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## Betty Wild Elected Mayor In Marshall

Marshall voters elected Betty Wild mayor in Tuesday's municipal elections. Wild defeated incumbent mayor Lawrence Ponder by an unofficial margin of 67 votes. An unofficial tally of the ballots showed that Wild received 258 votes while Ponder received 191. She will become Marshall's first woman mayor when she takes the oath of office in December. Ponder was seeking his third term as mayor. He had previously been defeated in his first campaign for the office.

More than 200 residents crowded the garage of Town Hall to witness the unofficial count of the ballots. Officials reported that 464 voters cast ballots in the municipal election. Incumbent aldermen James Penland and Jackie Davis were also defeated in their re-election bids. John Dodson was the only incumbent member of the board to win re-election.

Former town employee Sammy Lunsford was the leading vote-getter in the tight race for the three seats on the town board. Lunsford received 244 votes. Dodson was re-

lected with 241 votes and retired pharmacist Ed Niles also won a seat on the board with 225 votes, edging out incumbent James Penland by nine votes.

Charlie Sexton received 209 votes and Jackie Davis received 173.

After her victory was apparent, Wild said, "The town of Marshall won today. Any time you can have 464 voters come out, it's a great thing. We can work together."

The defeated incumbent congratulated his opponent and wished her success. Ponder said he was disturbed that non-residents were allowed to vote during the municipal election, but said, "I wish everyone the best. We've worked hard for the town and there's still a lot to be done."

Ed Niles told reporters, "I just think it was a good race and a good election. Everyone did a wonderful job."

Newly elected aldermen Sammy Lunsford thanked Charlie Sexton for his support during the campaign and said that he would work to have Sexton appointed to oversee the town's sewer system.

### Marshall Municipal Election Results

<b>MAYOR</b>	
Betty Wild.....	258
Lawrence Ponder (i).....	191
<b>ALDERMEN</b>	
Sammy Lunsford.....	244
John Dodson (i).....	241
Ed Niles.....	225
James Penland.....	216
Charlie Sexton.....	209
Jackie Davis.....	173



BILL POWELL

Mars Hill voters reelected mayor Bill Powell to a ninth term Tuesday. Powell defeated challenger Jeanne Hoffman by a margin of 111 votes, tallying 264 ballots to 153 for Hoffman. Incumbent aldermen Dr. W. O. Duck and Art Wood were also re-elected for another two-year term. The victory

## Mars Hill Voters Reelect Powell

was the first for Dr. Duck. He was named to the board last year to replace Carl Eller, who resigned. In his first bid for elective office, Duck was the town's leading vote-getter with 336 votes. Wood won election to his fifteenth term on the town board by polling 283 votes.

Service station operator John L. Chandler was elected to the board of alderman for the first time by polling 307 votes.

Defeated in their election bids were dairy farmer Frederick Anderson and William Powell III. Anderson received 171 votes while Powell received 68.

### Mars Hill Municipal Election Results

<b>MAYOR</b>	
Bill Powell (i).....	264
Jeanne Hoffman.....	153
<b>ALDERMEN</b>	
Dr. W. O. Duck (i).....	336
Art Wood (i).....	283
John Chandler.....	307
Wm. Powell III.....	68
Frederick Anderson.....	171

## Baker Re-Elected Hot Springs Mayor

Hot Springs mayor Debbie Ponder Baker won election to a second term as mayor of Hot Springs Tuesday night. Baker was unopposed in the municipal election. Baker received an unofficial total of 118 votes.

Hot Springs voters defeated alderman Ernest "Gene" Autrey in his bid for re-election while returning incumbent Gerry Ramsey for another term. Challenger Waylon Puryear led all candidates in the Hot Springs race with 120 votes. Kenny Ramsey was also elected with 116 votes. Incumbent Gerry Ramsey finished third with 107 votes, edging out fellow incumbent Autrey by a margin

### Hot Springs Municipal Election Results

<b>MAYOR</b>	
Debbie Baker (i).....	118
<b>ALDERMEN</b>	
Waylon Puryear.....	120
Kenny Ramsey.....	116
Gerry Ramsey (i).....	107
Ernest Autrey.....	102

of five votes. The Hot Springs Board of Aldermen will meet Monday present board, Wesley Staude, night at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

## Mars Hill Board Reinstates Stop Sign

The Mars Hill Board of Aldermen voted to reinstall a stop sign at the intersection of Mountain View Road Tuesday night during their monthly meeting.

The board had earlier decided that the sign at the intersection was unnecessary, but reversed themselves at the suggestion of police chief W.R. Cutshall.

The stop sign was not the only traffic topic discussed at Tuesday's meeting. The board

also discussed the parking problem in the Mars Hill business district. Chief Cutshall said some Main Street merchants were circumventing the intent of the two-hour parking ordinance by moving their cars one space every two hours. Mayor Bill Powell said, "The merchants were hurting themselves," by this practice. The Mars Hill Youth program is a victim of success it appears. Alderman Gordon Randolph told the board that

the youth baseball program faces a \$500 deficit as a result of its winning season. Randolph told the meeting that the program has an outstanding bill of approximately \$500 due to the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. for drinks furnished during the season. Randolph explained that the program was unable to pay the bill and asked if the town could loan the program the money until spring.

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### In Weaverville

## Sprinkle Narrowly Wins Re-election

Weaverville voters reelected mayor Lawrence Sprinkle to an eleventh term in what was the closest of the area municipal elections. Sprinkle edged former town employee David Bell by an 11 vote margin in the election.

