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Capital Punishment Measure Advances

Odds Are Heavily Against Passage Of Critical Measure

A bill to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina cleared one legislative hurdle Tuesday when it was approved by the House Judiciary 2 Committee.

It now heads for the House floor where similar measures have been killed in the past two legislative sessions.

However, sponsors of the measure are a trifle more hopeful of success this time since Gov. Bob Scott and other top state officials have come out publicly in favor of eliminating the death penalty in North Carolina.

But odds are still heavily against the measure which won the support of only 41 of the 120 House votes two years ago and only 26 votes four years ago.

The Judiciary Committee handed the bill a favorable report after discussing the issue at length and after hearing a strong plea by one of its sponsors, Rep. Howard Twigg, D-Wake.

Twigg repeated all the familiar arguments against the death penalty. He argued first that capital punishment does not prevent capital crime and pointed out that five states which have abolished capital punishment have the lowest rate of capital crimes and five states with capital punishment have the highest.

Before handing the bill a favorable report, the committee defeated a motion by Rep. Henry Boshamer, D-Carteret, to report it without prejudice.

April 12-19 Are Filing Dates For Town Candidates

Those wishing to file for mayor and aldermen for the Town of Marshall in the May 6, 1969 municipal election may do so at the City Hall from April 12 to April 19, it was announced this week by Mrs. Pearl Rector, town clerk.

THE HARD WAY

Summer vacations cause many families to let the outgo exceed their income and set them up for a hard fall.

To Head Music Department



W. DAVID LYNCH will become chairman of the music department of Meredith College, effective next fall. He replaces Dr. Harry E. Cooper, who is retiring. Lynch is a graduate of Oberlin College and presently teaches at Centenary College for Women in New Jersey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larkin Lynch, who are associated with Mars Hill College.

Baptist Men, Boys Attend Meeting In Winston-Salem

Several members of the Marshall Baptist Church attended the Christian Youth Fellowship meeting in Winston-Salem last Friday and Saturday. Outstanding athletes, including the world's strongest man, Paul Anderson, appeared on the various programs and told of their religious experiences.

Those attending were the Rev. A. A. Peverall, Oscar McDewitt, Ed Morton, Phillip Crowe, Wayne McDewitt, Frank Roberts, Donnie Banks, Tim Ramsey, Douglas Dodson, Holden and Tony Webb, Boyce Mayhew, Jr., Kevin Robinson and Ralph Ponder.

MATTER OF RECORD

There's little new under the sun and if you take time to look, the answer to most problems can be found in the book of experience.

SCHOOL BOARDS ASSO. MEETING IS SUCCESSFUL

The annual meeting of the District Sixteen School Boards Association was held at the Mars Hill High School on March 27. The theme for this year's gathering of school board members, district committeemen and school administrators was "Next Steps Forward for Education". School units included in the district are Haywood, Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey Counties and Asheville and Marion Cities.

Following registration, the afternoon program consisted of discussion groups led by prominent lay and professional leaders from the district and state.

Mr. Jerome Melton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction was the principal speaker for the evening session. His address followed a banquet held in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p. m.

These area conferences of the N. C. State School Boards Association annually attract over 4,000 school board members, committeemen, educators, and other interested persons. Dr. Bruce Sams of the Madison County Board of Education is currently serving as President of the District and Superintendent Robert L. Edwards is district secretary.

The State Association was organized in 1937 and through its history has been dedicated to seeking improvements in North Carolina Public Education. From its offices in Chapel Hill, the Association works with school board

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Sunrise Service At Oak Hill Baptist Church Sunday

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Oak Hill Baptist Church cemetery Sunday, beginning at 6:00 a. m. Should the weather be inclement, the service will be held in the church, a member stated.

Rev. Bill Worley, pastor, will deliver the message. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Monday To Be Observed By Firms Here

Many of the agencies and some of the other offices will be closed on Easter Monday, it was announced here this week. Among those closing will be the Department of Public Welfare, Health Department, offices in the courthouse, and banks.

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY FOR EASTER

Superintendent R. L. Edwards announced this week that Madison County schools will be closed this Friday in observance of Easter. The make-up day for Friday will be on Saturday, April 12 when schools will be in operation. Mr. Edwards announced that the closing date for county schools for the summer vacation will be May 30, provided further postponements are not necessary.

OES Installation Here Friday Night

The Marshall Eastern Star Chapter will have installation of officers for the new year on Friday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Charlie Leake will be installed as worthy matron of the Chapter and Glenn Slagle is the incoming worthy patron. The installation ceremony is open to the public.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

THE NATION

Democrats hailed Wednesday their capture of the House seat formerly held by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird as signaling a national trend against the Nixon Administration.

