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## EDITORIALS

### Important Referendum Here

Citizens of Marshall will have the opportunity next Tuesday to approve or reject two major referendums, namely, improvement and enlargement of the Town's sanitary sewerage system and improvement and enlargement of the Town's water system.

In our opinion, both projects are badly needed and long overdue.

To reject the two projects, in our opinion, would be a backward step. We are fearful that another such opportunity would be years away.

U. S. Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman Roy Taylor announced last week that the Economic Development Administration has approved a \$350,400.00 grant for the Town of Marshall for the enlargement and improvement of the water system. Mayor Lorado Ponder stated that the State Pure Air and Water bond approval amounted to \$41,500, which actually means that Marshall's share will be only \$46,100 of the total cost of the projects being \$438,000.00.

The area outside the municipal borders which will also be improved will be financed by the county and not the Town, according to Mayor Ponder.

With the two major grants, plus the assistance by the county, we are at the threshold of having a vastly improved water and sewerage system for our town which also includes two industrial areas, the consolidated high school and the shopping center on the bypass.

New and larger water lines, filtration plant and a cover for the existing 1,000,000-gallon reservoir, plus numerous other improvements will supply our town with CLEAN, CLEAR water in abundance suitable for homes, firms and industries. No more "muddy" water with a sickening taste. The new system will also mean decreased fire insurance premiums and will include new hydrants for Main Street with the current hydrants being installed in residential areas, according to Mayor Ponder.

Improvement and enlargement of the Town's sewerage system is also in the offing and every citizen is aware of this great need.

Let's hope that the continuous and necessary digging up and patching of present water lines will be a thing of the past in a few years and that passage and approval of the two projects will be a stepping stone to additional industry, employment and progress in our town.

We urge every qualified citizen in Marshall to express confidence and pride in the future of our town by overwhelmingly voting "YES" in the special municipal bond referendums next Tuesday.

## Jefferson - Jackson Day Celebration

**RALEIGH** — North Carolina Democrats will divide their attention among Party reorganization and foreign and domestic policy issues when they meet here March 16 for their annual Jefferson - Jackson Day celebration.

At the traditional J-J Dinner the Party faithful attending the \$50-a-plate fund-raising affair at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium will hear U. S. Sen. Henry Jackson discuss the Party's role in Congressional decisions relating to defense and the energy crisis. The dinner will be held at 7 p.m.

Former State Sen. Lindsay Warren of Goldsboro will serve as dinner chairman. Warren was campaign manager for former Lt. Gov. H. Pat Taylor in the latter's 1972 race for his Party's gubernatorial nomination.

Also on March 16, the State Democratic Executive Committee will meet to consider updating of rules as suggested by study committees at work on changes in Party procedures. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the City Club of the Sir Walter Hotel.

Plans of the Party nationally, and in the state, call for the abandonment of



**ANDREW BRIDGES, 82-year-old retired farmer of Route 6, Marshall (Hayes Run) narrowly escaped serious injury Monday afternoon when the Jeep he was driving plunged about 25 feet down the embankment on his private drive to Highway 213. He was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital where he was treated for a foot injury, cuts and bruises. He returned to his home Monday night where he is recuperating. Picture shows Jeep on NC 213 and home of Mr. Bridges in background.**

## Gardening Is Task For March

Lay out the garden and determine where each vegetable will be planted.

Treat soil for nematodes if needed. Remember the soil temperature should be at least 55 degrees F. and the soil should not be excessively wet. Deposit the nematocide 6-8 inches deep for best results.

It's time to set strawberries, blueberries, grapes, raspberries or blackberries.

Start tomato, pepper and eggplant plants.

It's a good idea to broadcast some of your fertilizer and turn in 10-14 days before planting.

Lime, if your soil analysis indicated a need for it, should be applied as early as possible. It won't do you much good if it's left on the soil surface either. Plow the lime in and mix well with the upper 6-8 inches of soil.

It's a great time for advertisements about "miracle" plant foods and gigantic tomatoes...Don't be misled. These are mostly novelties generally worth far more to the advertiser than the home gardener.

Encourage your organic gardener to incorporate their organic plant foods well in advance of planting since the materials have to undergo decomposition or other chemical alteration before the plant can use them.

Get seed supply ready because April will be a big planting month.

