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Patriots Blast East Yancey Panthers, 43 -6 For 4th Win

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The cloudy, overcast skies were indeed typical of the homecoming East Yancey Panthers this past Friday night as their evening was doomed from the very beginning. Rain was expected but what the Panthers didn't realize is that "when it rains, it pours." The only precipitation they saw came in the way of showers of points on the visitors side of the scoreboard. However, for the Madison High Patriots, the forty-four "stars" shone the entire evening as they again brought home the spoils. This week's deficit was 43-6 and the victim was the winless Panthers of East Yancey.

The Patriots started the "floods" early as they immediately shoved the ball down the throats of the Panthers. In only 2 minutes and 18 seconds, Madison High opened the "floodgates" when a perfectly executed drive was capped with a 21-yard burst by Jimmy Ramsey. The conversion followed with an option pass from Carlton Freeman to Bobby Zink. Little did the Patriots realize that the remainder of the evening would be like floating downstream. Meanwhile, the disgust in the Panthers' eyes told us that they knew that the waves were getting high and they had not learned to swim. After turning East Yancey back on downs, the Patriots introduced the Panthers to

another "cloudburst." With fine running by Tim Hodge, Jimmy Ramsey, and Carlton Freeman, they struck paydirt with 3:02 remaining in the first period with Freeman carrying the "pigskin" in from 8 yards out. The conversion run was good by Tim Hodge and the "big blue" lead 16-0.

The clouds momentarily dispersed as the Panthers briefly united forces and found shelter. However, the storms returned late in the half when J. C. McIntyre recovered an East Yancey fumble and Jimmy Ramsey scored a 5-yard TD on the very next play. The PAT by Jimmy Roberts split the uprights. Thus the half ended with the Patriots leading 23-0.

The Patriots started the second half by demonstrating that the "atmospheric disturbance" had not yet ceased. The Madison defense allowed East Yancey 7 yards on the initial series of downs forcing the Panthers to punt. J. C. McIntyre, who played admirably the entire game, blocked the ensuing punt, captured the ball, and carried it into the end zone. The PAT was blocked and the score remained 29-0. Later in the third period, the "raging weather" continued as the Patriot defense again overpowered the Panther offense forcing them to punt. This time, they managed to get the punt away only to see Jimmy Ramsey return it 43 yards into the end zone. It took only 1

minute and 41 seconds for Carlton Freeman to add the final "shower" of the night. Freeman followed the 19-yard burst with a well executed conversion run to plunge the Patriots ahead 43-0.

The last period saw the "storms" dwindle to a

"drizzle" as the Patriot regulars saw very little action. However, freshman Jerry Ramsey and sophomore Joel Smith kept the "treacherous weather" threatening as they drove the ball to the 4 yard line before being turned back. During this

period East Yancey managed it's lone score of the evening, a 61-yard pass play from Eddie Thomas to Ronnie Wyatt. Thus the "floods" ended with the visiting Patriots leading 43-6.

Analytically, the Patriots could have beaten the Pan-

thers as bad as any team can be beaten. It was obvious that the two teams did not belong in the same stadium. Rather than humiliating the home team, the Patriot coaching staff chose to get some valuable and much needed experience for the younger reserves as they played the majority of the game. Although, all 44 Patriots performed superbly there were a few surprising standouts. To name only three, we could not exclude Steve Wood, Tim Hodge, and Jerry Ramsey.

Some unofficial individual statistics which indicate superb performance were as follows:

OFFENSE: Tim Hodge, 4 rushes, 25 yards, Avg. 3.3 yds per carry, 1 pass recep, 5 yds.
Mike Thomas, 1 rush, 20 yards.

Ricky Flynn, 1 rush, 6 yards.
Carlton Freeman, 4 rushes, 43 yards, Avg. 10.8 yds per carry.

Jerry Ramsey, 11 rushes, 72 yards, Avg. 6.5 yds per carry.
Jimmy Ramsey, 5 rushes, 53 yards, Avg. 10.3 yds per carry, 1 pass recep 27 yards

Jeff Roberts, 1 pass recep 10 yards.
Bobby Zink, 1 rush, 12 yards, 1 pass recep, 16 yards.
Joel Smith, 4 rushes, 7 yards, Avg. 1.8 yds per carry.

