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Madison Gives Democrat Majorities



NEW OFFICERS of the Mars Hill College Board of Advisors, left to right, John Owen Tilson, vice-chairman, Region V; Mrs. Graham V. Lawrence, vice-chairman, Region IV; Dr. Luby Royall, vice-chairman, Region

III; Bruce Hudson, vice-chairman, Region II; Jim Hughes, vice-chairman, Region I; Carl Westmoreland, former chairman; Harold Austell, new chairman; and Mars Hill president, Dr. Fred B. Bentley.

Immense interest in the Presidential, Congressional, Gubernatorial, State and county offices, plus a brighter and sunny election day, resulted in a large turnout of voters in Madison County Tuesday.

Voters in Madison County gave the Democratic candidates victories in every contest on the ballot by substantial margins except in the 11th District Congressional race. Bruce Briggs, of Mars Hill, Republican candidate, led the Republican ticket in the county, receiving 2996 votes. Lamar Gudger, Democratic candidate, barely managed to have a majority of 89 votes, receiving 3065 votes in the unofficial count.

In the Presidential race, county voters gave Jimmy Carter 3433 votes to Jerry Ford's 2446.

Jim Hunt, Jr., easily defeated his Republican opponent, David Flaherty, 3730 to 2258.

The remainder of the State offices were won by Democrats by a ratio of 1000 votes plus in Madison County.

In the race for State Senator, I. C. Crawford and Bob Swain defeated their Republican

opponents. Crawford received 3343 votes, Swain, 3265; Ed Krause, 2332; Ted Smith, 2282.

Ernest Messer and Liston B. Ramsey, Democratic incumbents in the N. C. House of Representatives, were unopposed. Ramsey received 3411 votes and Messer received 3385.

In the county's only "courthouse office race", Mrs. Jena Lee Buckner, Democrat, received 3523 votes and V. J. Willis, Republican, received 2269 votes.

Harold Wallin, Democrat, incumbent tax collector, received 3375 votes (with totals from one voting machine still to be added to total). He was unopposed.

Randal Buckner received 362 votes in the non-partisan election for Soil and water Conservation Supervisor. He was unopposed.

Ronald Howell, Democrat, unopposed for Superior Court Judge, 24th District, received 3438 votes.

In the race for 24th District Court Judge, Braswell received 2365 votes and Lacey received 2290 votes. Both Republicans, they were unopposed.

Quick Results
The polls closed at 7:30 p.m. and by 10 p.m., all 11 precincts had reported their results.

It was perhaps the quickest complete unofficial reporting from the precincts in the

county's history in a general election. Interested spectators came to the courtroom to see the results posted on the large blackboards sponsored by The News-Record.

"I couldn't have done it without the cooperation of the Board of Elections and several others who so generously volunteered to help post the election returns at the courthouse Tuesday night," Jim Story, editor of The News Record, commented.

He especially pointed out the fine assistance given by Jerry Plemmons, who was "chalk man" on the boards; Delba Jean Roberts, who kept up with the "stat sheets"; Sharon Ray, executive secretary to

the board of elections, who is always cooperative; and Diane Coates and "Sandy" Hembree who also assisted.



JENA LEE BUCKNER
-Register of Deeds

\$100,000 Allocated For River Cleanup

The Tennessee Valley Authority has allocated \$100,000 for improvement of 117 miles of the French Broad River, including the stretch through Marshall.

The money has been allocated as a grant to the Land of the Sky Commission according to commission executive director Robert Sheppard. The commission serves Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties.

A \$10,000 sum has been set aside to remove the dam at Marshall, if a feasibility study indicates that is warranted.

A TVA engineer has reported that the impoundment backed up by the dam, which is five feet above the river bed, has filled with silt to the top of the dam.

TVA has made available 250 wooden boxes for

homes of wood ducks, which are plentiful along the French Broad. They are about a third the size of regular farm ducks and generally nest in small holes in trees.

Scouts and 4-H Club members will be taught where to place the boxes, to serve as homes for the ducks, along the river.

Several sites for landing canoes are being acquired.

The federally funded project, designed to clean up and develop the French Broad River and its tributaries in the four-county area of Region B, has been praised by local, state and federal officials as one of the most successful projects ever initiated in the region.

Council Chariman William Ives said at the meeting that it goes along with other efforts in the region to clean up and preserve the natural mountain environment in the Region B area, which includes Buncombe, Madison, Henderson and Transylvania counties.

The budget adopted for the river clean-up project appropriates \$30,000 for equipment used in the cleanup, \$30,000 for acquisition of public access points to the river, \$10,000 for dam removal (such as a five-foot dam at Marshall), \$10,000 for river bank stabilization, \$14,500 for administering the program and the remaining funds for developing a "river guide" and wildlife habitat.

ABC Vote Set At Hot Springs

Hot Springs residents will decide December 7 whether they will close the town's ABC Store.

The Hot Springs governing board voted Monday to put the issue before voters in a referendum. The Alcoholic Beverage Control store, owned by the town but controlled and operated under state law, has been controversial in recent months. It is the only one of its kind in Madison County.

Citizens have presented two petitions calling for a referendum on whether the store should be closed. The first was found invalid because not enough of the signers lived within town limits. A second petition was presented to the governing board in August.

County Schools Get Grant

B. L. Edwards, superintendent of schools, has announced that the Madison County schools have been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the State Department of Education.

