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|---------------------|------------------------|----------|------|----------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|------|----------|--------|---------------|----------|-------|--------|
| | Adams | Anderson | Ball | Brackens | Capps | H. Chandler | W. Chandler | Ledford | Merrill | Steen | Allen | Gentry | Ponder | Wallin | Cody | Fowler | Clarke | Kleibor | Sheppard | Swain | Winner |
| N. Marshall | 214 | 298 | 214 | 20 | 191 | 37 | 30 | 272 | 25 | 120 | 221 | 319 | 314 | 326 | 312 | 186 | 379 | 12 | 226 | 270 | 279 |
| S. Marshall | 131 | 125 | 124 | 10 | 63 | 9 | 7 | 89 | 16 | 75 | 170 | 141 | 149 | 97 | 106 | 126 | 172 | 10 | 59 | 174 | 99 |
| Laurel | 194 | 201 | 170 | 24 | 156 | 38 | 23 | 120 | 13 | 115 | 141 | 222 | 254 | 281 | 240 | 130 | 178 | 7 | 101 | 246 | 144 |
| Mars Hill | 108 | 143 | 90 | 29 | 251 | 8 | 4 | 259 | 13 | 237 | / | / | / | / | 285 | 85 | 340 | 24 | 193 | 231 | 211 |
| Beech Glen | 78 | 118 | 84 | 5 | 181 | 4 | 2 | 192 | 9 | 104 | / | / | / | / | 155 | 82 | 228 | 14 | 86 | 192 | 152 |
| Walnut | 100 | 107 | 63 | 17 | 62 | 23 | 18 | 87 | 17 | 110 | 117 | 109 | 114 | 110 | 68 | 161 | 147 | 16 | 79 | 129 | 96 |
| Hot Springs | 212 | 238 | 27 | 12 | 40 | 3 | 9 | 179 | 10 | 116 | 63 | 191 | 210 | 230 | 210 | 78 | 249 | 14 | 60 | 251 | 88 |
| Ebbs Chapel | 32 | 48 | 34 | 8 | 79 | 0 | 2 | 74 | 6 | 62 | / | / | / | / | 83 | 37 | 91 | 11 | 36 | 100 | 28 |
| Spring Creek | 120 | 176 | 72 | 12 | 43 | 5 | 3 | 135 | 6 | 60 | 66 | 167 | 151 | 165 | 145 | 62 | 197 | 6 | 167 | 161 | 63 |
| Sandy Mush | 15 | 31 | 43 | 3 | 41 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 54 | 20 | 30 | 21 | 35 | 27 | 54 | 37 | 20 | 45 | 25 |
| Grapevine | 31 | 66 | 55 | 82 | 98 | 6 | 3 | 91 | 16 | 100 | / | / | / | / | 148 | 33 | 147 | 9 | 76 | 109 | 80 |
| Absentee | 54 | 80 | 42 | 2 | 34 | 5 | 3 | 52 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 67 | 77 | 60 | 58 | 43 | 98 | 6 | 45 | 78 | 36 |
| TOTALS (Unofficial) | 1289 | 1631 | 1018 | 224 | 1239 | 141 | 107 | 1560 | 137 | 1131 | 853 | 1236 | 1299 | 1290 | 1745 | 1050 | 2290 | 166 | 1138 | 1996 | 1301 |

Incumbents Easily Dominate Primary

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK
Editor

Democratic incumbents fared well in Tuesday's primary election in Madison County with few serious challenges coming from other candidates within the party's ranks.

Incumbent county commissioners, school board members and the current clerk of Superior Court easily garnered majority votes which will insure them a place on the ballot in the November general election. The only question regarding that insurance came in the commissioners' race where Robert G. Capps and Reese Steen, both of Mars Hill, trailed incumbent Ervin Adams by 50 and 158 votes, respectively.

Virginia Anderson of Hot Springs led the party's nomination in the commissioners' contest with 1,632 votes. Current commission chairman James T. Ledford of Mars Hill polled the second highest number of votes for one of the three available seats with 1,560. Adams received 1,289 votes.

Capps, owner of Capps Funeral Home in Mars Hill, obtained 1,239 votes. Contacted late Tuesday night, Capps said he had not made up his mind about calling for a run-off election against Adams.

"Right now, I don't know about a run-off," Capps said. "I want to do some checking around before I decide if it would be wise to do that."

Capps said he would announce his plans by Thursday or Friday concerning the run-off.

