

THE NEWS - RECORD

Dr. W. Otis Duck Receives Honor; On "Roast" Program

Dr. W. Otis Duck, prominent Mars Hill physician, had two thrilling experiences last month when he attended the 25th annual meeting of the American Academy of Family Practice in Los Angeles, California.

The popular doctor received his Charter Fellowship at Convocation Exercises on October 15. Dr. Duck has been a member of this organization for 25 years. In order to be qualified for this degree a physician must have 150 hours of post graduate study every three years.

On the following week Dr. Duck was on the program of

the International Family Planning Research Association in Palm Springs, Calif.

He was one of the select participants on the panel entitled, "Roast Green Blatt", honoring Dr. Robert Green Blatt, retiring professor of Endocrinology at Medical College of Georgia.

Other "roasters" on the program included Dr. George Schneider, of New Orleans; Dr. Kermit Krantz, of Kansas City, Mo., and world famous comedian, Bob Hope.

Physicians at the meeting were from 26 countries.



DR. W. OTIS DUCK, of Mars Hill, is shown in cap and gown following distinct recognition at the 25th annual meeting of American Academy of Family Practice held in Los Angeles, Calif., on October 15.

Madison Party Leaders Agree --- Election Was Fair

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In Madison County, where Republican complaints about Democratic-controlled election machinery have not been exactly unheard of in the past, both sides seem to agree that Tuesday's GOP-run vote went fairly smoothly.

North Carolina's first Republican governor in this century brought control of local boards of elections into GOP hands last March.

And just about the only thing that left the party after the polls closed Tuesday, in Madison as elsewhere, was the privilege of counting its own dead.

"We were just caught in one of those times when it wasn't time to be running, that's all," Mayor William P. Powell of Mars Hill, Madison Republican chairman, said today.

"It's a pleasure to tell you that we won and we won pretty big," was the initial response of Democratic Chairman Zeno H. Ponder when asked about the election. He said the Democratic campaign had been "a clean campaign of facts."

As to the newly-constituted board of elections, Ponder said, "All I can tell you is that they had the machines and we had the people."

Elections board Chairman Perry G. Willis said that as far as he knew everything had gone all right. "We had no major complaints, as far as I know," he said.

One mechanical problem, in which a machine was not registering votes for one candidate when his party lever was pulled, was caught and cleared up when only 14 voters had used the machine, Willis said.

Ponder said he had been aware of "some situations throughout the county" where illiterate or borderline voters were "harrassed...not given help at the voting machines."

He also said he felt a challenge by Republicans of 60 absentee ballots, all straight Democratic votes, was a delaying tactic in the hopes of a close election. "I think it backfired on the Republicans," he said.

"Overall," Ponder said, "it was carried out fair." He said he had no charges of vote stealing or vote buying.

Powell said the challenges of the absentee ballots were made because of "irregularities in applying for ballots, not in the fact they weren't entitled to vote."

Had the election been closer they might have been pursued, Powell said, but in the light of the strong Democratic

victory they have been withdrawn locally, although the State Bureau of Investigation has been given the information.

Madison Republicans actually came out better than some other counties to the extent that their losses were in attempts to unseat rather than in attempts to hold on to offices in the Democrat-dominated county. District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts did win re-election in the five-county 24th Judicial District.

"He was unopposed, thank goodness," Powell said. (Roberts was unopposed in four of the district's counties, according to Ponder.)

What now for the Madison GOP?

"Well, we back up and regroup, we're not known for giving up in Madison," Powell said.

"Everything went along smoothly," he said, "I think they just outthusted us; it was the wrong year, a lot of Republican apathy. We can't lead our people around by the nose, we can beg and plead with them...I'd much rather be associated with a group of people like that than with people that can be led around by the nose."

Chandler Vote Correction

In the unofficial election results table published last week, the total for Bobby Chandler (Board of Education, District II) appeared 1339. This should have been 1439 (including absentee ballots).

Hearing Set For Sewerage Project Here

Elsewhere in this issue can be found a legal notice concerning a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 25, at the French Broad EMC Building here at 5 p.m., for the purpose of informing the public about Town of Marshall Project 201 which involves the construction of sewerage system in Marshall, Brush Creek, Ammons Branch, Ivy Creek and other outlying territories.

