

CARTER RIDDLE IS MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT HERE

Carter Riddle, 17, of Robbinsville, is in a grave condition at the Marshall hospital as the result of a pistol wound in his chest, which was inflicted at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning in a somewhat mysterious manner, as he slept in Rector's barber shop on Main Street.

"Shorty," as Riddle is called, and some companions were sleeping in the shop, according to an affidavit secured from him by Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, when Deputy Sheriff George Rector and Ernest Ramsey, son of Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, entered the shop. The lights were flashed out, and a pistol shot rang out.

The lights were turned out by Ervin Ramsey, according to Riddle, at which Rector shouted: "Turn the lights back, or I'll make a light." Almost immediately after the lights were turned out, he was shot, the boy's statement said. He sat down and asked Rector why he had shot him, said the youth, to which Rector replied that he had not fired the shot.

Riddle was rushed to the hospital, where his condition was found to be serious, and his parents were notified. Sheriff Ramsey is pushing the investigation, he declares, and hopes to have some definite evidence shortly. Meanwhile the town is much excited over the affair.

The bullet entered young Riddle's left side, and plowed through his chest.

TO BE IN MARSHALL AND MARS HILL

C. R. Hamrick, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue will be in the Bank at Mars Hill, N. C., on Monday, Feb. 25th, and in the Courthouse at Marshall, N. C., on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, for the purpose of assisting anyone desiring help in filing State Income Tax returns. All single persons with income of \$1000.00 or more, all married persons with income of \$2000.00 or more, all partnerships and corporations regardless of amount of income must file report before March 15th. No charge is made for this service.

"Lucky" Still Taken By Madison Sheriff

"Old Lucky" a 150-gallon capacity moonshine still reported to be the largest ever captured in the history of Madison county was taken last Saturday by Sheriff Robert R. Ramsey and Deputies George H. Rector and Charles Hensley in the Shelton Laurel section.

Sheriff Ramsey reported that this still has been trailed from Madison county to Tennessee and then back to North Carolina, hence the name, "Old Lucky." Officers have been trying to capture this outfit for several years, it being reported that this still has been in operation for approximately 20 years. This still has a capacity of turning out about 60 to 75 gallons of illicit moonshine whiskey every 24 hours.

Only the thickest and best grade copper was used in the construction of the cap for it being a 20-gallon barrel. No men were in the vicinity, but about 2,000 gallons of beer were cut down by the officers. Mr. Ramsey states that the operators had on hand about 1,200 pounds of sugar and enough ingredients to turn off approximately 200 gallons of whiskey. —Asheville Citizen.

STILL OPEN!

All warehouses will stay open at Greenville, Tenn. till February 28th, 1929. Prices are as good at the Planter's as they have been for the last two weeks.

Planters Warehouses, Nos. 1 & 2, Greenville, Tenn.

CENTRAL SECURITIES COMPANY

ASHEVILLE—Plans of the new Central Securities Company of Asheville, Inc., which were announced here last week, disclose the fact that this new finance and holding company promises to be a most important force in the further industrial and commercial development of all Western North Carolina.

The Central Securities Company, with an authorized capital of \$3,500,000, starts business as one of the largest finance companies in the Southern states. It was organized by Wallace B. Davis and associates, and is affiliated with the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville. Up to Saturday night, over \$700,000 of the Company's capital stock had been subscribed, largely by present stock-holders of the Central Bank. Public sale of Central Securities 7 percent Cumulative Preferred Stock and Common "B" stock was begun this week.

Central Securities Company plans principally to purchase Western North Carolina industrial and municipal bonds, and a limited amount of stock in banks, insurance and surety companies. Many forms of cooperation will be extended to present banks and financial institutions of Western North Carolina. Real estate will not be financed or purchased by the Company; neither will real estate bond issues be originated, although real estate mortgage bonds may eventually be handled as wholesale selling agent when guaranteed by responsible surety companies. An intensive marketing campaign for securities which will be handled by the Company is soon to be instituted in the Middle West, where branch offices will eventually be opened.

Wallace B. Davis, who is President of the Central Bank and Trust Company, as well as the affiliated Central Securities Company, stated that the new Company was primarily designed to further the basic commerce and industries of this section. "We expect to provide a financial service large enough, and broadly useful enough, to claim a vital part in the progress of all Western North Carolina," said Mr. Davis. "We are highly optimistic of the success of the new Company. It shall be my purpose, and the purpose of my associates, to devote our best talent and effort to its management to the end that we may equal the remarkable success that has been achieved by other companies similar to ours."

ANNOUNCEMENT

The eighth grade of Mars Hill High School will present a program at the Mars Hill High School auditorium Friday evening, February 22, 1929, at 7:30 P. M.

