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# Ponder Faction Wins At Democratic Convention; Phillips Faction Appeals

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The Ponder delegation from Hot Springs was seated at the Madison County Democratic Convention here Saturday after heated debate over the disputed election last month in Precinct No. 6.

Larry Phillips, a school teacher who contested the Hot Springs precinct election Feb. 12; said he plans to carry the fight to the North Carolina Democratic Convention in Raleigh June 12.

Phillips argued at the county, convention here Saturday that the vote for his slate at Hot Springs last month of 148 to 135 for one supported by Bobby Ponder reflected the majority feeling of Democrats in Precinct No. 6

Ponder, a Hot Springs hardware dealer and a member of the Madison County school board, contended that Phillips had voted 53 persons who were not "active Democrats" and therefore not eligible to take part in the precinct election.

court for the trial of civil cases

will start here Monday

morning at 10 o'clock with

Judge Robert D. Lewis

The following cases are

Grover Gentry, plaintiff, vs.

Charlie A. Duck and James

Edward Storey, defendants;

and Charlie A. Duck, third

party plaintiff vs. State of North Carolina, third-party

Tom L. Merrill, et ux

plaintiffs vs. Andrew Jackson

The Madison County Art

Council will meet Friday,

March 19 at 5 p.m. at the

Madison High School, Margie

Sanders announced this week.

All members are urged to

The Tri-County REACT

Emergency Team Inc., based in Buncombe County is ex-

panding membership and invites licensed citizen's band radio operators of Madison

radio operators of Madison County to participate. Membership is open to any licensed CB Operator, 16 years of age or older without regard to race, creed or color. Operating in Western North Carolina since 1968, the Tri-County Team is rated among the ten top teams of America. They monitor the National Emergency Channel 9 for cells for assistance from the motoring public, participate

Art Council

To Meet

listed on the court calendar:

Ponder said the 53 persons he challenged Feb. 12 included switchover Republicans, out-of-state residents and people not registered as Democrats.

Zeno Ponder, Madison County Democratic party chairman and uncle of Bobby Ponder, brought in Miss Sharon Ray, executive secretary of the Republican-controlled county board to verify the registration of the disputed precinct meeting Out of the 53, a total of 29

had never been registered before - or at least there was no record of their registration, Miss Ray said. She said seven had switched within a few days of the precinct meeting from Republican to Democrat, and that one of the seven had already switched back to Republican.

Phillips said it was his understanding that Democrats are always anxious to build up the party, and that the 53 his group registered prior to the precinct election reflects that policy.
"You were patting Eddle

Civil Court To Start Monday;

Jurors Listed

Town of Mars Hill, plaintiff

vs. Clindon Honeycutt,

Donald F. Harrell, et ux,

plaintiffs, vs. Turn Key

Grady Dockery, plaintiff vs. French Broad Chevrolet Co.

A list of jurors drawn for the

Jess Bailey, Charles L.

Craine, Mildred Freeman,

Irene Fisher Bradley, Shirley

B. Wilde, James H. Sprinkle,

Fullbright Caldwell, Eugene Griffey, Lora D. Peek, Carson

Hensley, Nona Wade Griffin,

G. C. Schaeffer, Howard

Chandler, George A. Moore,

Arnond Brown, Winston D. Lloyd, Queen Briggs Ed-monds, David Jenkins, Shirley Gillespie Treadway, Claudio Brown Rabello, Leonard

Johnny Ponder, Elaine Lank-

ford Griffin, Genola B. Brigman, Phillips H. Dockery, James Loyd Martin, Myrtle

plans and are interested in talking to 25 or 30 good, sin-

cere community minded

CBers. With the vast increase

CBers. With the vast increase in use of Citizen's Band radio, calls for assistance are also increasing. Members are asked to volunteer only a few hours per week which does not conflict with work schedule or other obligations.

Full information can be had by attending REACT meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the Health and Welfare Center on Woodfin

**Attention County** 

C.B. Operators

Builders, Inc., defendants.



