



Madison County Precinct Officials Named

The Madison County Board of Elections has a full slate of registrars and judges for the 1976 elections, following several appointments since January, reported board secretary Joseph Morgan.

The officials will serve in the county's 10 precincts, two of which (Grapevine-East Fork and Sandy Mush) are new. The Marshall precinct has been divided into North Marshall and South Marshall, also.

The board has a new Democratic member, Oscar McDewitt of Marshall. He was appointed by the state Board of Elections in February to succeed Edward Gentry, who resigned.

Following are the registrars and judges in each of the county's precincts:

— North Marshall: Mrs. Frances F. Buckner, registrar (new); Gary A. Sprinkle, Republican judge (new); Gordon Rice, Democratic judge.

— South Marshall: Howard Riddle, registrar (new); Evin B. Payne, Republican judge (new); Conley Goforth, Democratic judge.

— Laurel: Walter R. Gosnell, registrar; Clarence B. Cutshaw, Republican judge; John D. Ray, Democratic judge.

— Mars Hill: Dr. Larry N. Stern, registrar (new); Mrs. Cecilia C. Powell, Republican judge; L.W. Ammons Jr., Democratic judge.

— Beech Glen: Donald Hall, registrar; V.J. Willis, Republican judge (new); Jimmy Carter, Democratic judge.

— Walnut: James F. Craine, registrar (new); Kermit Blankenship, Republican judge (new); David P. Caldwell, Democratic judge.

— Hot Springs: Tony U. Gamble (unsuccessful candidate for alderman), registrar (new); Irene C.

Roberts, Republican judge (new); Mrs. Bernice Wright, Democratic judge.

— Ebbs Chapel: Clarence Cody, registrar; George W. Davis, Republican judge; Kelse Hamlin, Democratic judge (new).

— Spring Creek: Miss Vickey Goforth, registrar (new); Lawrence W. Ferguson, Republican judge; Lawrence S. Simmons,

Democratic judge.

— Sandy Mush: Mrs. Ida M. Reemes, registrar (new); Marshall Duckett, Republican judge; Blanch Walker, Democratic judge.

— Grapevine - East Fork: Mrs. Betty B. Clark, registrar (new); Roy E. Norton, Republican judge (new); Bruce Hal Sprinkle, Democratic judge.

Volunteer Service Bureau Office Now Open Here

Mrs. Madelyn R. Betts, Director of the Madison County Volunteer Service Bureau, wishes to announce that this office is now open to serve Madison County.

The Volunteer Service Bureau is the place where our people can come to share a little of their time, helping the near fifty non-profit and public agencies in Madison County. Call or come by the office to see how you can spend some self-satisfying time in helping these agencies to reach out to our people of the County. The need is great - going far beyond our realization.

Having spent the last ten weeks visiting and gathering information from the agencies, the Volunteer Service Bureau will be able to tell you the different kinds of help that these agencies need. A person does not always need special skills or talent. If you have only one hour a month, love and kindness in your hearts to share with others, is the main requirement. Having done much volunteer work myself - it is a self-satisfying feeling.

The Volunteer Service Bureau will be interviewing

volunteers in Hot Springs and Mars Hill, so the people wishing to do so may help in their own areas. The time and location will be announced at a later date. Until then interested persons may call or stop by the Marshall office, located at the Recreation Center, Skyline Drive. Telephone number is 649-2555. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

The program will operate



CONSTRUCTION ON NC 213 continues between Marshall and Mars Hill. Similar scenes as above are commonplace as heavy machinery and workmen are changing the appearance of the highway. Above picture taken in front of the residence of Mrs. Ethel Sprinkle on Hayes Run.

Recreation Program To Begin

The Marshall Recreation Committee, the Madison County Recreation Commission and the Rural Youth Program of The Opportunity Corporation will begin a comprehensive recreation program at the Marshall Community Center Thursday, April 1.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m.

A variety of games will be available, including shuffle board, scrabble, parcheesi, checkers, chinese checkers, chess, and various card games, badminton and ping pong will also be available. These activities will be free and open to every one. It is suggested that parents bring their children and participate with them.

To begin the program a bingo party is planned Thursday, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Several nice prizes will be given.

LeGrand Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. T. Spencer LeGrand, who has served as pastor of Marshall Baptist Church in Greenville, S. C. His resignation will become effective May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand and their two children, Kelle Ann and Tommy, came to Marshall from Evergreen, N.C. where Mr. LeGrand was pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church.