DEFENSE: Ricky Harrell, 4 individual tackles, 5 assists.
Troy Reid, 3 individual tackles, 4 assists, 1 fumble recovery.

J. C. McIntyre, 6 individual tackles, 2 assists, 1 fumble recovery, 1 blocked punt.

Ricky Caldwell, 5 individual tackles, 4 assists.
Steve Wood, 5 individual tackles, 1 assist.
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Kirk McWilliams, 3 individual tackles, 1 assist.

The Patriots have now won four games in six starts. This Friday, the "big blue" will host the Bears of Pisgah High who are indeed a perennial power. The Bears have lost only two games in the past three seasons. Their record this season is a very respectable 3 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie with their most recent victim being Enka by a 36-7

deficit. Our local boys will be determined to test the Haywood County power. Gametime is 8:00 at Mars Hill College's Meares Stadium. Let's all be there for the initial homecoming game of Madison county High.

Patriots - Panthers	
Firstdowns	12 - 7
Rushing Yardage	220 - 30
Passing yardage	58 - 80
Return yardage	112 - 98
Passes	4-9-3 7-10-0
Punts	0 - 4-28
Fumbles lost	0 - 2
Yards Penalized	120 - 37
Patriots	15 7 20 0-43
Panthers	0 0 0 0-6-6



MADISON BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS elected at an organizational meeting here Tuesday night, September 25, are pictured above. Left to right, Ed Howard, treasurer; the Rev. George Moore, vice-president; the Rev. Jim Long, president; Lawrence Ponder, secretary.

Madison County Sues State To Gain Region B LRO Rank

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While the strife torn Region B Planning and Development Commission was healing its wounds Monday by interviewing a top applicant for its vacant executive director post, one of its 16 member governments was having a petition served on the N. C. Department of Administration and its secretary in Raleigh.

The suit, brought by Madison County, is similar in content to a petition filed and later rescinded last month by the full commission, according to Tom Earnhardt, an assistant to Secretary William Bondurant of the Department of Administration.

Earnhardt, in a telephone interview from his Raleigh office Monday, said the petition was filed at 2:51 p.m. Friday in Wake County Superior Court.

The petition, which names the department and Bondurant as defendants, was signed by Chairman James T. Ledford of the Madison County Board of Commissioners and J. Ruffin Bailey, a Raleigh attorney for the petitioners.

The petition did not reach Bondurant's desk until Monday morning, Earnhardt said.

The assistant secretary said the petition is similar to one filed Aug. 24 by I. D. Hyde, former Region B executive director, in that it charges the department with arbitrary and capricious action in its failure to grant Lead Regional Organization (LRO) status once it has filled its staff with competent personnel and signed a working planning agreement with the Asheville-Buncombe County Metropolitan Planning Board.

Region B's membership consists of elected officials and secondary appointees from the four-county region of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties, including officials of 12 cities and towns within those counties.

The commission has voted at its Aug. 22 meeting to file a civil suit against Bondurant and the department for LRO status, a title which has been granted by the state to all other (16) regional organizations in North Carolina.

At its Sept. 5 meeting, however, the commission voted to dismiss the suit and fire Hyde, who was said by Mayor Charles H. Campbell of Brevard, Region B chairman, to have filed the suit improperly.

Hyde, whose management practices at Region B had been under fire and subsequent inquiry by the department, was fired after a majority of the commission's members agreed he (Hyde) had lost his effectiveness at the job.

Hyde maintains that his effectiveness was systematically destroyed by a "political hatchet job" perpetrated by the Republican administration in Raleigh and championed through the office

of state Sen. Charles Taylor of Brevard, senate minority leader, and ultimately by Republican members of the commission.

The ousted executive director has been undyingly supported in his claim by Democratic members of the commission from Madison County, including Zeno Ponder, who sits as secretary on the commission's executive committee, and Mayor Lorado T. Ponder of Marshall.

The Ponders and Mayor Edith C. Osborne of Rosman were the only three members who voted against firing Hyde. The same three voted against withdrawing the suit against the department of Administration, which controls the expenditure of Region B's federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission and is the grantee for LRO status.

"I'm just a little surprised that they (Madison County) went through with it (the petition), since we are just getting back into a good working relationship with the state," Chairman Campbell said Monday after learning of Madison's actions.

