

Editorial

Madison County Voters Made A Big Difference

With the election campaign behind us, a number of congratulations are in order.

First, let us congratulate the winners. Madison County voters returned the incumbents of office in the races for local positions. We hope our county commissioners, school board officials, sheriff, tax collector and clerk of court understand that last week's election was a vote of confidence for their work.

We hope that the confidence the people have displayed will be rewarded with a redoubling of our officials efforts to bring Madison County effective, efficient government. We hope that those challengers not elected will also work with county officials toward giving Madison County government we can take pride in.

Congratulations are also in order for the county board of elections and the many poll volunteers

for the fine job they did last Tuesday. Despite the heavy turnout, Madison County was one of the first counties in the state to have complete returns counted. Although the Hendon campaign has called for a recount in many counties in the district, the returns for Madison County have not been challenged.

Finally, let us congratulate the many county voters who went to the polls and cast their ballot. Sixty-two percent of all county voters took time to vote in the election, the highest turnout in many years. The people of Madison County demonstrated that they are interested in good government and their votes definitely had an impact on the final results. James Clarke's slim margin of victory in the 11th District race was almost identical to the plurality Madison County voters gave him on the local level.

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To the editor:

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Madison Manor Nursing Home. We thank the nursing staff for their concern and courtesy in time of our father's illness and death. We do appreciate the kitchen employees for their hospitality and friendly way of saying "I Care".

They have a decree at Madison Manor that "Love is Ageless." We sincerely extend our thanks to Mr. Bill George, Administrator, for such an excellent facility and employees.
The family of
Charlie C. Galloway
Sincerely,
Gladys C. Allen

Dear Editor:

The Mars Hill Nutrition Site members wish to express their gratitude to the fine businesses and individuals of Mars Hill who contributed so generously to our site. Many thanks from the participants and the site manager.

Staff,
Mars Hill
Nutrition Site

Scouting Show Set

The year-long efforts of over 2,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers throughout the 14 Western North Carolina counties will be on display at the Asheville Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 1 until 6 p.m. at the annual Scouting Show of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the Scout Show is to allow the Scouts to show the public what Scouting is all about.

The show will feature:

"backyard cooking by Cub Scouts; "energy and electricity," by Explorers; a Cub Scout carnival and games booth; Indian jewelry, making a model railroad; rope making and knot tying.

An Atari home video computer system will be given away at a drawing at 4 p.m. at the Scout show. The computer is donated by Citizens Home Center.

The Daniel Boone Council serves youth in Madison, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Bun-

combe, Haywood, Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Graham and Cherokee counties.

Adult tickets are \$1 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free.

For further information, please contact the Daniel Boone Council at 254-6189 in Asheville.

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY

FAST ELECTION RETURNS

Congratulations are in order to the Madison County Board of Elections, the precinct officials and all those who assisted in reporting the election returns at the courthouse on Tuesday night of last week.

All precincts had reported and the results posted in the courtroom by 10 p.m., although the turnout on Election Day was the largest in history. 6,135 persons voted, which was 61.9% of the eligible voters in the county.

This speaks well, especially since this was not a presidential election.

The courtroom was filled with interested citizens and despite the intense political rivalry, the crowd was orderly. This was also true throughout the county, according to members of the election board. No arrests were made and no difficulties were reported. Congratulations.

PIONEER DAYS CELEBRATION

Pioneer Days Celebration, marking the 100th anniversary of the railroad in Madison

County, was enjoyed here Saturday in ideal weather. "The Best Friend of Charleston," an authentic reproduction of one of the earliest steam locomotives, was the main feature during the two-day event.

A ride on the green and gold train was a thrill for many although the trips were short (on the side-track between the depot and Upper Bridge Street).

In addition to the locomotive and display car, a number of activities were held, including a flea market, music, games, etc. Many women were attired in old-time clothing in keeping with the spirit of the celebration.

Miss Cynthia Niles spearheaded the celebration and did an outstanding job.

I was unable to attend much of the celebration due to an invitation from Mrs. Dorothy Lockard to play the piano at a party at the beautiful clubhouse at Crowfields Condominiums on Hendersonville Road. Mrs. Lockard is the widow of Dr. John Lockard, optometrist, who practiced for many years in Marshall.

Steve Ferguson On The Road Again



I am told that in the "good old days" driving was a pleasure.

If this is so, then those must have been happy times, because driving today is about as fun as being smacked in the face with a wet squirrel.

Taking a Sunday drive used to be the homey, American thing to do. Now if you're not criticized for damaging the ozone layer with exhaust fumes, you're wasting our fossil resources. You can't win!

The average drive today confronts you with all sorts of people. People you've never seen nor met before, but you could swear they were the most ignorant human beings you've ever met.

I think it's time our system of justice dealt with these inconsiderate drivers who sent most of us to a position I call "vehicular insanity."

