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Election Board Selects Franklin, Zink

Another chapter in the history of Madison County has been written with the announcement Monday from the state Board of Elections that Patricia "Pat" Franklin of Marshall, a Democrat, and William B. "Bill" Zink Jr. of Mars Hill, a Republican, had been picked as the two new members of the Madison County Board of Elections.

The two new members will be sworn in this Thursday, replacing Harold Ammons, acting chairman; and L. Roger Swann, both of Mars Hill. Judson Edwards, clerk of court, will administer the oaths at the courthouse.

The first meeting of the new board is scheduled to be held this Friday.

McDevitt, however, has served notice that he will be out of town for about two weeks, so the election of a

chairman and a secretary could be postponed by the Madison County Board of Elections, it was reported.

Alex K. Brock, state elections director, informed the News Record Monday that R. Kenneth Babb of Winston-Salem, state elections chairman, had notified him of the state board's decision to appoint Mrs. Franklin and Zink to the county board.

Certificates of appointment were mailed Monday to Mrs.

Franklin and Zink, Brock said.

Both Ammons and Swann have protested their removal, which followed the resignation of Marvin Ball of Marshall as chairman of the three-member board.

Ball resigned in August following a probe by the SBI into alleged election fraud during the May 2 primaries.

He was replaced on the board by Oscar McDevitt, who was recommended to the state

elections board by the Democratic Party leaders at the county and state levels.

But since Ammons and Swann did not resign, their replacements were picked by the state board without consultation with the Democratic and Republican Party leaders.

A hearing was held a week ago in Raleigh on their removal, but they were asked to serve until their replacements were picked.

Both Brock and Babb said the state board found no evidence of criminal violations in the investigation of Ammons and Swann. Brock said the findings of the state board would likely show that Ammons and Swann were replaced for "acts of omission" rather than overt illegal acts.

Swann has argued, however, that it was he who brought the alleged voting irregularities in Madison

County to the attention of the SBI and the state Board of Elections.

Mrs. Franklin, 29, is child support enforcement officer for Madison and Yancey counties and serves on the Madison County Social Services Board.

She will be required to resign from the social services board when she is sworn in Thursday as a member of the board of elections.

A native of Madison County,

she organized the chapter here of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a women's service organization, and serves as its president.

Zink, 26, is a small engine and diesel mechanic for Eller Oil Co. in Mars Hill and serves on the Mars Hill Town Board of Elections. He will be required to resign from the municipal elections board when he takes the oath of office as a member of the county board.



VIEW from the Marshall Highway of Blackwell Hall, Mars Hill College's new \$1.5 million administrative building which will be

formally dedicated during homecoming activities Oct. 14.

Celebrate Dedication Highlights Mars Hill Homecoming

Oct. 14 will be a busy day at Mars Hill College. The school will celebrate its annual Homecoming with a full slate of activities during the day and evening.

The highlight of the day's activities will be the formal dedication of Blackwell Hall, the college's new \$1.5 million administrative center.

Ceremonies for the event will begin on a patriotic note at 11 a.m. with the presentation of a new American flag and a new flag pole for the newly landscaped center quadrangle by the Woodmen of the World. Two Asheville chapters will make the presentation.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell, for whom the building is named, will cut a ribbon to the middle floor entrance officially opening the new structure. Dr. Blackwell, president emeritus of the college, served as president from 1938 to 1966. He had also been a member of the faculty at Mars Hill since 1928.

The current president of the college, Dr. Fred B. Bentley, will preside over the festivities. Others participating in the ceremony will be Dr. Otis Duck, Mars Hill physician and chairman of the Board of Trustees; Harold Austell of Greenville, S.C., chairman of the Board of Advisors; and Dr. James Kessaris of Hendersonville, co-president of the Alumni Association.

The new building will allow the major administrative offices of the college to be housed under one roof for the first time in the history of the school. Five areas within the building will give special recognition to individuals or families. The conference center on the first floor will be designated as the Peterman Conference Center in memory of Myron C. Peterman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Peterman Sr. of Asheville. The Development Suite, also on

the first floor, will honor Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carswell of Charlotte. The Admissions Suite of the middle floor will honor the late Carl G. Fox of Hickory. The President's Suite, on the top floor, will honor Mr. and Mrs. Rom Sparks of Charlotte, and the President's Conference Room will pay tribute to the late Mrs. Rose Addie Deaver Logan, who served the college as a trustee for many years.

Other events surrounding the building's dedication include an exhibition of 60 woodblock color prints by famed Japanese artist Ando

Hiroshige. The delicate color prints were completed during the middle of the 19th century and are valued at \$15,000. They were given to the college by Dr. Burt P. Johnson of Cary, who will be on hand to discuss the prints and answer questions about them. The prints will go on exhibit at 8:30 a.m. and may be viewed until 2:30 p.m. in the first floor conference center of the new building.

And additional highlight of the weekend will be the luncheon in the college cafeteria honoring the Alumnus and Alumna of the Year. This year

the college will honor Walter Glenn of Statesville and Mrs. Jeanne Hoffman.

Mr. Watts, a member of the class of '32 at Mars Hill, recently retired as president of Watts Heating and Plumbing in Statesville. He has served on the Board of Trustees for four terms and has donated his services to the college to help conserve energy by upgrading, the plumbing and heating systems of the school. Watts also holds a degree from Wake Forest, and is a member of the

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McDevitt Takes State Post

R. Wayne McDevitt, 25, a native of Madison County has been named regional manager of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Asheville regional office by Howard N. Lee, NRCD secretary.

McDevitt has been serving as acting director since Aug. 17. Since February of this year, he had been assistant regional manager. He joined NRCD last October as a community development specialist in the regional office.

