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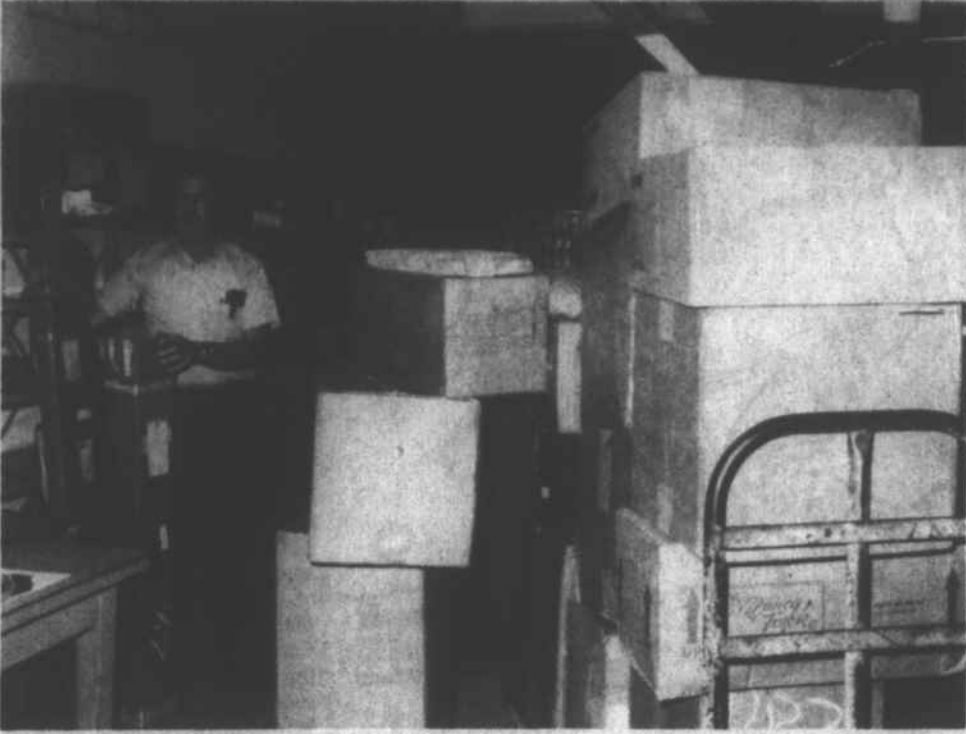
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Bloodmobile Donors Being Recruited



MARSHALL POST OFFICE personnel are suddenly "snowed under" with additional parcel packages, shown above, due to the present strike by the UPS. Pictured working on the extra packages is Raymond Stines of the local personnel. "We are keeping the mail on the go," Stines commented.

The citizens of Madison County are rallying at least 70 blood donors in preparation for the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Oct. 8.

According to Roy Reeves, president of the Marshall Lion's Club which is sponsoring this visit, volunteer recruiters have launched an all-out effort to meet goal. "There is much more involved than merely meeting a quota," he said. "Blood is being used every day by Madison County residents, either in local hospitals or elsewhere, even though the bloodmobile comes to our county only every few months."

"The realization that hospitals in Western North Carolina and East Tennessee depend on our meeting goal, points out the great importance of each bloodmobile visit." Since the last bloodmobile, he said, we have been using blood, when needed, given by donors throughout the region.

Reeves summed up the value of the individual donor and the need for everyone's support on Friday, by emphasizing "You cannot really measure the worth of the life of someone in your family. All the knowledge of medical science and the availability of fine hospital facilities often are not enough to save a life without that pint of blood that can come only from you."

The bloodmobile will be located at Madison High School from 1:30 until 6 p.m.

County Reports Scabies Outbreak

Edward A. Morton, Madison County acting health director, has reported that there have been several cases of scabies (commonly called itch) reported in the county recently. Scabies is a communicable skin disease caused by the itch mite burrowing into the outer layer of skin, laying eggs and feeding on human tissue.

A common misconception is that scabies is a disease of the past. However, there has been an increase in the number of cases of scabies in recent years. Health department personnel feel that there is a need for people to be aware of the signs and symptoms of scabies and that a physician should be consulted concerning any skin rash suspected of being scabies.

