



Sen. Briggs Bill Would Put County Under School Board Election Law

Bill Would Repeal Local Act Of 1967; Much Interest

Sen. Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill introduced a bill in the Senate Wednesday which is designed to put Madison County under the statewide school board election law adopted by the 1967 General Assembly.

The bill would repeal a local act adopted in 1969 providing for the election of a Madison County Board of Education by districts. Briggs said he introduced the measure in response to a resolution adopted by the "Committee of 100 for Better Schools of Madison County," which is spearheading a drive to consolidate high schools there into a single unit at one location.

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, committee chairman and president of Mars Hill College, said election of the school board on a non-partisan basis would greatly enhance the prospects of a consolidated high school for the children of the county.

Passage of a bond issue in Madison is a prerequisite to the consolidation program, Briggs said. The Madison County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution calling for the consolidation and the non-partisan election of the school board on a county-wide basis.

"The board of county commissioners has established a fund to purchase a school site for the purpose of implementing the consolidation program, and I feel that it is most imperative that this bill be passed to provide for county-wide participation in establishment of this new school program in Madison County," Briggs said.

He said the present local law calls for the partisan election of three members from one district and two from another.

"It would appear that in light of the most recent federal cases (Continued on Last Page)

MIRACLE MAN

A husband is merely a figure-head in the family — and man how he has to figure today.

Adult Education Classes To Begin Here Tonight

Completes Degree



Monroe T. Morgan

Morgan Completes Dr. P.H. Degree At Tulane University

Monroe T. Morgan has completed requirements for the degree Doctor of Public Health (Dr. P.H.) at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Dr. Morgan was graduated from Marshall High School in 1952. After serving four years in the United States Air Force, he enrolled in Mars Hill Junior College from which he received the Associate in Arts diploma in August 1958. Immediately thereafter he enrolled in East Tennessee State University where he majored in Health and was granted the Bachelor of Arts degree in December, 1969.

After working for almost two years as a Public Health Sanitarian with Fairfax County Health Department, Fairfax, Va., he enrolled in the University of North Carolina School of Public Health from which he received the degree Master of Science in Public Health in June, 1962. Soon after graduation he was employed. (Continued on Last Page)

Classes For Adults From 18; Sponsored By A-B Tech

Schedule for the opening of spring quarter classes in Adult Basic Education has been announced by Roy Sawyer, director. The classes are sponsored by Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

The class at Marshall High School will open at 7 p. m., Thursday, April 10 (today), and will continue weekly on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The classes are designed for all adults 18 and older who are not currently enrolled in a public school and who do not have a high school diploma.

Studies are offered in beginning reading and writing, mathematics, English, social studies and science. Since the program began several hundred adults have reached an achievement level which enabled them to attain a high school equivalency certificate. Many have learned to read and write while others have improved their basic educational skills. Some forty or more from Madison County have attained a high school equivalency certificate.

Classes are free and all materials furnished. Individuals can enroll at any time the classes are in session. If further information is desired, contact Mrs. S. L. Nix or call 649-4476.

Aid To Blind Method Questionnaire Is Now Being Tested

With the cooperation of Aid to the Blind recipients in a sample area of counties, a simplified method of determining eligibility for Aid to the Blind is being tested. In contrast to the present method, information concerning his eligibility will be given by the client on a questionnaire. Investigations by Social Workers will be limited to clearing information that is incomplete, inconsistent or which has been omitted. Most of the Social Workers' time will then be devoted to rendering services to blind and visually handicapped persons.

Grady Galloway, Executive Director of the State Commission for the Blind, said, "65 cases were selected for the first test sample. The purpose of the questionnaire was to determine if recipient of Aid to the Blind payments could understand the questions and supply adequate information to prove eligibility. Fifty-five questionnaires were returned for evaluation. Of these, fifty-one respondents were able to complete them without assistance from the Social Worker. Most of the recipients participating in the study indicated their preference for the new method."

Galloway said the principle behind the innovation is similar to the one followed by the Internal Revenue Service which relies heavily on the information provided by persons filing income tax returns.

In April a second test of the simplified method will be made to further determine the effectiveness of the use of a questionnaire in securing valid information. Counties involved in this study will be Buncombe, Carteret, Caswell, Mecklenburg, Person, Sampson, and Watauga. Effective on Jan. 1, 1970, all states will implement the simplified method for determining eligibility for Aid to the Blind assistance.

MAIL - A - PRAYER

4-H TALENT SHOW TO BE HELD AT MARS HILL FRI.

Fun and entertainment is promised if you attend the 4-H Talent Show Friday night, April 11 at 7:30 o'clock in the Mars Hill College Auditorium! 4-H'ers from the entire county will participate and winners will be named to go on to District competition. Buy your tickets from 4-H club members or at the door on Friday.