THE WORLD

An Egyptian government spokesman said in Cairo Wednesday Egypt does not insist on withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied lands as a precondition for settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

THE STATE

The stage was set Wednesday for a renewal of the speaker battle before the North Carolina General Assembly.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weatherman is predicting occasional showers for Thursday with cooler temperatures. The high is expected to be in the mid-60s under considerably cloudy skies. Probability of showers is 40 per cent.

TOUCHE

The senior girl sniffed disdainfully as the pink-cheeked freshman cut in. "Just why did you have to cut in?" she asked loftily. The freshman hung his head in humility. "I'm sorry," he said, "I'm working my way through college and your partner was waving a five dollar bill at me."

4-H TALENT SHOW TO BE HELD AT MARS HILL

Will Be Held In College Auditorium; Winners To District Meet

Madge Guffey, assistant HEE agent, announced this week that the Madison County 4-H Talent Show will be held Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p. m. in the Mars Hill College Auditorium. 4-H members from the entire county will be presenting a variety of talent numbers. The public is invited and a small admission will be charged. Tickets will be sold by 4-H members in the county or may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Community 4-H Clubs.

4-H'ers who are interested in entering the talent show should fill out the entry form and send to the Extension Office. Winners will be chosen by a group of judges and these winners will represent Madison County in the District Talent Show.

The factors considered in determining talent show winners are

Entertainment, 40 points.
Talent in Field, 20 points.
Appropriate Selection, 20 points.
Showmanship, 20 points.
Come and join us for an evening of fun and entertainment. Please buy your tickets now from the 4-H Club members in the county.

Big Night For County Gang

The Madison 4-H County Council Synod held its quarterly meeting March 25 in the REA Building in Marshall. The control of the Klan was discussed between Lynne (the Knife) Baker and Joel (Big Daddy) Fender. Jeffery (the Crook) Roberts & Faith (Kitty Cat) Wise led the pledges. Shirley (Blondie) McIntosh presented devotions.

This month the 1969 ringleaders were elected. They are: President, Joel (Big Daddy) Fender; vice president, Nancy (Cool Cookie) Gentry; secretary-treasurer, Vickie (Hot Stuff) Wallin; Reporter Harlon (Baby Face) Rice; song leader, Joyce (the Fork) Wallin; recreation leader, Lynne (the Knife) Baker.

Next the restless members divided into groups to learn how to control their dictatorship, after which the 4-H members hit their getaway cars and split to make the scene who knows where. (P. S. There's a slight exaggeration in this article.) Reporter Harlon (Baby Face) Rice

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State ASC Committee Includes Mallie Brown

TOWN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 6

Official notices are published in this issue concerning the municipal elections for Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs on May 6, 1969.

It is expected that candidates will be announcing soon.

Daffodil Show To Be Held April 12-13 Biltmore Dairy Bar

Final preparations are under way in Asheville for the Ninth Daffodil Show. The Show will be presented April 12 and 13 in the John Cecil Room of the Biltmore Dairy Bar by the French Broad River Garden Club in cooperation with the Asheville Garden Club, the Forest Garden Club, the Town and Country Garden Club, the Haw Creek Garden Club and the Kenilworth Garden Club.

The show, a highlight of the spring season, is approved by the American Daffodil Society and is open to the public on April 12 from 2:30 to 9 p. m. and on April 13 from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Out-of-town exhibitors may obtain schedules and entry cards by writing Mrs. T. Redmond Thayer, 388 Vanderbilt Road, Asheville, N. C. 28808.

The Show annually attracts many out-of-town spectators. An admission fee of 75c for adults and 25c for children is charged. Admission and exhibitors tickets may be obtained at the door.

Mrs. John B. Veach and Mrs. David B. Morgan, Jr., are co-chairmen of the Show.

STILL "LYIN'!"

Joe was down by the river bank watching the parson baptize his friend, Sam, in the icy water. When the pastor raised Sam to the surface Joe asked him, "Is the water cold, Sam?" "Nooo-oo-o," chattered Sam. "Better duck him again Parson," advise Joe. "He ain't stopped lyin' yet!"

Auxiliary Generator To Be Demonstrated April 17

Gospel Singing At Mars Hill April 12 For Easter Seals

Ed Ball, popular promoter of gospel singing, announces that an outstanding array of talent has been scheduled to sing Saturday night, April 12, in Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill College. The program will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Ball stated that among the featured singers will be the Kingmen's Quartet and the 75-member Barberville Choir, of Waynesville.

