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Sen. Powell Cites Gains In Madison County

Spoke To Buncombe County Republican Club Last Friday

Newly-appointed Sen. William P. Powell of Mars Hill told members of the Buncombe County Republican Club in Asheville Friday night that the trend toward a two-party system in North Carolina started in his county in the 1964 elections.

Gains have been made every election since that time, and largely because the voters have started looking more closely at candidates instead of casting straight party ballots, Powell said.

Powell, who was appointed by Gov. Bob Scott to the 31st Senatorial District to succeed former Sen. Bruce B. Briggs, has not yet made a formal announcement, but is expected to seek election to a full term.

The district is made up of Buncombe, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell Counties.

Powell noted that every local office except one in Madison County is now held by Republicans. Prior to 1964 it was a Democratic stronghold.

Speaking at a meeting of the Buncombe GOP Club in Carolina Power & Light Co. Building Powell said "the baton has been passed on to me, and I intend to carry it with the same enthusiasm, commitment, and diligence that the dedicated man who ran before me passed on."

Jesse Ledbetter, Republican chairman of the 16-county 11th Congressional District, introduced Powell and urged the GOP to face the upcoming elections realistically.

"We can't approach the primary with a chip on our shoulders," he said of the May 2 elections.

Ledbetter said the GOP should encourage "discontented Democrats" to switch party affiliation and join the Republicans.

"It takes a lot of courage to sign on the dotted line. Let's encourage these converts," he said.

LOCAL PENSION CHECKS TO RISE \$254,000 SOON

Increased Checks Will Not Arrive Until This April

What will the new social security legislation, liberalizing pension rates, do for residents of Madison County?

How much more will they be receiving from Washington per year? What will the average payment be, compared with what it was last year?

It is estimated that the change in retirement benefits, approved last month by Congress, will add approximately \$254,000 a year to the amount that local residents have been collecting.

The estimate is based upon the latest statistics for the county, released by the Social Security Administration. They show the number of retired and disabled workers, as well as dependent relatives, on the pension rolls, and the amounts paid them.

All of them will be aided by the legislation. Those who have been getting no more than \$660 a year, the minimum, will now get \$759. The ones who were receiving \$1,320 a year will go to \$1,518. Those who have been at the \$2,100 level will now collect \$2,415.

What is the most that is paid? Under the new schedule, a worker who has just retired at age 65 and has had maximum taxable

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Medical Expense Deductions Prime Tax Error Category

Greensboro — Many taxpayers get smaller refunds — or have additional taxes to pay — because of errors in reporting medical expenses, J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina said today.

To avoid errors in deducting medical expenses on 1969 returns, Wall advised taxpayers to read Form 1040 instructions carefully before filing.

A common error made by taxpayers reporting medical expenses is in the deduction of medicine and drug expenses. These expenses should be added to the taxpayer's other medical expenses only to the extent they exceed one percent of adjusted gross income.

"Some taxpayers," Wall said, "try to deduct in full their drug costs in excess of one percent of their adjusted gross income in."

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March Of Dimes Gospel Singing In Asheville Sat.

The annual March of Dimes Gospel Singing will be held at the Asheville City Auditorium this Saturday night, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

All singing groups and individuals are invited to come and take part in the program.

There will be no admission charged, but a free will offering will be taken during the program.

Ed Ball and Frank Reed will be Masters of Ceremonies for the singing.

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Newspapermen Enjoy Quail Hunt At Brigman Preserve

W. Brigman Explains Eating Habits Of Pen-Raised Quail

Al Geromonte, Citizen-Times Sunday editor and Frank Drake, outdoor feature writer of the Asheville Citizen-Times, usually spend one afternoon together each week during the hunting and fishing seasons. On this particular Monday they had planned a dove shoot even though doves were in the offing. A phone call the night before changed their plans.

The call was from Wayne Brigman, operator of Brigman's Commercial Game Preserve near Walnut.

"What are you and Al planning to do tomorrow?" he queried.

"There's a bunch of quail I turned loose last week, and foxes, along with a hawk, are doing away with them. Come on up and get some for your table before they're all gone."

Needless to say the next day was arrived at the Madison County layout as early as possible with extra boxes of shells in hand. Along with us was Nat Osborne, Citizen-Times managing editor, who enjoys busting a few shells now and then.

It turned out to be a bright, wonderful day, and before long we had forgotten that we were enjoying a hunt on a commercial game preserve.