Have you been behind one of those drivers that sit through

11 changes of a stop light while they primp their hair, read Cosmopolitan, adjust the seat belt and straighten their rear view mirror?

I think a great punishment for these obnoxious drivers would be to send them to a beer party and lock all the bathroom doors.

Next are the drivers that engage their turn signal two miles before they plan to turn off. You see the directional light come on and you brake to let the car in front of you safely turn at the next exit, but he doesn't. The next exit, his turn signal's still on, you brake to let him turn, and he doesn't.

It doesn't take much of this to drive the average driver bananas. You grit your teeth as you guess just where he'll actually turn off. Meanwhile, the kids are holding a raffle in the back seat, to guess where this fool really will turn at.

These "turn-teasers" should have a punishment to fit their

crime, also. How about putting them in a burning building and making them stand in line for water?

One of the most disgusting types of drivers on the road today is the one who speeds up when you try to pass him. He doesn't stop to think that your car is only seconds away from mating with a Mack transfer truck. All he knows is that his ego will be terribly hurt if he is passed by anything less than a 747.

These "highnesses of the highway" who have the terrible urge to be in front all the time should be dealt with in a serious manner. Let's let them be the lead car in the Mt. St. Helens hill climb.

Don't you love those "horn happy" drivers who lay down on their blaring horn every time you do something they don't particularly like?

You get below 55, they blow their horn. You come within two feet of the yellow line, they blow their horn. You

scratch your left ear lobe, and they blow the horn.

Drivers of this caliber should be chained to an air raid siren that's turned on to maximum volume. They should remain chained, until either a) their ears fall off, b) buzzards begin circling overhead or c) they promise to have their car's horn removed and burnt in a wood stove.

I feel if the justice system adopted these standards for the preceding moral violations our roads would be much safer and friendlier. We all have our driving "quirks", but some are taken to ridiculous proportions.

I'll be totally honest: I have one tiny problem in driving. I can't handle it when people wave at me.

I always wave back and smile or something, not watching what I'm doing, and usually run off the road into a ditch, a mailbox, or a tree.

Like I said, we all have our little quirks.

Living And Growing

By CARL MUMPOWER

Remember when you were a kid? It was a long time ago, wasn't it? If your memory is clear, you will also remember the intolerance of our youthful friends. You were probably surprised on more than one occasion by the maliciousness with which mistakes were handled by those friends. Cruel might be the term to describe the treatment of the kid who couldn't hit a baseball very well, or the other kid who could get nervous and stutter, or another who gave a dumb answer in class. Even in our

youth, we human beings seem to have a defined lack of patience for the mistake of others.

Obviously, in the case of children, we adults are passing down our own bad habits. Why is it that we are so intolerant? Could it be that we think so little of ourselves that

perfection is sought in order to give us a better appreciation of who we are? Could it be that our intolerance is a way of separating us, the good guys, from them, the bad guys, who

make mistakes, and in doing so, give our own confidence a boost through the destruction of theirs?

Regardless of the source, perfectionism is an absurd concept. Number one, it's impossible to achieve, and thus a perfectionist is always left with a sense of failure.

Number two, a perfectionist is one because they are seeking approval and acceptance from others, but seldom is such acceptance forthcoming for those who don't believe in themselves in the first place. And, finally a perfectionist spends so much time trying to be perfect that they lose sight of the true priorities in life

that give it meaning to begin with. What kind of life is it anyway, even if you make no mistakes, yet have no joy, no intimacy and no sense of fulfillment?

Let's face it. We all make mistakes, sometimes. So what? That's how you learn. Using your mistakes to learn and grow is one thing. Using them to beat on your head and confirm your unworthiness is another. There's got to be a happy medium between being a slouch and a perfectionist.