OPEN HOUSE AT LIBRARY HERE SAT., APRIL 26

Mrs. Peggy Dotterer, county librarian, announces that Open House will be observed at the library on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The open house observance is in connection with National Library Week which is being observed throughout the nation April 20-26.

Everyone is invited to visit the library which is located in the former Belk building on Main Street.

It was also announced that county home demonstration clubs will be in charge of refreshments at open house.

Auto Insurance Rates Hiked

Insurance Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier announced Monday night that private passenger automobile rates for North Carolina would be increased by 3.9 per cent effective on and after Wednesday.

Lanier said the effect of the approved increase would be to increase property damage basic rates for Class 1A private passenger autos by \$2.00. There will be no change in the bodily in-

Only One Woman Legally Hanged In North Carolina

Did you know that only one woman has been legally hanged in this state?

Actually, such a statistic had never entered our mind until Claude West, of the Grapevine section, brought in a clipping from the Asheville Citizen-Times, dated Sunday, March 10, 1955 which re-published the account of the hanging of Frances Silver on June 30, 1833 at Morganton. She was the only woman ever legally hanged in North Carolina.

DRIVE TO LIVE

Life is short enough, motorists: Don't make it shorter by passing on hills and curves.

Mobile Carpentry Crew Of OC Has Done Useful Projects

Carpentry Crew Completed Many Projects This Year

In answer to an inquiry from this newspaper recently, the following information was released this week by the Opportunity Corporation:

The following projects have been completed by the Mobile Carpentry Crew of Opportunity Corporation in Madison County this year: **MADISON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** Build bookshelves, plunger, by box, and dishes in utility room. Also, install door to connect waiting room from clinic area. Four men worked a total of 218 hours on this project. **MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY** Built shelves for books. Two

Capital Punishment Bill Is Given The Death Blow

DISTRICT COURT TO START HERE NEXT MONDAY

C. N. Willis, clerk of superior court, announces that a two-day term of District Court will begin here Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Judge J. Ray Braswell will preside.

BILLY GRAHAM TO BE ON WLOS-TV APR. 20, 27, MAY 4

Highlighting the Crusade of the Americas, the total evangelistic thrust of Baptists, will be the revivals in the local churches and the television series featuring news commentator Paul Harvey and evangelist Billy Graham, with Gospel messages on the youth, home and nation to be telecast throughout North Carolina.

Realizing that the efforts of the local church must be enlarged to reach the masses outside the church, Baptists are using a unique approach as a part of the church's evangelistic outreach in each community. Church families will be preparing for a home fellowship hour during the telecast and will extend invitation to the unchurched and unenlightened to share their family setting as a part of their Christian witness.

The Crusade of the Americas is a response to the efforts of Rubens Lopes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sao Paulo, Brazil, who initiated a crusade effort in Brazil which resulted in 42,000 baptisms and five hundred new churches in a period of two years. His plea that this crusade be extended to all the churches of both North and South America was accepted by Baptists of both continents.

The television schedule includes WLOS-TV, Asheville — April 20, April 27 — May 4 — 12:00 Noon.

Julian Hopkins, director, Division of Evangelism for North Carolina Baptists is directing the state-wide effort.

W. B. Zink, Jr. Served As Senate Page Last Week

William B. Zink, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Zink, of Mars Hill, had the honor of serving as Senate Page last week in Raleigh. Young Zink was nominated by State Senator Bruce Briggs and was appointed by Lieut.-Governor Pat Taylor.

C. F. RESEARCH BRANCH TO BE ORGANIZED

Meeting Next Wednesday; Clyde L. English Coordinator

A meeting to organize a Western North Carolina Branch of the North Carolina Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation will be held at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, April 16, in the Medical Library of Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville.

According to Clyde L. English, Mars Hill real estate and insurance agent, who is serving as co-ordinator for Madison County, it will be the goal of the meeting to organize the 16th Branch of the North Carolina Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation which begins operation on a state-wide basis July 1, 1968. Cystic Fibrosis activities already have been organized in 37 North Carolina counties.

Cystic Fibrosis is a common chronic disease of infancy and childhood. It is estimated that about one in every 1,000 American babies is born with the disease. (Continued on Last Page)

Ramsey And Messer Vote Opposite On Motion To Table Bill

A bill to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina has been given a death blow. The House voted 68-38 to kill the measure Tuesday. It got three votes fewer than a similar bill two years ago.

The death blow came on a motion to table by Rep. Daniel T. Lilley, D-Lenoir, after he made an emotional plea to retain the death penalty.