"We truly have a great program lined up and we hope everyone will attend," Mr. Ball said. Although there will be no admission, an opportunity will be given to contribute to the Madison County Easter Seal campaign for crippled children.

High School senior girls will serve as usherettes. It was stated.

EMBARRASSED

"How kind of you," said the girl, to bring me these lovely flowers. They're so lovely and fresh. I believe there is some dew on them yet." "Yes," answered the man, "I am going to put it all to use."

Responsibilities Of Present Committee Are Many And Important

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin today named Major Ambrose Buff, Jr., of Morganton as chairman, and Sam E. Rouse, Kinston; Mallie E. Brown, Marshall; Robert L. Hill, Jr., Oakboro; and Trellia H. Kilby, Wilbar, as members of the North Carolina State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

ASC committeemen are responsible for the State administration of such farm action programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, Price Supports, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, the Feed Grain Program, the voluntary Wheat Program, Farm Storage Facility Loans and related activities.

Mr. Buff, 44, has been chairman of the Burke County ASC Committee since 1966. Prior to that he was vice chairman for two years and a community committeeman from 1952 to 1954. He has farmed near Morganton for the past thirty years, producing wheat, soybeans, corn, hay, and purebred Charolais beef cattle.

Mr. Buff is a member of the North Carolina State Farm Bureau Board of Directors; he helped organize the Burke County Farm Bureau and served as its president for four years. He is also a member of the American Charolais Association, serving as director of the Virginia-Carolina Association.

Mr. Rouse, 55, who has also served as an ASC county committeeman, has been farming in Lenoir and Guilford Counties since 1945. He produces tobacco, soybeans, cotton and livestock on some 300 acres. He is a charter member of the Lenoir County Association. (Continued on Last Page)

GOP WOMEN TO MEET TONIGHT

The Madison County Republican Womens Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the courthouse here.

All members and others interested are invited.

French Broad EMC To Sponsor Event At Zeno Ponder Farm

Is your standby power still a kerosene lantern? What can you do in case of a major power shortage? Are you likely to lose hundreds of dollars in frozen foods should the electricity go off for a long period? What about milking should the power fail?

These and many more questions will be partially answered on Thursday, April 17, when the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation is sponsoring a demonstration of the auxiliary generator at the Zeno H. Ponder farm beginning at 3:00 o'clock.

W. E. Cook, a representative of Wimpower Company, of Newton, Iowa, will be in charge of the demonstration. It was announced that the large Ponder dairy will be operated by the farm tractor and the public is cordially invited to attend the demonstration free. (Continued on Last Page)

Masonic Meeting Monday Night

The regular State Commission of French Broad Lodge No. 100 will be held on Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. B. Veach, 388 Vanderbilt Road, Asheville. All members and others who are interested are invited.

Nation Pays Last Respects To Dwight David Eisenhower

Kings, Diplomats, Officials Attend State Funeral

ACTIVITIES OF OUR RED CROSS IN MARCH

Dwight David Eisenhower, warrior and president, was committed Monday to the mercy, protection and peace of God in majestic state funeral before the mighty men of America and other lands.

Then, in the simple steel coffin of a soldier, the body of the man the world knew as Ike began aboard an ancient railroad baggage car the long last journey to a grave on the Prairie of Kansas.

The splendor of the funeral in the vaulted grandeur of Washington National Cathedral, the stunner tribute of Americans who filed past the flag-draped coffin in the Rotunda of the Capitol, and a final farewell of a sorrowing capital.

The three days of rites for the 78-year-old leader who died Friday were days of military precision, the trembling salutes of aging comrades in arms, the Spartan grief of a veiled widow, the repeated thunder of "Hail to the Chief."

In March the Red Cross Service to Military Families Department handled four requests for the Madison County Branch. Two cases involved requests for reporting and two cases were requests for health and welfare reports.

A Water Safety Instructor Training Course began March 10 at the Mars Hill College pool conducted by Dal Sheeley and Virginia Hart, and a Standard First Aid class at Mars Hill is still in session.

Information on the National Aquatic School to be held June 4 through June 14 at Camp Blue Star, Hendersonville, was sent to Father O'Donnell, chairman, Madison County Branch. A scholarship will be available for a student meeting qualifications.

The Red Cross Blood Program received 20 units of blood donated by Madison County residents during the month.

Sunday Is Easter

Attend Church Of Your Choice