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## 183 Acres Purchased For County Landfill And Other Improvements

Madison County, like many mountain counties, has been plagued for years with an inadequate garbage disposal system. As a result, our creeks have been polluted, the roadside cluttered with unsightly debris, and the legitimate "dumps" have become unhealthy eyesores.

But that will soon be history. Through the efforts of the County Commissioners and the citizens of Madison County, the county will have, within the near future, a modern Sanitary Landfill facility.

James Ledford, Chairman

of the County Commissioners, announced Monday that the county had purchased 183 acres (Bryan Farm, off Marshall By-Pass on Long Branch) for a total price of \$100,000. Monies received by

the county through the Federal Revenue-Sharing

program were used to buy the land.

The property will serve several important county needs: a Sanitary Landfill, a Community Recreational Center and some excellent industrial sites. Immediate attention will be given to the development of the Sanitary Landfill. Bids on a necessary maintenance building have been received and contracts for Dumpster Compactor trucks to be signed shortly, and, at a later date, numerous metal garbage containers to be placed about the county will be purchased.

It is intended that the Land Fill serve the entire county population. Mr. Ledford indicated that he will consult, in the near future, with both county and municipal officials to develop specific plans for garbage removal. The site has been approved for a modern Sanitary Landfill operation by the State Department of Health and the County Health Department.

Ledford indicated that the Landfill would be operated by

the County Health Department.

## Ponder Vows Another Suit After Firing Of L.D. Hyde

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Citizen Staff Writer

L. D. Hyde was fired Wednesday last week from his post as executive director of the Region B Planning and Development Commission at a special meeting of the commission in Skyland Village Hall.

The commission had voted at its meeting Aug. 22 to take such action, although its chairman, Mayor Charles Campbell of Brevard, and its treasurer, Mayor William Powell of Mars Hill, had said

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SHOWN ABOVE are participants in the purchase last Thursday of 183 acres of property to be used primarily for a county sanitary landfill. Front row, left to right, Emery Metcalf, Auditor, handing check for property to Mrs. W. Glen Bryan, who sold the property. James T. Ledford, chairman board of commissioners, shown at right. Back row, Jim Brown, county landfill director; Mike Bradley, county health department; and Jim Moore, State Board of Health. (Picture by Ed Morton, County Sanitarian).

## County Environmental Policy Ordinance Passed For County

The following Environmental Policy Ordinance was passed by the Madison County Commissioners at their last meeting held on September 4:

**MADISON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ORDINANCE**  
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF MADISON COUNTY.  
WHEREAS The General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter, 113A-1, et seq provides for the establishment of policies and regulations on the county level to prevent environmental changes which will be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Madison County. Section 1. Purposes:  
The purposes of this Or-

dinence are to declare County policy which will encourage the wise, productive, and beneficial use of the natural resources of Madison County without damage to the environment, maintaining a healthy and pleasant environment, and preserving the natural beauty of Madison County; that the County Commissioners hereby establish a continuing policy to conserve and protect its natural resources and to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony.

SECTION 2. Persons and Firms Affected:  
All persons, firms, corporations and developers who desire to develop a major development project shall be regulated by this Ordinance;

the term "major development project" shall include but is not limited to shopping centers, subdivisions and other housing developments and industrial and commercial projects but shall not include any projects of less than two contiguous acres in extent.

SECTION 3. Requirements:  
Any person, firm, corporation or developer who intends to develop a tract of land of more than two contiguous acres in size for any of the above named purposes shall submit to the County Commissioners prior to the development of said property a detailed statement by the said developer setting forth the following:

A. The environmental impact of the proposed action;  
B. Any significant adverse

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## Huey To Head Planning And Zoning Comm.

The Marshall Planning and Zoning Committee met last Thursday night at the City Hall and discussed several needed improvements in the municipality.

The members also elected Wade Huey as chairman; Mrs. Arthur M. Ramsey, vice-chairman; and Billie Jean Haynie, secretary.

