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County Voters Set For Primary Election Saturday

Graham Cites Advancements In Agriculture, Electricity At Annual REA Meeting Here

Willis, Rice, Buchanan Are Re-elected Directors; Prizes Won

James A. (Jim) Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, praised the advancements which have been made in agricultural practices and rural electrification in Madison County during the past several years and promised local farmers full cooperation from the state level in future endeavors as he addressed a large audience at the annual French Broad EMC meeting Saturday afternoon in the local gymnasium. Graham, who was accompanied by his wife, spoke of the beauties of this region and congratulated Harry Silver, county extension chairman, and his personnel for the fine accomplishments which have been made in the agricultural field. Graham also pointed out the price-cost squeeze in agriculture and said the cost of production would continue to increase while the farmers, in many instances, were receiving little increase for their products.

He lauded the local cooperative and D. M. Robinson for the vast improvements and conveniences of electricity during recent years and congratulated the membership of the cooperative for their personal interest in rural electrification.

Graham was introduced by Harry Silver, county extension chairman.

Prior to the address, the meeting was called to order by C. P. Mashburn, attorney for the group. The invocation was given by Dr. (Continued to Page Eight)

GIVE HIM DADDY

Mother: "Now, Freddie, wouldn't you like to give your football to that poor little boy who hasn't a Daddy?"

Freddie (clutching football): "Couldn't we give him Daddy, instead?"

Two County Men Robbed Of \$6,000

The owner of a store in the Little Laurel section of Madison County and a salesman in the store were robbed of an estimated \$6,000 in cash and checks about 1:45 p. m., Wednesday, the Madison County Sheriff's Department reported.

According to reports here, two men, masked and wearing gloves, entered the Fred Shelton Store on the Greenville Highway (N. C. 208), tied up the two men, and then locked them in a room.

The victims, both of whom were not injured, were identified as Fred Shelton, owner of the store, and Pat Sprinkle, a salesman for Sprinkle-Shelton Wholesale Co. of Marshall.

Sprinkle said the two men were carrying pistols. The men first robbed Sprinkle, then robbed the store's cash register, he said. The two men then drove off in (Continued To Last Page)

Countywide Corp. For Transportation To Start Operation Stock Now Available At \$5 Per Share To County Citizens

A county-wide transportation cooperative, sponsored by the Madison-Buncombe Rural Development Council, will begin operation in May. Money to subsidize the operations of a 24-passenger bus was funded by the Rural Development Project of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties.

Madison County is joining the (Continued To Last Page)

FIRE DAMAGES LANDMARK AT HOT SPRINGS

"Bird Cage," one of Hot Springs' best-known landmarks and former residence of the president of Dorland Bell Institute, was gutted by fire last Thursday night about 7:30 o'clock. The two-story frame house, owned by Mrs. J. B. Tweed, of Marshall and formerly of Hot Springs, was unoccupied at the time of the blaze.

The Hot Springs volunteer firemen answered the call but were unable to extinguish the blaze until it had burned the interior of the building leaving only the outside standing. Damage to the structure was estimated at about \$7,000.00.

Cause of the fire, which apparently started in the basement, is unknown but arson is suspected, Mrs. Tweed commented.

DRUG PROGRAM TO BE HELD HERE THURS., MAY 14

Marshall PTA, Walnut PTA, and the Madison County Health Department will have a program on Drugs at the Marshall School Auditorium, Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Eleanor H. Kirley, Education Director of The Alcohol Information Center of Asheville, will be guest speaker and present a film on Marijuana.

Every parent, teacher and child should attend this program.

"It is naive to think your child won't be exposed to drugs if you don't talk about it and the problem will go away if you ignore it or deny its existence. Give your child a break, give him the benefit and protection of being informed. Please attend the meeting and bring your children," Mrs. Clyde Reed, president of Marshall PTA, stated.

Boone Is Declared State Burley Tobacco Winner

George Shook Is Also Cited At Banquet Last Friday

The climax of the 1969 Burley Production and Marketing Contest occurred last Friday in Asheville. This event was celebrated with a banquet at the Battery Park Hotel honoring tobacco demonstration farmers and the county contest winners. The banquet was sponsored by The Procter and Gamble Co. and trophies were presented by The Rickard Seed Co. Wayne Boone, Marshall R. W. was declared state winner in the large allotment division. George Shook, of the Gray-Kay region was runner up in the small allotment division of the contest. Both men received a beautiful plaque for their efforts. Previously, they had been declared winners in the county contest and had received first prize money donated by The Bank of French Broad and The French Broad Electric Membership Cooperative. Second place in the county contest was sponsored by Houston Brothers and Bowman Hardware.

Attending the banquet from Madison County were Wayne Boone, George Shook, Tillery Buckner, Walter Gosnell, Joel Cole, Walter Cody, Jim Story, and Wiley DuVall, Agricultural Extension Agent.

TIME NEARS FOR NO GRAZING ON DIVERTED ACRES

Farmers were reminded today that the "no-grazing" period for land diverted from production under the 1970 feed grain and wheat programs will start on May 1. It will continue for the following five months until October 1.

Emery Robinson, chairman of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, explained that producers who are diverting land under the programs have agreed not to graze the land being diverted during a specific 5-month period of the growing season and not to harvest a crop from the land at any time during the year.

