

# Amendments Rejected, Judges Nominated

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK  
Editor

In addition to concentrating on selecting nominees for candidates in the November general elections, Madison County voters, both Democrat and Republican, were called upon Tuesday to decide the fate of five proposed state constitutional amendments and Democrats selected three state Court of Appeals judges.

Madison readily voted against all five of the amendments and strongly opposed by a 4-1 margin, the amendment proposing four-year terms for North Carolina legislators.

Only voters in the Hot Springs and Spring Creek precincts voted in favor in any of the amendments.

Vote totals by amendments were: No. 1, four-year terms, 417 for, 1,590 against; No. 2, recall of retired Appellate Court judges, 844 for, 974 against; No. 3, direct appeal of rate-making cases to Supreme Court, 782 for, 930 against; No. 4, tax-

exempt financing of airport and seaport improvements, 520 for, 1,290 against; No. 5, tax-exempt financing of private higher education facilities, 628 for, 1,275 against.

Hot Springs voted 151 to 91 for four-year terms, 164 to 64 for amendment No. 2, and 155 to 61 for amendment No. 3.

Spring Creek voted 113 to 55 for amendment No. 2, 106 to 57 for amendment No. 3 and 86 to 78 for amendment No. 4.

In selecting judges for three seats on the N.C. Court of Appeals, Madison Democrats cast the following votes for candidates for the seat of Naomi Morris: Bert M. Montague, 577; Eugene H. Phillips, 536; Horton Roundtree, 329; George W. Lennon, 313; and James P. Crews, 176.

For the seat of Robert Martin: Paul Wright, 1,002; Sidney S. Eagles, 487; and Zinnie L. Riggs, 256.

For the seat of Edward B. Clark: E. Maurice Braswell, 1,635; and Marvin Schiller, 303.

## Spring Creek Fire Tax Defeated

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organizers of the department, said he was a little disappointed in the rejection of the fire tax, but the department plans to continue to grow and serve the community.

"The block work is already done on the building and we are ready now for the walls and roof to be put up," he said.

"This (the vote) is not going to kill the fire department."

The department recently conducted a door-to-door fund-raising campaign which netted some \$5,000 and nearly 15,000 feet of lumber toward construction of the fire department building. McElroy said. "That's enough to dry it in," he said.

Easing the blow of the election results, the N.C. Forest Service made a \$1,000 grant to the department for equipment Tuesday.

"We may be down a little about the tax vote, but we're not out," McElroy said. "Things are just going to take a little longer now than we had expected."

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## Democrat Incumbents Dominate Primary

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Challengers Zeb Sheppard and Dennis Winner, both of Asheville, picked up 1,138 votes and 1,301 votes, respectively. Swain and Winner will vie for the two 28th District senatorial seats against Republicans this fall.

Swain had come under fire from Madison and other Western North Carolina Democrats for tabling the ERA amendment in the N.C. Senate, effectively killing any chance for the amendment's passage by the General Assembly before the June 30 deadline.

## Living and Growing

### Are You An Easy Target?

By CARL MUMPOWER, M.S.W.

Ever feel like a deer caught in the middle of a gun firing range? No matter which way you turn, someone is taking a pot shot at you? Sure, we all have days like that, but have you ever been at the point where all of your days seem to find you feeling like a deer can full of holes? If so, spend a second with me and let's see if we can figure out why.

One reason may be that you are doing everything wrong and legitimately deserve to get nailed for being such a slouch. Even when we work at it, though, it's hard to do everything right, so the odds are more likely that you are just being slack and don't make doing things right your



Carl Mumpower

goal. In other words your tendency to be half involved leaves you vulnerable to mistakes and those mistakes in turn leaves the door open to

criticism.

Another way to get yourself propped on top of a fence post is to spend too much time trying to run everyone else's life while you neglect your own. It's called casting stones, and like the saying goes, you better make darn sure your own backyard is cleaned up. People just don't take kindly to direction and advice from those who are in worse shape than they. Bullets begin flying quickly under those circumstances, and you'll probably be the target.

