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Election Probe Continues

State Bureau of Investigation agents returned to Madison County last week to take handwriting samples from five county election officials to determine who, if anyone, recorded a fraudulent vote during the May 2 primary election.

The handwriting samples are to be analyzed in connection with a continuing probe of voting irregularities here by the SBI and the state Board of Elections.

At a hearing held here in July by the state board, witnesses testified that James F. Shelton, a county resident, was recorded as voting in the Spring Creek precinct, although an affidavit shows that he was working in Tennessee on that date and did not vote.

The handwriting samples were taken from five men who supervised the primary voting at the precinct, although officials releasing the story

mentioned no names.

Jim Wallace, deputy state attorney general, said the samples were obtained on the authorization of Superior Court Judge Ronald Howell, who was the subject of a hotly contested primary race for renomination with Boone attorney Charles Lamm, who lost to Howell.

Kenneth Babb, a Winston-Salem attorney and chairman of the state Elections Board who conducted the hearing, said the results of the board and the SBI's investigation could result in the removal of members of the county Elections Board.

Babb said in July that a second hearing would be held to determine if any local member would be removed.

Babb said that a second hearing will be held in Madison County, but he said a date for that hearing is still to be set.

Wallace said he did not

know how soon the results of the handwriting analyses would be available to investigators, but he said SBI

agents were in Madison County all week gathering additional information in the continuing probe.

Democrats Submit Two Board Choices

The Madison County Democratic Executive Committee met last Saturday night at the courthouse for the purpose of submitting two names to the state board should a vacancy or vacancies arise in the current board.

A spokesman of the committee stated Tuesday morning that the names of John A. Hensley and Oscar McDevitt, both of Marshall, were submitted to Mrs. Betty McCain, chairperson of the state Democratic Executive Committee.

The spokesman said that of Tuesday morning, the present chairman, Marvin Ball, had not resigned as chairman of the county board. There have been conflicting reports concerning Ball's resignation.

In addition to executive board members several Democratic candidates and a few other citizens attended the meeting Saturday night, the spokesman said.

W.T. (Bill) Moore, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, presided. Zeno H. Ponder is secretary of the committee.

Kresge Gives MH \$100,000 For Building

A \$100,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., has been awarded Mars Hill College to be used in the completion of the school's new administration building, Blackwell Hall.

The Kresge Foundation was created in 1924 by the personal gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge and is not affiliated or associated with any other

corporation or organization. Since its inception, appropriations in excess of \$311 million have been made to institutions in the fields of higher education, health services, the arts, social welfare, and the care of the young and old.

The foundation awards funds primarily toward the construction or major renovation of facilities and generally requires the raising of additional funds on a matching basis. Under the terms of Mars Hill's grant, the college will have to raise the balance required for the completion of the building before the end of the year. That amount is approximately \$115,000.

The new building, centrally located on the 150-acre campus, will house the college's major administrative offices, currently located around campus in three buildings. Three stories in height, the new structure will be finished in the red

brick common to the college's other buildings.

The building's namesake is Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, alumnus and president emeritus who served Mars Hill for 38 years, 28 of those years as president. In the period known as "the Blackwell years," Mars Hill experienced an unprecedented time of both academic and physical growth. Eleven major buildings as well as extensive landscaping were completed under Dr. Blackwell's administration. He also led the transition from junior college to a full four-year, degree-granting senior institution.

In announcing the grant, Mars Hill President Dr. Fred B. Bentley stated, "That the Kresge Foundation elected to support Mars Hill in such a significant manner is a tribute to the trustees, advisors, and friends of Mars Hill College who have put forth a great effort to make the Blackwell administration building a reality."

Registration Deadline Set For October 9

By SHARON RAY
Superintendent
Of Elections

In order to vote in the Nov. 7 general election, a person must be registered or transferred by 5 p.m. on Oct. 9. The office of the Madison County Board of Elections, located on Main Street in Marshall, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., telephone 649-3731.

You may register to vote in Madison County if you are: 1) a citizen of the United States; 2) a person 18 years of age, or will become 18 years of age by the date of the election; 3) a legal resident of the state of North Carolina and Madison County for 30 days by the date of the election; 4) a person convicted of a felony whose citizenship rights have been restored.

Registration is free, permanent and continuous. You need to register, transfer, or re-register only if you: 1) have not registered in Madison County before, 2) have moved

to a different voting precinct since you registered, 3) wish to change your party affiliation, 4) have changed your name, and 5) have been removed from the active registration records for failure to vote in four consecutive years.

There are three officials in each precinct also authorized to register voters. You may obtain the names and phone numbers of those officials in your precinct by calling the Board of Elections' office. One may also register with any member of the Madison County Board of Elections.