Carol M. Anderson, county supervisor of elections, said candidates would have until noon Tuesday, July 6,

to call for a run-off election. Steen, a Mars Hill dentist and farmer, came in fifth behind Capps with 1,131 votes. He said Tuesday night that he may consider calling for a run-off "if my people say they want to have a go for it."

"I have nothing to lose, and it might be in the best interest of the Democratic party," Steen said.

Steen said he would be talking with his campaign workers and supporters in the next few days to find out their feelings about entering a run-off.

In the District II school board race, incumbents Ed Gentry, Bobby Ponder and Floyd Wallin captured the nomination by out-polling newcomer Michael Allen of Marshall. Unofficial vote totals showed Gentry with 1,236 votes, Ponder with 1,299, and Wallin with 1,290. Allen's votes totaled 853 with his strongest support coming from the Walnut and South Marshall precincts in which he carried margins over all three incumbents.

Clerk of Court Jim Cody defeated challenger Loyd Fowler with 1,845 votes to Fowler's 1,050. Fowler carried only two precincts, South Marshall and Walnut.

In the 11th District Congressional contest, James McClure Clarke of Fairview easily defeated John G. Kleibor 2,280 to 166 in the county. Clarke led by overwhelming margins in all 11 precincts.

In spite of a local campaign to wrest the party nomination from incumbent State Senator Robert Swain, voters here gave Swain the lead in nine precincts and a total vote of 1,986.

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| REPUBLICAN | Board of Commissioners | | | | Sheriff | | District Judge | |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------|------|-------|----------|--------|----------------|---------|
| | Phillips | Sprinkle | West | Wilde | Lisenbee | Silver | Ball | Seegers |
| N. Marshall | 40 | 56 | 10 | 45 | 38 | 7 | 49 | 7 |
| S. Marshall | 15 | 21 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 5 | 22 | 0 |
| Laurel | 15 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 22 | 3 |
| Mars Hill | 73 | 59 | 22 | 61 | 53 | 28 | 73 | 8 |
| Beech Glen | 42 | 37 | 8 | 37 | 34 | 10 | 42 | 4 |
| Walnut | 28 | 34 | 8 | 33 | 33 | 4 | 30 | 3 |
| Hot Springs | 16 | 21 | 17 | 18 | 25 | 6 | 29 | 2 |
| Ebbs Chapel | 33 | 25 | 6 | 29 | 24 | 5 | 32 | 1 |
| Spring Creek | 17 | 15 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 6 | 19 | 2 |
| Sandy Mush | 5 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Grapevine | 19 | 11 | 20 | 19 | 5 | 25 | 23 | 1 |
| Absentee | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| TOTALS (Unofficial) | 308 | 305 | 127 | 301 | 267 | 115 | 355 | 33 |

| AMENDMENTS | FOR | | | | | AGAINST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | No. 1 Four-year terms for legislators | | | | | No. 2 Recall of retired judges in Appellate Court Division | | | | | No. 3 Direct appeal of Rule-making cases to Supreme Court | | | | | No. 4 Tax-exempt financing of airport and airport improvements | | | | | No. 5 Tax-exempt financing of private higher education facilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Marshall | 66 | 132 | 111 | 84 | 92 | 200 | 182 | 169 | 220 | 219 | 10 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 23 | 14 | 34 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 164 | 51 | 46 | 54 | 53 | 44 | 124 | 116 | 99 | 113 | 279 | 171 | 170 | 200 | 183 | 19 | 83 | 83 | 76 | 79 | 196 | 117 | 101 | 126 | 119 | 13 | 44 | 37 | 31 | 32 | 146 | 93 | 94 | 106 | 107 | 151 | 164 | 155 | 21 | 19 | 91 | 64 | 61 | 205 | 208 | 13 | 23 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 54 | 39 | 34 | 43 | 42 | 19 | 113 | 106 | 86 | 81 | 156 | 55 | 57 | 78 | 83 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 41 | 23 | 32 | 26 | 27 | 7 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 14 | 79 | 49 | 44 | 46 | 50 | 55 | 71 | 72 | 26 | 22 | 39 | 17 | 15 | 65 | 66 | TOTAL FOR | 417 | 844 | 782 | 520 | 628 | TOTAL AGAINST | 1590 | 974 | 930 | 1290 | 1275 |

Republican Primary

Only a handful of the county's 3,000-plus Republican voters turned out Tuesday to nominate GOP candidates for three offices in the November general election. Approximately 13 percent voted to nominate candidates for three board of commissioners seats, a sheriff, and a district court judge for the 24th judicial district.

Robert Phillips, Gary Sprinkle and Lester C. Wilde won the GOP nominations for board of commissioners with Phillips receiving 308 votes; Sprinkle, 305; and Wilde, 301. Thomas S. West received a total of 127 votes.