**BOBBY PONDER** 

English on the back here for switching over from the

Marior, Gerald Hugh Ball, Effle Shelton Rector, Mrs. Minnie Rice, Garfoeld (?)

Caldwell, James E. Ramsey, Judson E. Reece, Jr., Linda J.

Millard Tipton, Gilbert

Boings, Jessie Davis Ball, Muncie M. Gosnell, Luther Waddell, Terry Edward Cook,

Carrie Flynn Tipton, Guy Hickey, Clarice M. Edwards,

Hamlin, Oliver Cook, Hoyt

Rex Brindle, Floyd Fish, Nancy Jo Roberts, Miss Macy

Roberts, Charles Edward

Lawson, Gaynell Grubbs

Silver, Mary Smith Davis,

Don Waldroup, Kile M. Honeycutt, Jack D. Talton,

Elaine Shepherd Baldwin, Hattie D. Erwin, Jerry Gay Robinson, Clarence Ramsey, Leta Mae Fowler, Phyllis

Angel Justice, Patricia Elaine Fisher, Bobby Jack Lewis, Mary Belle Craine, Nina Lou

Caldwell, Ray Tweed, Alan R.

Briggs, Mrs. Zora R. Huff-man, Walter Columbus Brown, Spurgeon Auldredge, Mrs. Dolph W. Keener, James

D. Crowe, and Charles C.

children, donated every time the Red Cross Bloodmobile

visited his county, little thinking his family would ever

Teague Will Not

Seek Reelection

English, Ava Edith Fergus

frowned upon regitering new people?" Phillips said. Zeno Ponder had earlier in

the convention introduced English of the Ebbs Chapel Township as a switchover who is leading the drive here for the nomination of Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt for governor.

The Madison County Democratic establishment has endorsed Hunt for governor, and English praised him as the man who will bring more progress, in the way of roads and other benefits, to the county "in the next four years than we have seen in the last 44 years."

"We are trying to build the party," Phillips insisted. "We are not trying to split the

"We only ask for your just consideration. We don't want anything that is not ours. But we want what is due us," Phillips told the convention.



LARRY PHILLIPS

Forest Fires, Brush Fires

Bobby Ponder, who had presided at the Hot Springs precinct meeting for Howard Tino, the chairman, acted as spokesman for the group Saturday over protests from the Phillips faction. Tino's delegates were seated on a vote of 36 to 13 5-6 by the rest of

Zeno Ponder won re-election as county party chairman in a contest with Bruce Phillips, brother of Larry Phillips, 44 2-3 to 10½ delegate votes. Backed by the Phillips as

well as the Ponder factions. other officers and delegates to the district and state conventions were elected unanimously. They are:

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, first vice chairman; Yates Ward, second vice chairman; Mrs. Jean Huffman, third Vice chairman; Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner, secretary; and

#### DONALD F. HARRELL Harrell Accepts Social Services **Position Here**

Donald F. Harrell of Mars Hill has accepted the position of Director Trainee of

Madison County Department of Social Services, and Marshall, and began duties March 1, 1976.

Mr. Harrell, a native of Spruce Pine, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Harrell of Burnsville. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College with a B.A.

degree in Political Science and Sociology. Upon his graduation he accepted a position as counselor with Schenk Job Corps in Brevard, then joined the staff of the Madison County Department of Social Services in March 1973 as Social Worker.

He is married to the former Linda Gail Haynie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynie of Weaverville, They have one daughter, Danna.

### French Broad EMC **Directs Appeal To FPC**

Charles R. Tolley, Acting Manager, French Broad EMC in Marshall, North Carolina, has released the following letter which he mailed to the Federal Power Commission on March 3, 1976.

