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Voter Poll Reveals Big Change In Thinking

Results Of 14,000 Replies Released By Con. Taylor

Washington — Responses to an annual poll taken recently by 11th District Rep. Roy A. Taylor indicate that many of his constituents have modified their thinking on Vietnam and some other national issues during the last 12 months.

The Black Mountain Congressman said his office has completed tabulation of a representative sampling of more than 14,000 replies to his third annual legislative questionnaire. It was mailed to some 150,000 box holders in the 16-county Congressional District.

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents said that should the current Vietnam peace talks fail, they would favor renewed bombing of North Vietnam and stronger efforts to win the war. Thirty-three percent indicated they would prefer a gradual withdrawal of U. S. troops, with continued aid to South Vietnam while 29 percent favored immediate withdrawal of American troops. Only one percent favored continuation of limited warfare as at present.

By comparison, 81 percent of the respondents to the Congressman's 1968 questionnaire said they would favor renewed bombing and escalation of military operations should the Paris talks prove futile.

On new Administration programs, 68 percent said they favor.

GOP Fund-Raising Dinner At Marshall School Saturday

It has been announced that a Republican fund-raising dinner will be held at the Marshall school cafeteria this Saturday night at 7:00 o'clock.

Representative Charles Taylor, of Brevard, will be the principal speaker.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday Night:
Marshall at East Yancey
Mars Hill at Hot Springs
Saturday at 2:00 p. m.
Mars Hill College vs. Glenville State at Mars Hill.

Boone's Creek Downs Marshall In Rain, 29-6 Mars Hill Wildcats Roll Past Erwin, 39-0 South Greene Mauls Blue Devils, 42-14

Boone's Creek-Marshall

Football fans who sat in the rain on the Island last Friday night will never forget the versatility of one of Boone's Creek backs who did everything well, including elusive running, fine passing, great punting and accurate place-kicking. When he didn't carry the ball for large gains, he was leading the interference for his teammates to gain valuable extra yards. The outstanding player was Allen Bradley, who wore Jersey No. 32, and ran like a deer.

Bradley, however, was not the only player from the strong Team Class A school who shined. Louie King, one of the finest quarterbacks seen here in years, kept the Tornado defense on the run as he would fade deep only to elude oncoming tacklers to leave a pass or make a run. Other outstanding players who were outstanding included Gary Boone, Mike Barlow and Bob Adams.

Coach Loren and Foster stated that they were well pleased with the "Bare" 29 being their first game of the season.

Bradley was one of the finest (Continued on Last Page)

DEADLINE NEAR FOR VOTING IN ASC ELECTION

Ballots Are To Be Publicly Tabulated On Friday, September 19

Farmers within the county were reminded this week that they have only through Tuesday, September 16 to cast their ballot in this year's ASC Community Committee election.

In issuing this reminder, Ralph Ramsey, county ASCS office manager, stated that it is especially important that farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers vote and work for candidates of their choice in this year's election. He pointed out that ASC committees may well be called upon for local administration of new farm programs during the next few months and that the best possible representations of farm interest is needed in our area. Farm programs are changing as national and world needs and concerns change.

The ASC Committee System, according to Ramsey, is the vital connecting link between the individual farmer and Washington in the administration of farm programs such as the crop average (Continued To Last Page)

DISTRICT COURT ENDS TUESDAY; JUDGMENTS

District court for the trial of criminal cases started here Monday and adjourned Tuesday afternoon with Judge J. Ray Braswell presiding.

C. N. Willis, clerk of superior court, issued the following cases where judgments were rendered: Jack Wallin, non-support of children, guilty, weekly support. Wallin not found guilty of other charges.

The following defendants were found guilty, judgments of fines and costs given:

Ronald Shelton, assault; Arthur Frisby, no inspection certificate; driving under influence, (appealed); Emory Payne, speeding; El- (Continued on Last Page)

JIM HUDGINS TO SPEAK AT RED CROSS MEETING

Jim Hudgins will address the members of the Madison County Red Cross Branch Board of Directors and all volunteers who are assisting in the October Membership Drive at 4:00 p. m., Wednesday, September 17, in the meeting room of the Madison County Public Library.

A veteran Red Cross man, Mr. Hudgins, who is serving now as National Representative in this area, has spent fourteen years with Red Cross, several years of this time being spent in service at military installations, which included a tour of duty in Korea. He comes to Asheville from an assignment as National Representative with the Dade County Red Cross Chapter in Miami, Florida.

All volunteer workers are urged to attend this important kick-off meeting at which time final instructions will be given and campaign materials distributed for the October Membership Drive.

Bond Referendum Vote Consolidation Delayed

Education Board Deplores Delay; "Politics" Is Charged By Some

Madison County school officials charged Wednesday that county commissioners are trying "to make a political football out of our 3,000 school children" by blocking a Nov. 4 election on a \$960,000 school bond issue.

"I was shocked when informed by Carl Cody, chairman of the county commission, that there would be no election this coming Nov. 4," Bill Roberts, chairman of the Board of Education, said Wednesday night.

"They (commissioners) have repeatedly said that they were for better schools, and now they want to postpone the referendum until next year and make a political football out of our 3,000 school children."

The school bond issue was proposed as a means of funding consolidation of the county's existing five high schools into one. The Board of Education handed county commissioners a petition Sept. 2 calling for the Nov. 4 referendum. (Continued To Last Page)

PRODUCTION OF TOMATOES IS WORTHWHILE

Madison County farmers have found tomato production to be a very worthwhile enterprise in their farming program.

