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Tomatoes Gross Farmers \$1,432,688; Record Year

Commissioners Favor Additional One-Cent Sales Tax For County

Would Prevent Increase In Property Tax; County Will Gain

On November 4th the voters of all of the 100 Counties of North Carolina will go to the polls to decide if their County will have a 1c local sales tax. The Commissioners of Madison County feel that the people of Madison County should know what this 1c sales tax would do for the county.

If the voters of Madison County vote in favor of the 1c sales tax this additional revenue would keep the property tax rate of the county from being raised for many years to come as well as supplying the County with additional funds to meet the ever increasing demands from the State Government to increase expenditures for Health, Welfare Conservation and Development and the ever increasing demand for better schools and local public services.

The 1969 Legislature raised the State Welfare Budget 32% and each County must pay its share of this increase even though no Board of County Commissioners had any say in this increase. (It was crammed down their throat by Legislature.) If Madison County enacts the 1c Local Sales Tax they can meet this increase along with meeting the demands and needs of Health, Education and better public services. Without the 1c local sales tax these demands and needs can only be met by raising the property tax.

Democratic Committee Favors Local Sales Tax

Wallin Points Out Reasons For Endorsement; Says "Vote Yes"

J. C. Wallin Jr., chairman, Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, stated that a quorum of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee was present Wednesday night October 22, at the Marshall School, and voted unanimously to support the one per cent local sales tax. Mr. Wallin further stated that the spirit of each and every chairman and vice chairman, as well as the officers of the committee, expressed the spirit of being for the one per cent sales tax, not as a partisan issue but as an issue that is right and just for Madison County and the future financial structure of the local county government. "We urge all eligible voters to go to the polls on November 4 and vote 'YES' which will add \$134,000 to the Madison County treasury. This \$134,000 would be more than enough money to pay off the proposed \$960,000 school bond and would increase our chances of passing the bond referendum tremendously, since property taxes could be relieved.

MRS. LISTER IS ELECTED PRES. OF COUNTY YDS

Consolidation And Optional Sales Tax Endorsed By Club Here

The Madison County French Broad Young Democrat Club met Thursday night, October 16, 1968, at 7:30 p. m. in the Marshall School Cafeteria. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Christine Lister; 1st Vice President, Elymus Payne; 2nd Vice President, Rex Sprinkle; 3rd Vice President, Ray Gardin; Secretary, Mrs. Susie Briggs; Treasurer, John Dedrick Ray. "The 1 per cent sales tax and consolidation of schools was discussed. The French Broad Young Democrat Club went on record as unanimously endorsing these two issues. The Club feels that with the consolidation of schools and the consolidation of Madison County can be and will be one of the leading small counties of Western North Carolina. It was the opinion of the club that if the 1 per cent sales tax was voted on, it would be one step toward progress for our county. It is known that a good school system is the backbone of getting roads, new industry, and preparing our youth for leadership in a progressive county," Mrs. Lister stated.

A REMINDER: RESET CLOCKS ON SAT. NIGHT

Summer may be long gone, but daylight saving time isn't dead yet. It soon will be, though.

The exact time for the change-over is 2 a. m. Sunday. As clocks will be set BACK an hour, it'll provide the once a year opportunity to get an extra hour's sleep. The procedure to be followed is simple. Before going to bed on Saturday night, merely set all all clocks back an hour. (That's the reverse of what was done on April 27 when clocks were set ahead an hour.)

The most noticeable effects of the switch will be an "earlier" sunrise and sunset.

CIVIL TERM TO START MONDAY; JURORS NAMED

The October term of court for the trial of cases will begin here next morning with Judge Thornburg, of Sylva. The term will be for one week. Jurors drawn for the term are:

Carroll Ramsey, M. Brooks, Mrs. Dewey C. Bern Hagan, Mrs. E. Posey Wilde, Jr., Belv. Buckner, Mrs. Susan Wade Buckner, Mrs. Chever Metcalf, Mrs. Loretta B. Ballard, D. (Continued to Last Page)

300 Acres Of Vine-Ripe Tomatoes More Grown

Farmers Could Double Annual Income With Tomatoes

By HARRY SILVER, Extension Agent

Vine-ripe tomato producers in Madison County experienced a successful season in 1968. The acres of producers in the county, including greens, sold at the season and all other crops, approximately 300 acres of vine-ripe tomatoes were produced. The average yield per acre, including greens, sold at the season and all other crops, was 20.34 tons per acre, resulting in a total-county production of 6,102 tons at an average gross sales of \$234,79, or a total gross sales of \$1,432,688. This is 16 percent above last year's sales on the same acreage. Net sales to the farmer, after all sales charges, was \$1,100,000.