To those uninitiated to commercial preserve hunting, here's the way it works:

Brigman raises bobwhite quail and ring-neck pheasants. On request, he releases these pen-reared birds somewhere on his sprawling lands which lend themselves to ideal hunting conditions. He charges hunters \$15 for the privilege of shooting five quail or two ring-neck pheasants, but this also includes dogs and a guide, although many hunters bring their own dogs. The price hasn't varied since he opened the preserve five

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DISTRICT COURT HELD MONDAY; LIGHT DOCKET

The regular civil term of District Court was held here Monday with Judge J. Ray Braswell, of Newland, presiding.

The following cases were heard: Bowman Hardware Co., Inc. vs. Steve Freeman, non-suited.

Carrall C. Caldwell vs. Viola B. Caldwell (Viola Brown Sprouse) divorce, continued.

Cora Lee Osborne vs. Robert Daniel Osborne and M. D. Osborne, Jr., custody of children, non-suited.

Eula G. Ingle vs. Harold R. Ingle, divorce granted.

Stella W. Roberts vs. Roy C. Roberts, divorce granted.

Martha Marlor vs. Lawson Marlor, divorce, continued.

Donald Norton vs. Betty Dean Norton, custody of children. Temporary order issued. Trial at a later date.

"COLD SPELL" TO CONTINUE

Cold but sunny weather should continue in the area today with high temperatures in the low to middle 20s.

If the mercury reaches the mid 20s today it will be warmer than Wednesday's high of 20.

Predictions indicate 10% chance of snow tonight and 40% for snow on Friday.

Hazardous secondary roads again caused postponement of schools in Madison County today (Thursday).

Adult Basic Education Classes To Begin Mon.

Classes To Be Held On Mondays, Thursdays At Marshall School

Madison County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute jointly announce continuous classes in Adult Basic Education for all adults who have not finished their high school education. The program provides opportunity for adults, eighteen years of age and older and not currently enrolled in a public school system, to improve their economic and social standing in many ways. The adult may want only to learn to read and write or to take courses in math, English, social studies, and science.

Over 7,000 adults have been enrolled in the program since its beginning. Approximately 900 of these have passed the high school equivalency examination.

Classes are available in book-keeping and beginning and advanced typing. All classes will start at 7 p. m. and continue weekly on Monday and Thursday nights.

"All classes are free of charge. Your decision to continue and improve your education would indeed be a wise decision. If you yourself have completed high school but know of any person who could benefit from these classes, please encourage them to attend," Mrs S. L. Nix, of Marshall, stated.

Those desiring further information may contact Mrs. Nix or call Marshall 649-4476.

Opportunity Corp. Directors To Meet

Directors of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties will hold a brief meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday (today) at the R. E. A. Building in Marshall. Lawrence M. Keller, executive director, announced Wednesday.

Purpose of the meeting is to officially acknowledge receipt of the agency's grant for the next six months period.

CAMOUFLAGE

Many people find that it's easier to criticize than to admit they are at fault.

SCOTT DOESN'T FAVOR VOTE FOR 18-YEAR-OLDS

Governor Suggests Age Of 20 Or Better; Referendum Possible

Gov. Bob Scott said Monday he doesn't think 18-year-olds should be allowed to vote in North Carolina but he doesn't feel strongly enough about it to fight.

If a move is made in next year's General Assembly to cut the voting age from 21 to 18, he won't oppose it, Scott said at a news conference.

The age of 18 "is a little too low," Scott said.

He suggested that a better age would be 20, a figure he has proposed before.

He noted that any legislation passed by the General Assembly to cut the age would have to be submitted to voters in a referendum.

"I suspect the impact of lowering the age would not be so great as some believe," Scott added.

He said the great mobility of young persons, traveling between college and home, for instance, might keep many from voting because of resident requirements.

A change in the voting age became an issue last week when the North Carolina Democratic party's executive committee went on record in favor of giving the vote to 18-year-olds.

Scott had said only a day before that action that he preferred a cut in the age to 20.

DETOUR

When an obstacle turns up in your life's work too big to move, pull around it.

Voluntary 1970 Feed Grain Diversion Program Is Cited

NIXON PICKS FLORIDIAN FOR SUPREME COURT

President Nixon reached into the federal judiciary Monday and picked a circuit judge named Harold Carswell to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court succeeding Abe Fortas who resigned under fire.

The nomination was sent to the Senate in late afternoon. Hearings by the Judiciary Committee are expected to begin January 27.

A repeat of last year's struggle over Nixon's first nomination of a Fortas successor seems unlikely.

The nomination of Carswell to the seat left vacant by the resignation of Fortas last May was announced by Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, who said the 50-year-old judge meets President Nixon's desires to have a "strict constructionist" sit on the bench.

