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Voters All Set For Election Tuesday



DOLORES BUCKNER WYATT, fourth from left, was crowned homecoming queen at Madison High School last Friday night during homecoming ceremonies at halftime of the Heritage-Patriot football game here. Shown with the

queen are members of the queen's court which include Glenda Shelton, Teresa Baldwin, Charlene Carter, Donna Anderson, Jana Lou Williams, Patsy Garrett and Georgette Penland. (Mike Moore Photo)

News-Record Late Next Week

In order that the readers of The News-Record may get the Nov. 2 election returns, precinct by precinct, next week's issue will be mailed Friday morning instead of Thursday morning.

Madison County voters are prepared to travel to the voting locations next Tuesday to cast their preferences for local, state, and national candidates. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Although the presidential election has created the most comment and interest, the contests for congressional seats rank high in interest as does the governor's race and other state contests.

The state senator's race is a contest between I. C. Crawford and Robert S. Swain, Democrats, and Edward B. Krause and Ted Smith, Republicans.

Ernest B. Messer and Liston B. Ramsey, both Democrats, are unopposed in the race for

the state House of Representatives.

In the register of deeds race, Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner, Democrat, is opposed by V. J. Willis, Republican. Harold Wallin is unopposed in his bid for reelection as tax collector of the county.

In the race for Madison County Soil Conservation district supervisor, Randal Buckner is unopposed in this non-partisan election.

J. Ray Braswell and Robert H. Lacy, Republicans, are unopposed in the race for district court judge, 24th Judicial District, and Ronald W. Howell, Democrat, is unopposed for superior court judge, 24th District.

A medium to heavy turnout is expected to attend the polls next Tuesday.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Voters desiring to vote a straight party ticket are cautioned by the Madison County Board of Elections that

voting a straight party ticket will not include a vote for the party's presidential candidate. In other words, those desiring to vote a straight party ticket must first vote for a presidential candidate in column No. 1 and then go to column No. 3, 4, 5, or 6, to vote a straight party ticket. Additional sample voting machine ballots will be posted at each polling place. Voters should carefully read all instructions on the machine ballot to insure their vote, members of the board of election stated.

RETURNS

As usual, the News-Record will post election results in the courthouse Tuesday night. Next week's issue will also be delayed one day so that readers will be informed of the results, precinct by precinct. Election officials are urged to phone in their returns as quickly as possible next Tuesday night.

Democratic Express Here Wednesday

The Democratic Express will stop in Marshall on Oct. 27 from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m., it has been announced. Expected to be on the express will be Lamar Gudge, 11th District Congressional candidate; Congressman Roy A. Taylor and other Democratic candidates. Gudge will speak briefly at the courthouse on the visit.

This will be part of the WNC tour being made.



DR. EDWARD KELLY

Dr. Kelly Assumes Duties

Dr. Edward Allen Kelly, a native of Atlanta, Ga., has been named medical director in charge of the Hot Springs health program, a rural health service begun four years ago to provide primary health care to the rural areas of northwestern Madison County.

Dr. Kelly assumed his duties Oct. 16 and is making his home in the Laurel section with his wife, Carolyn, who is an attorney. His practice includes clinics at Walnut, Laurel and Hot Springs. At each clinic a family practitioner is in charge with Dr. Kelly on call for any emergencies. He is scheduled each day at one of the clinics with his main office in Hot Springs.

Dr. Kelly is a graduate of Davidson College, followed by schooling at Columbia Medical School in New York. He did a year of pediatrics at Lincoln Hospital in New York then a fellowship of a year in family medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In the spring of 1973, he joined

the Hot Springs health program as a supervisor of the practitioners and "learned to like Madison County and its people," he said.

He then returned to the Chapel Hill School of Medicine for a two-year residency. Last year he worked with the Orange-Chatham counties comprehensive health services. He was also appointed to the faculty of UNC-Chapel Hill on a part-time basis. While working in the Madison program, he will also serve part time at UNC-Asheville in the family practice program there.

Tom G. Wallin, chairman of

the board in charge of the total program wishes to inform the public that the services of Dr. Kelly and the nurse practitioners are not a part of a poverty program endeavor and that the primary rural services are for all who will take advantage of them. It is hoped that the program will soon become self sufficient, Dr. Kelly stated. "I hope to help make this a viable program of value to all Madison countians."

Nurse practitioners at the clinics are Mrs. Rose Littlejohn in Hot Springs, Mrs. Sandy List in Walnut, and Mrs. Kathy Johnson in Laurel.

Dolores Buckner Wyatt Crowned Madison High Homecoming Queen

Homecoming festivities were held at halftime of the Mountain Heritage-Madison Patriot football game last Friday night in the O. E. Roberts Stadium before a sparse but enthusiastic crowd of chilled spectators.

The highlight of the homecoming observance was the announcement of the selection of the Queen by the student body.

Winning this coveted honor was Dolores Buckner Wyatt, a member of the freshman class. Dolores is the wife of Larry Dean Wyatt and they reside at Route 6, Marshall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buckner of Route 2, Marsh Hill.

Mrs. Wyatt was crowned by David Wyatt, principal. David Lee, Student Council secretary, was crown bearer and the presentation of flowers for the Queen was Patsy Buckner, 1975 Homecoming Queen.

Two contestants were selected from each of the high

school classes, comprising the Queen's Court, as follows:

Freshman: Glenda Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Shelton, Route 6, Marshall, escorted by Andrew Anderson; Dolores Buckner Wyatt, escorted by Bobby Zimmerman.