Honorable Kenneth Plumb, Federal Power Commission 825 North Capitol Street

Washington, D.C. 20426 Dear Sir: We at French Broad Electric Membership Corporation are a non-profitable rural electric distribution utility and as such, we are dedicated to providing our

17,300 members with the most

reliable electric service that

we can supply at the most

reasonable cost we can. Our service area is rugged, mountainous country, and our membership consists of mostly small family farms

and small rural busines We have many members who are on fixed incomes and our service area is critically affected by unemployment. We do not ask for any

special favors in your deliberations of requests from private power companies for rate increases, nor do we seek undue hardship on any private power company. We merely ask that you be aware of our situation and similar situations across this nation today, and that this awaren receive full consideration in rulings and

Sincerely yours, Charles R. Tolley, Acting

In releasing this letter, Mr. Tolley encourages members of French Broad EMC to also write to the Federal Power Commission or your Senators and Congressmen concerni the rate cases before the FPC

## **Mounted Patrol To** Sponsor Recreation Park

The Madison County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol met Monday night in Marshall and the members decided to sponsor the construction of a recreation park to be located at the present Madison County Landfill site.

The proposed park will be for county use and will include a horse show ring, picnic tubles and other useful A construction committee

composed of Hall Bruce, Ernest Boone and Frank Ogle. will oversee the operation, it The next meeting of the

organization will be next Tuesday night, March 16 at 7:00 o'clock at the Main-stream Office in Marshall. All rembers are jurged to be present and new members are

Members of the Patrol wish to thank the county com-missioners and others for their support in this wor-

# thwhile county project.

## Made For

Plans B eing

Wagon Train The fifth annual Tri-County Regional Wagon Train will leave the old Beech Glen

School on June 30, will travel by Highway 19 to Old US 19 road across Windy Gap to Ebbs Chapel School the first day. From there it will travel day. From there it will travel along Bear Branch Road to Big Knob Tower across mountain trail to head of Long Branch on Big Laurel, down to Laurel Creek Road and camp at Roscoe Briggs's farm.

The third day will travel across Old Walnut Mountain road down Grapevine to Pender Shook's store and

Pender Shook's store and

July 3, will travel up East Fork to Bone Camp Road and end up at the Mars Hill school

for celebrations on Saturday afternoon and night.

The Wagon Master will be Howard Higgins; Chief Scout, Phillip Briggs.

Anyone interested in joinin

this year's Bicentennial wagon train is invited. Contact Mr. Higgins or Mr. Briggs.

## Political Forum At Mars Hill

Damaging In County

The number of brush fires in Western North Carolina dropped Friday as the air cooled and burning permits were revoked, but 42 acres of private and U.S. Forest Service land in the Shelton Laurel area of Madison County was burned in a fire that started in the predawn

O. Thomas Wynne, district forester for the state Forest Service, said state and federal personnel worked until late afternoon to contain the blaze. which was believed to have been set.

It was the biggest blaze of a period of several days during which brush fires, aided hot, dry weather, have broken out in the mountain region. Hundreds of acres of timber

#### County Arts Council To Meet

The organizational meeting of the Madison County Arts Council will be held at Madison High School at 7 p.m. on March 19. Note the time correction to 7 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. as announced in last week's article in this paper.

need blood or blood derivaties. Suddenly, his wife became gravely ill. She required more than thirty transfusions within 73 days. The American Red

were also destroyed or damaged in other fires in Madison County during the past week. Volunteer firemen from Marshall and other the Forest Service personnel battled blazes in the Paw-Paw

Dr. Evelyn Underwood, a

native of Haywood County

who has taught at Mars Hill

College for 32 years and

guided the college's history

department since 1962, will

give up the chairmanship of

the current academic year.

She will continue to con-

centrate on teaching and other

Appointed to succeed Dr.

Underwood as head of the

department is Dr. James

Lenburg, a native of In-

dianapolis. A member of the

Mars Hill faculty since 1973, Lenburg earned his un-

dergraduate degree from

Butler University in In-

dianapolis, and his master's

degree from Bowling Green

State University in Ohio. He

was awarded the Ph.D. in

political science from Penn

Cross provided the necessary

The product was on hand

because Mr. "A" and others like him faithfully supported the Red Cross Blood Program.

