

Democrats Sweep Madison Elections

Over 5,000 Madison County voters went to the 11 voting precincts Tuesday, and unofficial returns show that Democrats won all the races with the exception of district attorney. Clyde M. Roberts was unopposed in that race.

The turnout of voters was unusually heavy with about 50 percent of the 10,000 qualified voters going to the polls.

Pat Franklin, chairman of Madison County Board of Elections, commented that the election "went off smoothly with no incidents reported to the board."

According to unofficial returns, Sheriff E.Y. Ponder easily defeated his Republican opponent, William E. Powell III, 3,360 to 1,936, thus leading the ticket for total votes.

One of the most interesting races was for membership on the Board of Education from District I which includes Mars Hill, Beech Glen, Ebbs Chapel and Grapevine.

Gerald Young received 1,252 votes, Dedrick Cody received 1,180 in the board race. Both Young and Cody are

Democrats. Bill Sears, Republican, ran a strong race, receiving 1,129 votes while Don Hall, Republican, received 689 votes.

In District II, which includes North and South Marshall, Laurel, Walnut, Hot Springs, Spring Creek and Sandy Mush, Ed Gentry, Bobby Ponder and Floyd Wallin, all Democrats, outdistanced their Republican opponents, Bill Hodge, Mrs. Frances C. Ramsey and Gary Sprinkle. Wallin led the Democrats with 1,882 with

Gentry getting 1,875 and Bobby Ponder 1,859. Bill Hodge received 1,043 votes to top the losing candidates.

In the race for tax collector Democrat incumbent Harold Wallin easily defeated Fay Ball, Republican. Wallin received 3,247 to Mrs. Ball's 1,854.

Democrats also swept the commissioners' race with incumbents Ervin Adams, Virginia Anderson and James T. Ledford defeating the Republican opponents, Pat Clemens, Frank Massey and

Perry Willis. Ledford was top vote getter with 3,257 votes while Mrs. Anderson was runner-up with 2,858 votes. Adams received 2,808 votes.

Perry Willis was the top Republican candidate with 2,083 votes and Massey, 1,797 votes.

Jim Cody defeated C.N. Willis for clerk of Superior Court in a comparatively close race. Cody outdistanced Willis 3,029 to 2,141 votes.

Ernest Messer and Liston Ramsey were unopposed in the N.C. House of

Representatives race. Ramsey received 3,099 votes and Messer, 2,983.

I.C. Crawford with 2,892 and Robert Swain with 2,930 chalked up a sizeable victory over Republicans Ed Krause and Joe L. Morgan in the state Senate race. Morgan and Krause were nose to nose in votes with Morgan getting two more votes than Krause, 1,969 to 1,967.

In Madison County, Congressman Lamar Gudger had a tough contest with challenger Curtis Ratcliff but

came out victorious 3,036 to 2,164.

In the "big one" John Ingram defeated Jesse Helms in Madison County 2,907 to 2,233.

In the non-partisan soil and water conservation district board of supervisors, Jack Landers received 788 votes and Emery Metcalf, 784 votes.

Judge Ron Howell, who was unopposed for judge of Superior Court, received 1,825 votes.

The courtroom was filled to capacity as returns were

received by the board of elections. Mars Hill was the first precinct to report, and Ebbs Chapel was last to come in.

In what first appeared to be a "fast pace" turned into a slow pace as the packed courtroom patiently waited. However, much credit should be given the members of the board of elections and other individuals who assisted in the tedious task of tabulating, checking and double checking the long list of candidates on the ballot.

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'78 Awards For Community Development Are Presented

By JIM STORY

More than 100 persons attended the annual Madison County Community Awards dinner held last Thursday night in the Greater Ivy Community Center at Beech Glen.

The enjoyable occasion was sponsored by the Madison County Extension Department in cooperation with the Western North Carolina Development organization.

Dr. Grover L. Angel, one of the leaders in the program involving development and beautification, welcomed the members of the various clubs, guests and visitors.