The following questions and answers are designed to

provide the public with more information concerning scabies:

(1) How do you get scabies? — An individual may become infected with the human itch mite by contact with a person who has scabies or contact with infested clothing, bed linen or towels. Scabies is thought of as a disease of families. If any one member of a family has scabies, it is likely to be spread by close contact to other members of the family.

(2) What are the signs of scabies? — Approximately four weeks after infection, the signs of the disease become apparent. The first sign is itching, and this may be almost unbearable at times, particularly at night. Small straight lines (the burrows) and small red bumps are found

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No Cropland Set Aside In 1977, USDA Says

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Sept. 21 there will be no cropland set aside in 1977. This decision followed the conclusion of a two-day meeting in Washington on Friday, Sept.

17, of the National Advisory Committees on Grains and Cotton.

The department said the decision for continued unrestricted production is based on the continuing strong export demand for grain, particularly for livestock feeding, soybeans, and cotton. Under the 1973 Farm Act, farmers have been given freedom to shift crops without restrictive acreage allotments. The department said that farmers like the freedom for decision-making that exists under current programs.

(including approved volunteer cover) used for hay or for grazing in order to preserve their wheat, feedgrain, or cotton allotments.

Next year will be the fourth consecutive year for the feed grain and wheat programs and the fifth for the upland cotton program in which no set-aside was required. About 40 million acres of cropland have been brought back into production since 1972.

Parking Ordinance Passed

Although two-hour parking has been the regulation in the downtown Marshall Business District for months, the town officials have recently passed a legal ordinance which makes such violations of the ordinance punishable by law. A fine of \$1 will be charged. Failure to pay the fine would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50, or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 30 days, or both.

The ordinance in full is published elsewhere in this issue and owners of motor vehicles are urged to read the ordinance.

Precinct Judge Selection Starts Heated Argument

By JIM STORY

A heated argument between Zeno Ponder, chairman Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, and Perry Willis, chairman Madison County Board of Elections, in the board of elections office Monday morning probably will lead to litigations to be heard in court. The disagreement centered around the appointment of a Democratic precinct judge in the Ebbs Chapel precinct (Township 7).

Ponder was enraged over the appointment by Willis of Kelse Hamlin as Democratic judge, claiming that Hamlin is a "sweetheart of the Republican party although registered as a Democrat." Ponder also questioned the authority of Willis to appoint a person who was not on the list of Democratic recommendations. Ponder claimed that the list given to the board of elections included Aaron Ponder, Bardin Cody, Betty Whitt, Porter Wallin and Martin Fox.

Willis stated that as chairman of the board he had the right to name a successor in case of a vacancy and he had appointed Hamlin. He cited G. S. 163-41 as his authority in making the appointment.

Willis also stated that Frank Fox was first named as Democratic judge of the Ebbs Chapel precinct on Aug. 5, 1975, and said his name was on the original list of recommendations submitted to the board. Fox resigned March 8, and Hamlin was appointed March 9, Willis stated. Ponder, on the other hand, claimed that Frank Fox was not on the original list but the name of Martin Fox was on the list.

The two men argued at length and Willis produced a copy of the "original"

typewritten list which had the name of Frank Fox on it. He said this was the list dated July 30, 1975.

Ponder claimed that "something hanky-panky" must be going on and said he was certain he had never recommended Frank Fox.

After several verbal blasts, Ponder stated that he was going to the clerk of court's office to file proceedings

against Willis over the appointment of Hamlin and commented that "a conspiracy exists in No. 7 Township."

Hamlin, the appointed Democratic precinct judge, came into the "hearing" and when Ponder accused him of "working for" the Republicans, Hamlin flatly denied he had ever worked for the Republicans but had

always supported the Democrats. Before the meeting adjourned, Ponder stated "many persons in the Ebbs Chapel precinct had told him Hamlin was working for the Republicans." Hamlin asked Ponder to name any of those persons and he would "bring them in front of Ponder" to prove his party loyalty.

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DEMOCRATS from Madison and surrounding counties attended the dinner honoring Jim Hunt, candidate for governor, at the Madison High School Friday night. Other Democratic candidates were present and following a brief session at which Hunt spoke, those present enjoyed a supper in the school cafeteria. Zeno Ponder, chairman of the

county Democratic Executive Committee, presided. The occasion was sponsored by the Democratic parties of Madison, Mitchell, Yancey and Buncombe counties. Shown above, left to right, Zeno Ponder and candidates I. C. Crawford, Jim Hunt, Liston B. Ramsey, Lamar Gudger and Ernest Messer.