## Powell Elected County GOP Chairman; Other Action Taken

Mayor William P. Powell of Mars Hill was elected chairman of the Madison County Republican Party at the county convention held in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. Though he was nominated, Joe L. Morgan declined to be a candidate for reelection because of other commitments. Morgan received two standing ovations and a letter of appreciation for his service to the party. Mrs. Pauline R. Ditmore pronounced the invocation. Dr. Larry N. Stern served as temporary chairman.

Precinct chairmen and delegations were recognized. The delegates honored the memory of the late Roy McDevitt and R. Spencer Rice, who served the party faithfully, and who served on the Board of County Commissioners of the county.

C. N. Willis, the Treasurer, reported that the party was financially solvent. Dr. Larry N. Stern presented a new Plan of Organization and discussed its pertinent features. It allows for a twenty-three member county executive committee and is consistent with the state



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Plan of Organization. It was approved by the delegates.

County officers elected in addition to Powell were: Vice Chairman, Mrs. Loy P. Roberts, Treasurer, C. N. Willis, Secretary, Walter R. Harrell.

The county convention elected an executive committee to serve during the next two years consisting of the ten precinct chairmen and these additional persons: Joe L. Morgan, Dr. Stern, Mrs.

Frances C. Ramsey, Mr. Harold Payne, Mr. Jack Guthrie, Mr. William C. Silvers, Jr., Mr. Sherman Ramsey, Mr. Howard Riddle, Mrs. Roland Ramsey and Mr. Roger Swann.

Mayor Powell was elected to membership on the State Executive Committee. A telegram received by Morgan from Gov. Jim Holshouser intended for the delegates said among other things, "I am committed to further strengthening and unifying our party and giving our state the best possible leadership to achieve a better North Carolina."

Mr. Clarence B. Cutshall and Mr. Jim F. Craine were elected to the Judicial Committee. The delegates elected J. Dedrick Brown, and Mr. Curtis Roberts to the Solicitorial Committee. Those chosen to serve on the Legislative Committee include Dr. Stern, Sherman

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## County Day Care Centers To Open On Next Monday



COUNTY DAY CARE PERSONNEL — Seated, left to right, Ruth Stamey, Aide, Hot Springs; Mattie Ray Ramsey, Teacher, Hot Springs; Eda VanNest, Aide, Hot Springs; Bee Wisniski, Coordinator; Billie Lynn Roberts, Secretary. Standing, left to right, Suzanne Morton, Teacher, Marshall; Rose Franklin, Aide, Marshall; Barbara Morton, Aide, Marshall; Emma Jean Pegg, Teacher, Marshall; Bettie Gehring, Teacher, Mars Hill; Muriel Reed, Aide, Mars Hill; Sarawill Bellamy, Aide, Mars Hill.

September 17 is the scheduled opening date for the Madison County 4 C Project. There will be three centers, Mars Hill Community Center building is the site for Mars Hill. In Marshall the center will be located in the old nursing home building on Skyway Drive. The building on Skyway Drive will also be the site of Administrative Offices. Hot Springs has a tentative location at the Hot Springs Methodist Church.

The centers will serve children ages 3-6 whose families need day care services and who meet guidelines established by the project. There will be a few openings for families who wish to pay for day care at the center and this will be based on a sliding scale according to income.

The curriculum of the centers will be similar to Nursery School and Kindergarten with a qualified teacher and two aides in each center. The Marshall center will have 20 children with two teachers and two aides, while Mars Hill and Hot Springs will

each serve 15 children with one teacher and two aides in each center location. The staff of the various centers have been under going extensive training led by the Asheville Child Development Training Program. The training will prepare staff to work effectively with young children in those early days of anxiety as the child learns to adjust to being away from home and with other children his age. Asheville Child Development will also have a continuing training program for staff as the centers need special help with curriculum planning and more specific training to deal with the individual needs of the child.

The children in the centers will be transported to and from the centers by the teachers aides who live nearest the family. A hot lunch will be purchased from the public school system to give a nutritious meal to each child in the centers. Most of the centers will operate from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. with aides beginning to pick up children about 7 a. m. and returning them by 5 p. m.