"I feel that we could have solved our problems without this (suit), but of course they (Madison County) have a right to do it, as any other governmental organization has that right," Campbell added.

Campbell said he was surprised of Madison's action because he felt there would be "no problem" in Region B obtaining LRO status once it has filled its staff with competent personnel and signed a working planning agreement with the Asheville-Buncombe County Metropolitan Planning Board.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old senior staff member for a seven-county organization in Pennsylvania who Campbell

says is the "top applicant" among four qualified persons who have applied for vacant executive director job at Region B, was interviewed for that position Monday morning at the commission's headquarters in Skyland Village Hall.

Voting members present at the interview unanimously offered the Ashe County native the job, provided the state authorize him the top salary for this position and pay or let the commission pay for his moving expenses here.

Campbell said the state has been asked to authorize a salary of \$17,460 for the new executive director. Even at that figure, Commission said, the Pennsylvania man would be taking more than a \$2,000 cut in salary to come to Region B.

The applicant asked that his name not be revealed until after some decision is made by the commission, since he is presently employed elsewhere.

The candidate, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Agricultural Economics, said he was aware of few details surrounding Hyde's dismissal and added that he had been advised to keep his politics secret. He said, however, that none of the commission members had asked him about his political affiliation.

Campbell said he expects to hear something back from the state by Wednesday morning concerning the commission's salary request, and that he intends to inform the Pennsylvania applicant of the decision Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Earnhardt said in Raleigh that the state Attorney General's office would be required to respond to Madison County's petition on behalf of the department within the next 30 days.

Pair Of Calves Found In Rear Of Automobile

State trooper D.J. Good was patrolling N.C. 19-23 south of Mars Hill Tuesday night of last week when he saw what appeared to be a motorist in trouble.

Good stopped and saw that the motorist was indeed in trouble, his automobile having had a flat tire, a usual problem except for the two 200-pound Holstein calves in the back seat.

Good and Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Pender questioned the motorist after which he was charged with stealing the two calves and a full grown cow earlier this month from a nearby dairy farm belonging to Jimmy Ramsey.

The man was identified as William Edwards of Greenville, S.C.

License Bureau Opens

A new auto License Bureau opened here Monday in the building next to the First Union National Bank.

Vernon Ramsey, license clerk, stated that the bureau would be open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., including Saturdays.

Mr. Ramsey said that if vehicles purchased on or after

September 1, 1973, seller must fill out odometer mileage statement, except vehicles over 10,000 pounds or over 25 years old, or new vehicles.

This bureau, formerly located on Lower Bridge Street, is also located in the new First Union at N. W. 10th.

Child Labor Law Change Effective

RALEIGH - Young people under 18 who obtain employment certificates from their county Department of Social Services on or after October 1, 1973 no longer will have to obtain new certificates each time they change jobs, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel pointed out.

"This change in North Carolina's Child Labor Law is the result of amendments

enacted by the 1973 General Assembly, in which the law governing employment certification was completely rewritten," Creel stated.

"Under the new requirements, the employment certificate issued for a minor's first job on or after October 1, 1973 will be good for both the job described in the 'promise of employment' and for any and all subsequent employment," Commissioner Creel said. "However, this provision is not retroactive," he added. "It does not apply to certificates issued prior to October 1, 1973."

Creel said the new law makes the minor responsible for obtaining the employment certificate. This responsibility formerly was that of the minor's employer or parent.

The new law specifies that on the first day of employment, the minor must surrender the employment certificate to his or her new employer. The employer must keep the certificate available for inspection at any time by the Department of Labor.

Upon termination of employment, the employer must, immediately return the certificate to the minor, who then will have it available to take to his or her next job.

Creel cautioned that a number of hazardous occupations are prohibited for minors under both State and Federal child labor laws. These jobs will be shown as being prohibited upon each employment certificate issued, he said.

Miss Shupe Is Piece Goods Shop Manager



Miss Charlotte Paulette Shupe of Walnut has been named manager of the Piece Goods Shop at Stratford Executive Park in Winston-Salem. The store is the seventy-fifth for the company and the fifth store in Winston-Salem. It is in a new building in which the home office is located.

