THE NEWS - RECORD

Judge Lacey, in pondering

his findings after the day long

presentation of evidence,

noted that the 72 bogus at-

tendance records had only 109

absences to a total of 10,008

Only three witnesses were

offered by the state: Rice,

Thomas and Madison School

Supt. Robert Edwards, who

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.,

The Research Council of East

Tennessee State University

has published another book

The Council has released to

area book stores in Upper

Last Tennessee and Western

North Carolina Lena Penland

Purkey's new book, "Home in

The small paperback of 144

pages is autobiographical and

at the same time an accurate

and realistic description of life

in the foothills of the Great

Smoky Mountains shortly

after the turn of the century

Tennessee, historian, says of

this work, "It's a delightful

book, an intriguing story of a

phase of life in the North

Caroline Julls in a time now

the Southern Appalachians,

will find much in common

with the events, folkways and

customs recounted in this

book. They will be tempted to

say, "She didn't tell a hing

that I couldn't have said about

my own experiences. She just

Southern Appalachian people

find an interesting and en-

tertaining picture of a life

entirely foreign to them. They

will also be able to read bet-

ween the lines and find a

careful analysis of the

political, economci and social

problems of the era and the

labeling it as such, Mrs.

Purkey gives at least one

reason why East Tennesscans

and Western North Carolinians have lacked

political muscle. She explains

that these two sections of the

country were divided in their

loyalties during the Civil War.

In the same community,

some fought for the Union

Store Being

Remodeled

For example, without

Readers, whom

refer to as "outsiders,"

Readers, whose roots are in

long ago."

told it better."

Paul Fink, Jonesboro.

Madison County.'

about Southern Appalachia.

principalship.

LENA PURKEY

Mrs. Purkey also explains

why with high birthrate and

many schools and colleges in

the area that the population

and the educational level

seem to stand still. She ex-

plains that employment op-

the book deals with her

recollections in the N.C. home

school, revivals, school pic

Since 1963, Mrs. Purkey and

For a copy of "Home in

Madison County," contact

your local bookstore or East

Tennessee State University's

Research Council. The price

The regular 2nd Sunday night singing will be held this Sunday at the Alexander

Baptist Church beginning at 7

All singers and listeners are

Dennis Parris will be in

her nusband have lived in

each and every one.

Morristown.

in only \$2.95.

Sunday

Singing

Night

Mrs. Purkey's reflections of

hard to find.

"Home In Madison County"

Now Available

potential school days.



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School Teachers Are Found Guilty Of Falsification

By ED SPEARS Citizen Staff Writer

charges, were carried over for A former principal and five teachers were found guilty trial at a later date, according Tuesday of last week in to Asst. Dist. Atty. James T. **Madison County District Court** Rusher. Mrs. Church recently of falsifying pupil enrollment obtained a temporary injunction against the Madison and attendance records. Each was fined \$50 and County; Board of Education costs, and faces possible barring it from discharging

revocation of teaching cerher from her principalship. Convicted, with 10 days in tificate. Three other teachers among which to decide whether to the nine tried in a consolidated appeal to a higher court, were case - Martha Kirkpatrick, Larry S. Piemmons, Mattie Lois C. Moore and Lucille R. Ray Ramsey, Vera B. Sumerel, Elizabeth Staude, Chandler - were found not zuilty by Judge Robert H. Isabell B. Maynard and

Frances Lee Ramsey. At the

MARSHALL DAY CARE youngsters are pictured above as they toured the town last Friday enjoying 'trick or treat." They were accompanied by Day are personnel.

'Nickels for Know

How" - will be up for renewal

n a statewide referendum

Under the program, feed

and fertilizer users contribute

ive cents per ton of these

naterials sold to support

agricultural research,

eaching and extension

education at North Carolina

About \$170,000 is collected

annually through the plan,

seen used for projects related

o essentially every farm

commodity produced in the

state, in addition to many

projects concerned with

amily living and consumer-

NSCS officials said 'Nickala" proceeds are used

a meet hew problems and

ther emergency needs more

juickly than would be possible

with state appropriated funds.

rogram must be renewed

ach six years through

talewide referendum, and a avorable vote by two-thirds of

be plan.
Polling places and voting places and voting announced

ally in each county. No

d, and votes may be t the most convenient a. Voters will be asked

in election rester to suplicate ballots.

mons who use feed or e, locluding lawn and fertilizers, and es of their families are

o vote. It "Nickels for Know-

endum was held in 1961. In that and

oding votes held over \$4 years, over \$6 of those custing

se cesting ballots is

The self-help assessment

State University

elated activities.