Madison County tomato-packing plants packed the production from 100 acres. The production of 200 acres was packed in packing houses in Haywood, Swain, and Yancey Counties. Total production from approximately 10 acres was sold to truckers and some produced from most of the acres of the truckers. The production and marketing of Madison County tomatoes has established a reputation on the national market is good enough to take the price from any other source at the price per pack and its instances it demands from 50 cents per twenty-pound above competitive areas (Continued To Last Page)

Draft Lottery Plan Gets Committee OK

YOUTH COUNCIL REORGANIZES BD. DIRECTORS

Officers Are Named; 1970 Funding Is Discussed On Monday

The Youth Council of Madison County held a meeting for reorganization of the Board of Directors Monday, October 20. The new structure is intended to give each community of low-income youngsters interested in developing an effective recreation program a voice in the decision making process by letting the Chairman of each group have a seat and one vote on the Board. This is a revision of the former structure of having two representatives from eight sections of the county.

The new officers of the Council are as follows: Chairman, Shirley Brooks, vice-chairman, Wennie Ruth Willis; and secretary-treasurer, Connie Holt. The following (Continued on Last Page)

WASHINGTON

Nixon's lottery plan for draft to 19-year-olds was approved Thursday by the House Services Committee. The bill before the end of the session. The speedy action of the House indicated for House approval that the Senate might pass the bill before the end of the session. The House committee even to consider eliminating deferments for college students. Such a proposal by Sen. H. Ichord, D-Mo., was out of order on a 21-18 vote. (Continued on Last Page)

Bd. Of Education Urges Commissioners Order Bond Referendum Dec. 9

Want Written Statement; Cite Attorney General's Ruling

The Madison County Board of Education met Tuesday at a called meeting at which time the board members requested that the Madison County Commissioners order a school bond referendum on December 9, 1968. The board also requested a written statement concerning the above request by Monday, November 3, 1968, when the board of education will hold its regular meeting. A board spokesman stated that they would proceed with the appropriate action based upon the factual information at hand.

The board of education bases its request and action on a reply from Attorney General Robert Morgan and other state officials on the question of allowable time for special elections to approve County Commissioners bond order; writ of Mandamus to County Commissioners to compel bond order.

The question asked the Attorney General and the conclusion of the Attorney General are as follows:

QUESTIONS: (1) At what time may special bond elections be held; (2) Should the County Commissioners fail to act on the County Board of Education's petition for a special bond election, would a Writ of Mandamus be against the County Commissioners? CONCLUSIONS: (1) Special bond elections may be held at any time after the passage of the County Commissioners' order and proper notice, but not within a month before or after a regular election for county officers. (2) A Writ of Mandamus would be granted to compel the County Commissioners to act on the County Board of Education's petition for a special bond election.

COLLEGE DAY IS BEING HELD AT WALNUT TODAY

Some 500 students from five Madison County High Schools took part in College Day at Walnut School Thursday.

From 1 to 3 p. m. the students and their counselors met with their choice of representatives from 52 colleges and universities, technical schools, hospital schools, beauty schools, and business school. The program was also open to parents who wanted to attend.

The preparations for College Day was handled by Mrs. Lorette Robinson, Guidance Coordinator in Madison County Schools. She stated that there is a place for every student and several guides were on hand to help.

Students were given a college survey sheet to help them in counseling.

This program was part of a state-wide itinerary for the college representatives at which the curriculum, requirements and extracurricular of the various schools were outlined.

The 52 colleges and schools represented included:

22 colleges and schools were represented at the meeting. FUN VISIT Christine's favorite old home was a visit, with his wife, while driving through town. Friends and people had a wonderful time who had a visit with a new home.

RDC GETS \$2,500 FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

Minor Repairs To Be Made On Some Buncombe-Madison Homes

At its monthly meeting October 16, the Madison-Buncombe Rural Development Council received a check for \$2,500 from the Opportunity Corporation for a housing renovation project. The money was transferred from the housing program of The Opportunity Corporation by Ridgley K. Robinson, Jr., Housing Officer. Mrs. Dorothy Arrington, Director of the Rural Project, presented the check to Mrs. Myrtle Ray, Chairman, and Mrs. Marie Osteen, (Continued To Last Page)

HOME COMING IS OBSERVED AT MARS HILL FRI.

