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Madison County Steals YDC Show

Liston Ramsey Lauded For Service To Party

By JIM STORY

An estimated 150 Madison County young (and older) Democrats attended the Young Democrats of North Carolina installation banquet held at the Inn on the Plaza in Asheville Saturday night.

The feature of the banquet was the installation of Larry Leake of Asheville as president of the North Carolina Young Democrat clubs. Leake, a native of Walnut, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Leake of Asheville, formerly of Walnut. He was installed by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Top North Carolina officials present included, in addition to Gov. Hunt, Congressman Lamar Gudger of the 11th District; John Ingram, commissioner of insurance and Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate; former Congressman Roy A. Taylor; Jim Graham, commissioner of agriculture; Rufus Edmisten, attorney general; Jimmy Green, lieutenant governor; Mrs. Betty McCain, chairperson, N.C. Democratic Party; and past, present and future YDC officers and delegations of YDC members from throughout North Carolina. YDC members and officials from other states were also present, as were several members of the N.C. Senate and House of Representatives, including Liston Ramsey of Marshall and Ernest Messer of Canton.

An estimated 700 persons crowded the spacious ballroom for installation ceremonies following a reception in honor of Mrs. Betty McCain in the Delmonico Room. Wayne McDevitt of Marshall, 11th District YDC chairman, presided at the reception.

Prior to the reception a press conference was held in the Colonnade Suite.

Sen. Adlai Stevenson III of Illinois was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

In his text he said: "It's time for Congress and the American people to get behind President Carter — and it's time for Carter to give the American people a foreign policy and a global vision the country can support with confidence and unity."

He said Carter should remember Teddy Roosevelt's

policy — "a soft voice and a big stick."

"His remarks are at times unpremeditated and, it seems, motivated by an excessive confidence in the infallibility of his decency," Stevenson said.

Stevenson, who followed a long list of speakers including Gov. Jim Hunt, who installed the YDC officers, didn't get to the podium until 10:30 p.m.

In his text, he said the Carter administration at times appears divided, "usually because amateurs in high places talk too much."

In his opening remarks to the overflow banquet gathering, Stevenson remarked that North Carolina Democrats also talk too much.

It's a good thing, he observed, that they are not all members of the U.S. Senate.

MADISON PREDOMINANT
From beginning to end, Madison County Young Democrats were predominant at the banquet.

Cheryl Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeves of Marshall, sang several selections including "The Lord's Prayer," as the invocation. She also sang the benediction to close the banquet. She was accompanied at the organ by Charles Huey of Marshall.

Gov. Hunt, a former YDC president, officially installed Larry Leake as president of the North Carolina Young Democrat clubs. Leake was given a standing ovation as the governor praised the young Marshall native for his outstanding and devoted services with the 11th District

YDC clubs.

