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Madison Election Petition Dismissed

Local Board Is Directed To "Admonish All Registrars"

The Madison County Board of Elections was directed Tuesday to "admonish all registrars" to follow the letter of the law in upcoming registration and voting.

The State Board of Elections issued the directive, and also voted to have State Bureau of Investigation agents observe the Nov. 5 election, after a lengthy discussion of a petition charging election irregularities in the county.

The board, however, dismissed the petition and stopped short of initiating an investigation of its own.

The petition, filed by Madison Republican Chairman W. B. Zink last month, charged Madison registrars with irregularities during the May 4 primary period. Zink asked that the State Board of Elections conduct an investigation and dismiss the present county board of elections headed by Mrs. Virginia Anderson of Hot Springs.

The state board passed a resolution "informing" Mrs. Anderson of the complaints made in affidavits filed by Zink, asking her to investigate them and directing her to "admonish all registrars to follow proper procedures" and advise them that "if such acts did indeed occur in May, they were in violation of the law."

Another resolution was passed requesting the SBI to station observers in Madison during the Nov. 5 balloting.

Zink's petition was dismissed. Board Chairman Lee C. Smith of Raleigh said it was "not properly before us, because Mr. Zink should have presented it to the Madison County Board of Elections first."

Further, Smith said, the allegations of Zink were "not substantiated" by a report received from the SBI. The SBI had observers in Madison in May, at the state board's request, and reported that the "election went smoothly."

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Retires From Southern R.R.



C. S. Chandler

C. S. CHANDLER RETIRES FROM SO. RAILWAY

Served At Marshall Depot 31 Years As Agent, Operator

C. Spurgeon Chandler, of Walnut, officially retired September 9, as agent and telegraph operator at the Marshall depot. Mr. Chandler has actually been associated with the Southern Railway Company for about 43 years and has been at the Marshall depot for the past 31 years.

He stated that when he started work here the average number of trains passing every 24 hours was 30. Today, he said, the average is about 16. He explained, however, that the modern Deisel could haul a great more tons than trains a few years ago.

Chandler attended public school

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NEW BALLOTS DESIGNED FOR N. C. VOTERS

Alex Brock, executive secretary of the North Carolina Board of Elections, says a new ballot has been designed for voting machines in the state Nov. 5 in an effort to simplify and speed up the voting process.

Brock said Friday that for the first time the board has designed a ballot which comes as close as possible to uniformity, considering the various makes and models of voting machines.

Voting machines are used in 18 North Carolina counties.

If a person using a voting machine wants to vote a "straight ticket" from the White House to the courthouse Nov. 5, it will take more than one lever or pointer to do the job, it was pointed out.

With the new ballot, the chance of state or local candidates riding the coattail of their presidential ticket will be nullified.

Also, the new ballot gives no particular advantage or disadvantage to citizens who want to vote for presidential hopeful Geo. Wallace while choosing between Democrats and Republicans seeking the other offices.

Brock said that in past years election officials in voting machines counties were responsible for drawing up their own ballots.

MRS. L. PRICE RECEIVES NOTE FROM DIRKSEN

Mrs. Lester Price of Marshall Rt. 1, a recent hospital patient, has been cheered by a note from Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois.

Dirksen wrote to Mrs. Price after receiving a letter from her cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Chevani Ruskin of Decatur, Ga., telling him about Mrs. Price's confinement to have a pin changed in her hip.

"Having experienced a similar operation I know the past few weeks were most exhausting and I do hope and pray by now the misery and uncomfotableness has greatly diminished," the Senator wrote to Mrs. Price.

"I was most interested in the history Mrs. Ruskin gave me on your place in (the) history of our United States," he said.

In her letter, Mrs. Ruskin described her "Cousin Pearl" as "just a plain mountain woman whose ancestors have lived in Madison County and Western North Carolina for several generations." She said the ancestors included

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WESTCO TO SELL 16,000 SHARES COMMON STOCK

Westco Telephone Co. has been given permission by the State Utilities Commission to sell 160,000 shares of its common stock to its parent firm, Western Carolina Telephone Co.

The \$800,000 to be realized by the stock sale would repay advances made earlier by Western Carolina to Westco.

Westco, ordered last year by the SUC to improve its facilities and service, borrowed money from its parent firm to finance expansions in the Western North Carolina area and to retire outstanding debts.

In its petition to sell its stock, Westco reported it had made \$1.3 million construction expenditures during the past year.

