



N.C. Board Gets Hot Springs Election Appeal

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Three defeated candidates in the Nov. 4 Hot Springs board of aldermen election had their judicial restraining order against the winners dissolved Monday.

Their appeal for a second election had been denied Friday by the Hot Springs Board of Elections. After the court action here, their attorney said their appeal would be put in the mail Monday night to the State Board of Elections in Raleigh.

Edward B. Krause, attorney for losing candidates George K. (Red) Ramsey, Claude Moore and Tony Gamble, said the Raleigh appeal will be based on the lack of a Republican judge at the lone Hot Springs polling place and the other allegations presented before the local election board at a Nov. 21 public hearing.

Prior to the local board decision Friday night, the appellants had obtained a temporary injunction from Judge Bruce Briggs aimed at preventing the election winners from being administered their oath of office before the Monday hearing. Judge John Friday, presiding at a Superior Court term here this week, dissolved the Briggs restraining order on the grounds that election laws provide administrative

means to meet such contingencies at this stage in the appeal process.

The local election board had found no evidence of irregularity to the extent that would justify calling a new election nor any that would have altered the results.

Ronald Howell, attorney for the board, said Monday regarding the appeal "The only point of significance is that there was no Republican

judge" among the three precinct officials. "The board found 13 prospects had been offered and turned down an opportunity to serve as judge, and that the vacancy was filled according to statutory procedure" when the registrar obtained the service of Doug Norton, a Democrat, shortly after the polls opened.

"The evidence shows," Howell said, "that two of the candidates making the appeal were present when Norton began serving as judge, and neither of them challenged Norton as a judge.

The ballot count Nov. 4 showed Mayor Joe R. Henderson, who has served 22 years, re-elected without opposition. Two incumbent aldermen were elected with 191 votes for Harold Anderson and 127 for E. B. (Gene) Autry; and the other winner was Jerry Ramsey with 118

votes in the nonpartisan election.

Defeated were Leroy Johnson with 78 votes, not a party to the appeal; Red Ramsey with 94 votes, Gamble with 34 and Moore with 100.

Alderman-elect Jerry Ramsey said Monday afternoon he was not sure when the board would call its first meeting.

Mars Hill College's New Assistance Program For Madison County Students

Explanation concerning Mars Hill College's new assistance program to Madison County students was offered this week by the school's director of financial aid, David Mathews.

A number of Madison County students who have applied for admission to the college do not seem to understand how the Madison Assistance Commitment (MAC) works, he said.

Under MAC rules, any bona fide resident of the county between the ages of 17 and 22 who enrolls as a full-time

student at the college will pay no more than \$400 tuition. Such persons will pay the \$100 fee charged of all full-time students; and if they live on campus, will pay the regular room and board charges.

MAC was instituted late last spring by the 120-year-old Baptist college to reaffirm its long-standing commitment to the young people of the county.

In effect, what this means is that the college agrees either to find sufficient financial aid through various state, federal and/or college programs for

which the student is eligible or to absorb the difference between the \$400 tuition charge for MAC students and the regular tuition charge of \$1,750 (the 1975-76 figure).

Mathews explained that the college requires MAC applicants to fill out the usual financial aid forms which are required of all students who seek a scholarship, an athletic grant-in-aid, a loan and/or a campus job. These forms include the Parents' Confidential Statement or the Independent Student's Financial Statement whichever is appropriate; the regular college application for financial aid; and the application for a federally-financed Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG).

In this way, explained Mathews, if the student who applies for assistance under MAC is eligible for financial aid from the state and/or

federal governments, such assistance will be gained first, before college funds are tapped.

He also pointed out that all North Carolina students who are taking at least 12 semester hours at Mars Hill are eligible for a \$200 tuition grant from the state, regardless of need. Those who can show financial need may be eligible for other state, federal and/or college aid.

Applications for assistance under MAC must be filed with the college's Admissions Office at least 30 days before the beginning of the term for which such assistance is sought.

Mathews is both director of admissions and director of financial aid, and all inquiries concerning the Madison Assistance Commitment should be addressed to him in care of the college. His office telephone number is 689-1201.

WNC Community Development Program Saturday In Asheville

The 26th annual awards luncheon for the Western North Carolina Community Development Program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 12 noon at the Asheville Civic Center.

Area winners of the community improvement program for 1975 will be named at the meeting and \$6,450 in awards will be

presented to the top winners. Several hundred rural leaders, county and farm officials and businessmen are expected to be present.

Judging of communities to select those making the most outstanding progress during the year was done earlier this month. Representing Madison County in contention for top area awards are Sleepy Valley in Division A (less than 75 families) and Greater Ivy in Division C (over 150 families). Greater Ivy represented the county in final judging to select the most progress in its overall youth program.

Among those participating on the program at the awards meeting will be Congressman Roy A. Taylor and Dr. Walter Guntharp, administrator, Rural Development Service, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Featured will be special music by a combined youth choir from the Plains Methodist and Rocky Face Baptist Churches of North Homy community of Haywood County and Miss Nettie Weber, youth and choir director of the First Baptist Church of East Flat Rock in Henderson County.