Farmers who are taking part in the Cropland Adjustment Program have agreed not to graze or harvest crops from land diverted under this program during the life of the agreement. This provision is important to producers because any violation of it may result in reduction or total loss of payments otherwise earned under the program.

School Bond Vote Overshadows Democratic, Republican Primary

DEFERMENT CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

Occupational, Agricultural, Paternity Deferments Effected

On April 23, President Nixon signed an Executive Order effecting changes to Parts 1622 and 1628 of the Selective Service Regulations. Mrs. Darlene Cody, local board clerk, announces:

"The President has signed this Executive Order as a step in the important reforms that must be made in the present draft system. It is his judgment, and that of the National Security Council, that future occupational, agricultural and paternity deferments are no longer dictated by the national interest. This Executive Order directs (Continued To Last Page)

Election Results To Be Posted At Courthouse Sat.

The News-Record will again have the results of the Primary Elections and the school bond results posted on a blackboard this Saturday night in the courtroom. Figures will be put on the board, precinct by precinct, as they are sent in.

Precinct officials are urged to send in or phone in the returns as soon as they are available.

Sheriffs' Race; Bd. Education; State Senate Only Contests

Consolidation Endorsements

Organizations which have gone on record as endorsing the consolidation of high schools in Madison County include:

- Marshall Chamber of Commerce
- Marshall Lions Club
- Marshall Parent-Teacher Association
- Mars Hill Civitan Club
- Mars Hill Lions Club
- Hot Springs PTSA
- Walnut Parent-Teacher Association
- Laurel Parent-Teacher Association
- Marshall VFW Post No. 5899
- American Legion Post No. 217
- Madison County Agricultural Workers Council
- Mars Hill PTSA
- CHREC Committee

4-H DRESS AND APRON REVUE HERE FRIDAY

The 4-H Dress and Apron Revue will be held Friday evening, May 1 at 7:30 o'clock in the Marshall Baptist Church. Girls from various clubs in the county will be "showing off" their fine sewing and competing for awards in the Jr. Apron Revue (9-13 yrs.); Jr. Dress Revue (9-13 yrs.); and Sr. Dress Revue (14-19 yrs.).

The public is invited to attend. Girls participating in the Revue should plan to arrive by 7 p. m.

Polls Open From 6:30 A. M. To 6:30 P. M. In Eight Precincts

Madison County voters are all set for the Democratic and Republican Primary elections this Saturday although there are only three county contests. Winners in the primary Saturday will be their party's nominees for the November election.

Although much interest has been shown in the contests for offices, the \$950,000 school bond issue overshadows the other contests. Voters will have the opportunity to approve or reject the bond issue, which is also being held on the same date as the primaries.

The public is by now familiar with the facts concerning the school bond election. If this issue is approved, it will mean consolidation of the present five high schools in the county. Wide publicity, both in the press and over radio, including numerous answers to questions concerning the proposed consolidation, has been given in recent weeks. Most organizations within the county have gone on record as endorsing the bond issue which would if approved eventually mean that a consolidated school would be built adjacent to the Marshall by-pass.

As for the other contests, there are two Democratic candidates for sheriff, one of which will be elected as the nominee. The two candidates are E. Y. Ponder and J. B. Reid.

The Republicans will also vote for one of the two candidates seeking the nomination for sheriff. These are Chauncey Metcalf and J. Dedrick Brown.

In the county board of education contest, District Two (Marshall, Laurel, Walnut, Hot Springs, (Continued To Last Page)

MADISON REGISTRAR IS CLEARED HERE

The Madison County Board of Elections, at a hearing held Tuesday night, apparently exonerated the registrar of precinct No. 1 (Marshall) of charges of not allowing challenge last Saturday. Ed Gentry, the registrar, had been accused by J. E. Reid of Marshall, of failing to allow challenges dealing with voter literacy, nonresidency and the loss of (Continued To Last Page)

Private College Scholarship Program Urged By Bentley

FARMERS TO REPORT CROP ACREAGE USE

Farmers who signed intentions during the enrollment period to take part in this year's Feed Grain and Wheat Diversion Programs must also determine and certify to the acreage they have planted to feed grains and devoted to conserving usage, according to Ralph Ramsey, Madison County ASCS Executive Director. May (Continued To Page Four)

Appeals To Legislators To Help Find Needed Solution

A comprehensive student scholarship program designed to halt the exodus from private colleges and at the same time save North Carolina taxpayers millions of dollars in higher education costs was proposed in Asheville Thursday night.

Dr. Fred Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, said private institutions across the state now have 2,270 vacant spaces and that the number of empty classrooms will multiply as students from (Continued to Page Eight)

Challenged In State GOP Senate Primary



Dr. William Powell



Ted Dent

Dr. William Powell, of Mars Hill, and Ted Dent, of Spruce Pine, both Republican incumbents, are being challenged by C. Edley Hutchins, of Black Mountain, for the nomination for the State Senate (31st District).

Democratic Candidates for Board of Education



William "Bill" Roberts



Bobby Ponder



Bessy Wallis



Joe Ponder



E. Y. Ponder



J. B. Reid

Republican Candidates for Sheriff



Chauncey Metcalf



J. Dedrick Brown