Talkers have a tendency to also wind up convenient targets. Those who spend more energy on the verbal side of things than the doing side of things just naturally generate wrath from others.

Talk does come cheap, especially now days, and folks get tired of it quickly when it's not backed up with some good solid accomplishment.

Not paying attention can get you punched full of holes as well. We live in a complex world that is constantly changing and growing. Those of us who don't stay aware and familiar with what's happening can be overwhelmed by those changes. Brains can be cultivated and improved, but in today's world that has become a necessity vs. an option.

Finally, believe it or not, being competent and creative can get you singled out for a shot or two. The fellow who said we are basically a bunch of sheep was right. Some of those sheep masquerade as independent wolves, but in reality they are just resistant and stubborn sheep. Unfortunately, sheep get excited when they encounter the independent lifestyle of a wolf and get jealous of their freedom and effectiveness.

So, be aware that being a wolf can get you some flack, but seldom is it consistent or strong enough to stop you if you are really into doing your thing. Sheep can't cope with wolves, if a wolf really gets tough.

So, being a target may not be fun, but in some cases it can be an endorsement of the good stuff you're doing. In fact, for some it's a confirmation or person hood. Don't put a tin can on your head, but push for quality in your life and don't worry too much about the harm they might suffer. Their bullets are weak.

# \*\*\*\*\* Heard and Seen \*\*\*\*\*

By POP STORY

## MICHIGAN VISITORS

It is not unusual and certainly not surprising that many people whom I have known for years comment that they still love Madison County, its people, and its beauty although they have worked and resided in other cities and towns in other states. An example of this love for their native county was brought to mind recently when Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shelton, of Melvindale, Mich., stopped by to visit me while they were here for a family reunion.

"We like Melvindale very much but we always look forward to coming back to Madison for a visit and to renew our friendships with those we love," Mr. and Mrs. Shelton commented.

They spoke of the labor problems and "layoffs" which are currently plaguing Michigan. "It's a far cry from the quietness and solitude enjoyed here in the mountains," they said.

Their visit to my office was greatly appreciated and I'm always glad to see them and others whenever they come "back home."

The Sheltons have not been the only people who have recently come in to say "hello" and express the same feelings in comparing the lifestyles of Michigan to that of Madison County.

One family who recently returned to our county from Michigan commented, "It's nice to be back here and to again live here."

Another visitor from Michigan said her daughter asked her, "Mother, why on earth did you ever want to leave these beautiful mountains?"

And so it goes. In most cases it was necessary for natives of our county to leave

for better employment and "greener pastures." But, at least to many of them, their heart and love still remain here.

The next time you complain about things here and wish you lived elsewhere.....stop and think!

## PRIMARIES OVER

By the time you read this column the June 29 Primary election will be over. Whether or not a second primary will be called remains to be known. Anyway, nominees, both Democrats and Republicans, will pretty well be chosen for the general election next November.

As far as campaigns are concerned, the local candidates have been more or less very quiet with practically no "mud-slinging" taking place. Perhaps more publicity will be generated come the fall campaigns.

Since this column is being written on June 25, I do not know which candidates will be nominated but I will extend congratulations to the winners and condolences to the losers.

## HAROLD REID IMPROVES

Harold Reid, chief mechanic at the French Broad Chevrolet Co., has been plagued with an aching back for a long time. This condition has necessitated the wearing of a back brace at times. Although suffering immense pain and discomfort, Harold has worked when he was able to and sometimes when he's not able to.

His many friends wish him full recovery soon. As a personal friend, I miss Harold when he isn't able to work next door to my printing office.

## Letters To The Editor Winners Say Thanks

EDITOR:

We want to thank each and every person who took the time to talk with us, loaned or gave us historical pictures and information, and offered encouragement during the time we were putting together our History Day project, and during the three levels of competition afterwards. Everyone we contacted was very helpful and we sincerely thank them for their generosity. We especially want to thank our teacher, Mr. Don Banks of Marshall Elementary School, for encouraging us to participate in this history project, and for helping and supporting us throughout the entire History Day Competition.