Charges against Mrs. Jewel Church, facing similar extended to Jan. 15, 1976.

moved from the school James E. Rice, pupil accounting supervisor for the State Board of Education, testified that Plemmons, asked in April about discrepancies in the size of the sixth grade at Spring Creek as compared to the fifth grade the year before, admitted that

there had been record alterations. Rice said that Plemmons, in a second visit four days later, handed him a written statement spelling out the specific instances of made-up students, 24 in all and including 19 Plemmons had recorded himself. Rice said Plemmons gave him the office files of the fictional students. Also introduced as evidence

were the 38 records of nonattending students at Hot Springs Elementary. SBI Agent Robert Thomas,

testifying that he interviewed

request of the four attorneys 14 and June 19 in a follow up of employed by the defendants, the Rice investigation said that Mrs. Kirkpatrick told him time for paying the fine was

that her records were correct. The nine were charged with This was the basis for her padding enrollment figures in attorney's argument that she be the 1974-75 academic year at found not guilty. The attorney the Hot Springs and Spring for the other cleared defen-Creek elementary schools by a dants, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Moore, argued that the state total of 72 pupils - some described by state witnesses did not identify the specific as being fictional names, individuals whose records they allegedly falsified. others allegedly being names of former students who had

The FBI agent said several other defendants admitted padding, and said they had been instructed by their principal, Mrs. Church, to make sure their class enrollment did not fall from the previous year during a faculty meeting in August of

Lois Moore, a teacher with 31 years experience, was quoted by Thomas as telling him this was the first time she ever had padded records. Mrs. Moore was said to have been told to do so by Mrs. Church, and later when four of her early enrollees were transferred to a special education class, she kept them on her second grade rolls as well; also added two other names selected from files of children who had moved away. Mrs. Moore was said to have told Thomas she was advised that her teaching position would be lost if attendance totals

Quizzed by the judge as to what benefits it was to the teachers to pad the rolls, attorney Lamar Gudger observed that there was no direct benefit other than that the action might avert the loss of a teaching position at their school. Plemmons was said to have commented to Rice that he decided on the padding because he' didn't want the quality of schooling to drop. Rice explained that teacher

allocations are based on "average daily membership in the best consecutive six months of the first seven months of the prior year" either the first through sixth months or second through

declined.

Fire Station Bids shinually through the plan, which has been in operation since 1962. The funds have \$92,953 At Mars Hill

close to the amount an-

Agriculture and Life Sciences,

with the prior approval of the

NCSU Chancellor and the

President of the University

System, the board of directors

either approves or disap-

proves requests for "Nickels"

Low bids totaling \$92,953 were counted at the bid opening in Mars Hill Friday on the planned new fire station for Mars Hill, Mayor William

November Vote Set For

'Nickels For Know-How'

RALEIGH - An unusual the money without charge and NCSU's Dean of the School of

The Foundation's board of

representative from each

county, determines how the

funds are spent. Upon

recommendations from

Agricultural

with one

turns it over to the North

Foundation

directors,

ticipated and probably will be accepted by town officials in the next two weeks. There was competitive bidding on all P. Powell reported.

Pancake Supper

There will be a pancake supper and gospel singing featuring Interpreters, Silver Tones, Parris Trio and the Alexander Youth Choir at the French Broad school on Saturday, Nov. 8. The supper

Proceeds go for the purchase of new ambulance for French Broad Volunteer Fire

The events are sponsored by

Communities To Be **Judged Next Week**

The annual judging to select the organized communities in Western North Carolina that have shown the greatest overall improvement during 1975 will start on Tuesday, November 11 and run through Friday, the 14th. This will bring to a close the 20th year of the Western North Carolina t and over \$5,600 in area

families), and Greater Ivy in Division "C" (over 150

Sleepy Valley will be judged on Tuesday, November 11th at 8:15 a.m., Greater Ivy on

nine companies seeking the general contract Low bids were submitted as

follows: general Duvck Construction Co Weaverville, \$77,600; plumbing, Rogers Heating & Plumbing of Asheville, \$4,300; heating, Dotson Plumbing & Heating Co. of Asheville. \$6,653; and electrical, Hyatt Electric Co. of Asheville, \$4,400

J. Bertram King of Asheville is architect for the project, to be built on a Main Street lot donated by Mars Hill College. The project was supported 195 to 7 in a bond referendum held in Sepand some fought for the Hot Springs

The Carolina Super Market at Hot Springs, which was damaged by fire recently, is being remodeled and will soon be open for business. Most of the damage from the flames was in the inside of

the store, it was reported.

Jackie Ramsey Home Destroyed By Fire

The one-story brick home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ramsey and lamily on Walnut Creek at the mouth of Heck Creek was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning of last

Loss of the two-year-old esidence and contents was stimated between \$25,000-

within 10 minutes but the roof

had already collapsed and the building was an inferno.
All contents were destroyed.
Fortunately, Mr. and Mrs.
Ramsey and two children were not at home at the time of the fire, but were at a relative's home due to illness.

Youth Revival At Mars Hill

invited.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS selected at the Mars Hill Girl Scout Neighborhood carnival last Friday were (left to right) Lisa Anderson, Junior Scout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson, Jr.; and Gwen Mahy, Cadette, and Charis Mahy, Brownie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mahy.

