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Aldermen Move For ABC Store Vote



ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL of the Madison County Schools are involved in long range planning and evaluation of all schools, working toward state accreditation of Madison County Schools. On April 28, Dr. Austin Simpson, an education consultant with the State Department of Public Instruction, met with the superintendent, supervisors and principals. An all day work session was held. The administrators restated the mission of the Madison County

Schools and formed continuing objectives for the students' maximum achievement. This group will be studying all phases of the educational system so that all assets may be used more effectively. Pictured, left to right are Mrs. Ron Kiser, Clive Whitt, Fred Dickerson, Fred Anderson Jr., Vernon Ponder, J.C. Wallin, Larry Plimmoms, Supt. R. L. Edwards, Dr. Austin Simpson and Dr. Bobby Jean Rice.

From all indications Hot Springs voters will have the final say-so in whether or not the ABC store remains there.

In action taken Monday night at a meeting of the Hot Springs Board of Aldermen, the members requested the board's lawyer, Ronald Howell, to proceed with legal steps toward finalizing a referendum on the ABC store in Hot Springs.

It was stated that the referendum will not be held prior to July 10.

The action Monday night followed much publicity concerning the status of the store, the only ABC store in Madison County.

A Hot Springs citizens committee petitioned the state ABC Board to remove the store but a spokesman for the state agency said such action could likely be handled at home.

Wiley Ruth, state ABC administrator, previously said the 1963 local law authorizing a referendum on establishing a Hot Springs ABC Board provides two ways to put the board and the

store before the voters or if the municipal governing board fails to act, the people can petition for an election.

Ruth said the local law requires that a petition for a recall election contain signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters of Hot Springs. The Board of Aldermen must call for the election within 60 days after receipt of the petition, he said.

Ruth said the law is fairly complicated and emphasized that he was expressing his own opinion and not the board's.

Ruth also stated that the board would return the petition to the senders, but would help them verify the names on the petition if they request assistance.

Harold Anderson, Hot Springs alderman, told the News-Record Tuesday morning "... we are doing everything possible to meet the requests of the people and the state board and are operating above board in our desires to be fair. We are leaving the legal actions for a referendum up to our attorney."

County Planning Board To Review Rezoning Petition

The Madison County Planning Board will meet May 12 at 7:30 p.m. to decide what it will recommend to the county board of commissioners on the first petition the county has received for rezoning property under zoning regulations adopted last year.

The planning board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the French Broad Electric Membership Corp. building in Marshall. The public is invited to attend.

The board will review a petition by Charles Eatmon, submitted April 23 to rezone property he owns from RA-26 to Highway Business (HB). The tract is located directly across from Eatmon's store and gas station on Highway 19 (Burnsville highway).

Eatmon proposes to erect a metal storage building on the site to be used for bulk storage

of feeds and fertilizer. The proposed building would be an expansion of his present operation.

The Madison County Board of Commissioners last summer adopted a county-wide Land Use Zoning and Subdivision Regulation plan. It placed all existing business and industries in zoning districts according to land use. The remaining area was placed in a residential agricultural zoning district (RA).

The Eatmon petition is the first from a landowner in Madison County under the new regulations.

The board expects other landowners to petition for rezoning as they evolve plans for use of their property that does not conform to zoning regulations now in force.

"It is important for everyone to know that if they desire to use their land for something very different from what it is presently being used for, they should check with Ed Ramsey, the county's building inspector, and he will be able to inform them whether or not the property use is permissible," a spokesman said.



WILLIAM P. POWELL, mayor of Mars Hill, is shown holding a proclamation which was passed by the mayor and aldermen requiring all Mars Hill males to grow a crop of facial fuzz in honor of the nation's bicentennial. Note the whiskers on Mayor Powell's face; being first part of the price of leadership. Eh, Mayor?

Conditions Return To Normal At Madison High After Protest

By JIM STORY

Conditions returned to normal last Thursday after an estimated 200 students became disturbed and walked

out of classes on Wednesday afternoon after learning that Madison County High School Head Football Coach Dennis Hefner, had been dismissed after less than a year.

Although the action was a form of protest by the students who wished to know the reasons for Hefner's dismissal, the entire incident was said by many to be grossly exaggerated. The students displayed their loyalty and fondness for Coach Hefner but were, for the most part, well behaved. Rumors that there was a "riot on the hill" were untrue. Because of the situation, however, classes were dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Shortly before all school buses had left the school grounds, WLOS-TV had dispatched a reporter and cameraman who were notified of the protest by a Madison student, it was reported. Many students, some of them getting

off school buses, joined others in getting exposed on television. While watching the news telecast it was obvious that some of the students did not appear angry about the incident but seemed delighted to be on television.

