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MARS HILL COLLEGE GETS \$21,700 CHECK AS GIFT

PRESIDENT MOORE ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF DONATION

President R. L. Moore announced Wednesday that the morning mail had brought a gift of \$21,700 to Mars Hill College from a friend of the college whose name he had been requested not to disclose.

The gift, which was given toward the endowment of the college, was in the form of personal checks and shares of valuable stock. The donor, President Moore said, was a member of a family who had in the past given liberally to Mars Hill College.

This is the third gift made recently to the endowment of Mars Hill. A patron of a few days ago gave to the college an 85-acre farm in an adjoining state. Tuesday William Frederick Stevens, of Chicago, president of the East Coast Utilities company, sent checks to the amount of \$245, with the assurance that others would be coming.

The administration has expressed gratification at the interest which friends of the college are showing in increasing the invested resources of the college. One of the most pressing needs of the college in maintaining the high standard which it proposes and in carrying out its program in the changing educational field is adequate endowment, Dr. Moore has announced.

While the college will not at this time enter into an endowment campaign, the trustees are considering means of increasing the endowment to meet the demands of a growing college.

LEGISLATURE PASSES STERILIZATION BILL

Millner's Bill for Sterilization of Mentally Defective Now State Law; Endorsed by Welfare Agencies

Senator Millner's bill for the sterilization of mentally defective, one of the important state-wide bills brought before the present Legislature, has passed the Legislature and is now a state law. The bill, which had the endorsement of the State Board of Welfare and State Board of Health has attracted much attention throughout the State. It is similar to laws in effect already in many other states. The text of the bill is as follows:

A Bill to Provide for the Sterilization of the Mentally Defective and Feeble Minded Inmates of Charitable and Penal Institutions of the State of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The governing body or responsible head of any penal or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by the State of North Carolina, or any subdivision thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary operation for asexualization or sterilization performed upon any mentally defective or feeble minded inmate or patient thereof, as may be considered best in the interest of the mental, moral or physical improvement of the patient or inmate, or for the public good.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners of any County of North Carolina, at the public cost and expense, to have the operation performed upon any mentally defective or feeble minded resident of the county, not an inmate of any public institution, upon the petition and request of the next kin or legal guardian of such mentally defective person; provided:

Sec. 3. No operation under this act shall be performed by other than a duly qualified and registered surgeon of North Carolina and only with the consent and approval in each specific case of a board of review, which shall be the State Board of Health of North Carolina, where the patient is inmate of a state institution, or the local board of health, where the patient is inmate of a county or city institution, or is a non-institutional case.

Sec. 4. A health history of the patient and his, or her, family, so far as obtainable, signed by a duly registered North Carolina physician, shall be furnished the reviewing body in each case and together with its recommendations, left as permanent record.

Sec. 5. This act shall repeal all laws and clauses of laws in conflict therewith and become of effect immediately upon ratification.

CONFERENCE AT BULL CREEK

Dear Brother:
 There will be a conference of the pastors of the Fresh Broad Association next Monday, March 11th, at Bull Creek Baptist church, beginning at 10 o'clock. Laymen and Sundry

School workers are invited to meet with us.
 Bring your problems in one pocket, your lunch in the other, and the Word of God in your heart. This meeting ought to be made a great spiritual uplift to all who attend, and an untold blessing to our churches. Let us pray to this end.

Very cordially yours,
 J. R. OWEN,
 For the Committee.

Seeing By Radio

Now that television and picture broadcasting has become mechanically and scientifically possible, the tragedies that it has to face are beginning to manifest themselves. The Federal Radio Commission has been obliged to restrict the class of broadcasting to "rigid regulation," because visual broadcasting disturbs audible broadcasting to such an extent that

it is impractical to permit it even experimentally.

It sounds like tough luck. The problem now is to overcome the handicaps in transmitting visual radio. In time the answer may be found. The apparent impasse reminds one of the wonderful observation that while every dog has his day the cats have the nights. Perhaps it would

be very interesting to see some of this night life by way of the television.

"Ask papa," the coy young man said, gently freeing himself from her sturdy embrace.

"Ask papa!" the leap-year bachelor girl ejaculated. "Never! He doesn't count. I'll ask your mother."
 —The Pathfinder.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BILL NOW BEFORE HOUSE

The bill introduced by Representative J. H. Hutchins to oust the present Board of Education of Madison County and name a new board was finally sent back from the committee this week to the floor of the house. It was given neither a favorable nor an unfavorable report but without prejudice. The House will possibly pass on this before this paper reaches its readers, but as we go to press it is impossible to say what the outcome may be.

This is one matter which has created more excitement during the

present session of the legislature perhaps than any other measure. When it went before the committee on education some two weeks ago, large delegations representing the two sides in this matter visited Raleigh and quite a lively debate was heard before the committee. The matter was so heated and so vigorously fought, on the one hand, and so defended on the other, that it is no surprise that the committee has been so long passing on it. And now the committee has "passed the buck" to the House.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

We see from the Chattanooga Times dated February 24 that Capt. Jack Gahagan, formerly of Madison County, now residing at Chattanooga, celebrated his 85th birthday February the 23rd, 1929. If we may judge from the write-up given him in that issue, Captain Gahagan must stand exceedingly well in his city. A double-column picture of himself and a four-column picture of the dinner party on this occasion followed by nearly a page of praise and sketch of his life and works make up this interesting account. This is of interest in Madison County not only because of his having been born in this county, but also for the reason that he now has many relatives and friends in this county. We understand he is a brother of Mr. Ben Wade Gahagan, Mr. Richard Gahagan, and Miss Lillie Gahagan. In the party were the Mayor of Chattanooga, two judges, one senator, and one justice of the supreme court of Tennessee. May he have many happy returns of the day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN

We have been very much gratified at the number of people who have come in or sent in and renewed their subscriptions since our last issue came out giving them warning that their paper would be stopped unless arrangements are made. We are aware that the price of the paper is hard for some people to get, but with many, it is only a matter of neglect. They continue to put off from day to day what could have been done sooner, but the habit of neglect grows on them and it is hard to shake off. But that very habit causes many publishers to suffer. If you have not yet come across, don't wait another day. Don't force us to stop your paper.