Anyone, at any time, could need blood. In fact, statistics

indicate that one in every 80 Americans will require a

transfusion within the next

transfusion within the next twelve months.

The Asheville Regional Red Cross Blood Program endeavors to act quickly and efficiently for those who need blood and blood products - not only the ill and injured but trauma victims, obstetrics and surgery patients, the

State University in 1973.

Bloodmobile Here On March 19

special interests.

e department at the end of

section Thursday and another brush fire was extinguished in the Hayes Run section Sunday

Rain, partly mixed with a now. Monday helped the stuation greatly. Dr. Underwood Succeeded By Lenburg

While at Penn State, he

taught courses in Afro-

American and American

History. In a special class, he

taught history courses to the inmates of Rockview

Correctional Institution. Prior

to that, he taught American

and Asian History at Alfred

University in New York and

from 1967 through 1968 he

taught American History at

Bowling Green. He was awarded the John Schwartz

History Prize for an essay,

"The Emergence of the GOP

as a Majority Party," he authored at Bowling Green.

Lenburg will take over leadership of the department

at Mars Hill from Miss Un-

Miss Underwood, who began

her career at Mars Hill in 1944.

attended the public schools of

Haywood County and finished

Residents of Madison

County are encouraged to visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile on

March 19th to help keep

adequate blood reserves on hand both for emergency and

According to Mrs. Donna Rice, President of Beta

Omega, the unit will be set up at Madison High School gym on the Marshall By-Pass

between the hours of 2 p.m.

This Bloodmobile visit is being co-sponsored by Beta Omega Sorority and the Marshall Lions Club.

and 6 p.m.

derwood on June 1.



DR. UNDERWOOD

Women's College, now UNC-Greensboro. She earned both her master's degree and the Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has also studied at the University of Edinburgh

Dr. Underwood began her teaching career in Clyde. After one year in the public school there, she transferred to the Waynesville Township. High School. Later she taught in the Gastonia city schools, and came to Mars Hill when the school was still a junior

college.

Miss Underwood's brother,
Robert Lee, a retired
businessman, still lives in
Waynesville, and her niece,
Sarah, is a student at the

In addition to her teaching duties, Miss Underwood is involved in numerous civic and cultural affairs of both Madison County and the Western North Carolina region. She is county-wide chairman of the local bicentennial celebration and

DR. LENBURG

is a member of the Western North Carolina Historical

When the current school

year is over and the depart-mental leadership is passed to Dr. Lenburg, Miss Underwood will retain her full professorship in the department. She will continue to teach and will have more time to devote to oral history and other projects in which she is keenly interested.

#### Haywood Man Is Dead After **Cutting Wire**

Larry D. Queen, 22, of Rt 1
Waynesville, was dead on
arrival at an Asheville
hospital following an electrical accident Monday in
Madison County.
Sheriff E.Y. Ponder said
that Onese, accompanied by

# Next Wednesday

Tuesdays in the Health and Welfare Center on Woodfin Street in Asheville at 7:30 p.m. or writing REACT, Stoney Knob & Robinwood Boads, Weaverville, N.C. 28787 or calling 252-7373; 845-6336 or 283-8041. Any licensed C.B.er with a sincere desire to aid his fellowman is welcome. Hilliard Teague, Madison County Register of Deeds, has announced that he will not seek reelection.

Mr. Teague states that he plans to retire after serving as register of deeds for a total of 16 years which included two terms. His first term in office was from 1956 to 1964 and the second term was from 1958. motoring public, participate in March of Dimes, Cancer Society and other community priented programs. They are in integral part of Civil Preparedness, American Red Cross and other emergency scond term was from 1968 -Reid Resigns As Police Chief Here Leake Named County Attorney thers. Faye Reid, of Mar-shall, who was rein tated as chief of police here on February 17, after being omsted as police chief on longer as Chief of Police under