The winning trio led West in 10 of 11 precincts while West barely carried the Grapevine precinct with one vote over Phillips and

Wilde, each. In the contest for the Republican sheriff nomination, former Marshall police chief Bill Lisenbee easily defeated Lue Allon Silver, a Grapevine resident, 267 to 115. Lisenbee led at all poles except in Silver's home precinct.

Assistant District Attorney Forrest F. Ball of Newland won the party nomination for district court judgeship by defeating John W. Seegers 355 to 33. Ball carried all precincts and the absentee ballot by substantial margins.

Lisenbee will now face veteran incumbent Sheriff E.Y. Ponder and Ball will square off against Charles Philip Ginn in the November elections.

Former Hot Springs Grocers Barred From Stamp Program

Virginia Justice and Linda Plemmons, formerly doing business as Carolina Grocery in Hot Springs, have been barred from the food stamp program for a year because of violations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service reports.

John Baskin, who is in charge of the Knoxville field office of the Food and Nutrition Service, said that Ms. Justice and Ms. Plemmons have recently sold the store and the new owners have been authorized to accept food stamps.

During the ownership of Ms. Justice and Ms. Plemmons, the store was charged with selling tobacco products, motor oil, health and beauty aids and other ineligible items for food coupons.

Baskin said food stamps, by law, can be used only to buy food. The only exceptions, he said, are garden seed and plants to be used to produce food.

Fire Tax Defeated

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK

Voters in the Spring Creek precinct turned down a West Madison fire district tax 166 to 48 in Tuesday's primary election.

The fire tax vote was put on the ballot in the Spring Creek Township after residents petitioned the Madison County commissioners and the county elections board to hold a referendum.

"I feel the people misunderstood the referendum," Fire Chief Stan McElroy said late Tuesday night.

McElroy said the board of directors of the West Madison Volunteer Fire Department were talking in terms of a five-cent to eight-cent fire tax on \$100

valuation, "but some of the people I talked to tonight told me they thought it was going to be five to eight dollars on the hundred," he said.

"I don't think it was a vote against the fire department, only a vote against funding it with tax money," he added.

The West Madison Fire Department was organized one and half years ago and since that time has grown to include 20 trained firemen, a truck and other equipment and construction on a building to house the equipment. Most of the financing has come from donations and fund-raising events.

McElroy, one of the principal

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Towns Gear Up For July 4th Celebrations

All three Madison County municipalities will be the scene of July 4 celebrations this year with major activities and events planned by organizations to be held Saturday, July 3.

For the second year in a row, Marshall will be the location for a donkey softball game and a wild west rodeo, events sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.

The donkey softball game will be held at the softball field on Blannhansett Island beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, July 2. Admission will be charged.

The MVFD rodeo will be held on the island Saturday, July 3 with two shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rodeo events include barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, calf roping,

goat tying and bull riding. A fireworks display is scheduled for approximately 9 p.m.

The Hot Springs Lions Club will sponsor most of the events scheduled in Hot Springs on Saturday which will begin at 11 a.m. and end after a fireworks display scheduled for 9 p.m.

Hank Holmes, publicity director for the celebration, said Monday the club will have most of the same activities and events featured at last year's celebration. Activities include two bluegrass and country music bands, greased pole climbing, dart throwing, bicyclics, flea markets, bingo and a special mechanical ball ride for smaller children.

Highlights of the Hot Springs celebra-

tion will include two shows by a team of skydivers from the Northern Carolina School of Sport Parachuting of Greensboro. The four jumpers will perform at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Lions Club will also raffle a live pig and a gas-powered weed eater during the day. River raft rides will be sponsored by Carolina Wilderness Adventures.

Food and concessions stands providing hotdogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and drinks will be available.

The Mars Hill Lions Club will sponsor an all-day celebration July 3 at the Mars Hill Elementary school. Admission to the grounds will be 50 cents per person.

Ed Krause, publicity director for the club, said the event will feature music and singing, field and booth games, craft shows, and a drawing for a steer.

Booth and field games will begin at 3 p.m. and continue throughout the afternoon. Booth games will include a ball toss, basketball throw, dunking, coin and dart throw.

Music entertainment will include gospel and bluegrass music and will precede the ground and aerial fireworks display scheduled for 9 p.m. The Servants Quarter of Asheville will be one of the featured singing groups.

A highlight of the Mars Hill celebration will be the appearance of "The Hill" and the "Mars Hill" "Thunder Ball" from 8 to 9 p.m.