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Briggs Will Run For House Seat



BRUCE BRIGGS

Bruce Briggs of Mars Hill has resigned his post as Madison County resident superior court judge to run for Congress. He will seek the Republican Party nomination to run for the Eleventh Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Briggs, 38, is one of the GOP's brightest young politicians in Western North Carolina and is believed to be its strongest candidate to enter the race so far for the post now held by Congressman Roy Taylor, who is retiring.

Briggs is resigning from the superior court judgeship, effective Wednesday, May 12.

"One of the main reasons I'm seeking this office is my

firm belief that we need to put the government in Washington back in the hands of the people," Briggs said in announcing his candidacy. "For too long the laws and regulations coming out of the federal government in Washington have grown and grown until they interfere too much in the lives and affairs of average citizens and small business people. Some laws and regulations intended to protect people have become so complex and involved in red tape that they defeat the original purpose they were designed to do."

"Also, I feel that we need a man in Congress who is willing to listen to the people of our district. I have always felt that

one of the strong points of Congressman Roy Taylor was the fact that he tried to communicate with the people in the District and to listen to what they had to say. I would hope that I can do even more in this respect because of the greater need now to restore trust in our government and its officials."

"For almost six years I have been totally removed from the political arena as an active participant. Prior to my tenure as judge, I was assistant United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. From this experience I became aware that government is far too complex and bureaucratic."

"I do not have all the answers to all of the problems, but I do have a great desire to see fiscal soundness in government, less regulatory interference in private enterprise and local affairs and a government that is responsive to the individual citizen."

"My experience for two terms in the N.C. State Senate has provided me with some knowledge of legislative workings and has made me aware of the extreme importance of the legislative branch of government to the lives of every citizen. I believe that my legislative experience will enable me to be the kind of effective congressman the people of this district need."

Briggs is the son of the late Clarence W. Briggs and Mrs. Eula Briggs of Mars Hill. He is married to the former Jean Miller of Waynesville; they have one daughter, Ashley. (Continued on Page 3)



REP. LISTON RAMSEY of Marshall, right, helps break ground Saturday for the new WNC Farmers Market to be built on I-40 south of Asheville. Ricky Capps, left, of Greater Laurel provided the plow and four-legged help to turn the first ground for the market. N.C.

Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham (stetson) and state Rep. Claude DeBruhlman the plow handles. Market facilities will cost \$1 million and will be built on a 20-acre tract bought from the Biltmore Estate. (News-Record Photo)

Mars Hill College Gets \$525,000 Gift

The largest gift in Mars Hill College's history — \$525,000 — has been received from the Fannie Drye Palmer Foundation. The half-million dollar gift will be used to complete and endow a housing complex which will accommodate 168 students.

The foundation was established in 1971 by the will of the late Mrs. Palmer, a resident of Albemarle. Mrs. Palmer was a four-time trustee of the college and the gift is the culmination of the deep interest of Mrs. Palmer and her late husband, who was also a trustee of the college, had in Mars Hill College and in other Baptist institutions for nearly 40 years.

The gift also reflects the business genius and generosity of Clyde C. Dickson Sr., of Charlotte, a trustee of the college who is also the senior trustee of the Palmer Foundation.

A lifelong resident of Stanley County, Mrs. Palmer was a school teacher who lived frugally and invested wisely. Although she inherited no money from her husband who died in 1939, or her parents, she left an estate valued at more than \$1.5 million.

Her wealth was accumulated through wise investments suggested to her by Dickson, who was an investment broker in 1932 when she purchased her first stock. Demonstrating her complete faith in Dickson's integrity,

Mrs. Palmer established, by her will, the philanthropic foundation and gave authority over it to a board of trustees headed by Dickson, and including his two sons.

Between 1941 and 1969 Mrs. Palmer gave the college approximately \$14,000, mostly in annual gifts. In her will Mrs. Palmer bequeathed \$25,000 to Mars Hill for a scholarship fund. Since her death, Dickson

has continued to make gifts to the college from the foundation including a \$10,000 gift in 1975.

Last year the trustees of the foundation decided that Mrs. Palmer's intentions could be best served by dividing the assets of the foundation between Mars Hill and Wingate College, in which Mrs. Palmer was also interested.

Mars Hill's share will allow (Continued on Page 3)

Attention Candidates

It is the intention of this newspaper to publish in some issue prior to the primaries, a summary and background of each candidate regardless of political affiliation or function. It will take the cooperation of each candidate to make this information to readers possible. A picture, preferably black and white, will be appreciated. This applies to county offices primarily. The first of the series began last week with Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner who is a candidate for register of deeds.

This series is primarily published to "introduce" the candidates to the public. Family background, public offices held, education, training, church affiliation, qualifications, etc., desired.

This "introduction" series is published free and is not considered as political advertising. However, candidates wishing to have political advertising are urged to have their "copy", size, etc., in News-Record office by Tuesday mornings which is the weekly deadline.

—THE EDITOR

Electric Power Costs Rise

The rate French Broad EMC pays to Carolina Power & Light Co. for wholesale power was increased on May 1.

The Federal Power Commission reversed their previous order asking CP&L to refile at a lower level and gave them their original request of 34.5 percent. This means that members of French Broad EMC will see an increase on their bills for May 20. This increase will be prorated to apply on 20 days usage, from May 1 to May 20.