Halloween Carnival At **Mars Hill Successful**

It was Halloween and the birthday of Juliet Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts, and the fellowship hall of the Mars Hill Baptist Church was alive with activity as the Mars Hill Neighborhood of Girl Scouts of Confederacy.'' These America celebrated both occasions last Friday afdivisions, now over new issues, still exist and a united ternoon with a fund-raising voice for any cause is still carnival.

Girl Scouts and leaders, parents and younger brothers and sisters, all joined in an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship which proved to be a highly successful fundraising effort for the Girl Scout World Friendship Fund in honor of the late Mrs. Lowe.

portunities have been "conspicuously scarce" and that the college and university graduates have migrated .o the larger and more atfluent metropolitan sections of the In her early childhood, Lana Penland Purkey lived in two states but the two locations were only 20 miles apart. separated by the Tennessee North Carolina line. She was born in "Slabtown" in Cocke County, Tenn., and at the age of two and a half moved to a settlement on Lost Creek in age groups, with their Madison County, N.C. Most of costumes representing a

About fifty Girl Scouts, representing the Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes, were costumed for the carnival which began with the costume judging in the three age-group categories by Mrs. Jill Prior of Mars Hill. Lisa Anderson was judged best in the Junior category for successfully carrying out the "little old lady" theme with her costume. Sisters, Gwen and Charis Mahy, were judged best in Cadette and Brownie

her youth recall such experiences as the first day in a **Destroyed By Fire** one-room school, singing nics, a trip to the tooth dentist, A barn belonging to Dewey making of sorghum molasses Cook, in the Guntertown and apple butter - and many community, was completely more. In recounmting these experiences she seems to savor, with all of her senses,

destroyed by fire last Saturday night about 7 p.m. The barn contained hay and tobacco which were also

haunted house and "the organ grinder.' Carnival booths included

penny pitching, apple bobbing, bean bag tossing, fishing pond and fortune telling. The Spook Room proved to be a very popular attraction. It was very ably run by Mars Hill College students Dennis Daniel and Jack Seller assisted by local Girl Scout Watchers Roger Buckner. Paul Osteen, Philip Bentley and Travis Smith.

Mars Hill Neighborhood is grateful to the leaders of their Girl Scouts who week by week give of their time, efforts and talents in working with this large group of girls. Mrs. Fay Ball, Brownie Leader, is assisted by Mrs. Judy Eatmon and Miss Sue Worley. Junior Leaders include Mrs. Ethelee Gibson, Mrs. Caroline Osteen and Mrs. Margaret Tilson, assisted by Mrs. Dahlia Newton and Mrs. Diane Randolph. The Cadette leaders are Mrs. Lynn Steen and Mrs. Diane Renfrow who are very ably assisted by their husbands. All of these leaders look to Mrs. Doris Bentley, Vice President of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, and other

Dewey Cook Barn

members of the Council staff for leadership and assistance. Mothers who assisted the leaders with the carnival included Mrs. Alice Mahy, Mrs. Edith Lunsford, Mrs. Gladys Ball, Mrs. Catherine Tweed, Mrs. JoAnne Johnson. Mrs. Pat Smith, Mrs. Joyce Thomason, Mrs. Brenda Anglin and Mrs. Doris Bentley. Many other mothers also

provided candy, cookies,

cupcakes, hot dogs, drinks and

other items which made the

carnival so successful. Troop leaders wish to express appreciation to every person who contributed in any way to the carnival. "Let's do it again next year" echood through the hall as the last cleaning up was completed and the treasurer announced the results of the fun-filled fund-raising effort!

Mallonee Here Nov. 12

ASHEVILLE - Tom L Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor is now making schedules visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties

On Wednesday, November 12, he will be at the Madia County Courthouse, Marshall, from 9:30-10:30, at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, from 1-2 and at the Town Hall, Spruce Pine, from

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the abovespecified times.

Voting Results

Cause of the fire is un-

determined, according to

Marshall firemen who an-

swered the call. When the 10

firemen arrived at the scene,

the barn was already totally

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	MARSHALL For Mayor		For Alderman Harold Anderson	4
	George Penland	195	Incumbent	191
	Lawrence Ponder	179	E. B. "Gene" Autry	95.3
	For Aldermen		Incumbent	127
	Charles C. Crowe		Jerry Ramsey	115
	Incumbent	217	Tony Gamble	34
	James R. Penland	211	Leroy Johnson	76
	Incumbent	217	Claude Moore	100
	Roy G. Wild	211	George K. "Red" Ramsey	94
	Incumbent	209		
	Donald J. Ramsey	162	MARS HILL	
		108	For Mayor	
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	G. W. Brown	X 105-228-111	Incumbent	306
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	For Mayor		Gorden Bandalph	
	Jne R. Henderson		Dougland	
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