W. Ramsey, office manager for the county ASC Committee who administers the Agricultural Conservation program at the county level, says that several of the 1450 farmers who enrolled in the spring portion of the ACP have (Continued To Last Page)

County Receives \$14,209.40; Breakdown Of Taxes Listed

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation of Marshall, Burnsville, and Bakersville paid more than half of its net income in 1967 in local and State taxes.

D. M. Robinson, manager of French Broad EMC, said today that the total of local and State taxes paid in 1967 figured out to 56% of the electric cooperative's net electric revenues.

Robinson stated that French Broad paid \$15,596.45 in local property (ad valorem) taxes in four North Carolina counties, \$2,837.01 in four towns, and \$48,596.45 in gross receipts and other taxes to the State of North Carolina. French Broad EMC also paid \$2,803.46 in taxes to the (Continued To Last Page)

Democratic And Republican Winners In The May 4th Primary In Madison County



Liston B. Ramsey (Democrat)



Ernest Messer (Democrat)



Emory Wallin (Democrat)



Dr. William A. Whitson (Democrat)



Don West (Democrat)



Bruce B. Briggs (Republican)



E. T. (Ted) Dent (Republican)