PLAY: JUMBO JUM.

CHARACTERS:
Jumbo Jim James Holcombe
Mr. Gobleton Sidney Wall
Mrs. Gobleton Bobbie Bailey
Hannah Iva Dell Edward's
Lawyer Cheatman Forrest Ponder
Mr. Henry Herschell Holcombe
Miss Adelaide Louise Roberts
Song—"Ain't Got Time To Hang Around" Eighth grade
Monologue—"Socks and Soapuds"

CHARACTERS—

Mrs. Didgit Clara Phillips
Mrs. Trivial Bobbie Bailey
Monologue—"Evolution of Me"—given by Robert Howell
Song—"Ain't Got Enough For To Pass Around" Eighth grade
PLAY: "BOX AND COX"

CHARACTERS:
Box Robert Howell
Cox Jack Carter
Aunt Bouncer Irene Hensley

FAVORS HOSPITAL

February 13th, 1929.
Mr. A. W. Whitehurst
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Sir:
It has been more than sixty-seven years since I left my father and mother to go to the army, and since then I have not made my home there, but I have never ceased to have a real interest in the welfare of the people living there. I take the News-Record and note what is going on so far as told in its columns.

I have been particularly interested in the proposed hospital made possible by the Due fund conditioned by the county cooperation. I have given about thirty years' service in the executive management of the Hamilton County hospitals, one the general and the other Tuberculosis, and I think I know their value, and I am safe in saying Madison County will make a mistake in refusing to contribute its part in the consummation of that work. It could not make a better investment. I see your generous offer to help out in the matter, and I congratulate you on the humane spirit you show. It gives emphasis to the fact that you have an interest in the welfare of the community in which you live. I know you are heavily taxed up there, but I also know that good hospitals are an investment that pays good dividends in the service they render the people where they are located.

I am
Very truly,
A. J. GAHAGAN.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

So many people from Madison and other Western North Carolina counties are journeying over to Raleigh this week to look after those legislators down there that this writer has been inclined to go, too, and if this column does not have as much in it this week as it ought to have, just remember that this writer is down there also trying to legislate or do something like that instead of being at home attending to his business. You know this business of legislating is getting to be almost a joke, anyway. When you come to think about it, we wonder if the whole business isn't wrong. We get in a great stir about first nominating a man to go and we almost get to blows over the nomination, and as soon as that is over, we begin stirring ourselves about who is going to be elected and when the job is finally done half the county is mad because of defeat and the other half is mad with victory, and to stand up above the whole business and look down on it is rather amusing, after all. And then when we send the man down there to Raleigh to make our laws, we have to go and see that he makes them to suit us or keep him from making any at all, and instead of being a real law maker, he becomes the ball tossed around by the various factions until he hardly knows what he is or what he's about. And this is no reflection on any one of them—the same is practically true of all of them. We wonder if the people back home regard the ones sent to the legislature nowadays as our fathers did. They may have done it, but we do not know about it if they went down there and watched the legislatures as closely as we do in this time. Our opinion is that the people back home used to elect their man to the legislature because of his peculiar qualification for that office and he was regarded as conscientious and capable and he was trusted to do the work and the people back home accepted what he did in the best of feeling. But things have changed these days and we are afraid that everybody who announces for that office has an axe to grind or some faction has or we do not seem to be willing to trust anybody. Are we evolving or devoluting?

MARSHALL'S WHITE WAY

We favor the proposed white way for the town of Marshall. But since it was announced, here comes along a lady of the town saying that a white way is the last thing we do need. It is her opinion that before we get the lights to show up the ugly places in town we ought to have a house cleaning. She would have the old dilapidated houses replaced by better ones and a generous coat of paint used and all the objectionable sights which meet the eyes of passers-by removed or made more presentable before they are shown up by a white way. Now this writer would not care differ with this good woman, for women are usually right about this and some other things, but really when you come to think about it, most tourists pass through anyway by daylight and the scenes so vividly described by this good lady and easily seen by the casual observer, are visible to passers-by whether we have the white way or not. Besides, sometimes lights make even bad-looking objects look better. Why, one time we noticed a woman on a stage where the lights were being thrown upon her with telling effect and we thought she was a good-looking woman until she was seen as the light of day revealed her and we saw at once the charming effect that lights may have. Notice, we did not say that she was not good-looking naturally, but it took the artificial lights to show her off. Really, quite a number of women and men too are improved by lights sufficiently brilliant to deceive the on-lookers. Maybe Marshall's white way will have a similar effect.