Two students stated that they felt that the TV coverage "actually did more harm than good."

For the most part, students and school faculty members kept their "cool" and were encouraged to attend classes as usual on Thursday. Coach Hefner, it was reported, urged the students to end the protest and return to classes.

In explaining his situation, Coach Hefner stated that he had been expecting it to happen. "I saw it coming as far back as the end of last season. It was confirmed today (Wednesday)."

According to Principal David Wyatt, no reasons were

given for Hefner's dismissal other than "he's not on tenure. He had to be notified by letter before the end of school."

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Did you know, that Wednesday, May 5, is a national holiday for children in Japan?

It is. And you'll learn about it and about other things of interest to the younger set in a new feature, running today for the first time, in the News-Record.

It's the Mini-Page, a newspaper especially for children, 12 years of age and younger. There are cartoons, things to color, a feature about Pandas in the Washington, D.C. zoo, jokes and puzzles, and all sorts of interesting things.

There is even a teaching guide, telling parents and teachers how they can help youngsters around them enjoy the Mini-Page to the fullest. It's for fun, but it's for learning, too.

Show it to all the little people around your home or classroom.

For the News-Record, the Mini-Page is an experiment. Let us know how you like it. Would you like to see it regularly? Every week? Maybe if you're a teacher you'd like to make it a regular feature in your classroom? It comes with a whole new set of subjects every week.

The News-Record is interested in children... in helping them learn and have fun, too.

If you like the Mini-Page, let us know. Call "Pop" or Jean at the News-Record office (843-2741) and tell 'em. Or drop them a line; the News-Record's mailing address is P. O. Box 287, Marshall, N.C.

Six File For Office

Six persons have officially filed for county offices to date, the county board of elections reports. They are:

Harold Wallin, incumbent, of Beech Glen, for Tax Collector; Emery Metcalf, of Marshall, Register of Deeds; Joe Justice, Spring Creek, Register of Deeds; Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner, Marshall, Register of Deeds; Ray Gardin, Hot Springs, Register of Deeds; Edward Krause, Mars Hill, State Senate.

Mrs. Buckner Announces For Register Deeds

Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner, prominent Democrat and bookkeeper-secretary to the Madison County Board of Education for the past 17 years, declares herself an avowed candidate for the office of register of deeds.

Jena Lee served as bookkeeper-secretary for four years to the former Supt. of Schools Fred W. Anderson and has served for the past 13 years under Robert L. Edwards. Prior to her present job, Mrs. Buckner worked for one year as deputy register of deeds, along with the incumbent, Billard Tanguin, who is not seeking reelection.

Prior to her experience as deputy register of deeds, Jena Lee worked for two law firms, Lewis and Rouse and Nash

burn and Huff, serving as legal secretary for five years.

Mrs. Buckner is quick to state that she feels qualified to do an excellent job as register of deeds, however, she readily admits that under no conditions would she consider herself a candidate for sheriff of Madison County, clerk of Superior Court or tax collector, where, in the opinion, people respect the judgment of a man.

Jena Lee points out that in the office of register of deeds, where she worked as a deputy, there are many, many entries constituting our vital statistics — deaths, births, land transactions, etc., and that she feels with her experience and

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It's That Or 'Hen-Pecked' Permit

Mars Hill Men Growing Beards For Bicentennial

Mars Hill males have got 10 days to start accumulating some noticeable "facial fuzz" or come up with a "Hen-pecked Permit" authorizing clean faces.

It's all in fun, and it's a part of the town's participation in the nation's bicentennial observance.

A proclamation ordering all males who can grow it to be begin showing "facial fuzz" by mid-May was signed last month by Mayor William P. Powell and the Mars Hill Board of Aldermen.

The proclamation requires all the town's male citizens to "display a beard, mustache or other facial fuzz between mid-May and mid-July."

The action was requested by several organizations promoting

observance of America's 200th birthday.

It may represent little more than an official excuse for guys who've been wanting to grow a beard for years but who haven't had the courage to brave their wife's displeasure. Or it could be just a reason to forget about shaving for awhile.

The mayor and aldermen provided an out for men who can't persuade their womanfolks that it's a good idea. You'll be excused from participating if you obtain a "Hen-pecked Permit" duly signed either by the mayor or any member of the board of aldermen.

The proclamation was signed by Mayor Powell, Mayor Gordon Sandage, Mayor Edler, and Clerk Art Powell.



MRS. JENA LEE BUCKNER