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30% Of Democrats, 20% GOP Vote



SEARCHING FOR WATER — Officials of Marshall are making every effort possible to locate additional water supplies. For the past two weeks the McCall Bros., Inc., of Charlotte, have been drilling on the B. G. Fortner property, pictured above, near the

French Broad River. Three wells were found which indicate a total of 600 gallons per minute. These sources will be developed. Next week the workmen will investigate water supplies at Heck Creek, Alderman Donald Ramsey stated. (Photo by Jim Story)

Little more than 30 percent of the registered Democrats and 20 percent of the registered Republicans attended the polls in Madison County Tuesday to cast their votes in the primaries.

No one could blame the weather for the light votes since it was a clear and comfortable day. Some, however, stated that the Aug. 17 date might have kept some voters away.

Election officials, for the most part, agreed that everything went "smoothly" as both party faithfuls nominated their favorites to oppose each other in November's general election.

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. men and women started gathering in the courtroom here where they could see returns from the various precincts posted on the two large blackboards, sponsored by The News Record.

Since the Democrats had one of the largest number of

candidates in primary history, coupled with several contests by the Republicans, it was feared that it would be close to midnight before all precincts had reported. However, due to fine cooperation by election officials and the efficiency of the board of elections, and others, the final returns from all 11 precincts were posted on the blackboards shortly after 9:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATS

In the Democratic governor's race, Jim Hunt easily won the nomination in Madison County's returns, receiving 1,608 votes. George Wood was runner-up with 531 votes while Ed O'Herron Jr., received 89 votes, Jeter Barker, 29, and Thomas Strickland, 15.

Eight Democratic hopefuls sought the nomination for lieutenant governor. Jimmy Green captured 1,095 Madison County votes, followed by Herbert Hyde with 596. C. A. Brown Jr., received 138, Howard Lee 94, John Jordan 77, Waverly Akins 53, Kathryn M. McRacken 30, and Frank Stephenson Jr., 10.

The state auditor's race with three Democrats running, Henry Bridges was this county's top choice with 1,208 votes. Lillian Woo received 531 votes and Walter Fuller got 157 votes.

Much interest was shown in the race for the state House of Representatives (44th House District). Liston Ramsey of Marshall, incumbent, received 1,526 votes to top the three while Ted R. Wells, of Canton, topped veteran legislator Ernest Messer, also of Canton, 977 to 815 votes in Madison County.

In the 11th District congressional contest Lamar Gudger won the nomination with 1,301 votes. Bo Thomas was runner-up with 473 and Glenn Brown had 238, Michael Vaughn 77, and Roy Gibbens 21.

Ronald Howell, Marshall

attorney easily outscored his opponent, W. Kelly Johnson, 1,651 to 430. Howell also had the distinction of receiving the highest number of votes of any Democratic candidate in Madison County.

In the state senatorial race (26th District) I. C. Crawford piled up 1,343 votes with Robert S. Swain receiving 1,235. J. Howard Collins got 436 votes and Helen T. Reed received 270 votes.

In the only "Madison County Contest," Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner missed the 1,000 mark by only one vote when she received 999 votes. Emery Metcalf polled 731 votes while Joe Justice of Spring Creek received 476 votes.

REPUBLICANS

Republicans also had several interesting contests, headed by the governor's race and the congressional race.

Coy C. Privette, Baptist leader, proved most popular in Madison County where he received 336 votes. David Flaherty polled 173 Madison County votes, Jake Alexander received 101 votes and Wallace McCall 21 votes.

In the lieutenant governor's

GOP race, Bill Hyatt outscored Odell Payne, 305 to 180 to get the nomination.

Bruce Briggs of Mars Hill, won a lop-sided victory for Congress over his opponents, Ralph Ledford and Walt Sheppard. It was no contest in Madison County as Briggs received 659 votes to only 11 votes for Ledford and 8 votes for Sheppard. Briggs also had the distinction of being high

vote getter in the Republican contests.