And this is no reflection on Marshall. The natural scenery here is not excellent. An town from above is a most charming picture, so much so that we take great delight in showing it to strangers, but really there are some places on the main street which ought to be cleaned up. If tourists could see only the beauty spot on the main street, over the streets above and not the lower street, we would not say all this. Any town has its back streets or places that need cleaning up, but to strangers, Marshall seems to have only one street, and we would like to see that one street well kept and made as attractive as possible. Marshall as it now is does not impress strangers with its real beauty.

THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Sooner than you may think, the election which is to mean a hospital for Madison County or no hospital will have arrived and you people will be expected to vote one way or the other. And much depends upon the way you vote.

There are those who honestly oppose this bond issue for a hospital on the ground that it is an unnecessary unit of taxation to maintain it, when the people of Madison are in easy reach of Asheville hospitals. They say further that those who are able to pay their way would patronize hospitals away where the most expert surgeons and service would be available, and that the County hospital would be patronized largely by charity cases where the County would come in to help defray the expenses of the charity patients, that the County taxes are already too high and yet despite that fact the County is too poor now to support the County Home as it should be. They argue that if the hospital is built it will be only a few years before it will be for sale and that it will not bring 20% of its cost, and so on and so on.

An erroneous idea is also abroad that this hospital will be for the direct benefit of the doctors. They say that the County will be called upon to pay for the professional services of surgeons and physicians in charity cases. This last point, while it is being talked generally all over the County, should, if possible, be corrected. Having a County hospital would not obligate the County to pay for professional services any more than not having one.

As we understand it, the doctors do not favor the hospital for their own benefit, except insofar as hospital equipment enables them to render better service and save more lives. Even proponents of the hospital are not figuring that this institution will be a money-making investment. The idea is one more of mercy than of money. Mr. Duke helps us to offer our aid in the restoration of health to the sick and life to the dying. When a poor person in the community demands hospital service, we all willingly contribute to help defray expenses, but somebody has to go begging and sometimes the amounts received are meager and the willing helpers, when often there are many equally able to help who are unwilling helpers, when often there are many equally able to help who are not seen or are unwilling to help. The County hospital would more evenly divide the burden among more people who ought to help. And the poor will be benefitted without being taxed to help.

Let the King of Glory Come In

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.—Rev. 3:20. This wonderful friend is standing at the heart's door of every unregenerated person, and knocks: Do you not hear Him? Do you not hear the sweet, gentle voice of the kind, loving, compassionate Saviour as He says, Give me thine heart? He wants you to open the door and let Him come in to you, and sup with you. He wants your whole heart for Himself. He wants to come in to stay. Will you, dear reader, if you have not already, open just now and invite Him to come in. Christ will not force His way into any one's

heart. Before He will come in, you will have to open the door willingly yourself. You will have to desire to have Him, you will have to want Him. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob, Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and he ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty. The Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory, Selah. Psa. 24:6-10. Let the King of glory come in, the King of kings, and the Lord of Lords. He will sup with you of your sorrows, of your griefs; and he will sup with you of your heartaches and bereavements. He is a very present help in the time of trouble. Will you open your hearts door and let him come in? He is the great burden bearer, and will sick closer than a brother, and says, My yoke is easy and my burden is light. He knows the hearts of all men, and understands us better than we understand ourselves. Are you sorely tempted, Christian? Are you many times when you are trying to do your best, are you misunderstood, and persecuted, and talked about? If so, just lean on the everlasting arm of the King. Hold on to His unchanging hand, and trust in him and he will carry you through. We do not expect to go to heaven on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas. We should not ask Him to take away the thorn of the flesh, but to give us the needed grace to be an overcomer. He has promised to be with us in the sixth trouble and not forsake us in the seventh. In fact the Bible tells us that he will never leave us, nor forsake us. Why not seek the Lord now, sinner? Why tarry longer? He is a friend to the friendless. Does it seem that all your friends have forsaken you? Does it seem that your life is a failure? If so, seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon Him while He is near. Is thy heart thirsting for the living God? If so, just open the door and let Jesus come in. Is thy soul bereft of comfort, and thy heart a cheerless spot? Say not Christ is in the desert, for we can believe it not. He is a man of sorrow, and acquainted with griefs. In conclusion, hear what Isaiah says about Jesus. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and he hid as it were, our faces from Him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. Let us turn to Him, and He will have mercy on us, and will sympathize with us. Yours in Him,
Box 85 Hot Springs, W. E. McFALL.

WALNUT MAN GIVES BOND AT MARSHALL

MARSHALL, N. C., Feb. 20.—Tom McDevitt, 21, of Walnut, was arrested here on a charge of committing assault upon a female. He was released on \$1,000 bond by R. S. Ramsey, justice of the peace, and a preliminary hearing will be held Saturday. —Asheville Citizen.

