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Procedure For Obtaining Absentee Ballots Explained

Public Invited To Attend All Meetings On Applications

Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman of the Madison County board of elections, issues the following question-answer form so that everyone wishing to know how to obtain an absentee ballot may know the procedures:

Q. Who may obtain an absentee ballot for the General Election of Nov. 5, 1968?

A. Any qualified voter of the state who: (1) Expects to be absent from the county in which he is registered on the entire day of the General Election or (2) Will be unable to be present at the voting place on the day of the General Election because of sickness or other physical disability.

Q. How may the voter obtain an absentee ballot?

A. Not earlier than September 21 and not later than 6:00 p. m., on Wednesday (October 30, 1968) shall make written application for absentee ballots to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections in the form to be furnished by the Board.

Q. How does the voter get an application form?

A. He may write the Chairman of the Board requesting an application or he may go in person to the Chairman and be furnished with an application. A voter must either write or go in person for his application and no application can be furnished him except for his own use.

Q. What is done after the application is received by the voter?

A. He must complete it according to the instructions and then either return it in person to the Board.

REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN OCT. 12

Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman of the Madison County board of elections, announced this week that registration books will be open at the eight precinct polling places on October 12, 19 and 26. November 2 will be challenge day.

Those who have not registered and wish to become eligible for the November 5 election are asked to remember these dates.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

POLITICS

Hubert H. Humphrey, campaigning along the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday pictured Richard M. Nixon as a "wiggler and a wobbler" on political issues. George Wallace told the American Legion Convention in New Orleans that if the Paris talks fail, we should seek recourse to the military strength of this country.

THE WORLD

A flaming Air France plane crashed into the Mediterranean Sea Wednesday killing all 95 persons aboard. The airline said the dead included Gen. Rene Cogny, who commanded French troops in North Vietnam at the time Dien Bien Phu fell.

THE NATION

The Senate Judiciary Committee broke the log-jam on the nomination of Abe Fortas to be chief justice Wednesday. His supporters agreed to reopening of hearings and opponents agreed to vote on the nomination Tuesday.

TIP TO MOTORISTS

For safety's sake the horse sense behind the steering wheel should at least match the horse power under the hood.

Huey Promoted

Wade Huey, who has been District Manager has been promoted to State Manager in North Carolina for Great Commonwealth Life Insurance Company. The company operates in 37 states, Puerto Rico and Guam.

Mr. Huey, who has been with the company for the past two years, received his appointive promotion last Monday.

Parent-Teacher Associations Are Vital To Communities

County Native Says PTA Planning Of Primary Importance

A timely article, "A Good Time For Evaluation," in this month's issue of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Bulletin bears much food for thought. Making the article even more interesting is the fact that it was written by Dr. Frank Proffitt, a native of Madison County, who is Superintendent of the Burlington City Schools.

After elaborating about the values of an active PTA, Dr. Proffitt then suggests several steps which could mean much to the Parent-Teacher Associations in Madison County.

Dr. Proffitt writes:

My first suggestion would be that programs should not be tied to some state theme or even structured by the local PTA Council. Let the membership determine what it wants in its programs. Don't use the PTA meeting as a sounding board for philanthropic causes, the propaganda of pleasure groups, or the dull but easy-to-come by presentations the members have to listen to in other meetings which they are called on to attend. Ruthlessly rule out programs which are not directly related to the joint interests of parents and teachers, working together to educate children. The best with the latest attempt to create public interest in civil defense and who wants another round with Father's Day?

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MODEL MADISON DIRECTORS AND INCORPORATORS

In addition to approving the Articles of Incorporation at a meeting held last week, the following directors were named for the Model Madison organization: Lewis Rudisill, W. B. Zink, C. E. Mashburn, D. M. Robinson, Harry Silver, Marie Osteen, Richard Hoffman, A. V. Graves, Fred Wood, Dr. Charles Powell, Roy McDevitt, Frances C. Ramsey, R. L. Edwards, Perry Wilhls and Cloie Plimmons.

The incorporators named were: A. V. Graves, Marietta P. Suhart, Richard Hoffman, and Bruce B. Briggs.

Three of the major purposes of the corporation are:

1. To design and to implement a comprehensive program to develop and to promote the human and physical resources of Madison County, North Carolina.
2. To make, conduct, design, promote, and assist in studies, surveys, training programs, research projects, and all other endeavors in keeping with the interests and purposes of the corporation. To receive, fund, and disburse monies, grants, or other things of value. To seek out, promote, locate, and assist in industrial and

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MINSTREL OF APPALACHIA TO BE AT MARS HILL

The Mars Hill Civitan Club will present the first annual Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Minstrel of the Appalachia at Chambers Gymnasium, Mars Hill College, on Saturday night, September 21 beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Proceeds from the event will go toward establishing a music museum of the Appalachia, it was stated.

"We feel most fortunate in sponsoring this outstanding musical entertainment which is expected to be enjoyed by hundreds of Western North Carolina music lovers," one member of the Civitan Club said.