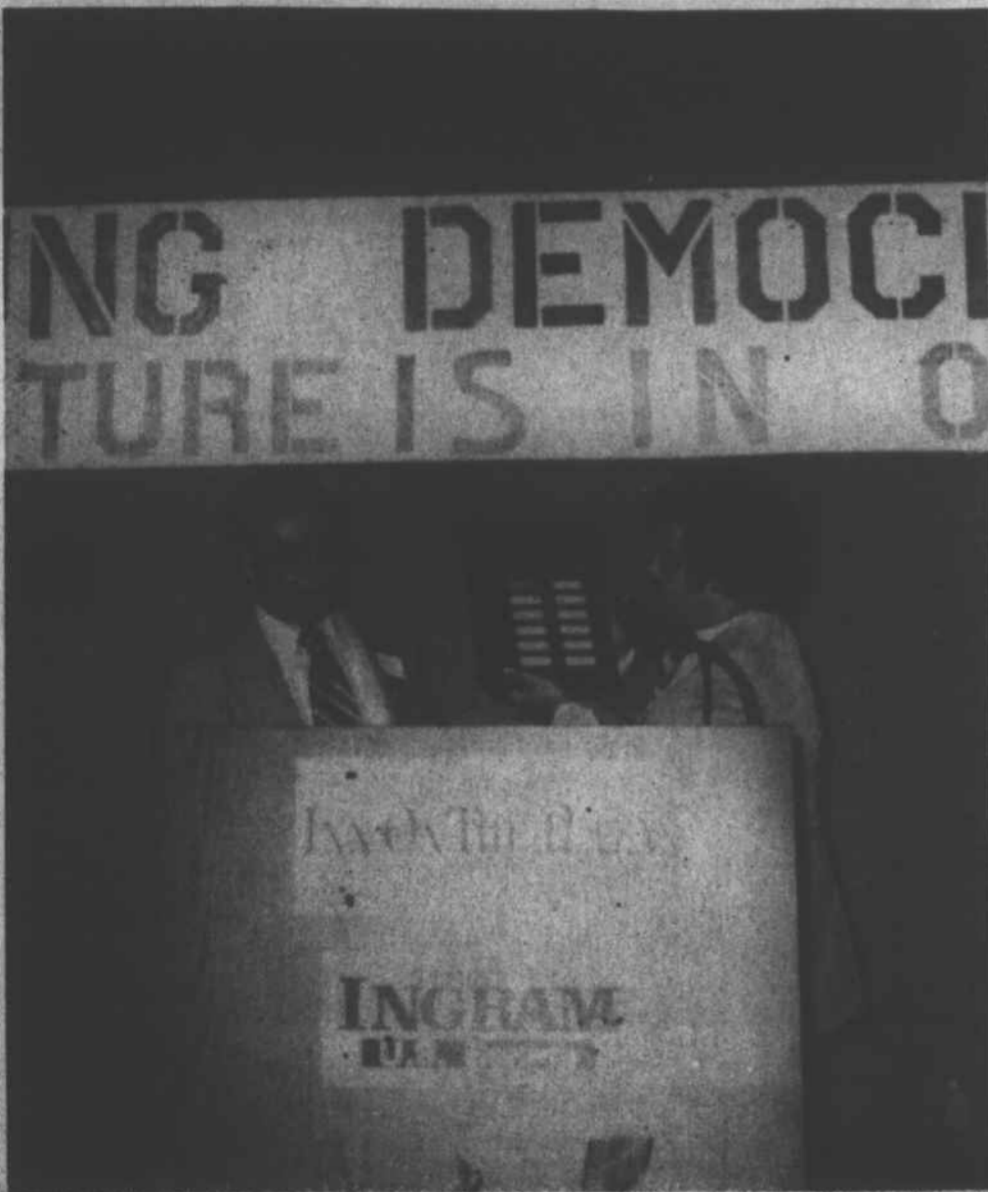
"When Larry Leake was elected chairman of the Young Democrats of the 11th Congressional District in the fall of 1973, there were only four active county Young Democrat clubs in the 11th. He continued in the role of district chairman for the 11th Congressional District until the Spring of 1976, at which time he was elected national committeeman for the YDNC, and by that time, the Young Democrats of the 11th

Congressional District were recognized as the best organized and most influential congressional district in the Young Democrats. He continued in the same aggressive and dedicated role of leadership as national committeeman, both at the national and state level. Under his leadership, the future of the Young Democrats of North Carolina is indeed bright," Gov. Hunt said.

Gov. Hunt also appointed

Leake to the Long Range Policy and Goals Board of North Carolina.

Leake spoke briefly following his installation as president and praised the fine accomplishments of prior officers and members throughout North Carolina, particularly in the 11th District. Among other remarks, he pledged to do his best as president and called for assistance from other



REP. LISTON B. RAMSEY of Marshall is shown receiving the first annual Roy A. Taylor Service Award presented by Wayne McDevitt of Marshall, 11th District YDC chairman.



THREE VIPS — Mrs. Betty McCain, chairperson N.C. Democratic Party; Larry Leake; and Gov. Jim Hunt; enjoy chatting at the speakers' table.

Franklin Charged With Norton Murder

Freddie Franklin, 28, of the Shelton Laurel section of Madison County, remains in jail here charged with the murder of Quenton Norton, 58, also of the Shelton Laurel section.

The incident occurred on June 29 at the home of Franklin about 9 p.m. following a shooting argument between the two men, Sheriff Ponder stated.

Norton was struck by a shot

while the men were shooting at each other, Ponder said. Norton was struck in the side of the body and was rushed to a Greenville, Tenn., hospital. Franklin was arrested and charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent and was placed in jail here. Norton's condition was reported as satisfactory at first but he died in the hospital on July 10.

When Norton died, the charge was changed to

murder instead of ADWI, Ponder said.

Franklin remains in jail in default of \$50,000 bond.

Sheriff Ponder stated that there were 6-8 eye witnesses to the shooting. Ponder stated that the two men were neighbors, and kin by marriage, and complete details of the cause of the shooting was not yet known.

