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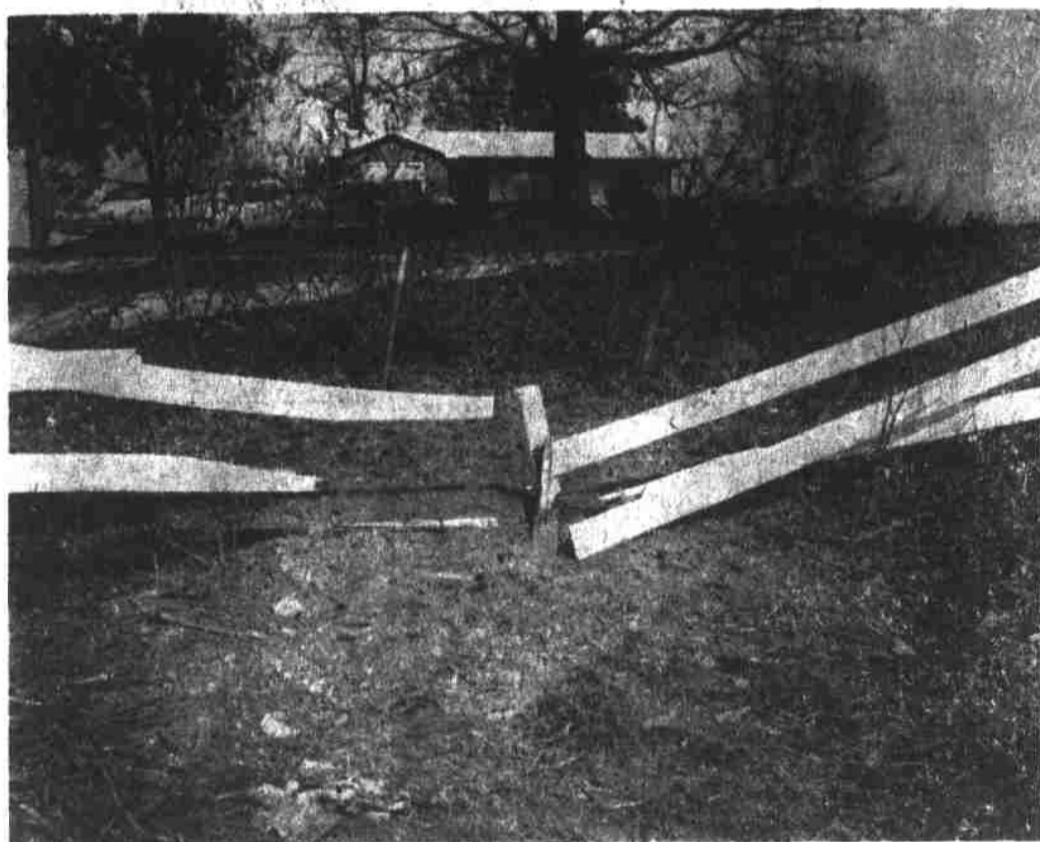
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Close Races Mark County Election Here Tuesday

BLAST AREA



A dynamite blast Saturday night ripped apart a fence about 150 feet from the Ivy Hill home of Zeno Ponder, Madison County Democratic leader. Three windows in the home, background, were broken by the explosive impact of six to 20 sticks of dynamite. Ponder charged Sunday that the dynamiting was "politically motivated." (Photo by Jim Story)

Zeno Ponder Home Hit By Dynamite Blast Sat.

Three Windows Broken; "Politically Motivated," Zeno Ponder Says

A dynamite charge was exploded Saturday night about 11:45 near the Ivy Hill home of Zeno Ponder, Madison County Democratic leader. Ponder charged Sunday that the blast was politically motivated.

Three windows of the Ponder home were broken by the explosion, and sections of fence nearby were blasted apart.

Six persons were in the home at the time of the explosion. No one was hurt.

Ponder, who has been a central figure in several political con-

troversies, charged that the dynamiting of his home "was a direct result of the untrue, bitter, politically motivated utterances" of Republican leaders at the state level.

"The criminal who planted this dynamite," Ponder said, "thought he was destroying me and my en-

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REPUBLICANS SHOW GAINS IN WNC DISTRICTS

Republicans captured 12 seats for the 1969 General Assembly in Western North Carolina House and Senate districts Tuesday, sweeping some of the region's most prominent Democratic legislators from office.

In the 19 westernmost counties, the GOP laid claim to seven House and five Senate seats, leaving only one Senate post to a Democratic incumbent.

Democrats fared better in House contests, and held nine key posts.

Gentry Charged In Election Law Violation

Ed Gentry, registrar of precinct No. 1 here, was arrested Saturday by the Madison County Sheriff's Department on charges of violating election laws in the May primary.

Gentry, a Democrat, was released from jail under \$300 cash bond late Saturday afternoon.