The battle for district judge of the 24th District was also one-sided in Madison County with Judge J. Ray Braswell receiving 429 votes to Edwin Taylor's 114 votes.

Totals of other Democratic and Republican contests now shown on the election board can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Ramsey Receives Party Nod Again

Liston Ramsey, Madison County's veteran representative in the N. C. House and one of the legislature's most powerful lawmakers, got a good start Tuesday on returning to the General Assembly for yet another term. He won the Democratic party's nomination for one of the two House seats from the 44th House District, polling more votes than either of the other candidates in the race in all four counties.

Unofficial district totals show Ramsey with 8,969 votes. Ernest Messer, the other incumbent district representative from Haywood County, polled 7,700 votes district-wide while Ted Wells of Haywood polled 6,665.

The 44th District is composed of Madison, Haywood, Jackson and Swain counties.

The head-to-head contest between Messer and Wells in

Haywood divided the vote between them there with Messer getting 4,374 and Wells, 3,991. Ramsey out-pollled both of them, receiving 4,451 votes in Haywood. Generally, Ramsey won Western Haywood precincts — placing first in 14 of them, while Messer took East Haywood precincts, finishing on top in 11. They tied in one while Wells took three precincts, all in the western part of the county.

All three received a majority vote in the Haywood race with Ramsey polling 35 percent, Messer 34 percent, and Wells 31 percent.

It left Wells in a position, he says, to challenge Messer for one of the two seats in a runoff. He has not made his mind up whether he will call a second primary.

Regardless, Ramsey has the

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Many Helped In Posting Returns Here

Jim Story, editor of The News-Record, wishes to thank the people who assisted him in posting the election returns in the courtroom here Tuesday night.

Included among those who helped are members of the board of elections, and Sharon Ray, executive secretary; Linda Gunter for posting the returns on the blackboards; Cathy Johnson for helping with the charts; Cheryl Reeves and "Pat" Kent for keeping "stats" at the press table; David Caldwell for loaning the adding machine; and Cordell Massey and Richard Fox for helping move the blackboards from office to courthouse.



CAP Lt. Col. Foy Reese named deputy wing commander, North Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Reese Commands CAP Unit

Foy Reese of Asheville was appointed deputy commander of North Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), by CAP Col. Eugene E. Harwell, commander, at the Wing Commanders Call in Charlotte recently.

A native of Madison County, Reese has been a member of CAP, the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, since 1958. During his years of volunteer service, Reese has served in most of the staff positions of Group I Headquarters, Asheville, including 10 years as group commander. Reese, who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in CAP, has served as mission coordinator for more than 100 search and rescue missions since 1965.

In 1975, Reese joined N.C. Wing Staff as the Emergency Services officer. In that position he was responsible for all search and rescue procedures in the state. He completed CAP OCS (ECI 7-C) in 1959, attended CAP National Search and Rescue School in 1964 and again in 1973, and CAP National Staff College in 1975.

Reese served four years in the U.S. Air Force after attending Buncombe County Schools. He is employed as an industrial engineer with Steelcase, Inc., Arden. He resides at 35 Green Valley Road, Asheville with his wife, Grace. They have three daughters.

He has received the CAP Meritorian Service Award, First Ribbon, and Search and Rescue Ribbon with silver clasps, among others.

Suzetta Faye Bragg Is Pageant Entry

The Asheville Jaycees and Jaycettes are proud to present the 1977 Miss Asheville Pageant. It will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 21 in the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Auditorium.

Among the contestants in the pageant is Miss Suzetta Faye Bragg who will be Contestant Number 7.

Suzetta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Howard of Mars Hill. She is a 1974 graduate of Mars Hill High School and is presently attending UNC-Greensboro majoring in mathematics. In high school, Suzetta was Chief Marshal, Beta Club, Math Club officer, Science Club officer, Homecoming Court, Christmas Court, 1973 attended N. C. Governor's School in mathematics, and was cheerleader for three years.