"You are either going to vote for the criminal or for the victim," said Lilley. He told the House that crimes such as murder, rape, arson, and burglary, which are punishable by death in North Carolina, are on the increase.

"Where are your sympathies?" he asked, telling of a case in which murder victims were chopped up. "Are you just going to say to the one who chopped up these girls, 'You be a good little boy and in about 10 years, we'll parole you?'"

Lilley spoke after sponsors of the bill, Reps. Howard Twigg, and Archie McMillan, both D-Wake, and Rep. Ed McKnight, R-Forsyth, made strong pleas in (Continued on Last Page)

Beginners' Days To Start In County Schools Friday

Courthouse Lawn Without Flag Pole

Have you noticed the absence of the American flag and the flag pole in the courthouse lawn? The reason is obvious. Several weeks ago the wind got the best of the aged flag pole and down it went crashing to the ground. Fortunately, it blew down during the night when no one was around. If it had blown down during the day it is possible that someone might have been injured. It is expected that a new flag pole will be erected as soon as one can be obtained.

Courthouse Getting New Paint On Dome

A new coat of silver paint is being applied to the dome of the courthouse and when that is completed, further painting will be done on the outside of the courthouse.

Open At Marshall Friday; Immunization Is Required

Dr. Barbara A. Wood, Madison County Health Director, and Robert L. Edwards, Madison County Superintendent of Education, have announced that Beginners' Day have been scheduled for the Madison County Schools. Schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 11 — Marshall Monday, April 14 — Hot Springs Wednesday, April 16 — Walnut Thursday, April 17 — Ebbs Chapel Friday, April 18 — Laurel Monday, April 21 — Spring Creek Wednesday, April 23 — Beech Glen Thursday, April 24 — Mars Hill Programs in all the schools will begin at 9:00 a. m. It is very important that any child who will be six years of age on or before October 15 attend the Beginners' Day in his school district account. (Continued on Last Page)

Auxiliary Generator To Be Demonstrated April 17

Ramsey States ACP Assistance Yet Available

Farm owners or operators within Madison County who have not enrolled in the 1969 Agricultural Conservation cost-sharing (ACP) program, may get enrolled if they have a farm need and are interested.

County ASOS office manager, Ralph Ramsey, points out that this farmer-government partnership program is a voluntary farm program through which each share the cost of carrying out farm practices that will help to conserve soil, water and forest resources. As a general rule, the Government bears about half of the cost of the project and the approved farm practices and the farmer bears the other half and also provides the labor needed to perform the practices. Ramsey says that a vast number of (Continued on Last Page)

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 of the Zeno Ponder Farm beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

W. E. Oost, a representative of the Generator Company, of Herten, Iowa, will be in charge of the demonstration. The demonstration will show how the generator will be used in a farm situation. (Continued on Last Page)

News At A Glance

THE NATION

The investment credit, a business stimulant counted as a triumph by President Kennedy, is now under heavy fire from Democrats and labor unions.

About 300 Harvard students took over University Hall, Harvard's main administration building, Wednesday, forcibly ejecting several deans, and demanding termination of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Dr. Denton Cooley went through a busy seven-operation day Wednesday and gave no indication he was disturbed by a controversy over Haskell Karp's artificial heart.

THE WORLD

Historian Arnold J. Toynbee says the United States and Israel have taken up the art of colonialism where the European nations left off after World War II.

Britain's supersonic Concorde made its maiden flight Wednesday. The pilot said, "It was a wizard."

THE STATE

Rep. Sam Johnson, D-Wake, said Wednesday that he looks for the North Carolina General Assembly to approve a record state budget totaling \$3.52 billion for the 1969-70 biennium.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The weatherman is predicting a 50 per cent chance of rain (Continued on Last Page)

STATE BUDGET OK EXPECTED

Rep. Sam Johnson, D-Wake, said Wednesday he looks for the North Carolina General Assembly to approve a record state budget totaling \$3.52 billion for the 1969-70 biennium. Johnson, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, also predicted in an interview that a tax of at least two and one-half cents will be placed on each package of cigarettes sold in the state. "The tax could possibly be more," Johnson said. Gov. Bob Scott has recommended a five-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes and a two-cent levy on each cigar.

Johnson said the Joint Appropriations Committee will probably report the budget out the latter part of May, clearing the way for adjournment in June.

"When the tentative budget comes before our full committee," Johnson said, "it will total about \$3.5 billion. I look for some \$20 million in supplemental bills to be approved by our full committee." A \$3.52 billion budget would mean an increase of \$700 million over the present biennium. Johnson also predicted the Joint Finance Committee will put a tax increase on liquor.