It was stated that cost of the project in the corporate limits of Marshall would be borne by the Town of Marshall and cost of the project outside of the corporate limits would be borne by Madison County.

"The public is urged to attend the hearing," Mayor Lorado Ponder stated.

Bob Terrell To Autograph Book Here November 22



BOB TERRELL
An autograph party for Bob Terrell, columnist for The Asheville Citizen, will be held Friday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the library at Marshall. His new book, "Fun Is Where You Find It," will be on sale then.

The book is a collection of the more humorous columns

written by Terrell in his 25-year-career with The Citizen. Containing 224 pages, the book will sell for \$6.95. It includes about 200 columns and column items, all of a humorous nature, including his most talked-about columns, "The Cat Caper," "Merry Christmas, Uncle Herbert," "Trick Or Treat," "Hugh Dorsey Brown's Trip To The Promised Land," and others.

A native of Sylva, Terrell was graduated from Western Carolina University in 1949. However, he began his writing career with The Sylva Herald in 1945 and joined The Citizen in 1949.

Publication of this book coincides with his 25th anniversary with The Citizen. The book was printed by the Harris Press in Nashville, Tenn.

Terrell authored one previous book, "J.D. Sumner's My Life In Gospel Music."

Two Wrecks Result In Injuries Here

Two separate automobile wrecks over the last week-end resulted in several persons being hospitalized.

The first wreck occurred about 2:40 a.m. Sunday morning in the Hayes Run section when a car reportedly driven by Jimmy Lee Wilson, a student at Mars Hill College and containing four other passengers, two girls and three boys, all Mars Hill College students, left the highway.

Sheriff Ponder reported that Wilson was arrested, charged with DUI, but later released under \$300 bond. The occupants in the wreck were treated at Memorial Mission Hospital.

The second wreck occurred Sunday morning about 11:00 o'clock at the intersection of the Marshall bypass and highway leading to Marshall at the Ivy Bridge.

A truck, driven by Millard Tipton with Ted McKinney as a passenger, both of Marshall, collided with a car driven by Mr. Larry Cutshall, of Route 6, Marshall. In the Cutshall car were Mrs. Cutshall and their small daughter.

All five persons were taken to Memorial Mission hospital for treatment.

It was reported that McKinney received severe leg lacerations requiring surgery and Tipton received chest injuries and lacerations of the face. McKinney remains in the hospital but Tipton is recuperating at his home here.

The Cutshall child sustained a broken arm, it was reported. Mr. and Mrs. Cutshall were not seriously injured. Both vehicles were demolished.

The slates of nominees for the upcoming ASC committee election have been developed and announced by W. B. Zink, County Executive Director of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The candidates for each ASC community in Madison County are as follows: A-1 community, Cecil Briggs, Carl Cantrell, Fred B. Flynn, Sidney Hensley, Everett Rice,

and Don West; B-2 community - Joe Bullman, Clarence Cutshall, Walter Gosnell, James Gunter, Glen Hensley, and Hardy Shelton; C-3 Community - Jerry T. Dunivan, Hardie Merrill, Doug Peek, Dewey Phillips, Carl D. Reese, and Carson Roberts; D-4 community - Warren Anders, Frank Briggs, Harold Buckner, Wayne Eatmon, Grady Hensley, Levi Hunter, and

Everly Robinson; E-5 community - Mallie Brown, Leonard Buckner, Loy C. Buckner, James S. Fisher, Frank Payne, Jr., and Lon Sluder; F-6 community - Bobby N. Clark, Wallace Cook, Vern Holt, Frank Massey, Ermon Norris, Ruby E. Plemmons, and Eugene L. Wills; G-7 community - Wayne Burnette, J. O. Hall, Edward Hoyle, Carter Metcalf, Don Peek, and Cline Shelton.

The ASC committee election will be conducted by mail from November 22 until December 2. Eligible ASC voters will receive a secret ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates of their choice and return the ballot to the county ASCS office. Participation in ASC elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

Democrats Gain More Votes

Approximately 50 additional votes for all Democratic candidates were added to the November 5, 1974, general election results at the official canvass held here Thursday, it was announced by the board

of elections office.