Suzetta was a recipient of a Reynolds-Scholarship to UNC-G for four years. Her hobbies are sewing, knitting, macrami, tennis, swimming, and meeting people. Suzetta is 5'6" tall and weighs 123 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. Her talent is singing.

Bill Norwood will be assisting Maria Fletcher with the M. C. duties. He will also accompany her on a couple of vocal numbers. Susan Proffitt, reigning Miss North Carolina and other state queens will be present. Music will be rendered by the Enka High School Stage Band again this year, and the Beale Fletcher Tap Dancers will perform. This year's theme is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



MISS SUZETTA FAYE BRAGG

ABC Store Dispute Erupts Again

The simmering dispute in Hot Springs regarding petitions requesting a referendum on whether or not to close the ABC store in Hot Springs has been updated. The town's officials have received a new petition.

Leroy Johnson, a member of the board of aldermen and police chief in Hot Springs, stated that the new petition has been referred to the town attorney, Ronald Howell, of Mar-

shall. Howell stated that he is advising the board that the new petition which has addresses of those who signed it, appears to be properly prepared.

Howell said he is suggesting that cards be sent to the petition signers to verify that they did sign the request, and if there are 73 valid signatures — equal to 25 percent of the voters in the last general election — Hot Springs should proceed with the referendum.

A first petition had been presented in April with about 160 signatures, but lacked addresses of signers and contained other technical errors, according to Howell.

Johnson said the board probably will discuss the matter again at its September meeting. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month.

"We'll do whatever the law says," Johnson was quoted as saying. "We'll not be hard to get along with."

Wise Cited For Farm Leadership

Civic Leaders To Tour Greater Ivy

Madison County Extension Chairman Earle Wise has been selected to receive a national award for his leadership in extension programs.

The National Association of County Agricultural Agents has named six North Carolinians, including Wise, as recipients of distinguished service awards. The presentation will be made Aug. 19 at the association's annual meeting in Richmond, Va.

The association said that Wise has "exemplified the spirit of extension during his 19 years in Madison County."

"He has inspired 4-H'ers as evidenced by the many district and state champions from Madison County. He has assisted local leaders in seeking a better way of life through improved education, industry and health facilities." the citation

The Big Ivy section of Buncombe County and Greater Ivy in Madison County will be the scene of a tour by civic and community leaders of the western area on the afternoon of Aug. 24.

The visitor will see a variety of improvement and

beautification projects carried out through efforts of the citizens of the two areas.

The occasion will be the 24th annual tour to visit prize winners of the Western North Carolina Community Development Program, sponsored by the WNC Development Association, in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and other sponsors.

Big Ivy, an area including 700 families in the Barnardsville — Dillingham — Democrat sections of Buncombe County, organized in the WNC Community Development Program four years ago. It leased a 27-acre abandoned camp, which had been a CCC camp in the early 1930s, then was used by the state's Future Farmers of America.

Major improvements have been made, including building ball fields and courts, renovating a swimming pool and developing a recreation center.

Operating funds are raised

by suppers, programs and an annual ramp festival which drew 3,000 people this year.

Big Ivy was runner-up for beautification honors among more than 90 communities in Western North Carolina last

year. Major projects included removing more than 300 junked cars from yards, fields and streams and painting mailboxes and garbage cans in the red, white and blue

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Marshall Sewerage Hearing Is Sept. 15

Official notice is published elsewhere in this issue stating that a public hearing will be held at the City Hall building in Marshall at 2 p.m. on Sept. 15, to afford individuals the opportunity to be heard on the economic and social effects of the location, design and environmental impact of the proposed construction of wastewater (sewerage) treatment and collection facilities for the Town of Marshall and surrounding area.

Maps, drawings, en-

vironmental statements and other pertinent data will be available upon request for public inspection at the Town Hall here.

"All persons interested in the design, location, and construction of the facilities are invited to appear and express their views. Written statements may be submitted prior to or at the time of the hearing. The hearing record will be kept open until 5 p.m. Sept. 15," Mayor George Penland stated.

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