The stock sale must still be approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies.

In its order, the SUC ex-

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Lunsford Festival Slated At Mars Hill On Saturday

PFC. ENGLISH IS WOUNDED IN LEG IN S. VIETNAM

Word was received Saturday that Marine Pfc. Raeford Kermit English of Mars Hill was wounded in action in Da Nang, South Vietnam. He suffered leg injuries and was reported in satisfactory condition in a Da Nang hospital.

English, 17, is the son of Mrs. Orla B. English of California Creek Road, Mars Hill Rt. 3, and the late Condry A. English. He attended Mars Hill High School, entered the Marines August 10, 1967 and had been in Vietnam about three months.

Principal Speaker



Don Garren

REPUBLICAN FUND RAISING DINNER ON SAT.

At School Cafeteria; Don Garren To Be Main Speaker

A Republican Fund Raising Dinner will be served at the Marshall High School Cafeteria on Saturday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here this week. The event is being sponsored by the Madison County Executive Committee and the Republican Womens Club.

Don Garren, Republican candidate for Lieutenant - Governor, will be the principal speaker.

Scott Harvey, Republican candidate for Congress, is also expected to speak briefly and all county candidates will be recognized, it was announced.

The public is invited.

PERSEVERANCE
Accomplishments are the result of mistakes that have been corrected again and again.

WMU Leadership Conference At Mars Hill Church Tues.

M. H. WILDCATS

EKE OUT 12-6

WIN OVER H. S.

Mars Hill scored its third victory of the season Friday night by defeating the gallant and lighter Hot Springs Blue Devils, 12-6, in an Appalachian Conference battle at Mars Hill.

Jack Brown plunged two yards for the tie-breaking tally in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats scored first in the opening quarter when Bob Holcombe went 83 yards on an end around. Hot Springs bounced back in the second period when Bruce Chandler took a 45-yard pass from Tommy Padgett.

	HS	MH
First downs	5	12
Rushing yardage	66	318
Passing yardage	106	55
Passes	18-7	9-3
Passes intercepted	3	0
Punting average	3-50	3-26
Fumbles lost	0	5
Yards penalized	45	116
Hot Springs	0 0 0 0-0	6 0 0 0-12
Mars Hill	0 0 0 0-12	

DON'T WANT ANSWERS

A good many people waste their time asking questions they don't want answered.

Proceeds Will Be Used To Establish Museum Of Music

A first move toward establishment of a "Museum of Music of the Appalachians" will be made Saturday when the Mars Hill Civitan Club sponsors the first Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival at Chambers Gymnasium of Mars Hill College.

Lunsford, widely known as the "Minstrel of the Appalachians," will be both honored and featured at the festival, which is expected to be repeated annually as a tribute to the man who has devoted a lifetime to preservation of the music of Appalachia.

As planned, the festival will be a gathering of the people for the purpose of playing, singing and dancing the music which has its origin in this area.

A second purpose for holding the festival, says Ed Heward, vice president of the Mars Hill Civitan Club, is to obtain funds toward establishment of a museum for the preservation of the mountain music, as a lasting tribute to Lunsford.

"He has dedicated his memoirs to Mars Hill College," Howard said, "and we would like to add to these many of the instruments that are native to this area, plus tapes of many of the performers."

Cash prizes will be offered for the best performance in each area and the entire program will be taped and preserved for presentation to the museum, Howard said.

It has been announced that some of the best-known musicians and dancers will participate on the program including such entertainers as Tommy Hunters Band, Mars Hill; Circle 4 Cloggers, Franklin, N. C.; Bill McElrath, Chub Parham, Leicester; The Moonshiners, Weaverville; The Gem Dandy Cloggers, of Franklin; Robert "Tut" Taylor, Millidgeville, Ga.; Laurel River Boys, Marshall; Blue Grass Five Band, Carrollton, Va.; Peter Gott, Marshall; J. D. Fisher, Asheville, and many others.

Mr. Bascom Lamar Lunsford is

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Leaders Of Various Groups Are Urged To Attend

The French Broad Woman's Missionary Union will hold its annual Leadership Conference on Tuesday, September 24 from 7:00-9:00 p. m., at the Mars Hill Baptist Church. We earnestly urge every President to be present along with her Committee Chairmen, and leaders of young people's organizations. All pastors are cordially invited.