Miss Shupe joined the company in April as an assistant manager. Prior to then she was an assistant buyer of china and silver for The Timmers department store in Winston-Salem.

A 1972 graduate of Appalachian State University, Miss Shupe was a home economics and business major. While there she was president and choreographer for the Appalaches, a precision dance team; a member of the Phi Beta Lambda organization for business majors; and a member of the Home Economics Club.

Miss Shupe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burton Shupe of Walnut.

Liquor-By-The-Drink Opponents Organize

Madison County opponents of the Liquor-By-The-Drink issue which will be voted on by North Carolina voters in a statewide referendum on November 6th, met Tuesday night of last week at the Marshall Baptist Church. This was the second meeting to be held here in regard to the issue.

The Rev. Lester Murphey, of Mars Hill, pastor of the Hot Springs Baptist Church and leader of the anti-liquor forces, presided.

Mrs. Zora Hayes, of Asheville, was the featured

speaker for the meeting. Mrs. Hayes emphasized the importance of organization and all-out efforts to defeat the Liquor-By-The-Drink issue. She told the gathering how the anti-forces in Asheville were working and cited the need of participation throughout the county.

Churches in the French Broad Baptist Association were represented and expressed a desire to do everything possible to "get out the voters" on November 6. They were also urged to see that all eligible voters were properly registered in the

various townships.

Miss Marie Willis, of Mars Hill, was elected county coordinator for the fight against Liquor-By-The-Drink and Miss Willis appointed the following persons to serve as key workers in a telephone campaign to see that voters were registered.

Ebbs Chapel, Mrs. Clyde Wyatt; Walnut, Alan Adams; Marshall, Mrs. Clara Fagan and Mrs. Helie Allman; Hot Springs, Spring Creek, Frank Moore, Mars Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clayton, Beach Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Phillips; Laurel, Mrs. Harvey

Tennessee Men Face Rape, Break-In Charges

Two Tennessee men were taken into custody by Madison County authorities Saturday afternoon on charges of rape, breaking and entering and armed robbery.

A spokesman for the Madison County Sheriff's Department said the pair, Leonard Tweed, 23, and Larry Sheldon, 23, both of Greenville, Tenn., were arrested a week ago in

Greenville and returned to Marshall Saturday.

They were arrested in connection with a reported September 19 break-in and rape incident in the Little Laurel section of Madison County. Tweed was charged with rape, breaking and entering and armed robbery; Sheldon was charged with breaking and entering and armed robbery.

Both were being held in Madison County jail without bond awaiting on October 10 trial in District Court.



TOP PHOTO SHOWS THE residence of the late Dr. W. A. Sams, here, as it appeared Monday morning. Bottom picture shows a portion of the attractive house engulfed in flames Monday night. The house, which had been vacant since Dr. Sams' death was purposely burned by Marshall firemen under the direction of the State Highway Department, which had purchased the dwelling preparatory to eliminating the dangerous curve in front of the house. Many spectators, braving rainy weather, watched the burning that it was a "sad" occasion to see one of the most well-known buildings in Marshall destroyed. But they realized that this was necessary to improve the highway and eliminate the narrow and dangerous curve.



Local ASC Committee System Strengthened

With farm program administration greatly simplified under the new Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation ASC committee has reduced the number of farmers in Madison county will elect 7 community committees, compared with the previous 16 communities, reports ASC Committee Chairman Emory Robinson.

"With fewer program regulations to explain and discuss, with fewer farmers and with farmers handling their own decision-making, we do not need as many community committees in order to give farmers the same direct communication they have always had with their farm program agency," Robinson explained.

ASC farm communities, explained Robinson, are local administrative and election areas established for effective service to farmers participating in federal farm programs.

In their review of boundaries, ASC county committees compared the number of farms and eligible ASC voters in each community with other communities. They also considered the availability of communication and transportation facilities, types of farming, geographical conditions and local political subdivisions of primary concern was the need to keep the committee system responsive to farmers' needs and in tune with today's simplified farm program administration, he said.

As nearly as possible the new ASC community boundaries conform with distinctive areas within a county. The Marshall Community will remain unchanged; While Rock and Big Laurel will be one community; Grapevine, Mars Hill, and Bell Creek will be one; California Creek and Point Fork will be one; Little Pine, Big Pine, and Sandy Mush will be one community;

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