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Two Commissioners Say They'll Run In '82

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Although the candidate filing period doesn't begin until Jan. 4, two Madison County commissioners announced at their Nov. 6 meeting they would be seeking re-election to the board of commissions in November 1982.

Commissioners Chairman James Ledford said he had received several phone calls recently from people asking him if he was going to run for re-election. "So for the record, yes, I am," he said.

Commissioner Ervin Adams concurred that he, too, would be in the race for a seat on the board.

Virginia Anderson announced at the meeting she intended to run, but later contacted *The News Record* and said she is making no definite plans now because of an illness in her family.

Ledford, 56, will be seeking his fourth term, having first been elected in 1972 when commissioners were serving two-year terms instead of the current four-year terms.

A Mars Hill resident, Ledford is

president of Ledford Enterprises which deals in auto parts and repairs, diesel and gasoline fuel, and real estate. He is also chairman of the Madison County Board of Health and Madison County Convalescent Center, Inc. He serves as first vice chairman of the Region B Council in the North Carolina Council of Governments and is a member of the Regional Mental Health Board.

Ervin Adams, a resident of the Revere section of the Laurel community, will be seeking his fifth consecutive term as a commissioner.

He was first elected to the board in 1960.

At 60 years of age, Adams lists his occupation as a pipefitter for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is also a member of the Madison County Department of Social Services Board.

Mrs. Anderson, 44, is the owner and operator, along with her husband Harold, of a motel in Hot Springs.

She serves as state chairman of the N.C. Air Quality Control Board, as a member of the county

Transportation Efficiency Council for the state Board of Transportation, and is a member of the local building planning committee for the Hot Springs Health Program. In addition, she is a board of directors member for the Madison County Convalescent Center, Inc., a non-profit organization.

Thus far, no one has issued a challenge to the two Democrat commissioners, either from within the Democratic Party or from the county Republican Party.

Charles Beall Elected To Succeed Messer

Charles M. Beall of Clyde was chosen to succeed former state Rep. Ernest B. Messer Saturday during a brief meeting of the 44th House District Executive Committee in Bryson City.

Beall, who was challenged for Messer's House seat by Jack Abbott of Canton, was elected unanimously after Abbott withdrew his name at the beginning of the meeting and asked the committee to support Beall. Each committee member was allotted votes according to populations in the four counties in the 44th District — Jackson, Haywood, Madison and Swain.

The committee's action practically guarantees Beall the House seat, and only official confirmation by Gov. Jim Hunt remains before Beall is sworn in to fill Messer's unexpired term. Messer resigned Nov. 1 after serving 19 years in the House to become director of the Division of Aging and assistant secretary in the state Department of Human Resources.

Abbott, a retired Canton businessman and former aide to former U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan, announced immediately after the meeting was called to order that he didn't have the

majority of the 332 votes allotted in the four counties and withdrew his candidacy. He asked the committee to elect Beall unanimously. Abbott said he made the gesture to keep unity in the Democratic Party for the upcoming 1982 elections.

Beall was quoted in *The Asheville Citizen* as saying, "I will only make one promise in accepting the nomination to fill the unexpired term of the honorable Ernest B. Messer. And that is to serve you and work for you to the best of my ability."

He said his major interest as a state legislator would be people, and that he would like to "carry on in Ernest's footsteps, to work for the elderly, for better education and for all people."

Beall, an inventory controller for Champion Papers in Canton, is a former Canton alderman, former chairman of the Haywood County Board of Elections and former chairman of the Haywood County Democratic Executive Committee.

He is a member of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee and the state Judicial Nominating Committee, the North Carolina Committee on



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the Future-2000 and the new Manufactured Housing Board.

Beall and his wife, Jewell, have three daughters, Anna Beall of Canton, Cynthia Hyatt of Greenville, S.C. and Margaret Beall of Clyde.

Madison 44th House District Executive Committee members who attended Saturday's meeting in the Swain County Courthouse were James Ledford of Mars Hill and Swann Huff of Hot Springs. Madison County had 57 votes to cast at the meeting.

Robbery Suspect Arrested In Florida

Authorities in Florida reported the arrest last Monday of a third suspect in the June robbery of the Hot Springs branch of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

David Edward Jones, 18, was arrested by officers of the Dade County Sheriff's Department and held in the Dade County jail without bond on a charge of bank robbery.