Sophomore: Teresa Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baldwin, Route 2, Marshall, escorted by Eddie Dill; Charlene Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Route 3, Marsh Hill, escorted by David Sawyer.

Junior: Donna Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson of Hot Springs, escorted by Jesse Duncan; Jana Lou Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Route 3, Marshall, escorted by Warren Wise.

Senior: Patsy Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Garrett of Hot Springs, escorted by Johnny Ray; Georgette Penland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Penland of Marshall,

ASC Nomination Deadline Monday

Only a few days remain to nominate farmers as candidates in the upcoming ASC community committee elections. Bill Zink, ASC director, reminds farmers.

First duty of the newly elected community committee members will be to serve as delegates to elect new members to the county ASC committee.

This is an important occasion for the responsible, farmer-chosen team of ASC community committeemen.

The ASC community committee election will be conducted by mail from Nov. 26 to Dec. 6. By turning in a total of five or more petitions, farmers in each ASC community have the opportunity to prepare the slate of nominees themselves.

Shortly after Nov. 1, all petitions will be reviewed. If five or more valid petitions have been received for an ASC community, the county ASC office will prepare a slate containing the names of all eligible nominees. If less than

five valid petitions are received for any ASC community, the job of slate completion will be turned over to the incumbent community committee which will add nominees needed to complete the slate.

The county ASC committee will review all community slates prior to the mail election and will advise all candidates of the duties of ASC committeemen.

In order to submit a valid petition, three or more ASC farm voters must sign a statement endorsing an eligible candidate. The statement must include certification that the nominee will serve if elected. Petitions must be dated and mailed or hand-delivered to the county ASC office no later than Nov. 1.

The opportunity to nominate, vote, and be elected to office in the upcoming ASC community election is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin. See page 1.

1,057 Swine Flu Shots Are Received

Ed Morton of the Madison County Health Department announced Tuesday morning that a total of 1,057 persons had received shots for swine flu from the health department, area doctors, and the Hot Springs Health Program (Hot Springs, Walnut, Laurel).

Morton also announced that a clinic at the health department will be held today (Thursday) from 12 noon until 4 p.m.



SWINE FLU VACCINE shots are continuing in Madison County daily. The picture above was taken at the Madison County Health Center last Thursday

showing Walter Wilds of Route 2, Marshall, receiving a shot. Waiting their turn on the left are Mrs. Jonas Chandler and her husband of Marsh Hill.

Voluntary Dismissal Ends Election Dispute

What was expected to be an explosive political hearing involving the selection of Kelse Hamlin as Democratic judge at the Ebbs Chapel precinct in superior court here Wednesday quickly resulted in a dismissal action before Judge Forrest A. Ferrell.

The Madison County Democratic Executive Committee, plaintiffs in the case against the Madison County Board of Elections, requested a voluntary dismissal in its bid to have Hamlin barred from serving as the Democratic judge at Ebbs Chapel precinct. A "procedural problem" was cited as the cause of the request for dismissal of the action.

Attorney A. E. Leake made that explanation to Judge

Ferrell Wednesday following the noon recess and took only a few minutes to complete. Ferrell had granted a temporary restraining order against Hamlin on Oct. 12.

Zeno Ponder, chairman of the Democratic Committee and the primary plaintiff in the action, had said after obtaining the previous order that he had sought the ouster of the precinct official because in his (Ponder's) opinion Hamlin was "a sweetheart Democrat," who "had actively supported Republicans two years ago." Hamlin had heatedly denied the allegation.

During the morning, as a civil damage suit was being tried before a jury, the primary defendant in the Ebbs Chapel case, Madison Board of Elections Chairman Perry Willis, said he was approached by representatives of the plaintiffs with three offers for an out-of-court settlement. He said he and Hamlin refused each offer.

Willis said he was first asked to select as judge some Ebbs Chapel Democrat not on the list which Ponder had submitted on July 30, 1975. This being refused, Willis said he was next asked not to name anyone as Democratic judge at Ebbs Chapel, in which case the precinct registrar would name a judge on election day. When this was refused, Garren said, he was requested to name Hamlin's wife or daughter as judge instead of Hamlin to have the suit dropped — with that offer also refused.

Ponder, asked why the case was dropped, said the procedure of following through an earlier proceeding called for taking the matter not only to the county elections board, but to the State Board of Elections as well. As there was not sufficient time to carry the appeal to Raleigh before the Nov. 2 election, Ponder said it was decided to drop the request for a permanent in-

junction. The election board attorneys, William A. Barnes Jr. and Earl J. Fowler Jr., had on Wednesday morning filed an answer to Ponder's complaint.

One reason cited in requesting dismissal of the complaint was that three of the alleged plaintiffs, Porter Wallin, Aaron Ponder and Vardon Cody, had requested, as shown by affidavits, that they had no real interest in the case and should be dismissed from the suit.

Four other listed plaintiffs should also be dismissed, the defense answer said, for similar reasons although affidavits were lacking for Frank Fox, Martin Fox, Mrs. Betty Whitt, and Eddie English Jr.

The answer also reviewed the recommendations for Ebbs Chapel Democratic judge made by Ponder in 1975, the subsequent appointment of Frank Fox from the list to the post, the resignation of Fox on March 8, and the appointment on March 9 of Kelse Hamlin.

Hamlin had served as the Democratic judge during the spring presidential primary, the Aug. 17 primary and Sept. 14 runoff election.

Election Officials

Following is a list of Madison County election officials which will serve next Tuesday. The registrars (Republicans) and the Democratic judges, address and phone numbers follow:

York Marshall, registrar, Mrs. Frances Buckner, Route 7, Box 100, Marshall, 28753.

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