County Man Killed By Homemade Cannon

A 53-year-old Madison County man was killed Saturday night March 27, 1976, when a homemade "cannon" exploded near his home, Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said.

James Gosnell of Rt. 3 Mars Hill was dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital, according to Ponder, following the explosion about 6:30 p.m.

The sheriff described the cannon as a two-and-a-half-foot tall solid piece of metal about four inches in diameter. It had a half-inch bore which Gosnell's sons filled with powder and ignited with a fuse as a noise maker, he said.

However, the last time the cannon was set off, it exploded and either a piece of metal or concrete block struck Gosnell, about 300 feet away, in the neck, Ponder said.

He said another fragment from the explosion knocked a hole through both sides of a barn nearly a 150 yards from the explosion site.

FUNERAL TUESDAY Services for Gosnell were

held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Spilicorn Church of God. The Rev. Joe Tomberlin officiated. Burial was in Hensley Cemetery. Pallbearers were friends.

A native of Tennessee, he had lived in Madison County for the past eight years. He attended Laurel Valley Baptist Church and was a retired U.S. air Force veteran with 20 years of service.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Vickie Cantrell Gosnell; seven sons, Richard and Michael Gosnell of Cleveland, Ohio, Gary Gosnell of Detroit, Mich., Gene Cantrell of Columbia, S.C., R.L. Gosnell of Asheville, Bruce Gosnell of Mars Hill and Larry Gosnell of the home; five brothers, Jess and Johnny Gosnell of Greenville, Tenn., Tom and Edgar Gosnell of Cleveland and Buster Gosnell of Erwin, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Roxie Chandler of Greenville; and 11 grandchildren.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.



SHERIFF E. Y. PONDER is shown holding a fragment of the homemade "cannon" which caused the death of James Gosnell, of Route 3, Mars Hill, Saturday. The fragment shown is solid steel, one foot long, one inch wide, weighing about three pounds. The half-inch boring can be seen in center of fragment.

Retired Teachers Honored At Banquet

The Madison County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators held its annual banquet Thursday March 18th at the Mars Hill School cafeteria. Featured Speaker for the evening was Sushela Chappertkar a native of Bombay India and a resident of Brevard for the past 12 years. She was introduced by Kathryn Boone president of the Madison County NCAE.

Robert L. Edwards, Superintendent of the Madison County Schools, presented Retirement Certificates to 12 teachers who have retired during the last year. Those honored were Neple Adams and Oleta Shelton 32 years of service; Helen Shelton and Pauline Zimmerman 30 years of service, all from Laurel Elementary School; Viola Ball Ramsey, 30 years; Anna B. White, 31 years; and Jessie B. Worley, 37 years all from Marshall Elementary School; Lois Moore, 32 years, Hot Springs School; Dorothy Shupe, 31 years, Madison High; Mrs. Zora Pegg, 43 years, Mars Hill Elementary

School and Grover Gills, 22 years supervisor from the county office.

County Craftsmen To Meet April 13

A meeting of the craftsmen of Madison County Crafts of the opportunity corporation of Madison-Buncombe counties will be held in the office of the rural development project in the community center building at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 13. All craftsmen and interested persons are urged to attend.

Bake Sale

The Beta Omega Chapter of E.S.A., is having a bake sale at the Marshall Shopping Center on the bypass this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Cleanup Schedule For This Month

A suggested schedule, weather permitting, for the county-wide clean up is offered for optional use:

FIRST WEEK: Outdoor Cleanup Week: Clean front and back yards, vacant lots; clean county roadsides and ditches, alleys and town streets; find appropriate turn-around space for collecting trash in neighborhoods for pick-up; clean playgrounds and public areas; start clean-up of streams - gather plastic and burnable trash, separate from solid junk.

SECOND WEEK: Salvage Week: Consider what should be thrown away and what might be re-cycled for given to needy; home and business fire

inspection; continue to hunt for unsightly areas to clean.

THIRD WEEK: Indoor Clean Up Week: Clean out homes, attics and basements; clean out churches, schools and public buildings; business establishments and offices clean files and other needed storage examination.

FOURTH WEEK: Wash Week: Sweep and wash sidewalks and streets; sweep and scrub public areas, signs, waste cans, windows and cars; look back and add to any unfinished earlier plan.

Look at the good things and beautiful areas and consider how to improve. Appreciate those who keep a clean and tidy home or business year-round!