As manager, McDevitt will coordinate delivery of services by various programs in the Asheville office, which serve 18 Western North Carolina counties. Programs include environmental management, community assistance, recreation consulting, sedimentation control and dam safety.

McDevitt previously had been with the Madison County Recreation Department, a teacher and coach at Madison High School and with the Department of Social Services in Madison County.

From 1973-74 he was chief of the staff for James Ramsey, then speaker of the House in the N.C. General Assembly.

McDevitt was graduated from UNC-Asheville in 1975 with a B.A. in political science and government administration. He has taken various additional government courses at the University of North Carolina, North



WAYNE McDEVITT

Carolina State University and Oxford University in England. McDevitt is on the board of directors of the Governor's Western Residence Association and Thomas Wolfe Jaycees in Asheville.

Counties served by the regional office are Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey.

"Wayne McDevitt is a person familiar with the problems, opportunities and many residents of Western North Carolina. He is interested in assisting the people in that area. I would urge people in Western North Carolina to contact him for help from our department," Lee said. "The regional office managers are a direct extension of my immediate staff, and their requests to my staff, others in the department and me are given top priority."

McDevitt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McDevitt of Marshall.

County CETA Program Gets \$115,130 Boost

The Madison County Board of Commissioners has been awarded \$115,130 to provide residents of the county employment and training services, Secy. Howard N. Lee of Natural Resources and

Community Development announced today.

The two programs are funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and operated under contract with the state's Division of Community Employment.

Under Title I of the act, youth programs are aimed at potential dropouts or unemployed dropouts who are economically disadvantaged. Young people are given jobs, counseling and career education as encouragement to finish high school. Unemployed and economically

disadvantaged adults are provided jobs and a change to complete or improve their education and occupational skills.

One contract, with a budget of \$89,130, will provide 12 adults with work experience as aides in child care, nutrition, carpentry, and maintenance. Participants in this program will also have access to classes in orientation and motivation offered in Madison County.

Youth work experience, with a budget of \$26,000, will place 25 young people into jobs as aides in recreation,

maintenance and health field. Program participants are provided job development and placement.

The Division of Community Employment is an agency of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development which administers CETA funds in 87 counties. It is also responsible for statewide planning and policy development of employment and training programs. Last year the division administered \$74.5 million in CETA funds for programs in which 52,309 participants were enrolled.

Greyhound Discontinuance Petition Filed

Greyhound Lines Inc. has petitioned the North Carolina Utilities Commission to discontinue, permanently, passenger service now serving Hot Springs and Marshall in Madison County as well as several other locations in the North Carolina-Tennessee area.

The petition states "that there is very little use of the service over said portion... and the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by allowing such service to be discontinued."

Dennis E. Sovel, transportation rates division, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, has announced that a public hearing will be held Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the courthouse in Marshall.

Any comments or protests to this action should be written and addressed to: North Carolina Utilities Commission, Chief Clerk, Attn: B-7, Sub 94, P.O. Box 991, Raleigh 27602.

State Allocates \$52,446 For Madison Streets

Madison County's three towns have been allocated \$52,446 from N.C. Powell Bill funds with which to build and maintain streets this fiscal year.

Mars Hill gets the most with \$25,021. Marshall gets \$15,336 and Hot Springs receives \$12,109.

Marshall has 6.45 miles of streets not maintained by state government; Mars Hill has 6.91 miles, and Hot Springs, 3.14 miles. The number of residents boosts Mars Hill's share; that town has an estimated 2,040 residents compared to 1,090 in Marshall and 640 in Hot

Springs. Each year the Powell Bill returns to qualified municipalities one cent of North Carolina's 9 1/4 cent state motor fuel tax and requires that these funds be disbursed by no later than Oct. 1.

"The checks were prepared," explained Secretary Bradshaw, "on the basis of the allocation formula prescribed by the 'street aid legislation.' The formula reflects the population of the community and its local street mileage.

"This year's sum of \$33,502,142.52 is the largest amount ever returned to

North Carolina communities under the Powell Bill provisions. In fact, it is nearly \$1.5 million more than last year's record disbursement," Bradshaw added.

"Sharing these resources is another example of our partnership with the communities we serve in our joint effort to meet transportation needs locally as well as statewide," the transportation secretary said.

From this year's Powell Bill funds, the largest single check went to the city of Charlotte. Charlotte's allocation of \$3,813,424.29 was based on a population figure of 306,230 and a local street mileage figure of 1,117.76.

Vote Registration Deadline Monday

The registration deadline for persons not already registered to vote and who will become 18 years of age, and are otherwise qualified by the date of the Nov. 7 General Election is Oct. 9 closing at 5 p.m.

The office of the Madison County Board of Elections is open Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for the convenience of those who are employed or attend school, etc., the office located on Main Street in Marshall, will be open all day Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 is also the deadline for transferring your registration to another precinct. Registration is also available within the precinct. The names and telephone numbers of the precinct officials may be obtained by calling (704) 644-0723, ext. 100, or by visiting the office of the Madison County Board of Elections, 100 N. Main St., Marshall, N.C. 28753.



MADISON HOMECOMING COURT is shown above with their escorts. Left to right: Laurie Melvin, Jeff Ball; Shannon Joyner, Randy Bishop; Paula Shelton, Doug McDevitt; Beverly Bruce, Billy Lisenbee; Pam Anderson, Tim Metcalf; Felicia Bishop, Roger Shelton; Nan

Ramsey, Bobby Zimmerman; Linda Ray, Foster Sawyer; Sandy Deitz, Eric Fox. Crowning ceremony will take place at halftime of the Mitchell-Madison football game here Friday night. A dance will be held in the cafeteria following the game. (Photo by Jim Story)