We are very happy to have won first place in the recent National History Day Competition at the University of Maryland, and are very proud to be able to bring this honor back to our school, our teachers, Madison County, and the State of North Carolina.

Jeannie Pegg  
Carol Fox  
Marshall, N.C.

## Help For Children

Editor:

The new outbreak of violence in Lebanon has claimed the lives of thousands of victims while leaving countless more homeless, without access to even the most basic necessities of life. The International Red Cross estimates that over 300,000 are homeless; others put the figure closer to one half million. In the rural areas, whole communities have fled, many of them huddling on open beaches, scavenging for food and water. Beirut itself is engulfed in fear, death and destruction. Empty streets and shuttered shops stand amid the unremitting shelling. Stunned and grieving families stretch from one end of this tiny country to the other.

And, as always, it is the children who are the most vulnerable. Moving from place to place looking for what might temporarily be safe shelter, sleeping on open staircases or in empty fields — lacking food, clean water or a change of clothes, the toll of young lives continues to mount. Save the Children, the international child assistance agency that has been working in Lebanon for over 25 years, is providing emergency services for these children and their families through their established health centers. A team of 45 trained professionals is working around the clock to alleviate the suffering. Volunteers have been mobilized to assist the displaced by locating temporary shelter and distributing medical supplies, clothing and blankets. Save the Children, in cooperation with the United Nations and other voluntary and bi-lateral agencies, is making both an immediate and long-term commitment to the relief and rehabilitation of the Lebanese people.

In order to assist those struggling for survival, Save the Children is issuing an urgent appeal for funds. As a member of the organization's 50th Anniversary Committee, I strongly urge you to take this opportunity to extend a helping hand to the suffering children of Lebanon in their time of crisis. Any contribution, no matter how small, can make a difference. Please mail your check today to Save the Children, Lebanon Emergency Appeal, Dept. P, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

Sincerely,

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, S.C.,  
President  
University of Notre Dame



Steve Ferguson

## The Beach At Last!

Well, I finally made it. I'm at the beach, and boy are things on the move down here.

Not to mention so hot we toasted marshmallows by putting them on a stick and holding them out the window.

I've been to the ocean and it's just as fun as it always is. In between shark scares, jellyfish raids and red tide, I did get in to the water for five minutes. And I also got all the exercise I need fighting for position in the water.

There's lots to do. We have a volleyball net for every three miles of beach. I built a sand condominium (none of that sand castle stuff for me). And I collected sea-shells — not by the seashore, rather in the souvenir shops around town.

Seeing all these musclemen down here on the beach makes me wish I had taken the Charles Atlas "Be a better man" course. Yesterday a big bully kicked sand in my face, stole my girl and took a bite out of my frisbee. Boy these lifeguards are mean.

I feel like I'm not appreciated here. They buried me in the sand but didn't leave an air hole. What's worse, they didn't remember to dig me back up. I'd still be a human mole if it hadn't been for a curious dog.

Beaches are great places for the "impulsive buyer." Everyone has heard of canned beach air and crazy gimmicks like that, but even more way out fads are hitting the beach market this year.

There's inner tube swimwear consisting of — you guessed it — nothing but inner tubes. Two for the female, one for the male.

Punk rock wigs are available for those wanting in on the punk rock scene, and they come in a variety of colors including green, blue, olive drab, just whatever floats your boat.

And my all time favorite is the hottest selling item on the market today — shark repellent.

It's not a spray, it's not a roll on, it's not a multicolored tablet; it's not even a full-length color poster of Luke Skywalker.

It's a life-size arm and leg that you carry with you when you go swimming in an area where sharks are liable to be. When you see one heading for you, you just whistle and say "fetch boy, fetch!"

Then you throw the artificial arm out and away from you and the shark takes off after the arm like an obedient puppy, and if you're smart you'll head for dry land.

What'll they think of next? If you happen to come to the beach this week, come and see me.

I'll be easy to spot. I'll be the one yelling "fetch boy, fetch. Go get it. PLEASE fetch."



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