A Festival For Mountain Folk

By JOHN P. FERRE (Special Writer)

The Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival drew hundreds of people from several Appalachian states to Madison County last weekend. The visitors had one common purpose: they wanted to enjoy themselves by celebrating mountain music, dance, and craft. And they did. The festival participants were jubilant, happy that they had a common heritage and proud of the festival's success.

Thursday night began the celebration at Madison County High School. Drizzle should have made the night seem dreary, but the excitement in the gym overcame the weather. Festive mountain music and dancing by Western North Carolina groups were applauded by the audience. The evening began with two songs by Asheville Bluegrass who then accompanied the Mars Hill Mountaineers, the Bald Mountain Cloggers, and the Bailey Mountain Cloggers. The Appalachian Folks followed by accompanying the Mars Hill Hillbillies and the Southern Appalachian Cloggers. The activities continued as the Toe River Cloggers, the Hillbilly Minstrels, the Madison County Cloggers and the Mountain Singers Junior Cloggers performed. There was both

clogging and smooth dancing. Friday night resumed with many of the same performers. The evening's activities began shortly after 7:30 in Mars Hill College's Moore Auditorium with mountain music performances, ballad singing, soft shoe, clogging, and lumberjacking. At the end a band played as many from the audience went on stage to clog

and square dance. The artists, who came from Mars Hill, Weaverville, Asheville, Chapel Hill, Athens, Ga., Enka, and Canton, included Maria Cassida, Edith and Elizabeth Cheek, Robin Holcombe, James Carson and the Countrymen, the Patchwork Quilt Quartet, the Goff Family, Harold Garrison, Fred Holtkamp, the Lewis

Family, Mealnie Saline, Nancy Sultan, Joan Moser, the Horning Creek Bootleggers, the Apple Chill Cloggers, and Ginger Johnson.

Saturday afternoon emphasized participation more than performance. Old-time fiddlers taught their art, women made lye soap and

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HENRY CLAY EDWARDS of Mars Hill was honored at a dinner at Bald Mountain Thursday evening on his retirement from the board of commissioners of the Mars Hill Housing Authority. A retired school teacher, he has served faithfully for 10 years as chairman of the board. He was presented an

appreciation plaque by Mayor Bill Powell. Other members of the board are, left to right, Emmette Sams, Grady Worley, Edwards, Powell, Helen Castellon and Nancy Medford. Town officials, their wives and guests attended the dinner.

In The Black

Mars Hill Housing Authority Making Money

A financial report of the Mars Hill Housing Authority for the period ending June 30, reveals that the operation is "in the black," according to Mrs. Ella Vee Willis, executive director. At a dinner meeting held last Thursday evening at Bald Mountain, Mrs. Willis presented to Mayor William P. Powell a check for \$2,004.47 in payment in lieu of taxes for the 1975-76 year for the Mars Hill Housing Authority. Attending the dinner meeting were Mayor Powell, Gordon Randolph, vice mayor; Arthur Wood, secretary; Carl Eller, treasurer, their wives and

other guests, including Henry Clay Edwards, retiring chairman of the Mars Hill Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The financial report revealed that for the fiscal year ending June 30, operating expenses totaled \$6,802.39, which included administrative salaries, staff training, accounting and audit fees, and sundry. Utilities: water, \$976.30; electricity, \$12,087.85; total, \$13,064.14. Ordinary maintenance and operations (labor, materials, contract work) cost \$2,512.25. General expenses in various departments in lieu of

taxes, employee benefit contributions, other general expense, \$5,350.11. Total routine expenditures, \$32,956.50. Non-routine expenditures (painting units), \$784.50. Grand total expenditures, \$33,741.00. Resident receipts, \$2,284.25. The Mars Hill Housing Authority owns and operates 47 units. They are located on scattered sites. The community center is on Main Street. We have 12 units for the elderly and 35 regular units. In the units there are a total of 110 beds. We have a day care center, and a playground. Arrangements for day care