Carswell, of Tallahassee, Fla., has been a federal judge since 1958. A Democrat turned Republican he was named chief judge for the North District of Florida by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and elevated to the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of New Orleans by Nixon.

Ziegler said Carswell's personal and judicial background, including (Continued To Last Page)



Rev. Dr. Arthur F. Williams

Williams Elected Vice-Moderator Presbyterian Area

The Rev. Dr. Arthur F. Williams, pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, was honored last Saturday when he was elected Vice-Moderator at the annual meeting of the Holston Presbytery at the Jonesboro, Tennessee church.

Dr. Williams will direct the affairs of the denomination in this area.

The new moderator will be Ruling Elder J. P. Woodall who was vice-moderator in 1969.

The Marshall Presbyterian Church is a part of Holston Presbytery which is a group of approximately 35 churches of that denomination in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.

Dr. Williams came to the Marshall church in June of 1968 when he retired from the business world and was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry.

ENDLESS PROCESS

No man ever becomes so well educated that he cannot learn more from time and experience.

Ramsey States No Advance Payments To Be Made

A voluntary 1970 Feed Grain Diversion Program, similar in most respects to that of 1969, has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture, Clifford M. Hardin.

The following explanation of this year's program was given today by Ralph Ramsey, county ASOS executive director: Only the farms for which a feed grain base is established may take part in the program. The feed grains for which farm bases apply are corn, grain sorghum and barley. Madison County has approximately 2200 farms for which a corn base has been established, 2 farms with barley bases and no farms with grain sorghum bases. Farm bases were established in 1961 based on their production during the base period of 1959 and 1960.

As in 1969 producers of corn or barley can qualify for participation by diverting 20 percent of their farm's base acreage to conserving use. Small farms, those with 25 or less base acres, may elect to divert any additional part or all of their base to conserving uses. Farms with bases in excess of 25 acres may divert up to the larger of one half of their base or 25 acres. Such farms are not eligible for diversion payment on the first 20 percent of their base reduction unless they elect to voluntarily reduce their base to 25 acres and plant no feed grain base crops. Diversion payment (Continued To Last Page)

BOOKLET GIVES FARM TAX TIPS

The 1970 edition of the "Farmer's Tax Guide," Publication 225, is now available free from county agricultural agents or the Internal Revenue Service, J. E. Wall, IRS District Director for North Carolina, said today.

The booklet shows how farmers should fill out the new 1040 tax return and which schedules should be attached. A listing of important Federal tax dates for farmers can also be found in the publication.

The tax guide is written in non-technical language, and contains many examples of how farm transactions are handled for Federal income tax purposes.

It also explains the tax laws enacted last year. Although primarily written to help farmers prepare their 1969 tax return, the "Guide" is useful as a reference throughout the year.

Mars Hill Offers Scholarships To Area Commuting Students

Are Based On Academic Standing; To Start In Fall

Mars Hill College will offer annual scholarships of \$400 to students of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee living in commuting distance of the school. The scholarships were one of three recently added to Mars Hill's financial aid program. All are based on academic standing and will be awarded yearly starting in the fall.

The \$400 scholarships earmarked for commuting students are called trustee scholarships. To qualify, incoming freshmen must be in the top 10 per cent of their graduating class; and sophomores, juniors and seniors currently enrolled at Mars Hill must have a 2.0 grade point average (roughly equivalent to a "B" average).

Thirty president's scholarships of \$300 each will be awarded to students with high academic standing entering as freshmen or transfer students.

Twenty-seven dean's scholar-

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Internal Revenue Service

DEADLINE FOR W-2 FORMS

Greensboro — The deadline for employers to give employees their 1969 W-2 forms, showing earnings, income tax withheld and Social Security information is Monday, February 2, 1970. J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, said today.

W-2s have to be filed with income tax returns and those who had more than one job last year should make sure they attach all of them when they file their returns.

HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY IN JAN.

Dr. Barbara A. Wood, Madison County Health Director, has announced the Health Department Clinic Schedule for the month of January, 1970. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Fri., Jan. 23, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.

Tues., Jan. 27, Family Planning Clinic, by appointment only.

Fri., Jan. 30, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 noon; 1:00-4:00 p. m.; Nurse Screening Clinic, by appointment only.

At all General Immunization Clinics protection is available against diphtheria, polio, whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), measles and mumps. Blood testing and tuberculin skin testing are also available at the General Immunization Clinics.

G. S. Neighborhood To Meet Monday

The Madison Girl Scout Neighborhood will meet Monday, January 26 in the Marshall Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m.

MAIN INGREDIENT

Democracy will be democracy only so long as public opinion is its guiding force.

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