AMONG THE WINNERS named Monday night in the Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest were (left to right): Steve Burns, Hot Springs, first place in annual crops (potatoes); Billy Roberts, Marshall first place in perennials (strawberries); Steve Cutshall, Marshall, third

place in annuals (tomatoes); and (far right) Darlene Cutshall, second place in annuals (tomatoes). Beaming, second from right, is Gary Faley, Madison County Agricultural Extension Agent. (Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

County 4-H, FFA Members Dominate Horticulture Contest Winners

Madison County 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members made just about a clean sweep of the awards announced Monday night in the Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest.

Steve Burns of Hot Springs was named top winner for annual crops, and Billy Roberts of Marshall took first place in the perennials division, with each receiving a check for \$100.

The winners were announced at a meeting of the horticultural crops commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association at the Ballmark Cafeteria, Westgate Awards totaling \$325 were presented.

Second place winner of the contest for annuals was Darlene Cutshall of Marshall, who received a check for \$50. Steve Cutshall, also of Marshall, placed third and received \$25.

Dense Allen of Marshall, runner-up in the contest for perennials, received a prize orchid plant. Honorable mention winners, who received checks for \$10 and certificates, were Nancy Cutshall, Charles E. Ricker Jr. and Billy Ricker, all of Madison County, and Dale S. Lamb of Rutherford County.

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Asheville, Pigeon Valley Tomato Farm, Canton; 3-D Farm, Fletcher; Francis & Wright, Inc. and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville; and Barber Orchards, Waynesville. Orchard Gardens of Fletcher sponsored the perennials contest.

The contest is sponsored by the Horticultural Crops Commission in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture teachers.

Criminal Court Here Monday; Jurors Named

The December term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge John R. Friday presiding. Clyde M. Roberts, District Attorney, assisted by James T. Risher, assistant District Attorney, will represent the State and R. Harold Bailey is the Administrative Assistant.

Heading the list of trials scheduled is State vs. Pritchard Dockery, charged with murder; Marie Kuykendall, charged with murder; and Perry Gowan, charged with murder. Other cases on the docket are defendants charged with Manufacturing Controlled Substance. Defendants are Robert Rouillard, Joe Grammer, Raymond Campbell, Richard Stockton, Bill Bagley, and James A. Whately.

A list of jurors drawn follows: Michael Hicks, Robinson, Larry Willard Sexton, Stella Gregg Lawson, Leo Soles, Buria Warner Grigg, Albe Robinson Howell, Lou Anne Tweed, Spurgeon D. Metcalf, John William Brown,

James Edward Ramsey, Lionel Brooks, Lee Herman Chandley, Steve Randall, Gary Dale Norton, John J. Roberts, Kenneth Waldrop, Mary Rice Shelton, Eugene Turner, Lou Ellisor Wallin, Fred Freeman, Perry William Gowan, Harvey Edgar Franklin, Irene Miller Revis, Mildred Anders, Nancy Teague Ballard, Wanda Lee Treadway, Beulah Sams Merrill, Marsha Payne, Harold Lloyd Thomas, Stella Riddle, Myrtle Leake Ray, Carolyn Hinton Lamberson, Linda Joyce Gunter, Murray Edward Dewaine, Arnold Arthur Grundstaff, Frances Sue Fitzgerald, Gary Cline Phillips, Bruce McNeal Hunter, Marie Gladys Roberts, Mae Virginia Sims, Oliver M. Shelton, Kathleen Nixon Wallin, L.M. Marler, Christine Robinson, Genelle Rice King, William M. Roberts, Clyde James Buckner, Edith Sawyer Brown, Clarence Gunter, Harold Wilbur Scott, Bill Rice, Irene Elizabeth Willis, Ida Mae Bennett, Joyce Ann Willis, Alvin Leon Feldman, Bernice Holt Willis, Rachel M. Payne, Wilma Reed Maxwell, Fred Samuel Ramsey, Nellie Cody Norton, Suzanne Barnes Morton, Peggy Sue Lovin, Clyde Woodrow Cutshall, Robert Glenn Norville, James Edward Massey, Ronald Jay McManis, Charles Patterson Sams, Elsie Mary Scoggins, Joseph Norton, Jr., Mae Taylor Funder, Billie Roberts, Thula Jane Moore, Border

