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## Official Results Mars Hill 4-H \$76,000 Road Allocation Of Election Club Tours In This Issue College

The official election results in Madison County are shown on pages four and five in this issue. The unofficial election table published last week was printed because the official canvass of votes (abstracts) was not held until last Thursday, too late for the Nov. 5 issue.

Although most of the unofficial figures were the same as the official, there are several slight changes. These changes did not affect the general outcome except in the board of education race. R. M. Lee and Perry Willis, Republican candidates in District One, unofficially were tied with 1201 votes each. However, at the official canvass it was revealed that Willis received 1200 votes instead of 1201, thus R. M. Lee is the fifth member of the board of education.

### Powell Asks New Election In Buncombe

William P. Powell of Mars Hill, who was defeated last Tuesday in his bid for re-election to the State Senate from the 31st Senatorial District, asked this week in a petition for a new election.

Powell charged that voting machines in Buncombe County were set in a way which prevented voters from being able to make a "free choice" among the candidates.

Candidates for the two-seats from the 31st Senatorial District were Powell and R. T. (Ted) Dent, Republican incumbents, and Democrats I. C. Crawford and Lamar Gudger, both Asheville attorneys, who were elected. Unofficial district wide returns showed Gudger, 27,412 votes; Crawford, 26,102; Dent, 21,308 and Powell 20,526.

Jesse I. Ledbetter, Republican chairman in the 11th Congressional District, called the alleged incident "a very serious violation of our election process" and said a "switch" of 20 votes on each of the Buncombe County

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### Election Ruling Affects Only Buncombe County

It is understood that should the State Board rule that a new election be held in the State Senator's race in the 31st District, composed of

The Mars Hill Community 4-H Club toured Mars Hill College Campus Saturday, Nov. 7, as guests of David Matthews, finance aid officer of the college. The group was treated to a bird's-eye view of the campus and its various buildings. Following the tour the club members were invited to see the football game between Mars Hill and West Virginia Tech.

The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Merrill, leaders of the club. Twenty-one members attended.

### Lee Gains Seat On Board Of Education

Ralph M. Lee of Mars Hill has been declared the winner for a seat on the Madison County Board of Education following the official canvass of election returns here last Thursday.

In the unofficial returns Tuesday night, it was revealed that Lee and Perry Willis, both Republican candidates in District One (Mars Hill, Beech Glen, Ebbs Chapel and Grapevine-East Fork) had tied with a total of 1201 votes each.

The Madison County board of elections (Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman; Oscar McDevitt and Lester Wilde) contacted the State Board of Elections for clarification of the law which states to determine a winner in case of tie, there is a "drawing by lot". The State Board Executive Secretary Alex Brock, ordered the local board to again check totals on voting machines in District One and also recheck absentee ballots. When this was done it was discovered that Perry Willis had received one less vote in Township 3, Ward 2 (Grapevine) than was unofficially reported Tuesday night. This was in an absentee ballot, Mrs. Anderson explained. This gave Lee a total of 1201 official votes to 1200 official votes for Willis.

Lee, a native of Wayne County, North Carolina, See EDUCATION, Page 4

RALEIGH—Madison County has been allocated more than \$76,000 for two secondary road construction projects, it was announced today.

Approval of the projects was voted at the regular December meeting of the State Highway Commission here.

The projects and the money allotted for each were:

0.25 mile, grade, drain and stabilize from SR 1319 to

South. Eliminate 10 open fords on various roads in county. This is in Lonesome Mountain area.

3.80 miles, grade, drain, base and pave from SR 1503 to SR 1501. (Overdraft of Punccheon Fork project No. 2.05813).

### Personalized License Plates To Be Issued

RALEIGH—You now have until Dec. 15, 1970, to apply for a personalized license plate to display on your motor vehicle in 1971.

James H. Stamey, director of the Registration Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, said today that he has extended the deadline beyond the previous cutoff date of Oct. 10.

Stamey said North Carolina motorists can secure the necessary forms for applying for the personalized plates by contacting, in person or by mail, local license plate sales offices or the Personalized License Section of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

Rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of the special plates appear on the order forms. The combination of letters and numbers on the plates can be three letters, four letters and two numbers, five letters and one number or any combination of letters with a minimum of three and a maximum of six.

Unacceptable applications would be words or letter-number combinations that are offensive, suggestive or not in good taste, or any combination of letters and numbers that conflict with the numbering system employed by the Department for regular license plates.



W. E. GIFT (left), director of college relations for Tennessee Eastman, Kingsport, Tenn., recently handed Mars Hill College president Dr. Fred B. Bentley a \$5,000 gift from Eastman Kodak Company's aid-to-education program. The special grant will be used in implementing the Baptist college's new curriculum starting next fall. Gift said Mars Hill was one of 63 colleges in the South which took part in the \$3.3 million Eastman Kodak program (Mars Hill College photo by Walter Smith)

### Being Issued By Mail

According to announcement this week by the County ASCS Office, tobacco marketing cards are being issued to farm operators of Madison by mail this week. County ASCS Executive Director, Ralph Ramsey, explained that the small plastic card will again be used this year, and that they were being issued through the mail as a convenience to the producer. During the past two years in which the plastic cards have been in use, producers secured them by visiting the

ASCS Office. Ramsey said that if only a nominal number were misplaced, lost, or accidentally destroyed by producers this year that they would continue to be issued through the mail. The envelopes containing marketing cards will have the notation "Marketing Card Enclosed" stamped in red on the outside. Farmers should store their card in a safe place so as to not get it lost as it will take 6 or 7 days to secure an additional one from the

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