Now is a good time to have pressure canners checked. If you're planning to buy a new canner this year, better not wait till June first. A check of freezer supplies would also be appropriate.



**E. NORRIS GENTRY, of Marshall, attended the March 3-9 National Rural Development Leaders School at the Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville with about 110 other community leaders from 13 southern and southeastern states and Puerto Rico. The school was sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Service. The intensive course was designed to help participants improve their effectiveness in rural community growth and development.**

## Initiated Into Marshall Chapter OES

Mr. and Mrs. Hoye Coates of Route 6, Marshall, were initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star at a special meeting of Marshall Chapter No. 35, held on Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple.

Preston Edwards, worthy patron, conferred the degrees; and his wife, Mrs. Nancy Jo Edwards, worthy matron, presided.

A social hour was held at the close of the meeting.

Nineteen members of the Chapter and three visitors attended.

## Manpower Funds

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Manpower Advisory Commission which will have the responsibility of informing officials of manpower needs and objectives in the area.

Under guidelines of the bill, Ratcliff said, members of the manpower panel would be chosen from different

## Raleigh Report

by Ernest Messer

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The name and address of all persons who make political gifts of more than \$50 must be reported. All political expenditures of more than \$25 must be itemized and reported.

An itemized report of all expenditures for political advertising, no matter how small the amount, must be reported.

All contributions of more than \$100 and all expenditures of more than \$25 must be made by check, while all expenditures for advertising must be paid by check.

Candidates for legislative, district, and state offices are required to make financial reports, with reports being sent to the State Board of Elections.

County and municipal elective offices are not covered by the provisions of the bill.

Corporations, labor unions, and professional organizations are not permitted to contribute to a political party or a political campaign. Employees of corporations and members of labor unions and professional organizations, however, may organize political committees and may solicit and receive political contributions and may support political candidates and political parties.

Senate amendments to this bill may not be acceptable to the House. One amendment limits expenditures by a political candidate to not more than ten cents per voter. According to this amendment, a candidate could not buy stationary and mail one first class letter to each voter. Some Senators and many House members consider this to be an unrealistic spending limitation.

A modified Senate passed no-fault automobile liability insurance bill will be on the House schedule within a few days. The proposed bill requires that economic losses up to \$5,000 and medical costs up to \$500 must be paid by the automobile owners own insurance company, with losses and costs over these amounts subject to litigation by the courts.

Since a Florida court has declared unconstitutional a part of the Florida no-fault law which bans law suits, this decision could ultimately affect any no-fault bill the North Carolina Legislature may pass. A ban on law suits is one of the key provisions of all no-fault insurance plans, since the cost of legal counsel is considered to be a major factor contributing to the high cost of automobile insurance.

North Carolina's involuntary commitment law, adopted in 1973, is being changed in response to complaints by doctors, judges, and clerks of the superior courts. The new regulations will require a mentally ill or inebriate person to be processed through the local mental health center where arrangements are made for the patient to be entered into a proper hospital facility.

Commitment proceedings may be initiated by a doctor or by a guardian or relative, with the legal documents being prepared by the clerk of the court or by a district judge.

## FEO-USDA To Issue Fuel Action Pamphlet

The Federal Energy Office and the U. S. Department of Agriculture are jointly preparing a pamphlet explaining procedures and action that should be taken to help assure that farmers get enough fuel to meet their needs, Mrs. Nila Mann, Acting Executive Director of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said today.

The pamphlet is titled "Fuel Allocations for Farmers." It notes that the Federal Energy Office has designated agriculture to receive top priority in the distribution of fuel, and lists steps farmers should take to get fuel supplies.

The pamphlet suggests farmers tell the local distributor of their present and future needs so that distributors or dealers can know in advance what the customer requires. If local distributors do not have enough to meet even agricultural production needs, they can ask FEO to correct

The shortage through use of an FEO form number 17.

She said farmers needing emergency help should apply direct to the State Energy Office (SEO) for a temporary, emergency allocation, using FEO form number 20, or any other form developed by the SEO.

The forms are available at the Regional FEO, the State Energy Office.

Training sessions are being conducted so that farmers using less than 20,000 gallons of fuel a year who do not have a supplier, may use FEO form number 20 to apply for permanent assignment to a supplier.

