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## Draws Praise From OEO

The Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe Counties has received high praise from a field representative of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Atlanta, as being the best anti-poverty agency out of five such agencies in this region.

Chuck Schadl, who has been in Asheville for the past week investigating the war on poverty efforts of the Opportunity Corporation, said, "I personally feel that the agency is seeking out and listening to the poor here."

During the last OEO board meeting, some of the board's urban members charged that the agency's cap 81, which is a program guide for the agency's programs next year, was illegal.

Schadl said one of the reasons he had visited Asheville was to verify whether the program guide was a legal document or not. "I will report to OEO," he said, "that indeed CAP was properly written and that it reflects the wishes of the poor in Buncombe and Madison counties."

He also commended the staff of the anti-poverty branch for being actively involved in seeking out the wishes of the poor.

The North Carolina Board of Elections Saturday granted a request by William P. Powell of Mars Hill that his petition for a new election be withdrawn.

Hiram H. Ward, a Republican member of the board, issued a statement in Raleigh Saturday saying that he had received a telephone call from Powell while the board was deliberating.

Powell, a Republican, ran fourth in a four-man race in the 31st state senatorial district, which includes Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Powell had 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 of Asheville attorneys, who were elected in the Nov. 3 elections.

Powell had asked the board to either set aside the Buncombe County vote or call a new election in the district.

Ward said in his statement that Powell "stated that he carefully reconsidered his request for a new election and realizing that the cost to the taxpayers of Buncombe County for such a new election would exceed \$10,000 and would delay certification of

the senators from that district," he had reluctantly decided to withdraw his appeal.

Ward said Powell felt that the board of elections and the citizens of the 31st district and the state "are now aware of the irregularities and deficiencies of the procedure under which the 31st Senatorial District election was conducted, and that it is abundantly clear that the blame and fault is with the Buncombe County Board of Elections."

In conclusion, Ward said, Powell expressed the hope that a recurrence of the irregularities could be prevented.

In a separate statement issued by Asheville, attorney

Jack Westall, who represented Powell in the action before the board, Powell said that it was his understanding that the board would consider and examine the problem further, and make such regulations as were within its authority to prevent such an incident from happening again.

Powell said in the statement that he would be satisfied with the results of his petition if the ultimate effect is to clarify and correct deficiencies in the voting laws.

In other action the board refused to grant a recount in Alamance County but approved a recount in one Columbus County precinct where Republicans alleged numerous voting

irregularities occurred during the Nov. 3 election.

Republican Hubert Lowe had asked for a recount in the Alamance state senate race, which he lost to veteran Democratic Sen. Ralph Scott, uncle of Gov. Bob Scott, by 13 votes.

Alex Brock, executive secretary of the state board, announced the effects of the board's decisions in four cases brought before it by Republicans. Brock said the decisions of the board in all cases were unanimous. The board has three Democratic and two Republican members.

Written copies of the board's findings of fact and the reasons for its rulings will not be available until early next week.

## Powell Withdraws Buncombe Vote Case

### Request Granted

### District Court Here Friday

A session of District court for the trial of criminal cases will be held here this Friday with Judge J. E. Holshouser, Sr., presiding. Phillip M. Thomas is the district prosecutor.

### 3 Are Inducted

Three Madison County men left Nov. 18 for induction into the U. S. Army.

They were Buddy Griffin, Rt. 3, Marshall; Ray Dewey Buckner, Rt. 7, Marshall; and Jack Stafford Ramsey, Marshall (volunteered).

### Edwards Killed By Hit-Run Driver Monday

Ponnie Franklin Edwards, 23, of Mars Hill Rt. 1, was killed on U.S. 19 at 1 a.m. Monday while walking along the highway, the State Highway Patrol reported.

State Trooper A. L. Feldman said Edwards was apparently walking north in the left-hand lane when he was struck.

Feldman said Edwards was knocked out of his Texas style boots and had been run over by more than one vehicle when the body was discovered.

said that no clues had turned up in the case.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Bull Creek Baptist Church.

The Revs. Clifford Cable and Ben Lee Honeycutt officiated. Burial was in Edwards Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carroll Willard, Paul and Mike Edwards, Robert Shook and

Ricky Rice.

Mr. Edwards was a veteran of the Vietnam war.

Surviving are the parents, Clyde Edwards of Weaverville and Mrs. Cora Mae Reed of Asheville; two sisters, Miss Shirley Edwards of Weaverville and Mrs. Robert Shook of Asheville; and a brother, Westley Edwards of Kansas City, Mo.

Holcombe Funeral Home was in charge.

## Be Thankful

Another year has sped past and America again faces one of its most cherished holidays - Thanksgiving Day - with a deep sense of gratitude that we of this country have so many blessings. Once again, we thank our God that He has seen fit to give us so many great and good gifts of a bounteous land, enterprising people and freedom... in every meaning of the word.

This year, as we offer our special thanks for these gifts, let us humbly beseech God to grant us peace and to give this Democracy of Man the strength and courage with which to maintain it. And as we acknowledge our manifold blessings, let us not forget the millions of other people around the world who live under the heel of tyranny.

Let us pray, too - each in an earnest way - for the men of our armed forces who safeguard our freedom and for the ones held captive by those who would rob us of our freedom.

I do hope that you, your family and your friends will have a joyous Thanksgiving and that you will be inspired by its meaning.

Sincerely,

Jim Stoy  
Editor



## Criminal Court To Begin Monday

The November term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here next Monday with Judge P. C. Froneberger presiding. Clyde M. Roberts is the solicitor.

Approximately 50 cases are on the docket for trial during the three-day session.

A list of jurors drawn for the term follows:

William P. Chandler, Albert Sams, Donna Roberts, Albert Wm. Bullman, Mrs. Isam Fender, Gary Bruce Buckner, Bertha Greene, Robert A. Howell, Mrs. C. W. Anthony, Farold Coates, John Henry Halley, George W. Gentry, Wallace O'Dell, Charles Edward Eatmon, Andy Glenn, Wilma Carver, Emily R.

### Burley Sales

Burley tobacco sales opened in Asheville Monday with one of the warehouses having a first day average price of \$74. Prices ranged from \$62 to \$77 per hundredweight.

Wallin, Ann Harrell Lee, Reuben Caldwell, Frank McIntosh

Mary Virginia Bridgers, Ollie B. Davis, John S. Sutt, Alvin Green, Ovie Peek, Shirley Wilds, James D. Lunsford, Ruby C. Chandler, Winnie P. Hunter, H. F. Goforth, Virginia Jolley Laney, Ethel M. Harkleroad, Jarrell King, Lilly Forrest Smith, L. F. Boone, Grover Baker, Charles Hudgins, Bailey Lewis, Barnus Norton, D. C. Rice

Orvil Gunter, Hardie Plemmons, Imogene K. Rudisill, Roy Weldon Rice, Douglas M. Hensley, J. Ronald Higgins, Inez Payne, Howard Price, Ruetta Ammons, Shirley C. Ledford, Billie Henry Keller, Myrtle M. Mashburn, R. M. Roberts, M. H. Kendall, Mrs. Boyd Waldroup, Clarice M. Edwards, Donald Norton, Carl Cody, Jeannette Meadows and Archie Clark.