Dr. W. A. Sams To Leave Friday For Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sams will leave by plane Friday for Las Vegas, Nevada, where he will attend the American Academy of General Practice convention.

He and Mrs. Sams will stay at the Hotel Riviera, headquarters for the meeting.

On Tuesday night a reception is planned for Dr. Sams when he will be honored for his dedicated service.

They plan to return to Marshall on Wednesday of next week.

Senior Girl Scouts To Organize Here On Next Wednesday

An organizational meeting of Senior Girl Scouts will be held next Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rudisill on Walnut Creek Road, Marshall. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and all persons interested are invited. These Scouts include girls in grades 10-12, it was explained.

Parents are also invited to attend the meeting.

Haynie, Tipton Report For Grid Practice At WCU

The 1968 Western Carolina University Catamounts opened their pre-season drills Friday, August 30. Approximately 90 enthusiastic prospects have reported. Head Coach Dan Robinson is optimistic concerning the 1968 season despite the loss of several veteran key personnel.

Among the hopefuls are Roger Haynie, a 210 pound griddler and James Tipton, 227 pound griddler. Both boys are graduates of Marshall High School where they were coached by Roy Reeves.

For the first time, Western Carolina will field a freshmen team as well as the varsity team. The varsity will open their 1968 season against Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., on September 21. The freshmen will open against Gardner-Webb Junior College in Boiling Springs, N. C., on September 14.

Spruce Pine Rolls Over Tornadoes, 52-0; South Greene Beats Blue Devils, 14-6

Marshall - Spruce Pine

Charles Collis, Roger Cagle, and David Winters scored two touchdowns each, as Harris High of Spruce Pine smashed Marshall, 52-0, on the island Friday night.

Collis ran over for the 11 for the first score, and Cagle made it too, soon after. Both PAT attempts failed. Ted Ledford made it 18-0 in the second, and David Winters caught a 27 yard pass for another score and Tony Dale booted the extra point.

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SAFETY CIRCUS AT TWO SCHOOLS FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

"The circus is coming to town" will be the cry of the children, when Officer Ernest E. Pressley presents his Traffic Safety Circus, designed to teach small fry the rules of traffic safety in North Carolina schools, September 9-26. He will appear at the Marshall Elementary School at 10 a. m., and the Mars Hill Elementary School at 2 p. m. on Friday, September 20.

The trained dogs perform tricks demonstrating proper safety habits. Officer Pressley and his "Safety Circus" tour of the elementary schools in North Carolina is sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Motor Carrier Association.

Originated by Ernest E. Pressley, traffic policeman from Charlotte, the show has been endorsed by the National Safety Council, the International Chiefs of Police Association, J. Edgar Hoover, and educators throughout the country. Pressley has appeared throughout the United States under the national sponsorship of the American Trucking Associations and the International Associations of Chief of Police.

Performing on ladders, platforms, barrels and other props, the talented dogs provide a vivid series of lessons in safety. Star of the show is Lassie, a collie well versed in traffic safety habits.

Pressley uses the catch phrase "Walk Safe-Ride Safe-Play Safe" (Continued To Last Page)

Personalized License Deadline Is Extended

The deadline for submitting applications for "personalized" 1969 auto license plates has been extended to Sept. 30, according to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

A department spokesman said only about 3,600 applications had been received by the time the original deadline expired Sept. 1. The number was considerably less than the estimated 4,000 Tar Heel motorists who received personalized plates for 1968.

Personalized license plates were approved by the 1967 General Assembly to provide additional revenue for highway beautification and out-of-state travel advertising. The program allows motorists to select the characters which will appear on their 1969 license plate. The plate may consist of not less than three or more than six characters, including one dash (-). Words or letter combinations considered offensive, suggestive or otherwise not in good taste will be rejected.

Motorists desiring personalized plates may select characters to spell their name or initials, or to relay other special messages. Many drivers who have applied for the unique plates have chosen humorous messages, while others have used the means to promote special interests such as hobbies and professions.

Applications may be obtained through the Department or any of its 96 branch offices throughout the state. The plates cost \$10 each in addition to the normal registration fee.

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY NIGHT

Hot Springs at Mars Hill
Marshall - Open

SET PATTERN

It's possible to improve human nature a little, but it has never been radically changed.

Tomato Time Crowning, Talent Show Here Friday

NEW RAILS NOW BEING PLACED ON RAILROAD

The new rails, some 1,440 feet in length, are being put down by the Southern Railway in Marshall this week. Huge crews of experts, plus the usual "sidewalk engineers," are hard at work taking up the old rails and putting down the new.

Modern machinery for every phase of the transition is being used but it still takes a lot of manpower, muscle and strength. The process is causing more excitement and interest than a circus to many local observers.

ASC COMMITTEE ELECTION NOW UNDERWAY HERE

Next Monday Is Deadline For Returning Ballots

Farmers within Madison County got a last minute reminder today about the important election of ASC farmer-committeemen which is now underway by mail.