Quaker Started School Banks

The increasing observance of National Thrift Week has called attention to the rapid growth of school savings banks, which now have forty million dollars of deposits and more than 4,500,000 depositors. The school savings bank, it is now revealed, owes its rise to the genius of an Indiana Quaker, J. R. Stout, who tells the story of his work in the current issue of the American Magazine.

Mr. Stout's father was a school superintendent and his mother a school teacher. When a boy, he read Ben Franklin's Autobiography "at least forty times a year," and from it he became an enthusiast in teaching the principles of systematic saving. He organized a group called the "Educational Thrift Service," and ever since he has made it his job to go to the public school authorities in various cities, persuade them to install a school savings bank, and then secure the cooperation of the best banks in the town, making an arrangement with these banks to handle the deposits of the children who fall in line with his plan.

The banks that agree to act as depositories for the children's accounts pay Mr. Stout so much per pupil enrolled in the plan. That's how he gets his living. "When I started eleven years ago to inaugurate this work," he says, "the banks were slow to join. But now I have no trouble getting them to cooperate, for the idea is intensely practical and has been in successful operation in more than 41 States.

What date is this?
Robot—I don't know. I'm a stranger here.

The audience was very appreciative and the orchestra has been asked to repeat its performance.

KITCHEN ORCHESTRA WAS GOOD

A very entertaining program was given last Friday night at the Marshall school auditorium, by the ladies of the Methodist church.

The program was featured as a Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra, each lady using the unique musical instrument of a kitchen utensil.

The strange setting was very effective with a double semi-circle of the ladies dressed in white with red jackets and head bands.

Miss Violet Wright directed the Orchestra and Mrs. Dittmore was the announcer.

A very entertaining pantomime, Miss Rose Bud Popularity was enjoyed.

Another pantomime which was very effective was Little Mother (Mutterchen). Old familiar tunes were used throughout the program by the Orchestra.

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"APRON PARTY" WAS A SUCCESS

The Valentine "Apron Party," given at the Montezuma Hotel Thursday, February 14th by the ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle, was a great success.

Sometimes it's fortunate to be slender, for each guest was met at the door and measured around the waist and was charged a penny for every inch. They carried their pennies in the pockets of the small aprons that were sent along with the invitations.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Smith directed some very interesting games which were enjoyed by both young and old. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. L. H. Giesentanner, Mrs. A. L. Plemmons, Mrs. J. M. Ramsey and Mrs. S. B. Ferguson. Contributions were received from other members of the Sewing Circle.

The Sewing Circle wishes to thank the members of the different churches and others of the community who responded to the invitations. They especially wish to thank Mrs. Lottie B. Coward, manager of the hotel, who so willingly opened the doors for the occasion and spared no efforts to make the evening pleasant for those who attended.

Mrs. Claude Allison, Treasurer, reported the proceeds to be about \$62.00, clear of all expenses. This money will be used to beautify the parsonage grounds, and for minor repairs to the parsonage.

Miss Jessie Kelly, a former Art student at the University of Tennessee, spent several hours decorating the hotel for the party. Draperies for the windows in the lobby and dining room were made of red and white paper with a border of small hearts in zig-zag fashion. Valentines were placed in prominent places about the rooms.

Wanted—More Beauty

Government statistics for the year 1928 show that there are now more than 50,000 beauty shops working with and for American Women. But a canvass of the editors of leading women's magazines indicates that there is a general demand for further development in this line, and that more and better shops will be the order of the day during the coming year.

The editor of the Woman's Home Companion says: "The country is crying for good manicures and there are hundreds of towns where a woman must sigh in vain even for a competent shampoo."

Probably no profession offers greater promise to competent girls seeking profitable employment. The average for the beginner with some training is \$25 a week, and the girls usually receive generous commissions in addition to salary. It is not rare to find a good operator in a big city beauty shop averaging \$75 a week, including tips.

"The possibilities in the business or the owner are unlimited," says Haze I. Rawson Cades, well-known beauty editor. "The right sort of girl or the operating end of the business must be physically strong, pleasant to look at, and well-groomed. Most of the beauty specialists who train their own girls insist that they have high school education and some prefer college graduates."

Among the beauty houses, Primrose House employs only trained nurses. Helena Rubenstein replied to an inquiry regarding qualifications of operators, said: "I want human beings. Intelligent, of course. Educated as much as possible. But above all, real human beings are most interested in people and want to do them good."

The Marinillo Company replied that the ideal girl should not only have technical knowledge, but also artistic ability. The Ogilvie Sisters replied: "Give us girls who are physically well, daptable and of good disposition, and we will do the rest." Elizabeth Arden's ideal is a girl of medium height, with strong capable hands, and "intelligence."

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