The purpose of Woman's Missionary Union is to teach missions, lead persons to participate in missions, provide organizations and leadership for special mission projects of the church, and provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

A devotional period will be held prior to separate conferences. The Reverend David Roberts, Associate

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MARS HILL IS TEACHER EXAM TEST CENTER

Mars Hill College has been designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations on Nov. 8, Dr. John Hough, head of the Department of Education, has announced.

College students preparing to

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Adult Basic Education Classes Start Here Oct. 1

Classes Free Of Charge; Materials To Be Furnished

Madison County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute jointly announce continuous classes in Adult Basic Education for all adults who have not finished their high school education. Classes will begin at Marshall High School, Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p. m. and will continue weekly on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

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POWELL FUND ALLOCATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

State Street Aid allocations totaling more than \$10 million will go to qualifying cities and towns in the State this year under provisions of the Powell Bill, State Highway Commission Chairman J. M. Hunt, Jr., said today.

Hunt said that 426 North Car-

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FOUR ARRESTED ON HIGHWAY ROBBERY COUNT

Three men and a woman have been arrested in connection with a highway robbery last Thursday night near the campus of Asheville-Biltmore College.

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MAINSTREAM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Eight enrollees of Operation Mainstream, a Department of Labor work-training program, have recently left the program to take permanent jobs. Gail B. Gosnell, Ray Lee Gosnell, and Wilber Wal-

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Starvation, Cars Are Killing Squirrels By The Thousands

N. C. Wildlife Commission Pondering Plight Of Game

By JOHN PARRIS
Citizen Staff Writer

Maggie Valley — Squirrels by the tens of thousands are migrating from one section of the mountains to another in a desperate search for food.

And thousands of them are dying daily from starvation or from being run over on the highways as they abandon their natural habitat.

They are pouring out of the

mountains into the bottom lands to raid corn fields, apple trees, and tomato patches.

The picture of their tragic plight was unveiled officially here Monday night before North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at its quarterly meeting.

For more than three hours the commission discussed the possibility of moving up the opening of the squirrel hunting season by at least five weeks and doubling the daily bag limit in an effort to cope with the mass famine.

However, the commission final-

ly vetoed the idea after its experts pointed out that such action would result in an even heavier loss of breeding stock for next year's squirrel crop.

Frank Barick, chief of the commission's game division, said that "Chances are the squirrel crop is going to be low next year because of the mass famine, but it will be a natural loss and not because we opened the season earlier to hunters."

And Clyde Patton, executive director of the Wildlife Resources

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November Election Should Be Smoothest In History

Brock Asks County Boards To Consult Both Party Heads

Alex Brock, executive secretary of the state Board of Elections, predicted Monday a record turnout for the Nov. 5 general election in North Carolina.

Brock spoke at the 16th conference of county election officials meeting in Raleigh.

He mentioned no figures in predicting the record turnout.

About 1.4 million ballots were cast in the last presidential election.

Brock also indicated the ballot will be one of the fullest ever, there will be an unprecedented number of military and civilian absentee votes, and new residency requirements for people voting in the presidential race will be included for the first time.

About 200 election officials attended the one-day session.

Brock said the watchword for the election is 'preparedness.'

Emphasizing no citizen should be prevented from voting because of confusion, Brock outlined a number of top priority steps to insure a smooth election.

He said the first of these was to seek out the cooperation of the news media in publishing dates and details of the election such as reproducing the ballot and giving facts about registration procedures.

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HOT SPRINGS' DESIRE-WINNER

The following article is reprinted from Sunday's Asheville Citizen-Times and written by Danny Smith, sports writer. We are glad Danny wrote the article and we, too, congratulate the Hot Springs Blue Devils and Coach Roger Buckner:

It's incredible what desire can do for a high school boy.

Friday night of last week little Hot Springs took enough 'can do' into its ball game with Mars Hill to fill the Los Angeles Coliseum and nearly beat the big strong Wildcats. The score was 12-6.

Coach Roger Buckner explained it this way: "We had one starting halfback out with an injured ankle and lost another on the first kickoff, so we had to play some real small kids."

"We didn't have enough substitutes to spell these boys, and most of them played the whole game. Three of them passed out on the bus on the way home . . . they were just physically exhausted. These were 120- and 180-pound linemen with little or no experience going against Mars Hill's 200-pound line, and man were they great."

"They only passed our fifty once in the first half and that was on a breakaway touchdown run (of 83 yards by Bob Holcombe.)"

"We have some boys who are

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