Burder Reeves and his father, R. C., of the Sandy Mush Community have long been recognized as successful beef cattle and tobacco farmers. For the past few years they have been producing vine-ripe tomatoes. Recently Burder made the comment that vine-ripe tomatoes have been one of the most successful enterprises he had. He stated he had only had one bad year with tomatoes and that he received more per acre from his tomatoes that year than from his tobacco.

Many tomato producers are now planning to put in more modern spray equipment, to use some of the labor saving devices, and to expand their acreage for the 1970 season. Tomato production might well become the number one cash crop in Madison County.

Commissioners Explain The Reasons For Delay; Cite Laws

On August 4, 1969, the Madison County Commissioners met with the Board of Education for the purpose of discussing consolidation of the high schools in Madison County into one consolidated high school and the issuance of bonds to finance the purchase of land and the construction and equipping of it. The commissioners advised the Board of Education that if a petition for an election to allow the county to sell bonds was presented to them according to law, the commissioners would order an election according to law.

It was not until September 2, that such a petition was presented by the Board of Education to the County Commissioners. This petition was revised and left with the clerk to the commissioners on September 4. The commissioners then met in special session after (Continued To Last Page)

More Than 3,000 Attend B.L.L. Festival At Mars Hill

Lunsford And 5 Others Are Listed For Hall Of Fame

CONSOLIDATION

(Editorial)

Whatever the TRUE reasons for the delay in the bond referendum for the consolidation of our five high schools may never be known but both, the members of the board of education and the members of the county commissioners have voiced their opinions. In either event of which "reason" you wish to accept as valid, delays are most costly, especially at the expense of our children.

Long months of study and work have gone into planning and working toward a modern high school building and, in our opinion, the people of Madison County realize that consolidation is a "must". We have delayed too long already. Consolidation should have been done years ago.

The board of education and the county commissioners have expressed the desire for better educational facilities. They have met jointly and in public meetings and it was hoped that the usually conflicting viewpoints would not enter into the advancement for consolidation. But now it seems questionable that the two bodies will work harmoniously together — and that's a shame.

The future of our children is too important to let petty political differences and personality conflicts interfere.

Such an important issue as consolidation should be non-political — consolidation is for ALL, both Democrats and Republicans. Lets cut out the "child play" and act like sensible adults.

Rummage Sale

Marshall Chapter of Eastern Star will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, September 20, in front of the courthouse here, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Winners At Festival Are Named; List Of Judges Announced

Bascom Lamar Lunsford and five other outstanding mountain music personalities were nominated to the Mountain Music Hall of Fame at the "Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Minstrel of the Appalachia . . ." festival at Mars Hill Saturday night.

Other outstanding mountain music names to be inducted into the Hall of fame in 1970 are "Piddling Bill Hensley", Aunt Lamantha Bumgartner, Sam Queen, Azie Helton and Sam Hunnicut. Lunsford is the only one living.

Lunsford, 87, was unable to attend the festival in his honor because of illness. More than 3,000 folk music fans turned out to pay tribute to Lunsford and to see performances by some 40 folk singers and dancers.

Chick Martin of Siler City was presented the Bascom Lamar Lunsford trophy for the best (Continued to Last Page)

Groundbreaking Set Friday For M.H. Housing Project

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$962,550 low cost housing development at Mars Hill will be held at 4:30 p. m. Friday.

According to Bill Zink, executive director for the Mars Hill Housing Authority, the development will be on five sites in the center of the town and will be comprised of 47 units and a community center.

The funds came from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The construction will be completed June 11, 1970, Zink said.

H. C. Edwards is chairman of the Housing Authority. Other members are Miss Nancy Medford, B. H. Tilson, W. K. Anderson and Helen Casteloe.

Event Successful Despite Absence Of Bascom Lamar Lunsford

More than 3,000 mountain music lovers, performers, and admirers of Bascom Lamar Lunsford practically filled the spacious Chambers Gymnasium at Mars Hill College last Saturday night.

The citizens and officials of the town, county and state, poured out the riches of their hearts to honor Lunsford, a native of this county who has devoted the 87 years of his life to collecting, writing, and preserving the true and authentic mountain ballads and tunes.

But Lunsford could not attend and receive the honors as he was at his home fighting off a serious illness.

However, the keys to the town of Mars Hill were presented to his son, Zalar, a school teacher at Laurel, in a ceremony before the festival began Saturday night.

The festival entitled "Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Minstrel of the Appalachia . . ." featured more than 40 performances by individual musicians and singers and groups, including dance teams.

But the high esteem in which Lunsford is held was best exhibited at the earlier ceremony.

State Highway Commissioner Novile Hawkins of Mars Hill presented the North Carolina Distinguished Citizen Award from Gov. Bob Scott. For outstanding service to the state, and "In appreciation for the music you have given us," Hawkins told Lamar Lunsford that his father was one of the state's leading lights.

In addition to the key to the town, Mars Hill Mayor William Powell made Lunsford "honorary mayor." The Madison County Board of Commissioners also presented Lunsford's son with a framed proclamation which named Sept. 6 "Bascom Lamar Lunsford Day."

Telegrams were also read from Gov. Scott and Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

The key to the town of Mars Hill was fashioned in the shape of a five-string banjo.

As the festival began, Mrs. Jean Davis Schilling of Gettysburg, Tenn., played an autoharp and (Continued on Last Page)

KEY TO THE CITY WAS A BANJO



Turning forth the riches of the heart and a region's greatest people came Saturday to Mars Hill College to honor Bascom Lamar Lunsford with ceremony and a festival. Among those presenting honors were (l-r) Arthur Q. Fisher of Raleigh, secretary of the State Fair; William Powell, Mars Hill Mayor, who presented Lunsford's son, Zalar, the key to the town, which was shaped like a banjo; Novile Hawkins, State Highway Commissioner; and Ed Hawkins, project chairman for the Mars Hill Housing Unit.