FEO regulations require farmers and others receiving allocations at the 100 percent level to certify to their suppliers that they have an energy conservation program in effect. Farmers are to use priority fuel only for agricultural production, and to buy no more than enough to meet 100 percent of current needs.

## Landscaping Meeting At S.V. Tonight

Wiley DuVall, of the extension department, will present a program on landscaping and shrubbery tonight (Thursday) at the Community Club meeting to be held in the Corporation Center in Sleepy Valley. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock and everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.



**FOR A LONG TIME, CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF ARMY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE.**

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At the end of each ninety day period of hospitalization, the patient will be given a new hearing, with the hearing to be held on the premises of the hospital. At present, the patient is required to be brought back to the county of his residence for the hearing.

A study commission, headed by Senator J. C. Crawford of Buncombe County, is introducing legislation to speed up trials in the courts.

This will be done by adding personnel to the court system and by eliminating many minor cases from the court dockets.

It was revealed that about sixty-five percent of court cases are for public drunkenness or minor traffic violations. An effort will be made to deal with most of these cases out of court.

Within a three year period, this commission hopes to reduce to 90 days the time during which an accused person must wait to be tried. At present, about fifteen percent of all persons undergo a waiting period of more than eighteen months.

Sixteen states which lowered their speed limits late in 1973 have experienced a fifteen to twenty percent decrease in automobile fatalities, while thirty-four states which did not lower speed limits experienced a two percent decrease.

According to the budget of the Wildlife Resources Commission, trout production and stocking will be reduced this year to 300,000 fish, down from 620,000 last year.

Representative Listen Ramey and I introduced a bill last week to appropriate \$200,000 to the tourist industry. The money, matched by local money, will be used to help stimulate the energy plagued tourist industry.

## Letters To The Editor

**PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FUND**

I would like to encourage everyone filing a 1973 federal income tax return to use the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Check-Off. This is your opportunity to promote public financing of Presidential campaigns.

On line 8 of Form 1040 you may check off \$1 of the tax you owe (\$2 on joint returns) and assign it to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. If you did not fill out the separate check-off form provided last year for 1972 taxes, you may check off this year an additional \$1 retroactively.

**REMEMBER, THE CHECK-OFF SIMPLY ASSIGNS \$1 OF THE TAX YOU ALREADY OWE. IT DOES NOT INCREASE YOUR TAX.** The amount of any refund due you is not affected.

All money from this check-off goes into a non-partisan fund. The General Accounting Office determines which political parties are eligible to receive the money, and divides the money among them by a plan already determined by law. Republican and Democratic presidential nominees will receive equal and major shares of the fund. Minor party nominees will receive lesser amounts based proportionally on their showing in the last election.

**PRaises Patriots**

Mr. Story,

Wanted you and your News Record readers to know what a good impression Madison County girls basketball team made in this area. It was an honor to be selected to represent the western district. I know something of the obstacles involved in just getting this team together and you're to be commended on this cooperative effort. Two coaches from other districts made remarks to me about the enthusiasm of the Madison Co. "fans" - "that they were great." Many were here! This speaks well for your consolidated effort and a fore runner of good things to come.

On my trips to Madison Co. in the fall, I also heard about your football team.

- Mrs. W. B. (Gloria Tweed) Spaugb

I am a sister of the late Ray Tweed and the daughter of Chapel Tweed from White Rock.

P. S. The consensus here is that Madison Co. girls basketball teams will be heard from again.

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## HEALTH NEWS

By Bill Powell  
Reg. Pharmacist

### Beat the "Tax Bite Blues"

How does one beat the April 15th "tax bite blues"? Easy, my friend... pay up on March 15th!

Why wait? Go ahead, send your dues in ahead of time and forget that deadline panic. Seriously, though, to encourage early payment, here's a bit of information to get you started: deduct home improvements that qualify as medical necessities — such as central air-conditioning for cystic fibrosis or asthmatic victims, a chair elevator for heart patients, or a swimming pool for polio victims.

The amount deductible is simply the difference between the expense of your home improvement and the increase in property evaluation. A \$20,000 swimming pool, for example, that increases your property evaluation by \$15,000 leaves a difference of \$5,000 that the government will allow you to deduct.

The above comments appear each week in *Health News*, and information we believe to be important to our friends and customers — your comments are welcome.