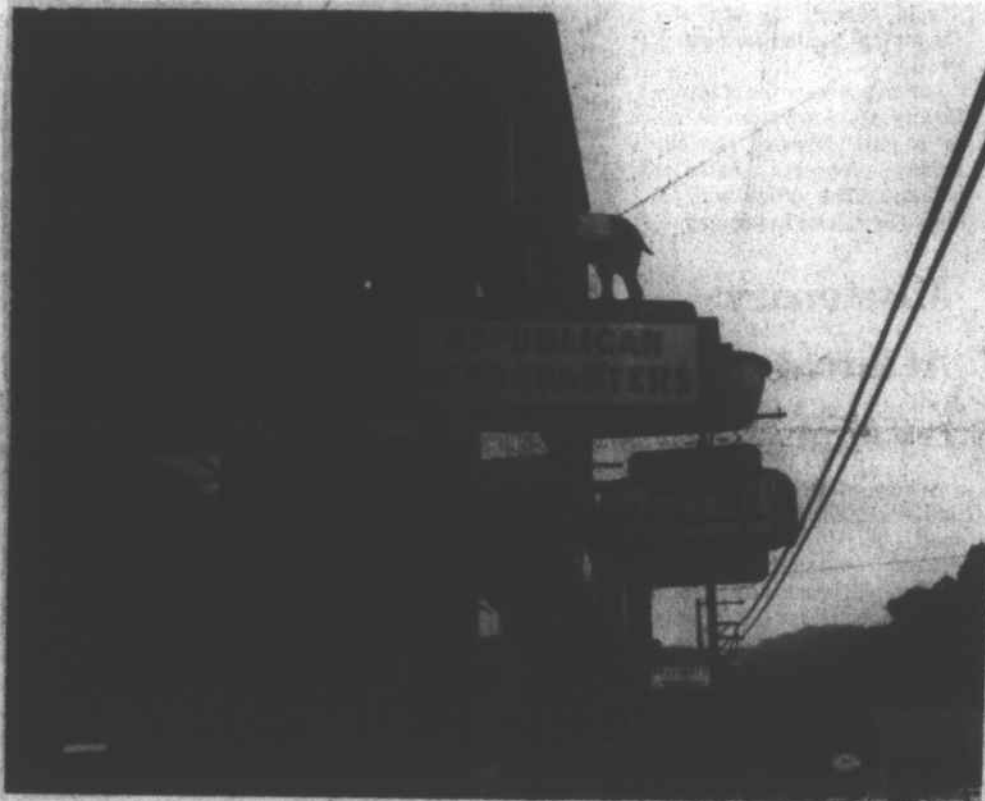
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
If you are registered in Madison County and are unable to vote in person on election day due to illness, physical disability, or absence from the county, you may apply for an absentee ballot from the Board of Elections.

The Board of Elections will begin receiving applications for absentee ballots on Sept. 8. You may apply for an absentee ballot during normal office hours from Sept. 8 through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1. If you become ill after the 5 p.m., Nov. 1, deadline, you may obtain an application by written request signed by you or a near relative before 10 a.m. on the day preceding the election. The application must be signed by you or a near relative, one witness and an attending physician.

One-stop absentee voting allows a voter to go to the Board of Elections office, fill out an application, receive an absentee ballot, then vote in the office. Those finding it inconvenient to travel to the Elections Office may request, or have a near relative request (spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, or grandparent) in writing, an application for an absentee ballot by writing the Madison County Board of Elections at P.O. Box 142, Marshall 28753. You are a near relative, designated by you, may also go to the office in person and apply for an absentee ballot.

Persons needing to vote by absentee ballot are reminded that making early application should insure against technical error.

For further information regarding registration, and absentee voting, call the office of the Madison County Board of Elections at 649-3731.



REPUBLICAN headquarters were recently opened on Main Street in Marshall on the second floor over the Thrift Store. The

headquarters will be opened daily, and the public is invited to visit them.

Hot Springs Health Program Schedule

The Hot Springs Health Program, made up of the Hot Springs Clinic, Laurel Clinic, and the new Marshall-Walnut Clinic, is beginning a new year serving the people of these areas. Michael Norins, director of the program, provides the following schedules for the different clinics, plus information about emergency aid on nights and weekends. Dr. Norins is also available for information and problems about the operation of the clinics. He may be reached at Hot Springs: 622-3245. There will be suggestion boxes placed at each clinic for comments or complaints by

citizens. The board of directors is also listed. Their function is to establish overall policy and to serve as a link between the people and the board. Clinic schedules are as follows:
Hot Springs, phone 622-3245, open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday:
Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dan Kirchberg, physician's assistant;
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dr. Ned Kelly, M.D.; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dr. Kelly.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Kirchberg; 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Dr. Kelly.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Kirchberg; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dr. Rolf Kolden, M.D.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Kirchberg.
Laurel, phone 656-2611, open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Lou Zeller, physician's assistant.
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mrs. Myra Zeller, family nurse practitioner; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dr. Kolden.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mr. Zeller.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5

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Elderly InSTITUTE Funded

An \$18,000 grant under Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 has been received by Mars Hill College and will be used to establish the Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at the college.

