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## Democrats Win County Election

Democratic candidates won over the Republican candidates in all races in Madison County in the election Nov. 3, with the exception of Solicitor and Coroner. Clyde M. Roberts was unopposed in the solicitor's race as was Bob Davis, coroner.

In addition to the county offices, all seven amendments of the state constitution were overwhelmingly approved.

In the 11th Congressional District race, Congressman Roy A. Taylor, incumbent, easily defeated Republican candidate Luke Atkinson, 4,119 to 2,414 in this county. Taylor was also victorious in the district. In fact, Taylor led all candidates in Madison County in receiving the largest number of votes.

In the State Senate contest (31st District), I. C. Crawford and Lamar Gudger defeated incumbents R. T. (Ted) Dent and William P. Powell. Unofficial returns list Crawford with 3,567 votes; Gudger, 3,449; Powell, 2,844; Dent, 2,668.

Representatives Liston B. Ramsey and Ernest Messer were reelected over their Republican opponents David

Freeman and W. Roy Yeager. Ramsey received 3,645 votes; Messer, 3,608; Freeman, 2,686; Yeager, 2,637. (Unofficial)

Former sheriff E. Y. Ponder led the Democratic ticket (Exception, Roy Taylor) with 3,858 votes to Republican J. Dedrick Brown's 2,726 votes in the race for sheriff.

Ervin Adams, W. T. Moore and R. Bruce Sams, were elected county commissioners over incumbents Carl Cody, William C. Wilber, Jr., and Roy McDevitt. Sams received 3,642; Adams, 3,627; Moore, 3,604; Cody, with 2,754 votes, led the Republican ticket (exception, Roberts, solicitor); Silver, 2,722; McDevitt, 2,705.

In the clerk of superior court contest, Judson Edwards defeated incumbent C. N. Willis, Jr., 3,487 to 2,751.

Emery Metcalf received 3,652 votes to defeat incumbent W. B. Zink, who received 2,706 votes, for the office of county auditor.

In the tax collector's contest, Harold Wallin defeated incumbent Jim F. Craine. Wallin received 3,680 votes to Craine's 2,681.

Republican Clyde M. Roberts was unopposed in the race for solicitor of the 24th district. Roberts received 2,818 votes.

Bob Davis, candidate for county coroner, was unopposed. He received 2,178 votes.

All above figures are unofficial. Official canvass to be held here today (Thursday) too late for this issue.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

The only "undecided" contest involves the "Winners" in the board of education contest, District One (Mars Hill, Beech Glen, Ebbs Chapel and Grapevine-East Fork)

Mrs. Bobby Jean Peek Rice, Democrat, received 1,208 votes and Owen Tilson, Democrat, received 1,184 votes. Should these figures remain at the official canvass, Mrs. Peek would be a member of the board. Ralph M. Lee and Perry G. Willis, Republicans, each received 1,201 votes (unofficial). It is not known at this time which of the two will be elected to the board since they tied.

In District Two (Marshall, Walnut, Laurel, Hot Springs, and Sandy Hook) the

Democratic candidates won. Bobby Ponder was high with 2,500 votes; Emery Wallin, 2,487; William M. Roberts, 2,453. The Republican candidates received the following votes: Bobby Chandler, 1,521; Walter Harrell, 1,508; and Dr. Arthur M. Ramsey, 1,485 votes. (Unofficial)

Unless a change is made in the official canvass of votes, it would seem that the five-member board of education would be composed of Bobby Ponder, Emery Wallin, William M. (Bill) Roberts, Mrs. Bobby Jean Peek Rice and either Ralph M. Lee or Perry G. Willis.

### AMENDMENTS

Results of the 7 amendments follow:

- No. 1, For, 1121; against, 365.
- No. 2, For 1091; against, 408
- No. 3, For 1016; against, 397
- No. 4, For 960; against, 376
- No. 5, For 1013; against, 402
- No. 6, For, 1061; against, 331
- No. 7, For, 1065; against, 444

## Pranksters Cause Damage To Power Line

Halloween pranksters on this past Halloween did severe damage to the distribution system of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, and in addition, deprived approximately 1200 consumers of power for about 5½ hours. "The people who did this cut trees on the line breaking the line down and did not notify us as to the location. The line crew was forced to patrol the lines until they could find the trees that were across the lines," D. M. Robinson, manager, said.

## Food, Medical Vouchers Resume In County

Mrs. Faye Ramsey, director of the Madison County Emergency Food and Medical Services Program, has announced that funds have been secured to operate the program for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Ramsey stated that the normal schedule of issuing vouchers on Mondays and Wednesdays from Marshall and issuing vouchers on Fridays from Hot Springs would be continued.

## Selective Service Policies Revised

Jack Payne, chairman, and Mrs. Darlene R. Cody, executive secretary, of Madison County Local Board No. 59 announced today that Selective Service policies have been revised to allow a registrant classified in II-S, I-S (C), I-S(H), II-A III-A (Hardship), or III-A (Fatherhood) to drop his deferment in favor of a I-A classification, provided the registrant requests in writing that his current deferment be cancelled.

This change in policy should be of particular interest, Mr. Payne said, to selective service registrants who hold 1970 lottery numbers higher than the highest number reached by the board. As of Nov. 18, Mr. Payne stated that the highest lottery number reached by this local board is 157.

"It is not anticipated," Mr. Payne added, "that this local board will exceed number 157 as a high for this calendar year; therefore, it will