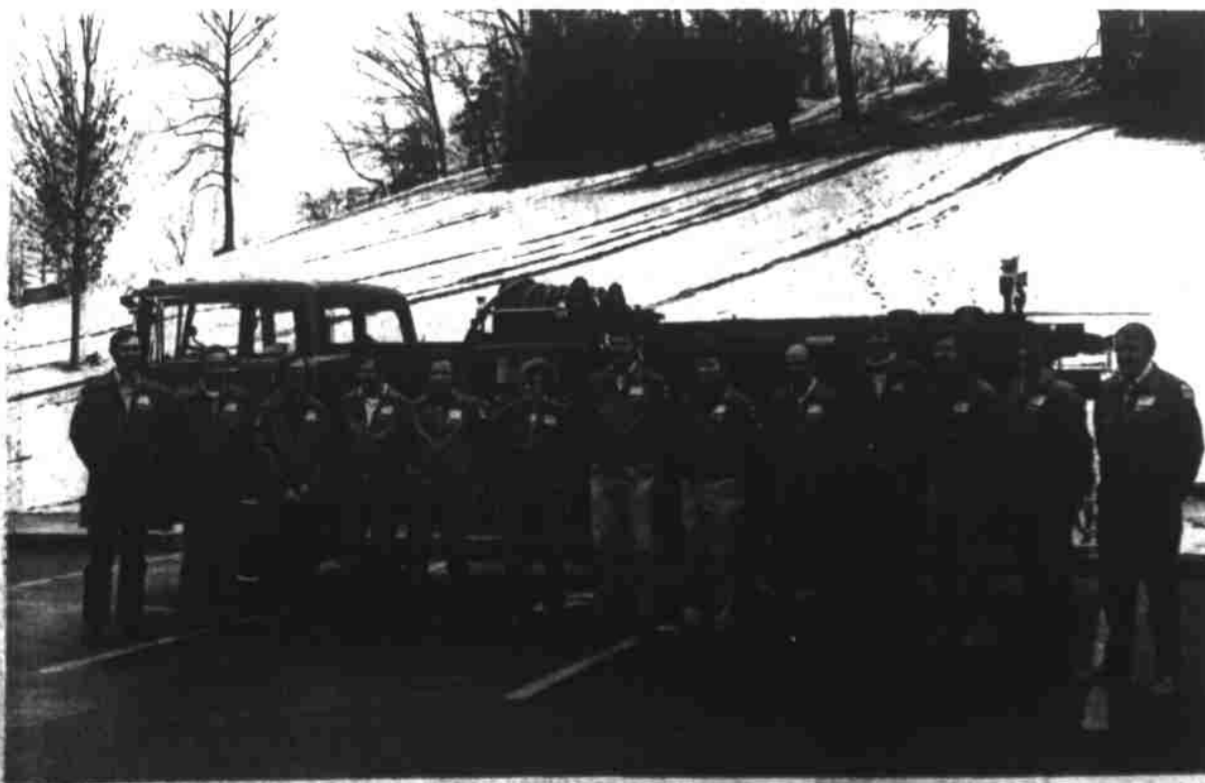
Gude Payne, Karen Edwards Shelton, Dean F. Silvers, Patricia Ann Waldrop, Gerald Denver Shelton, Roy P. Ledford, Della M. Norton, Cleone Teague King, Frasher Larry Lloyd, Abner Vasco Wilde, Claude Moore, Frances M. Shelton, Original No. 22-367, Card not in box.

Contest Entries Due Dec. 15

The WNC High School Writers Contest, sponsored by The Arts Journal, now has an extended entry deadline of December 15. The quality of the entries received to date has been excellent. The Arts Journal is giving more time to be fair to the numbers of students who have expressed interest in the competition but who had difficulty meeting the Nov. 15 deadline.

Winning entries will still be published in the January, 1976 issue. Details are as follows: Essays, poetry, short stories and other compositions will be accepted not to exceed 300 words or two double spaced typed pages. Include name, address, age and high school on an attached sheet of paper, not on the composition itself.

Address entries to The Arts Journal, Box 571, Waynesville, N.C. 28785.



FRIENDS of the Mars Hill Volunteer Firemen will honor the members of the Fire Department on Sunday, Dec. 7, at a benefit chicken dinner in the elementary school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Robinson's Four Seasons, Mars Hill Florists and from any of the firemen. Tickets may also be obtained at the door, \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. This occasion is to show appreciation for the fine work these firemen

do. Firemen shown above, left to right, Phil Briggs, chief; Dennis McCurry, assistant chief; Bill Zink, Terry Arrington, Gordon Randolph, Billy Powell, Jay Edwards, Herbert Buckner, Wayne Proffitt, Paul Yocum, Skip Easterling, Mike Burchette and Marvis Wheeler. Firemen not present for picture include R. J. Cutshall, Raymond Huffman, Dale Hyleman, David Honeycutt, Lane Merrill and Bobby Joe Hernandez.

Merchants Promotion In Progress

Practically all merchants in downtown Marshall are again conducting a Christmas promotion similar to the promotion they sponsored last year. \$1,000 in trade certificates are to be given away. Tickets are being given customers who patronize their places of business and four

drawings are to be held. The first drawing will be held this Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the courthouse when \$200 in trade certificates will be given away. Similar drawings will be held Saturday, December 13, Saturday, December 20, and the final drawing on Wednesday, December 24. You must be present to win, Ralph McCormick, president of the Marshall Merchants Association, stated.

An advertisement published elsewhere in this issue lists the participating firms and those who are cooperating.