LIFE will offer stimulating on-campus learning experiences at the college through the use of non-credit courses, field trips, discussion groups, "rap sessions" with students and free access to the library, special collections, and other college facilities. Participants will be encouraged to lunch in the college cafeteria. In addition, special programs in the form of lectures, concerts and seminars will be featured in the afternoons.

Two courses will be offered during the fall semester. The first will start Sept. 26 and will end Oct. 31. "Appalachian Roots: A Study in Genealogy and Local History" will be taught by Dr. Harley Jolley, professor of history at Mars Hill. The class will meet each Tuesday during the period, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Appalachian Room of Memorial Library.

The second course will start Nov. 7 and end Dec. 12. "Appalachian Music and Dance" will be taught by Mrs. Lou Therrell, assistant professor of education at the college. It will also meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Appalachian Room.

The cost for both the courses is \$5; however, no person will be excluded from participation if he or she is unable to pay the fee. The activities are open to persons over 50. For further information contact Raymond C. Rapp, coordinator of programs for the aging, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill 28754 or call 689-1324.

Woman Beech Glen Meet Looks At History

Men and women of Madison County and surrounding counties will gather in the Beech Glen Community Center at 7:30 on Sept. 14 to discuss the "History of the American Woman - An Overview." The guest speaker will be Dr. Alice Mathews, chairperson of the history department of Western Carolina University.

A student and teacher of colonial American history, Alice Mathews has written on "Society in Revolutionary North Carolina." After

beginning her teaching career at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee in 1968, she extended her professional interests to woman's history, partly because of her own identity as both a historian and a woman. Dr. Mathews, who received her Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley in 1968, regularly teaches woman's history, has directed a non-credit women's studies program, and in the spring of 1979, will jointly teach a course concerned with the regional literature by and about Appalachian women.

The local panel of respondents will include Mary Lee Smith, Hot Springs; Wills Wyatt, Mars Hill; and Dorothy Shupe, Walnut.

This is the first in a series of public forums on the theme "Images of Appalachian Women." The forums are sponsored by the Council on Appalachian Women Inc. and local community organizations. The council was established to define the needs and design programs to meet the needs of the women

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DR. ALICE MATHEWS

French Broad Week

The second annual French Broad River Awareness Week, sponsored by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council and other interested agencies, will be held next week.

The week is planned as a special attempt to alert citizens in the French Broad River area of the history, problems and potential of the river as a valuable resource.

Activities for the week include a week-long river exhibition and film festival at the Asheville Mall, a "Friends of the River" awards dinner, and a two-day conference Sept. 12 and 13, consisting of mobile workshops, field trips and a variety of guest speakers. Conference topics include water research in the mountains, land application of industrial wastewater, agricultural conservation and clean water and stream bank stabilization.

One of the scheduled events includes country music and fireworks by the French Broad River in Marshall.

Elderly Health Care Workshop On Friday

"Health Related Problems of the Elderly" is the title of a workshop Mars Hill College will produce for Land of Sky Regional Council on Friday. The workshop, the final in a series of 10, is free of charge to individuals working on a professional or voluntary basis with the elderly or students preparing to work with the elderly in the Region B area of Madison, Buncombe, Transylvania and Henderson counties. It will be

held at the Land of Sky offices on Heritage Drive in Asheville from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. According to Raymond C. Rapp, coordinator of programs for the aging at Mars Hill College, the following general topics will be covered: physical changes and diseases associated with aging; the causes and treatment of long term as well as temporary disorientation; and health care resources available for the elderly.

Mrs. Linda Mashburn, director of allied health program at the college, will be the instructor for the workshop. According to her, the most common disorder in elderly people is mental confusion or disorientation. Since temporary mental confusion can be the symptom of disease or an overdose of medicine as well as a variety of other causes, it is extremely important for those who work with older adults to detect this

symptom and understand its possible causes. It is possible for those who work with the elderly to retard long-term confusion with the proper approach.

Mrs. Mashburn will also describe what a good health supervisor for the elderly should be and resources available in the four-county area of Region B for achieving this will be listed. Suggestions for programs to educate elderly people in their health

care needs will also be offered.

The 10 workshops Mars Hill has produced in cooperation with Land of Sky Regional Council have been funded through a \$4,000 Title IV-A Older Americans Act grant. For further information on this workshop or other programs for older adults, contact Raymond Rapp at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill 28754, or telephone 689-1324. Mrs. Jean Tullis, program

administrator for the aging at the Land of Sky offices, or any member of Mars Hill's education advisory committee. These members are Ralph Williams and Mrs. Margaret McHenry in Broadway; Dr. Robert G. Derrico and Robert Derrico in Hendersonville; Mrs. Frank Palmer in Hendersonville; Mrs. Mary Ann Smith in Marshall; and Mrs. Jean Tullis, program