Elaine Ray Crowned Queen Before Marshall-Mars Hill Game

Miss Elaine Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ray, was crowned Homecoming Queen at ceremonies held prior to the Marshall-Mars Hill game at Mars Hill last Friday night. She was (Continued to Page Four)

Adult Education Classes Are Well Attended Tuesday

The Adult Basic Education classes which began last Tuesday night showed people were interested in continuing their education. There were approximately twenty-eight persons present at the first meeting.

Mrs. S. L. Nix stated this week: "that if enough people were interested in beginning or advanced typing or bookkeeping that a class would be started." If those interested in these classes should contact Mrs. S. L. Nix or call 648-4476 for further information on these classes.

All classes are free of charge and all materials will be furnished free of charge.

CAN'T BE SUED It's a mighty good thing people can't be sued for non-payment of a debt of gratitude.

County Honors In Tobacco Judging At Fair

WOW! NEWSPRINT PRICE GOES UP ANOTHER \$5.00

The News-Record, like other newspapers, will begin paying \$5 more per ton for the newsprint it buys effective January 1.

This is the fourth increase in 48 months, a total increase of \$17 a ton over the \$135 a ton price in effect during the first part of 1968.

Newsprint prices were increased \$5 a ton in June 1965, \$3 a ton in July 1967, and in January of this year the price went up \$4 a ton.

The new increase represents a 3.5 per cent hike in prices over the present.

During the constant rises of newsprint in the past several years, The News-Record has not increased subscription rates. In the same period, postal rates have advanced twice.

Mars Hill FFA, Hayes Run 4-H, Marshall FFA in Top Six Teams

The wonder and excitement of a fair seems to appeal to many people. The group of 4-Hers who attended the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh October 17 and 18 would certainly testify to this fact.

The boys and girls traveled to the fair to participate in the State Burley Tobacco Grading Contest held annually. The cost of lodging and meals for the young people was paid for by the Madison County 4-H Club Fund. The 4-H Clubs had three teams to represent them this year: Hayes Run team, which won fourth place in the contest, included Debbie Reid, Cheryl Reeves, Eddie Reid and Warren Wise. Earle Wise was coach for the team; Mars Hill team members were: Vickie Wallin, Jane McIntosh and Maxine Hensley; Walnut-Hopewell team members were: Karen Rice, Jane Rice, Peggy Rice, Michael Cody and Jerry Cody. The Mars Hill and Walnut-Hopewell teams were coached by Wiley DeVall and Gary Esley.

Ramsey Appointed To New 18 Member Advisory Council

Governor Bob Scott has announced the appointment of State Rep. James B. Ramsey, D., of Marshall to the 18 member Advisory Council for the newly established Department of Labor Affairs. Rep. Ramsey and the other council members will be sworn in at 11 a. m. on Friday, October 25.

Mars Hill Lions Bow To Georgetown, 10-0 Mars Hill Wildcats Down Tornadoes, 66-6

Georgetown-MHC

Georgetown University scored a touchdown in the first period and a field goal in the third to defeat the Mars Hill Lions, 10-0, at Mars Hill Saturday night.

The loss broke up a four-game winning streak for the Lions and left them with a 4-3 record.

Hill Sioneaux plunged four yards for the Georgetown touchdown and Tom Langworthy kicked the extra point to give the visitors a 7-0 lead in the first period.

Georgetown came back with a second field goal for Georgetown in the third quarter by a field goal.

Marshall-Mars Hill

Mars Hill High, scoring in every quarter, walloped Marshall High, 66-6 at Mars Hill Friday night in an Appalachian Conference 1-A division football game.

Quarterback Bob Holcombe tossed one touchdown pass to Bruce Morrey and scored another on a 5-yard return of an intercepted pass. Morrey scored another touchdown on a 30-yard pass from Earl Cantelero while Phil Erwin crossed the goal line twice on runs of six and 12 yards.

Phil Holman, David Thomas, Phil Johnson, David Thomas, Phil Johnson and Stephen Dink led the Wildcats to help the Lions.

	G	M	H
First downs	11	5	1
Running yardage	51	145	28
Passing yardage	78	28	2
Interceptions	2-22	2-12	0
Fumbles	0-0	0-0	0-0
Time of play	59:00	59:00	59:00
Attendance	75	100	100