Sprinkle and the four incumbent members of Town Council all won re-election in Tuesday's municipal election.

Challenger Harold Payne also won a seat on the five-member board. Payne was Weaverville's leading vote-getter with 334 votes. Incumbent councilman M.J. West led the incumbent council members with 324 votes. Glenn Brank won another term by polling 305 votes while incumbents Robert Cheek and L.A. Weaver received 213 and 304 votes respectively.

### Weaverville Election Results

<b>MAYOR</b>	
Lawrence Sprinkle (i).....	273
David Bell.....	262
<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>	
Harold Payne.....	334
M. J. West (i).....	324
Glenn Brank (i).....	305
L. A. Weaver (i).....	304
Robert Cheek (i).....	213
Jerry Gordon.....	189
Bud Galloway.....	181
Katherine McLean.....	181
Kathleen Young.....	221
Robert Drebeiblis.....	166
Mary Trexler.....	131

## Commissioners Question Agency Executive

The Madison County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting Friday night.

The commissioners met with representatives of the Opportunity Corporation to discuss the program's operation in Madison County. The Opportunity Corporation is an agency assisting low-income residents of Madison and Buncombe counties.

Opportunity Corporation executive director Lonnie Burton answered the commissioners questions. The com-

missioners wanted to know why the Opportunity Corporation cannot provide transportation service for elderly Madison County residents who need rides to medical facilities. Burton told the commissioners that his agency could not provide such service because the county operates its own transportation assistance from the agency, Burton said, if the Madison County Transportation Authority refuses to provide the service.

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## School Board Approves Bible Distribution

The Madison County Board of Education gave permission to the Gideons to distribute Bibles to fifth grade students in the county's elementary schools. The action came during last week's monthly board meeting. The Bibles will be given at no charge to students who wish to receive them. Mike Allen came before the board to request permission to distribute the books in county schools.

The board also approved the purchase of a freezer to store frozen foods to be used by the Madison County Food Service program. Food Service director Debby Baker told the board that the Asheville Ice and Storage Co., which currently stores frozen foods for the school system, would terminate operations on Jan. 1. The freezer will be purchased from and installed by Bob Taylor Refrigeration Co. in Asheville at a cost of \$2007. The freezer will be installed at Walnut Elementary School.

The board also authorized superintendent Robert Edwards to investigate the possibility of purchasing insurance to cover the frozen goods. Baker explained that most of the frozen items are foods donated by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and that the board would be responsible for replacement of goods lost or spoiled.

Board members toured Walnut School during their luncheon recess.

The board also approved a schedule of meeting dates for 1984 and changed the date of their December meeting to Thursday, Dec. 1. The change was necessary because superintendent Edwards would be out of town on Dec. 6, the originally scheduled date of the meeting.

The board also approved a budget amendment for the special education program. The amendment did not change the total amount budgeted for the program.



MR. AND MRS. SHANNON of the Senior Citizens Great Pumpkin Contest.

## Censorship Attempts Pose Problem In N.C.

By JOHN COGGINS

The News and Observer Censorship of school texts and other educational materials has become a "significant problem" in North Carolina since 1980, largely because of religious fundamentalists, according to a report issued Sunday by a civil liberties organization.

People for the American Way, a non-profit, non-partisan group with the goal of protecting constitutional rights, said it found 243 censorship attempts in the state's public schools since 1980.

About 41 percent of those attempts were successful, resulting in removal of materials or restricted access, the group said.

No specific breakdowns on such attempts, by category or county, were included in the report issued by the group's state chapter in Winston-Salem.

The report was based on a survey of 3,601 teachers, principals and librarians in 85 counties. About 1,300 questionnaires were distributed at the 1982 state convention of the N. C. Association of Educators. Another 1,300 were mailed. The response rate was 53.3 percent.

Publications that have been challenged include a wide variety of books and periodicals as well as The Living Bible and the World Book Encyclopedia, the report said.

Among the books targeted were: "Catcher in the Rye," "The Grapes of Wrath," "Soul on Ice," "Diary of Anne Frank," "Brave New World," "Lord of the Flies" and "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich."

"What all these books appear to have in common... is that they offer students a chance to learn about new ideas and different viewpoints and may prompt students to think for themselves," Barry Hager, president of North Carolina People for the American Way, said in a news release. "Apparently, that is just what the censors do not want."

Among the periodicals that have been questioned, according to the report, were Weekly Reader, Sports Illustrated and Rolling Stone.

But the survey said censorship efforts were not confined to books and periodicals. See education programs and discussions of evolution, sexual behavior or social or historical issues such as women's and minority rights were also challenged.

"The largest category of challenges documented was in the area of sex education," the report said. "The teaching or discussion of evolution was a significant source of censorship activity... with a number of those cases being generated by ministers."

Most book-banning and censorship efforts begin with complaints by parents, the survey said. But some also were organized by school personnel, school board members and by religious groups.

The report blamed many censorship attempts on the Rev. H. Lamar Mooneyham of Durham and the Rev. Jerry Falwell, and mentioned both by name.

Falwell is president of Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Va. Mooneyham, a graduate of the college, heads the North Carolina chapter of the Moral Majority.

The report said many right-wing groups display a "deep-seated hostility to the entire concept of public education."

"The fundamental objection of these (right-wing) groups is that it does not teach their own particular brand of religion or politics," the report said.

"They have committed to the public an ideology that is not only antithetical to the