Following a bountiful and delicious dinner prepared by the center's kitchen staff headed by Mrs. Maria Cox, Mrs. Lucille Burnette gave the invocation.

Earle Wise, director of the county extension service, introduced the guest speaker, Tom Hobgood, area leader of Community Resources Development, Raleigh.

Hobgood praised the various county clubs and leaders for the excellent work they had accomplished in the past years and pointed out the importance of successful planning and then seeing the goals accomplished.

"Leadership is essential and involvement of individuals is also imperative in order to improve the development and beautification of communities," he said.

He stated three special goals for which to strive, namely, to do better and better and to succeed in desired accomplishments will leave your children a better community in which to live and would inspire future

adults in improving Madison County.

"Take advantage of your opportunities and follow the example these men and women who have done so much," he stated.

Hobgood exclaimed about the beauties of the mountains and particular Madison County. He stated that the 600 miles he drove to attend the annual meeting was a pleasant trip, featured by the fall colors of the trees. "You people should appreciate the many blessings you have in these beautiful mountains," he concluded.

Larry Stern, president of the Madison County Development Council, recognized the donors who made the awards program possible. The donors included Asheville Federal Savings and Loan, French Broad EMC, First Union National Bank, Wachovia Bank, Northwestern Bank, and Farm Credit Service.

The presentation of awards was made by John Corbett, president of the French Broad EMC Board of Directors. Mrs. Juanita Adcock conducted the election of new officers.

Vernon Ponder of the Upper Laurel community was elected president; Aaron Spruce of the Bull Creek community was elected vice-president; and Mrs. Ernestine Plemmons of the Walnut community was re-elected secretary.

WINNERS CHOSEN Community Development winners (Class C Division) Greater Ivy, first place; Mars Hill, second place.

Walnut Gap-Hopewell won first place in A Division.

First place in B Division was won by Walnut.

Beautification winners

were: First place, Greater Ivy; second place, Mars Hill; third place, Walnut Gap-Hopewell. Honorable mention, Bull Creek.

The Youth Group winner was awarded the Greater Ivy Youth Group.

The County Mobile Home winner was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne of the

Greater Ivy community. Winners were awarded checks. Mr. and Mrs. Payne were awarded a beautiful plaque in addition to a \$50 check.



NEW OFFICERS of the Madison County Community Development Council were elected at the awards dinner last Thursday. They are Vernon Ponder, left, of the Upper Laurel community, president; Mrs. Ernestine

Plemmons, right, of the Walnut community, was re-elected secretary. Aaron Spruce of the Bull Creek community who was elected vice president, was not present for picture.



COUNTY WINNERS — shown above are representatives of various communities who were presented checks for honors received in the annual awards program in community development held Thursday night at the Greater Ivy Community Center at Beech Glen. Seated, left

to right: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, Greater Ivy; Jeanette Plemmons, Hopewell-Walnut Gap; Dr. Grover Angel, Greater Ivy; Jean Ramsey, Greater Ivy; Grace S. English, Walnut; Tom G. Wallin, Walnut; Ruth Anderson, Mars Hill; Preston Fox, Bull Creek. (Photo by Jim Story)

Marshall Receives Senior Center Grant

The state Division of Aging notified the town of Marshall that it will receive a \$48,250 grant from Title V of the Older Americans Act for the purpose of developing a senior citizen center on the top floor of the Marshall town hall. The town of Marshall will provide the \$18,562 in local match (cash and services) making the total cost of the project \$66,812. Mayor Lawrence Ponder stated that the money will be used to renovate the interior of the building, purchase furnishings and equipment and install an elevator to make the

facility accessible to the handicapped. The project must be completed by Sept. 30, 1979. An advisory committee worked with Mayor Ponder and the town board to develop the grant proposal which was submitted in the early summer. Technical assistance was provided by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council. Members of the advisory committee are Ms. Martie Young, Ms. Anna Fox, Ms. Oleta Shelton, Ms. Lucille Burnette, Ms. Ernie Leterman, Mayor Lawrence Ponder, Ms. Teresa Zimmerman, Michael Norins, Ms. Anita Davies, Ray Rapp, Jerry Plemmons, Ms. Dorothy Shupe and Ms. Connie Grove. This committee will not assist in the renovation and program development for the center.