The added results were from absentee ballots which had challenged. Most of the challenges were withdrawn and a few challenges were overruled, it was announced.

County Teachers Honored Here On Saturday

Education in Madison County was traced from the date of the first school in Madison County to the present time at a meeting honoring Madison County teachers held at Madison High School on Saturday, November 9. Adding to the growing list of studies made by the Madison County Historical Society, the subject of "Education in Madison County" was treated as an unending tribute to the large group of dedicated women and men who are teachers - retired or active.

Dr. Evelyn Underwood, president, summarized from research and studies made from records of the State of North Carolina, Baptist and Presbyterian church offices and such county records as were available, the development of the county school system. Madison County was officially

established as a county in 1851, and there was one known school in existence as early as 1809. Within three years there were six schools and by 1872 there were 32 schools in the county. In 1881 Mr. J.C. Tilson became the first Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The names of J. J. Gudger and I.N. Ebbas appear in records as holding this office before the turn of the century. Church academies in the county history make an interesting story; Baptists established a school in Mars Hill in 1853, and

Presbyterians came as missionaries in 1870 and established 17 schools. All were eventually purchased by the state except for Bell Institute and Dorland School which merged and for many years was a successful private boarding school located in Hot Springs. Consolidation of

small rural schools before buses and automobiles were in general use worked hardships on many families. Children were either sent to the school in Hot Springs where they could live or sent out of the county to go to school.

In 1889 the State Board of Education ordered the creation of "Summer Institutes" for training teachers and three were set up in Madison County, at Spring Creek, Marshall and Mars Hill. Through the efforts of Dr. R.L. Moore at Mars Hill, teacher training became a continuing part of the program at Mars Hill College. In 1929 a state Teacher Training program operated at Marshall High School located at that time on Hill Street. Miss Clemmie Casey (Mrs. W.T. McKinney) was instructor, and examination of this enrollment shows that almost all of those became teachers - many are still in the area after long teaching careers in the county system.

great fun with little or no equipment. Teachers boarded the home overnight visits to the homes of pupils. This resulted in strong parent-teacher-student understanding. Discipline was usually maintained by "staying-in-at recess or after school, and that failing, the one never-fail method was wise use of the hickory switch-also a well-known home remedy highly recommended and approved by parents.

In all of Madison County history, 80 known schools have existed. At the present time

there are 7 schools, including the recently opened Madison High School.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is scheduled for April 12.

Officers were re-elected for a one-year term: President, Dr. Evelyn Underwood; Vice-President, Mrs. Overton Gregory; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Buckner.

Board Members, on a rotating basis, now serving: Mrs. J.L. Baker, Mrs. E.O. Burnette, Mrs. Peggy Dotterer, Mrs. H.B. Ditzners and Mrs. Clyde Roberts.

Mrs. Evelyn R. Davis is the newly-elected board member.

4-H Achievement Day Will Be Held Saturday

The Madison County 4-H Achievement Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Madison High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to 4-H members for projects and various activities during the year.

A dance will be held afterwards from 8:00 until 11:30 with music provided by

MacArthur Glory. The public is invited with a special welcome to all 4-H members and their parents.

The 4-H members will earn the cost of the band by sponsoring a table sale from 2:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at the shopping center and in front of the courthouse in Marshall.



A GROUP OF TEACHERS are pictured above at the meeting held Saturday in the Madison High School Cafeteria when many former teachers were honored. The occasion was sponsored by the Madison County Historical Society. Left to right, Mrs. Evelyn Underwood, Mrs. Overton Gregory, Mrs. Frances Buckner, Mrs. J.L. Baker, Mrs. E.O. Burnette, Mrs. Peggy Dotterer, Mrs. H.B. Ditzners and Mrs. Clyde Roberts.

MADISON BOOSTERS CLUB MEMBERS, Dr. Reece Steen, left; Lawrence Ponder, center, and Ren Eiler, right, are ready for the second annual turkey and bean supper. The first supper will begin this Saturday and will continue each Saturday on the Marshall Bypass until Christmas. Events will include maze leading raffles, games, social, raffles and photos and vignettes. All proceeds go to the support of athletic programs in Madison County.