Appeals Court Enters Teacher Case

The North Carolina Court of Appeals, in a writ of prohibition issued Tuesday of last week has directed Superior Court Judge Bruce Briggs to take no further action in litigation between Mrs. Jewel Church and the Madison County Board of Education.

The court also directed the Board of Education to take no further action in the matter.

According to Mrs. Church's attorney, James C. Fuller Jr. of Charlotte, the Appeals Court directive meant the hearing scheduled by Judge Briggs for Friday was cancelled. The hearing had been ordered to determine if the Madison school board members and Supt. R.L. Edwards had been in contempt of court in their action under the Teacher Tenure Act on March 17 of discharging Mrs. Church as principal of Walnut Elementary School.

Ronald W. Howell, attorney for the Board of Education, said he also interprets the appeals court order as cancelling the Friday hearing, but pending formal notice of such cancellation by court officials the school board members were at the courthouse Friday morning "just in case."

The Court of Appeals increased its file on the case last week as Howell filed a new petition challenging Judge Briggs' authority, and Fuller filed a response to a previous Board of Education petition.

The next initiative now appears to be up to the Court of Appeals in the procedural and jurisdictional dispute over the school board's authority to fire Mrs. Church for what it claims is her admitted participation in student attendance record falsification when she was principal at Hot Springs Elementary School in the 1974-75 school year.

The school board, said Howell, contends Judge Robert Lewis set aside an injunction of Judge Briggs not to act against Mrs. Church - the Lewis ruling based on the fact that Mrs. Church had not exhausted means of relief under the Tenure Act, which permits appeals of firings to Superior Court.

The position of Mrs. Church, said Fuller, is that the Briggs injunction was valid and therefore Mrs. Church has not been legally fired, and the school board is in contempt for acting in defiance of a judicial order.

Unofficial Results Of March 23, Election In Madison County

	Democratic						Republican			Rep.	Ind.	Ed.				
	Wallace	Benton	Carter	Harris	Jackson	Wall	Tea Preference	Ragan	Ford				Tea Preference			
North Marshall	75	1	89	0	17	2	8	19	37	1	124	70	131	56	109	72
South Marshall	23	0	38	1	5	1	4	19	18	0	51	35	49	28	46	32
Laurel	22	0	52	0	4	0	4	6	20	0	28	28	40	18	30	23
Mars Hill	76	3	199	1	9	7	13	36	112	2	259	101	257	96	207	140
Beech Glen	64	0	94	1	10	1	0	37	33	2	73	87	72	84	67	81
Walnut	1	0	59	0	6	2	5	17	40	0	64	54	61	55	53	58
Hot Springs	105	2	66	0	5	8	5	10	39	1	59	85	66	72	59	84
Ebbs Chapel	30	1	49	1	1	0	0	36	25	0	69	33	66	22	53	35
Spring Creek	20	0	87	5	2	1	1	3	3	0	73	21	78	16	70	19
Sandy Mush	15	1	27	2	3	2	1	5	2	0	17	33	20	30	15	15
Beech Grove	22	4	70	0	1	0	1	17	34	1	78	36	72	33	30	30
Totals	494	12	835	11	65	24	43	263	365	8	251	575	940	410	1,000	600



YESTERDAY'S MUSIC in the window of the Madison County Public Library is a display of old photographs, records and sheet music. George Foshard's old Edison gramophone (1903) which played cylinder records (some are on display copyrighted as early as 1901). Jimmy Chandler's Victrola (1902) and Johnny "Bud" Marler's Victor talking machine (1903) with its record cabinet. Some of Mr. Marler's 80 records are included. Many of the other records were only recorded on one side and the other side was "then around World War I. (1914-1918).



MADISON COUNTY - THEN AND NOW features pictures of people and places around the turn of the century, 1916 and 1940 floods and scenes around the county today. The recent snapshots were taken by Larry Ledford. The three recent books about Madison County are highlighted: Manly Wade Wellman's KINGDOM OF MADISON (the collection of drawings done for this book by Frank Holyfield are displayed); the late Miss Jennie Underwood's THIS IS MADISON COUNTY; and the most recent HOME IN MADISON COUNTY by Mrs. Lena Foshard Purkey. Pictures of the unusual making of molasses taken on the Seaton farm, and of Mr. Peter F. Ramsey's double catch showing the "then and now" of the French Broad River are included.

Totals include absentee