The base rate schedules will not be changed at this time. The increase will be passed on as a purchase power and fuel adjustment charge. It takes quite a bit of time and expense to make a rate study and since there is uncertainty as to when the FPC will give a definite ruling on both wholesale rate increases that are now before them, it was felt it would be best to pass the increase on as a purchase power and fuel adjustment charge.

The amount of your usage each month will determine the percentage of increase.

Using one cent per KWH as an example only, bi-monthly members on the farm and home schedule would see an approximate 18 percent increase on 500 KWH, 22 percent on 1000 KWH or as much as 30 percent on 3000 KWH. Hopefully, the purchase power and fuel adjustment will be less than one cent, but this cannot be determined until actual power bills are received from CP&L. Members are urged to contact the cooperative's office if they have questions concerning the rate increase.

Flaherty Scores Social Services

David Flaherty, Republican gubernatorial candidate and former Secretary of Human Resources in North Carolina, visited Mars Hill and Marshall Monday.

While in Mars Hill he was guest of Mayor and Mrs. William P. Powell and other prominent Republicans. He was a luncheon guest at Mars Hill College. Following luncheon he and Mayor and Mrs. Powell and others visited Marshall where they met other Republican leaders. While here the group visited The News-Record office where Flaherty issued the following

release: "As I said in my announcement statement, ethics and morality in government will be an issue in this gubernatorial campaign."

I said in my announcement statement, and I have repeated it many times since then, "One of my first acts as governor will be to establish a tough code of ethics for state government."

Another issue in this campaign is building a strong, effective two-party system in North Carolina. These two issues go hand in hand.

One party domination of government is always a potential breeding ground for corruption. We need two strong and healthy political parties to balance one another and keep one another honest.

I sincerely believe that the best way to have clean, honest government is to avoid the concentration of power in one party, in one party faction, or

in one man. Let me explain what I mean by giving you a specific example.

When I was Secretary of Human Resources I became very concerned about a situation in Madison County. There had been reports of misuse of taxpayer money in

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Ramsey, Leiby To Be Honored At MHC Saturday

Rep. Liston B. Ramsey of Marshall and Mrs. George M. Leiby of Albemarle will be honored as alumnus and alumna of 1976 during Alumni Day activities at Mars Hill College Saturday.

Over 300 seniors will receive their degrees Sunday afternoon, the culmination of the two-day graduation weekend. The Honorable Jo Graham Foster of Charlotte, a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday morning in Moore Auditorium.

Ramsey, a native of Marshall, is a member of Mars Hill's Class of 1938. He is a

Democrat and represents the 44th House District, which consists of Haywood, Jackson, Madison, and Swain counties. He is married to the former Florence McDevitt; and they have a daughter, Martha Louise, who resides in Mobile, Ala.

He served in the Army Air Force as a sergeant during World War II and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is a Mason, a member of the Elks Club, a trustee of the Cherokee Historical Association and a

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Joe Justice Announces For Register Of Deeds

Joseph G. Justice, a Spring Creek native of Madison County, has announced his candidacy for the office of register of deeds for Madison County, subject to the will of the Democrat Primary Aug. 17.

Justice is a graduate of Spring Creek High School and served three years in the United States Armed Services. He presently operates a general store in the Spring Creek section of the county and farms. Justice presently serves as a member of the board of directors of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation. He is married and has two children.

In his official announcement of candidacy, Justice emphasized the "trust" which is the present register of deeds, Richard Teague, has brought to that office during his many

years of service. Teague, a Democrat, is retiring at the end of this term. Justice stated that he pledged to continue to operate that office in the "same efficient, economical and courteous manner as our retiring register of deeds has done for so many years."

Justice said he feels that no other county office serves the people in so many different ways: "when people are born, the first public record of their existence is recorded in the office of the register of deeds; when they are married, they must be licensed by the office of the register of deeds, and when they die, their final statistics are recorded in the office of the register of deeds and throughout their lives, any land transaction — or other matter where a security interest is involved — must be recorded in the office of the register of deeds. It is hard to

realize just how many ways the register of deeds serves the average citizen of the county.

"If the Democrats elect me (Continued on Page 3)

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Board Of Education Active On School Budget, Programs

The Madison County Board of Education spent most of May 3 on the school budget for the 1976-77 school year.

The board studied the request of 27 applicants requesting to be assigned to the Buncombe County School System for the 1976-77 school year. The board released 27 students to Buncombe County where condemned bridges and road conditions would prevent students to attend the Madison County Schools under the board's jurisdiction. The board released the students upon the following conditions: That the Buncombe County Board of

Education would accept Madison County students and that the Madison County Board of Education would not be responsible for their transportation, tuition, or any other monetary expenditures.

It was a unanimous vote of the board to support the development of a successful athletic program in the Madison County Schools and requested that the superintendent and principals prepare and submit the athletic program at the next board meeting.

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice, general supervisor of

Madison County Schools, gave a progress report concerning accreditation of the Madison County Schools.

A mission statement and continuing objectives for the school system was approved.

Dr. Bobby Jean Rice also gave a report on achievement tests administered to all students.

Dr. Rice was directed to present the results to school principals and ask them to discuss the results with their respective families.

Task Force for the improvement of reading.

The board also approved a local Advisory Council on Education for children with special needs.

THE I Director, Glenn W. Fish, informed the board that this money for 1976-77 had not been released by the U.S. Office of Education. His data concerning the amount to be released is being submitted to the board.

The board also approved a committee to serve as the Board of Trustees of the