At Mars Hill College

New Advisory Officers Named

New officers of Mars Hill College's Board of Advisors were named during homecoming activities at Mars Hill recently. The Board of Advisors, established in 1967 by the college's trustees, assists the college in its long range goals of fund raising, student recruitment, and general public relations.

The recommendations of the 100-member board are channeled through the Board of Trustees, which is the official policy-making body of the college. Membership of the advisory board is comprised of interested persons, both alumni and friends of the college, and is not limited to Baptist residents of North Carolina as the trustees are.

In addition to electing new officers, the board adopted a resolution honoring James Westall of Asheville, a board member who died unexpectedly just before the meeting.

The new chairman is Harold Austell, a resident of Greenville, S. C., and sales manager of the F. E. Compton Company. Vice-chairmen include: Region I, Western North Carolina, Jim Hughes, a resident of Asheville and president of the Marmel

Corporation which includes Hughes Tire Distributors, the Downtown Tire Center, and Veloce Tire Sales of Asheville; Region II, North Piedmont, Bruce Hudson, a resident of Hickory, and a member of Clark Tire Company, Region III, South Piedmont, Mrs. Graham V. Lawrence, a Charlotte educator; Region

IV, Eastern North Carolina, Dr. Luby Royall Jr., a Smithfield optometrist; Region V, out-of-state, Owen Tilson, a resident of Greenville, S. C. and a sales manager with Graybar Electric Company; and secretary-treasurer, Manly Wright, an Asheville resident and vice president of the Northwestern Bank there.

ASC Tobacco Marketing Cards Available Nov. 8

The ASCS Office will begin issuing 1976 burley tobacco marketing cards on Nov. 8, announced W. B. Zink, county executive director of ASCS.

Farmers are asked to come into the office to pick up their marketing card and file a certification as to the use or

non-use of the chemicals DDT, TDE, toxaphene and endrin.

"If farmers send someone to pick up their card, they must send a written request signed by themselves giving us authority to issue the card and also authorization for that person to certify to the non-use of the above chemicals," said Zink.

"By asking our farmers to come in to get their marketing cards it will give us the opportunity to answer any questions our farmers may have and explain the purpose and proper use of the card," added Zink. Personally explaining the proper use of the card will hopefully prevent misuse and violations.

Following are some important facts farmers should know about the marketing of tobacco: 1. Pounds marketed above 110 percent of the farm quota are subject to a marketing quota penalty and are not eligible for price support. All tobacco marketed must be recorded on the marketing card. 2. Tobacco marketed above 100 percent of the farm quota will be deducted from the farm quota for the following year. Likewise, tobacco marketed under farm quota, up to 100 percent of farm quota, will be added to the farm's quota the following year. 3. Do not permit anyone to market tobacco on the card which was produced on another farm. 4.

warehouse (except where card is needed by owner or operator to effect a transfer of quota). Any tobacco left at the warehouse is considered marketed and is subject to penalty even though you are not paid for the tobacco. 5. Cards must be picked up from the warehouse at the time payment is received for the tobacco. 6. Examine the marketing card and sale bills after each sale to see that the sale was correctly recorded. Report any error to the ASCS Marketing Recorder at the

warehouse or to the local ASCS office. 7. As soon as marketings are complete, return the marketing card to the county ASCS office. 8. If an error results in your selling above 110 percent of the farm quota, or tobacco is marketed on the card that was produced on another farm, you can be held responsible for payment of marketing quota penalties at 79 cents per pound and the next quota established for the farm may be reduced. 9. If the marketing card is used to market tobacco produced on

another farm or if tobacco produced on this farm is identified on the marketing card for another farm, the person involved may be subject to prosecution under Title 18, Section 1001 of the U. S. Criminal Code which provides for a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both.

In conclusion, Zink stated that the county office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Child Care Funding Under Council Fire

The child care programs in Madison County were discussed at a meeting of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council last week with the council continuing its strong stand against separately administered child care programs. The action involved the Head Start funding proposal.

The council adopted a resolution that recommends disapproval of a \$436,265 continuation grant if the Head Start program in Madison County fails to follow previous recommendations made by the agency in September.

The Head Start program is

operated in Buncombe and Madison counties by the Opportunity Corporation, while a separate child development program is operated by the two counties under an Appalachian Regional Commission grant, it was stated.

Questions raised in review of grant proposals for the two programs have centered around possible duplication of services.

On Sept. 23 the regional council adopted recommendations of a study committee on the two programs that call for the programs to be placed under a single director in Madison County. The same resolution recommended continuation of separately operated child development programs in Buncombe County.

Other stipulations in the action taken at last week's meeting on the Head Start continuation grant included a request for a progress report on implementation of the recommendations by the November meeting of the council and that all of the recommendations be agreed to and implemented prior to Jan. 1, 1977.

Cards must be presented at the warehouse when tobacco is weighed. If not, remain in custody of the warehouse until payment is made or until the tobacco is returned from the



MARSHALL DAY CARE children enjoyed touring the town last Friday morning on their annual "trick-or-treat" trip. About 25 of

the youngsters with their leaders are shown above, visiting the News-Record office.

Swine Flu Shots Given Each Friday

The Madison County Health Department announced this week that Swine Flu shots will be given each Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the health department.

To obtain a flu vaccine, visit