According to Emory Robinson, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, eligible voters of Madison County are casting their ballots for community committeemen by mail during the ten day period of September 6-16.

Robinson explained that ballots were mailed to all known eligible voters on September 5 and that persons who failed to receive a ballot by mail could secure one by visiting or phoning the ASCS Office at Marshall if they feel they are eligible voters. Generally speaking, an eligible voter is a farm owner or operator, or a tenant or sharecropper of legal voting age. Persons who are joint owners in a farm are also eligible voters. Family farm workers or persons working on a farm for wages only are not eligible voters.

Farmers within each of the County's 16 ASCS communities will elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Regular Member and two Alternate Members to their local ASC committee. Their position on the committee will be determined (Continued To Last Page)

\$100 Offered For Conviction Of Auto Wash Vandals

A \$100 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of party or parties either damaging or taking equipment at the coin-operated car wash on Main Street. The reward is offered by Edwards Cleaners.

It was stated today that investigation is continuing by local officers.

ABSENTEE APPLICATION HEARINGS SET

Hearings To Be Held At Election Board Office Here

The Madison County Board of Elections, by unanimous vote, has elected to hold the public meetings required by G.S. 163-230 for passing upon applications for absentee ballots at the hour of 4:30 p. m., on each Monday and Friday beginning with the meeting of Friday, September 20, and each Monday and Friday thereafter and including the meetings of Thursday and Monday immediately preceding the election of November 5, 1968. The change to 4:30 p. m. from the hour of 10:00 a. m., is made pursuant to the authority given in section 1 of G.S. 163-230 and this notice is given as required.

All voters are given notice that the meetings will be held in the Office of the Madison County Board of Elections in the Court House and that these meetings are public and any registered voter will be heard and allowed to present evidence in opposition to, or in favor of, the issuance of ballots to any voter making application for them.

In announcing the change from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 o'clock, it was pointed out that Mr. McDevitt and Mr. Wilde were both employed, and the afternoon hours would be more convenient to them. It was also thought that 4:30 p. m. would be more satisfactory to the public in general.

ATTENTION FIREMEN!

Joe Fisher, fire chief, stated today that all volunteer firemen are urged to attend an important meeting at the fire department tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Jim Gardner, GOP Nominee For Governor, Speaks Here

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Three Tomatoes From One Bloom

Gladys Meadows, of the Paw Paw community on Route 5, brought an oddity into the office last Friday.

On one stem were three beautiful, red tomatoes.

EXECUTIVES

Men with the ability to utilize the talents of others have a stepping stone to success.

Program To Be Held In School Auditorium 7:30 O'clock

The crowning of the three Tomato Time Queens and the talent show will be held in the Marshall school auditorium on this Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The three winners are:

Miss Tomato Queen, Linda Haynie; Miss Tomato Princess, Carolyn Buckner; Little Miss Tomato, Lisa Renea Ogle.

In addition to being crowned, cash awards will be presented the winners and runners-up, it was announced.

Miss Patsy Whitson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Whitson, of Mars Hill, and 1968 Dairy Queen, will crown the three winners.

Several well-known bands, trios and quartets will participate in the talent show, including the Sunshine Sisters Trio, Blue Ridge Mountaineers, Blue Ridge Ramblers Junior Band and Quinton Ramsey and The Jubileers.

It was also announced that Peter Gott, well-known county musician, will also perform.

Inez Henderson Injured In Car Wreck At Walnut

Miss Inez Henderson, of Walnut, a member of the Madison County Health Department personnel, was painfully injured last Friday afternoon about 6:00 o'clock when the car she was driving collided with a car driven by Norman Baker of Big Pine.

Miss Henderson was turning off Highway 25-70 onto the road leading into Walnut as Baker was entering the road at the dangerous intersection. The cars collided and Miss Henderson received an injured nose, bruised ribs, and cuts. Baker was uninjured, it was stated.

Miss Henderson was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment and is expected to return to her home this weekend.

Scores Machine Politics And Promises "Clean-up If Elected Governor"

More than 150 persons crowded the courtroom here Wednesday night to hear North Carolina Republican gubernatorial Candidate Jim Gardner speak.

Gardner pointed out the history of Madison politics and said if he was elected governor he would do all in his power to improve the reputation which Madison County had received in past election procedures. He was interrupted several times during his 30-minute speech by applause as he scored "machine politics." He stated if elected to the state's highest office he would "clean up" politics to the best of his ability.

Gardner, who was accompanied here by Jack Nagle, one of his aides, was introduced by State Senator Bruce Briggs.

The GOP nominee was met at the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport by Briggs, who accompanied the party to Marshall.

W. B. Zink, county chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, presided at the meeting and recognized local GOP candidates. Several of the candidates made brief talks prior to Gardner's speech. Also attending and speaking were James James Bailey, former resident and sheriff of Madison County.