Persons interested in more information may call or come by the offices on Skyway Drive, Thursday, Sept. 13, at 1 p. m. Applications will be taken from parents who feel their children may qualify for services at any three of the centers.

## \$200,265 Allocated For Region B Sr. Citizens

The Region B Council on Aging has been allocated \$200,265 by the North Carolina Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging to administer the Title VII (Older American Act) Federal Nutrition Program for the Elderly. The announcement was made by Mrs. Joan Tuttle, Project Planner for the Region B Council on Aging.

The program will provide 366 meals per day, five days a week to Senior Citizens throughout Region B, which includes, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties. This is the region's share of a total state allocation of 4,350 meals.

The nutrition project will serve one nutritious, hot meal per day which will provide at least one-third of an adult's minimum daily nutrition requirement. The purpose of the program is to meet the nutritional needs of individuals age sixty and older who do not eat adequately, because they (1) cannot afford to do so; (2) lack the knowledge, skill or ability to select and prepare nourishing, well-balanced meals; (3) have limited mobility which impairs their capacity to cook for themselves; and (4) have feelings of isolation and loneliness which dampens incentives necessary to

prepare and eat a meal. By serving nutritionally sound meals in strategically located centers in local communities. There are an estimated 37,800 persons over age sixty in Region B.

The anticipated sites for the Nutrition Program are schools, churches, and community centers in the four-county area. Mrs. Tuttle and James Jordan, Region B Council on Aging personnel, are presently assessing potential sites.

Supportive Social Services will also be a vital part of the program they will provide individuals receiving the meals the advantage of recreation, and informative programs related to older adults. Transportation and escort services will also be a part of the total program.

"The 366 meals per day are only a small percentage of the total need in Region B, but is a start toward meeting the nutrition needs of our older adults," stated Mrs. Tuttle. "It will be conducted with the hope that its scope can be expanded in the future."

Anyone interested in more information concerning the Title VII Federal Nutrition Program for the Elderly, should contact the Region B Council on Aging office at P. O. Box 266, Skyland, N. C.

## Republicans Take Over State Election Machinery

Republican Gov. Jim Holshouser's State Board of Elections took over North Carolina's election machinery this week.

The five member board was sworn in at 10 a.m. Friday in the State Capitol Building in Raleigh.

It will mark the first time in this century that Republicans have been in control of the elections system.

The Republicans appointed by Holshouser are Jerry S. Alvis, 36, of Raleigh; James R. Vossler, 46, of Washington, N. C.; and William J. Waggoner, 44, of Charlotte. All

three are attorneys.

Democrats are Lee C. Smith, 47, a Raleigh attorney; and L. H. Jones, 58, coordinator of federal programs for the Mt. Airy schools.

Smith served as chairman of the board from 1966 to 1969. Alvis and Jones were members of the last board, appointed by former Gov. Bob Scott.

Prior to the next election, the new board will appoint members to all 100 county boards of election in the state.

These presumably will have Republican majorities also for the first time.

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The councilmen or other appointing members would also be prohibited from making a contract involving ABC stores such as leasing the property for a store.

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Aug. 27 and conveyed to the State ABC Board at a special meeting in Raleigh Wednesday.

The state board had asked that either Harold Anderson step down from the town's governing board, or his brothers, C. E. and Fred Anderson, resign as supervisor and clerk of the Hot Springs ABC store.

The state board Wednesday voted to extend its nepotism policy to city councils and other local governing bodies which appoint local ABC boards.

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## No Conflict Found At Hot Springs ABC Store

The North Carolina attorney general's office reported last week that it finds no conflict of interest with a brother of the two liquor store employees of the Town of Hot Springs serving on the board of aldermen.

The three-member Hot Springs Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which hires the liquor store employees, is appointed by the town's board of aldermen.

The attorney general's ruling on the long-standing controversy was handed down

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## Precinct Chairmen Elected

Republican precinct chairman have been elected in Madison County in accordance with the State Plan of Organization and will thus become members of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee. The name of the precinct and its chairman are as follows: