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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 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

the so-called quota system which has been widely interpreted as a rigid requirement for balancing representation of groups within the Party.

In line with similar changes receiving attention of the Democratic National Committee, the State Executive Committee will vote at this time on a statement of intent to involve all groups of active Democrats without a system requiring quotas.

This is known as the state Party's Affirmative Action Plan, spelling out ways in which the Party intends to insure its openness to the participation of groups historically under-represented in the political process.

A proposed Affirmative Action Plan for the state, developed by a committee headed by Democratic National Committeewoman Gladys Bullard, will be the only rules change voted on at the meeting.

The State Executive Committee will hear a progress report on work of a study committee which has conducted public hearings on proposed revisions of the North Carolina Party Plan of Organizations.



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 black berries. 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 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"

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.

- Dr. Gary L. Muffley
7 Wagon Road
Asheville, N.C. 28805

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) Spaugh
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.

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.

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

Nineteen members of the Chapter and three visitors attended.

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.

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