Jones appeared at an extradition hearing in Miami Tuesday at which time Madison County Sheriff E.Y. Ponder and other North Carolina

authorities began procedures to bring Jones back to Madison County to stand trial on the bank robbery charges.

Also charged in the Hot Springs robbery were Spencer Dale Allison, 44, and Charles E. Williams, 18. Allison recently pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of armed robbery in connection with the \$50,000 holdup and was sentenced on Oct. 19 to 50-60 years in prison. Williams is scheduled for trial later this month.

Rapp: Adult Education Fair Is Significant Opportunity

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK

It's an important opportunity with which adults in Madison County can produce an important community resource — themselves — and the results will be a strengthened community through a better educated citizenry.

Those are just some of the thoughts of Raymond C. Rapp concerning the Adult Education Fair which will be held at Mars Hill College this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peterson Conference Center.

Rapp, who is program coordinator for the Center for Continuing Education at the college, said in an interview Wednesday the fair will be an opportunity for adult individuals in the county to find out what's available to them in the way of continuing their education. Whether that means learning basic reading skills, working toward the Government Equivalency Diploma (high school diploma), or obtaining college degrees, the fair will inform adults what is available and how to go about getting the desired education.

"We want folks to become aware that A-B Tech is willing to come here and set up classes in community centers if the interest is here," he said. "I know that teachers are concerned about masters degrees and recertification, and that's why Western Carolina University will be at the fair to say, 'Look, this is what we have at our Asheville Center just down the road.'"

Rapp said people in the county will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from Mars Hill College, Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, UNC-Asheville and WCU about

what their own personal needs are in education and find ways to meet those needs.

The four institutions participating Saturday have programs that can fill the educational needs that already exist in the county and the needs that will become more apparent in the near future, Rapp said. He pointed to the necessity of attracting and keeping qualified nurses at Madison Manor Nursing Center, and said, "A-B Tech has programs with which we can train people in the county for that."

He singled out the coming of American Greeting Cards Corp. as an example of an industry which will supply its own middle and upper management personnel from other locations if the trained personnel can not be found in the county.

He said he felt there are many people in the county that could benefit and "open doors for themselves" by taking advantage of what's being offered through these institutions.

The fair at Mars Hill is the first of adult education fairs which will be held in all 100 N.C. counties by the end of next September. This and the other fairs are a joint project of three state agencies, the N.C. Educational Information Centers Program, the N.C. Adult Education Association, and the N.C. Association for Community Education.

Working under the title of the County Educational Opportunity Project, the three agencies want to increase the public's awareness of local adult educa-



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tional opportunities available and to promote interagency cooperation in providing those opportunities to individuals in the counties.

The Mars Hill Fair, open to everyone and free of charge, will meet in the Peterson Conference Center at the college from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rapp said anyone wanting further information, or answers to any questions, about the fair can call him at 689-1166.



NEW CPR INSTRUCTORS — (front row, l-r) Dawn Clemmons, Lynn Cuttrell, Pam Frisby, Mary Worley, David George, and Larry Plemmons. (Back row, l-r) Bobby Tip-

ton, Doris Conner, Phillip Wallin, Preston Fox, Ramona Fox, Ann Flynn, Sandra Fowler, Paula McAlister and Ethel Kirkpatrick.

Fifteen Complete CPR Course Now Certified To Instruct Others

Fifteen county residents recently completed the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation instructor course, according to Judy Major, health educator at the Madison County Health Department.

Now certified as CPR instructors, they will be giving weekend and evening hours as volunteers to teach CPR to other residents of the county.

"They are fully qualified to teach you and your neighbors what to do for victims of heart attacks, drowning, serious choking and other life-threatening situations," Ms. Major said.

The instructor course was provided through the Asheville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Ms. Major said, "Like all Red Cross volunteers, they have chosen to serve their communities for no greater pay than the satisfaction of helping others."

The new instructors are already making plans to teach the course to students at Spring Creek Elementary School, to employees at Deringer Manufacturing, to the staff at Madison Manor Nursing Center, and to Boy Scouts in the Marshall area.

Classes in one-person CPR can be conducted with small groups of five or six people in one three-hour session, while two-person CPR techniques and CPR for infants requires more time, she said.

Ms. Major said anyone can call one of the instructors in their community to request CPR training for their family and friends, or interested persons can call the health department to arrange the classes.