The warrant for his arrest was signed by Chauncey Metcalf, GOP register of deeds and candidate for reelection in Tuesday's election.

Gentry is charged with failing to have registration books at his polling place on May 27, 1968 for inspection by Metcalf as provided for in General Statute 163-85.

Following Gentry's arrest, Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman of the Madison County Board of Elections, released a statement calling the incident an "act of harassment."

Mrs. Anderson, a Democrat, pointed out that the charges against Gentry were dismissed by the State Board of Elections after the May primary.

Wins Presidency



Richard Nixon

TREE PLANTING AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT

This is the time of year when many landowners begin planning for tree planting for the season ahead. They are giving serious study as to how they should invest their time, money and efforts in better managing their land.

Tree planting is one alternative that is often overlooked. If a tract of land is not suited to grazing or other crops, it is to the landowner's best interest to plant it in a desirable species of trees, protect it from fire and other injury and manage it to get the maximum returns from a future tree crop. Experts in the forestry business say that the older tree plantations in western North Carolina have an average long-time yield of about \$15.00 per acre per year. Most farmers have a few or several acres of land which are growing up in undesirable worthless species of trees. Others have steep pasture land from which they can not expect a profitable return from grazing. Such land is often a tax burden to the owner. If

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Republicans Edge Out Dems For Most County Offices

Election Passes Off Calmly Here

Members of the Madison County Election Board stated following the returns here late Tuesday night that, as a whole, election day passed calmly at the eight polling places.

A few minor incidents occurred but we are grateful that everything was as orderly as it was, they said.

Briggs, Dent Win

Thirty-first Senate (82 of 82)—Hyde 28,681; Stephens 28,428; Briggs 30,082; Dent 29,655. By counties (same order) Buncombe 22,342, 22,085, 21,149, 20,649; Madison 2,642, 2,650, 2,862, 2,739; Mitchell 1,061, 1,052, 3,538, 3,717; Yancey 2,636, 2,635, 2,566, 2,550.

Messer, Ramsey Win

Forty-seventh House (48 of 48)—Messer 14,938; Ramsey 14,545; Joe Schenck (R) 10,748; Eddie English (R) 10,880; By counties (same order): Haywood 9,606, 9,241, 5,467, 5,540; Madison 2,691, 2,666, 2,755, 2,791; Yancey 2,641, 2,635, 2,526, 2,549.

Official Election Table On Page 8

The official Madison County results of the November 5 election is published on the last page of this issue.

LOST THE KEYS

"My goodness, how did you get Junior to mow the lawn?" "I told him I lost the car keys in the grass."

Teague Defeats Metcalf For Register Of Deeds Post

In one of the closest, if not the closest, election in this county's history, Republicans eked out victories over Democrats except in two races for county offices in Tuesday's election.

The two Democratic victors are Hilliard C. Teague, who defeated incumbent Chauncey Metcalf, 2774 to 2748; and Dr. W. A. Sams, who easily defeated his opponent, Walter Harrell, 2732 to 297. Harrell was a write-in candidate.

Republicans winning victories for county offices included: County Commissioners: Carl Coyle, 2805; W. C. Silver, Jr., 2748; and Roy McDevitt, 2797. Their Democratic opponents were Nathan B. West, 2718; Harold Wallin, 2711; and Ervin Adams, 2693.

The County Auditor's office was won by W. B. Zink, incumbent, who defeated his Democratic opponent, Eugene L. Wills. Zink received 2806 votes to Willis' 2656. For tax collector, Jim Craine, incumbent, topped his Democratic opponent, Don L. West. Craine received 2770 votes to West's 2710.

Although Ernest B. Messer of Haywood County, and Liston B. Ramsey, of Madison County, were reelected to the House of Representatives in the 47th District (Madison, Haywood, Yancey), both Democrats were defeated in the Madison County returns.

Eddie English of Mass Hill, received 2791 votes; Joseph Schenck, of Haywood, received 2755 votes. Messer received 2691 votes and Ramsey, 2666 votes.

In the State Senate race from the 31st District, Democrats Herbert L. Hyde and George M. Stephens, Jr., were defeated in Madison County. (Continued To Last Page)

DEMOCRATIC WINNERS IN COUNTY, DISTRICT, STATE RACES

Congress	U. S. Senator	Governor	Representative	Representative	Register of Deeds	County Coroner
Roy Taylor	Sam J. Ervin, Jr.	Robert "Bob" Scott	Ernest B. Messer	Liston B. Ramsey	Hilliard Teague	W. A. Sams

REPUBLICAN WINNERS IN COUNTY, DISTRICT RACES

Commissioner	Commissioner	Commissioner	Auditor	Tax Collector	State Senate	State Senate
Carl Coyle	W. C. Silver, Jr.	Roy McDevitt	W. B. Zink	Bruce Briggs	Ervin Adams	E. T. (Ted) Dent