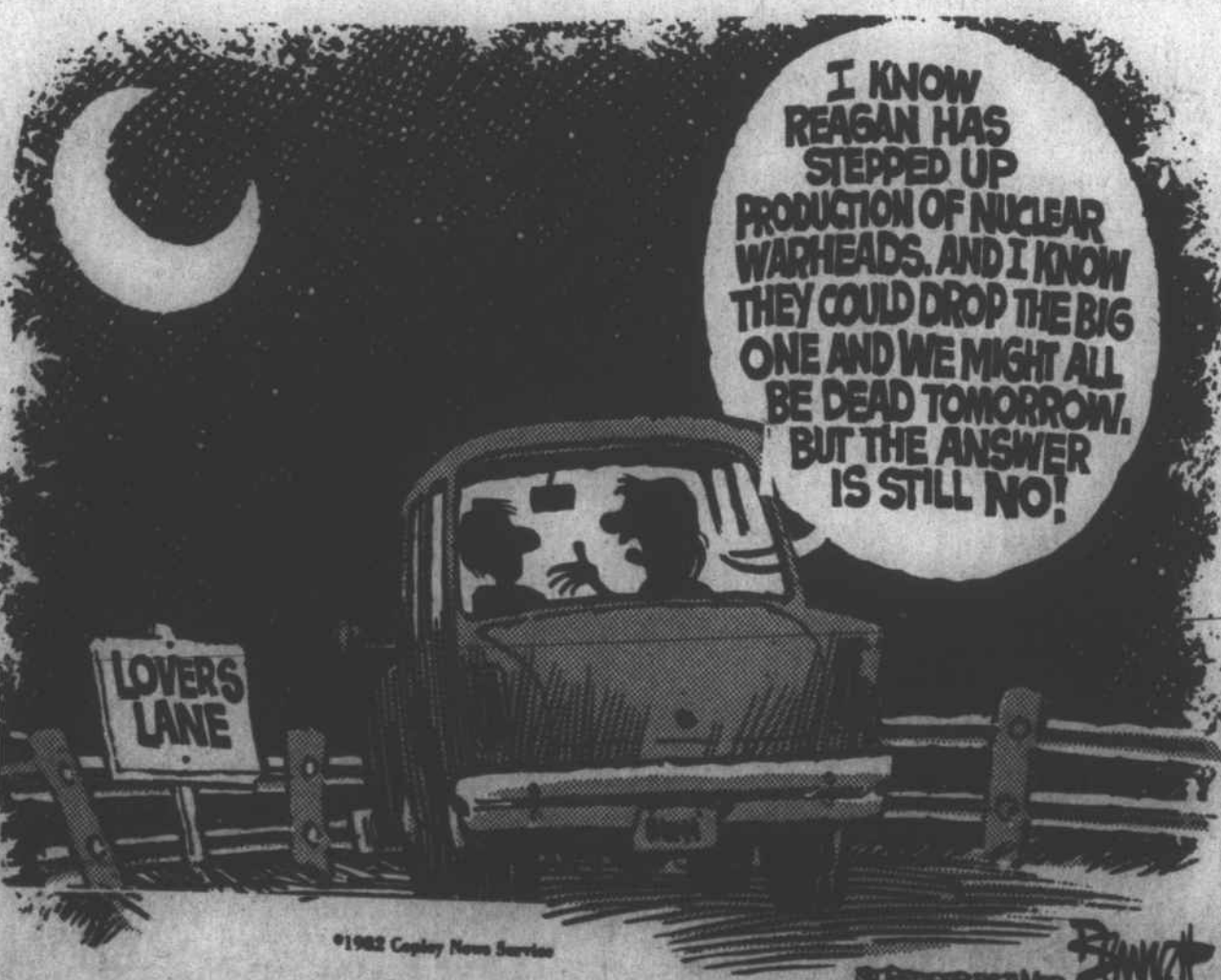
A slouch aims low, and tries to give themselves credit for what they didn't even try. A perfectionist aims high, achieves at a moderate level, and gives themselves credit for what they didn't accomplish. A realist aims just as high, achieves at about the same level, but gives himself credit for what they did accomplish. Guess who's most likely to be a happier in-

dividual.

We all are prone to making errors, and being a mistake-proof individual is not a mark of character. Trying hard and learning from our mistakes, however, is. That's the maturity that's missing in that saying about it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that really counts. Besides, a person with that attitude is much more likely to be a winner in the long run.

Cut yourself some slack. It won't make you slack, but it will help you relax and be human. Go ahead and aim high, but make sure you notice the steps you cross more than the ones you don't. That's when you'll start feeling like a bit of a success instead of a big failure.

Bluefin tuna are among the largest and fastest of fish. They continue to grow throughout their lifespan; an old-timer of 30 years will weigh about 1,500 pounds. National Geographic says. And they can swim as fast as 35 miles an hour.



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Winter Heating Assistance Is Available

To help with heating bills, the Division of Social Services will make a one-time payment in February to all households who apply and are found eligible for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. If you want to apply for a payment, contact your county department of social services between Nov. 1 and Dec. 12. This is not a first-come first-served program. If you apply any time between Nov. 1 and Dec. 12 and meet the eligibility requirements, you will receive a payment. If you are

elderly or handicapped, you may send someone else to apply for you or you may call your county department.

Applications will be taken at the following places:
Marshall, Food Stamp Office, Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m. through Dec. 12.
Mars Hill, Mars Hill Town

Hall, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 8:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Hot Springs, Day Care Center, Nov. 17 and 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Laurel — Elderly Meal Site, Nov. 30, 10 to 2:30 p.m.

Elbe Chapel, Elderly Meal Site, Dec. 3, 10 to 2 p.m.

Beach Glen, Elderly Meal

Site, Nov. 18, 10 to 2 p.m.

Spring Creek, Spring Creek School, Nov. 22, 9 to 12 p.m.

For those persons who are not able to apply during these hours due to work, the office at Marshall will be open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 through Dec. 18.