Franklin is scheduled to be arraigned here on July 28, Ponder said.

Food Stamp Office Recaps Pilot Year

By MRS. LIB ROBERTS

The Madison County food stamp office has completed its first year as one of 11 counties in North Carolina selected as a "pilot county," funded by the state legislature through House Bill 1154, "An Act to Improve the Administration of the Food Stamp Program in North Carolina." The ultimate goal is to increase participation in the pilot counties to 75 percent of those people in the county identified as being eligible. The sum of \$150,000 was set aside to be used for the fiscal year of 1977-78. This sum was matched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

From our share of these funds, we have hired one eligibility worker, one outreach worker and an insurance clerk-receptionist; purchased some much-needed equipment; remodeled the building; and leased a four-wheel drive nine-passenger van.

During the coming month we hope to set up a transportation schedule for those



HARD AT WORK — Citizens of Greater Ivy community (Township 4) volunteered some extra time and work recently to plant shrubbery in front of the

Greater Ivy Community Center. A large flower was planted in addition to other improvements in the clubs which are competing in the Western North Carolina Beautiful contest was discussed, and all community

More Wilderness? Majority Objects

An overflow crowd jammed the 300-seat Belk Building auditorium at Mars Hill College Monday night to express feelings on the wilderness controversy.

John Wallace, district ranger at Hot Springs who presided at the meeting, termed the meeting as "very good, productive and informative," and expressed his gratitude at the respect shown the speakers, both pro and con on the issue.

The two and a half hour meeting consisted of explanations, plans and alternatives by Walt Rule, information officer, National Forests of North Carolina, and Chuck Hanson, recreation staff officer. Rule also showed a movie on National Forests, and Henson discussed the environmental impact and alternatives.

The meeting could not be described as completely peaceful, but there was no

violence or major disorder. There were mild demonstrations, several pickets outside with placards and occasional "cat calls" made inside by many who opposed the wilderness plan which involves some 3,500 acres in Madison County.

Most of the speakers against the plan were said to have been from Yancey and Mitchell counties with several of the commissioners from the two counties (Yancey and Mitchell) present.

It was estimated after a standing vote of those for and against the wilderness plan that about 15-25 percent of the adults present were in favor of the plan and about 30-40 percent of the speakers favored the plan. However, a large majority of those present were anti-wilderness.

The 15 speakers, both pro and con, were limited to three minutes each.

The majority of the meeting involved a question and answer session with speakers and others voicing convincing opinions.

Most of the audience was anti-wilderness but were, for

the most part, courteous to the officials and those who favored the wilderness plan.

The Roadless Area Review Evaluation (RARE II) sessions in Mars Hill and Hayesville Monday night followed meetings held earlier in Morganton, Franklin and Waynesville.

Monday Meet To Explain

Medical Units

Tom Wallin, president of the Hot Springs health program, announced that an important membership meeting will be held next Monday in the Hot Springs Elementary School, beginning at 8 p.m.

All members of the Laurel, Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Walnut-Marshall communities are urged to attend.

"This will give you a chance to ask questions concerning the operations of the program and meet all of the board members and the staffs from the three medical units," Wallin commented.

Let Prison Labor Work All Roads, Council Suggests

Madison County Community Council will recommend that roadside work by prison labor be extended to all of Madison County. The request in the form of a resolution sent to state officials of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Transportation is the result of a successful experience in the Greater Ivy area.

Road improvements throughout the county were cited in reports heard at the bimonthly meeting of the council on July 8. Progress in the clubs which are competing in the Western North Carolina Beautiful contest was discussed, and all community

groups were invited to enter the county contest which has no deadline. County judging dates will be the week of July 31.

Dr. Larry Stern, president, announced that Awards Night for Madison County will be Nov. 2, and the invitation of Greater Ivy community was accepted for the place of meeting. The next meeting of the Madison County Community Council will be Sept. 7 at the HUD meeting room in Marshall at 7 p.m.

A study of the National Neighborhood Watch Program and "Community Watch in North Carolina" is planned.

1977 Tax Report

Harold Wallin, Madison County tax collector, this week issued the following figures on taxes collected and other data for 1977 taxes.

The 1977 taxes collected as of July 17 is \$993,429.33. This is 96.14 percent of the 1977 taxes

collected. The total amount of delinquent taxes collected this year is \$63,067.77. Penalties, interests and costs collected is a total of \$18,748.87. Total amount of all taxes collected is \$1,075,245.97.