The senior center will contain a kitchen, dining area, multipurpose room, conference room, handicraft rooms, horticulture section, an office for human service agencies, and staff offices. The Madison County Council on Aging and the Center advisory committee will be responsible for carrying out the center's objectives. The Madison County Council on Aging will carry out the daily program which will include such activities as: handicraft instruction, plant growing, education courses, discussion groups, physical fitness, outings and special events. Human Service agencies in the county will have space available to provide a variety of social and health services to participants. The usual site will be moved to the center

and a hot noon time meal will also be available.

Mayor Ponder stated his pleasure in receiving the grant and hopes that the development of the Marshall Senior Center will be a community effort. Volunteer time is needed and donations of supplies and furniture are welcome. He stated that the budget will be tight and any help that can be given by the community will be appreciated.



BILLIE LYNN ROBERTS, left, philanthropic director for Beta Omega Sorority, is shown presenting a check for \$1,013 to Theresa Zimmerman, director of the day care program for Madison County. At right is Pat Franklin, president of Beta Omega. The presentation was made during the

open house at the new center Sunday afternoon. Ms. Zimmerman and her staff were commended for their dedication and hard work in making the day care program one of the most outstanding in the state. (Photo by Jim Story)

College Grant

\$140,000 To Enrich Teaching, Learning

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York City has awarded Mars Hill College \$140,000 for programs to enrich the teaching and learning environment at the Baptist-related school.

According to Dr. Richard L. Hoffman, vice president for academic affairs, the grant resulted from a request by the Mellon Foundation that Mars Hill submit a proposal.

"That such a prestigious organization as the Mellon Foundation should ask us to submit a grant proposal and then see fit to be so generous in their award is high tribute to the administration, faculty and students of Mars Hill College," stated Dr. Hoffman.

The A.W. Mellon Foundation is one of the largest philanthropic foundations in the country with assets totaling over \$25 million. The foundation is named for the Pittsburgh financier and former secretary of the treasury and awards grants to both public and private agencies in the arts and humanities, health, social welfare as well as education fields.

Funds from the grant will be applied to projects in two areas, according to Dr. Hoffman. The first area will be the immediate introduction of curriculum development plans. The second area will cover programs which grow out of faculty development concerns.

The first area of the two-

part plan will be four curriculum programs which will be implemented during the 1979-80 school year.

The second program under curriculum development will be the establishment of a master teacher-scholar-in-residence plan to enrich the teaching and learning environment.

Dr. Knapp Improves From Stab Wounds

Dr. Richard Gilbert Knapp, 37, of 16 Warwick Place, Asheville, is reported improving from multiple stab wounds suffered Oct. 31, at his home.

Knapp, a Mars Hill College professor, was assaulted and robbed by three unknown males who knocked at the back door about 1 a.m., telling the victim that there had been a serious accident and that they needed to use the phone. Knapp reportedly let the

men into his home, offered the use of his telephone and made coffee.

The men then attacked Knapp with kitchen knives, stabbing him repeatedly.

Several items were reported stolen, including watches, credit cards and \$15. Knapp, who received his doctorate from Columbia University, is an associate professor of French. He has been at Mars Hill College since 1971.

Mars Hill Parade Nov. 18

The second annual Christmas parade will be held Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in Mars Hill, sponsored by the Greater Mars Hill area business association.

All participation will be appreciated. There will be prizes for the best floats. Anyone interested in participating call Carolyn Adams, 688-3381 days and 688-2641 nights.

Immediately following the parade there will be games and entertainment sponsored by the Jaycees.

Bring your own goods, toys, clothing, etc., to put on the float for needy people to be distributed at Christmas time.