We wonder if the people generally appreciate the blessings or advantages of our present time. It is good to be living in such a delightful age. Our younger people hardly realize the wonderful improvements that have taken place within the recollection even of those who are not so old yet. We were particularly impressed with this wonderful age Monday when we realized for our first time that the people all over this great nation could practically attend the inauguration of our new president and at the same time be comfortably seated in our own homes. One could almost see the crowds moving and surging through the wet streets of Washington trying to gain a vantage point from which to witness the ceremonies, while we could remain at home and perhaps hear more and get a better understanding of the program than if we had been in Washington, having our attention drawn from the amplifiers by the rain and various distractions.

And all this was made possible by the radio—just one phase of the great electrical age in which we live. We wonder if we people in Western North Carolina appreciate what the Asheville Broadcasting Station means for us. And to think that we get all this free just by owning or being near a receiving set! If it cost us more, perhaps we would appreciate it more. If we were permitted but once in a life time to have such an experience as that Monday, wouldn't we think it worth hundreds and hundreds of dollars—just the wonder of it? All the sweetest music in the world, the greatest speeches, the greatest sermons, the greatest plays, the best of everything audible brought to our very homes and given us free of charge if we will but prepare to tune in!

The inaugural ceremonies Monday were brought to us in Western North Carolina by the Columbia Broadcasting System financed by the Central Securities Company of Asheville. We are deeply indebted to this Asheville company for having this foresight and consideration for this section of the state. While it is great advertising for them, they were rendering real service for their advertising. Certainly all who enjoyed it could at least show appreciation by writing them a card. That is the only way those who make the broadcasting possible have of knowing whether it is heard and appreciated or not. This station is now owned by The Asheville Citizen and the present management is certainly giving us something worth while. We thank them all.

It is all so wonderful that it is hard for us to say what is most wonderful. But we had never heard broadcasting from an aeroplane before. Think of sitting in Marshall, or in California for that matter, and actually hearing the man in the flying plane as it circled over Washington speaking above the hum of his motor and propeller! What are we coming to next?

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE HOSPITAL

The publisher of this paper is trying honestly to place as many of the facts regarding the proposed hospital before our people as possible before the election so that they can vote as intelligently as possible. On February 22, we wrote the following letter to Dr. W. S. Rankin at Charlotte, who is the head of the Duke Endowment.

Dr. W. S. Rankin
 Duke Foundation
 Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Dr. Rankin:
 You will perhaps remember me personally. As you very likely know, we are to hold an election on April 9 to decide whether this county will issue bonds with which to meet the Duke Offer for a hospital. As publisher of the only paper published in the county, I am very anxious to get hold of as many facts as possible

about this matter so that I may know how to act intelligently in giving publicity to the matter. Will you, therefore, answer the following:

1. How many such hospitals are now running in this and other states?
2. How many in this state were built by the county voting bonds?
3. Name the counties in which your foundation has aided in building hospitals and supplying funds for charity cases.
4. Do you know of any county which has had such a hospital and in which the people are dissatisfied and sorry they built it? If so, please name it. If not, do you have reason to believe that the people are pleased with it?
5. If possible, please say how many are self-sustaining and how many are not, the largest deficit, &c.

Any other information you can send to help us out will be greatly appreciated.

I am hoping you have something printed which will cover the above points without giving you undue trouble.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,
 H. L. STORY.

After several days we were favored with the following letter from Dr. Rankin:

Mr. H. L. Story,
 The News-Record,
 Marshall, North Carolina,
 My dear Mr. Story:

I have just returned to the office within the last few days, after being out of the State for the last ten days, and this is the first opportunity I have had to answer your letter of February 22nd.

I will take up your questions in the order in which you ask them.

1. How many such hospitals are now running in this and other states?
 If you mean to include by the use of the word such, county hospitals built by bond issues, I know of only one, namely, Haywood County hospital. There are, however, two other county hospitals in North Carolina, one in Vance County, built by appropriations made by the county commissioners, and another in Rutherford County, given by the private owners to the county. There are, however, eighty public or community hospitals in North Carolina, hospitals operated without private gain, built by counties, towns, churches, and private philanthropies. Yancey County is now building a county hospital which was provided for by a county bond issue.

2. How many in this State were built by the county voting bonds?
 This question is answered in the answer to No. 1.
3. Name the counties in which your foundation has aided in building hospitals and supplying funds for charity cases.

You will observe that in this question you have asked two questions, so that I will answer the question in two parts, (a) assistance in the construction of hospitals, and (b) assistance in the operation of hospitals. The Duke Endowment only began to contribute to the construction of hospitals in 1928. Under the terms of the Trust establishing The Duke Endowment the Trustees are not permitted to contribute to the construction of hospitals until they have a surplus over the requirements for operating hospitals. Last year we made appropriations for the building, construction or additional equipment to the following projects, all of which were dependent, as in the case of Madison County, upon local action.

Madison County, Yancey County, Buncombe County, McDowell County, Avery County, Burke County, Polk County, Mecklenburg County, Davidson County, Forsyth County, Guilford County, Moore County, Durham County, Vance County, and Brunswick County. As to contributions for the operation of hospitals, I direct your attention to Table 2-a, page 36 of our 1927 Report and Table 64, page 310, 1927 Report, and also the hospital map of North Carolina following page 74 of the same report. This report is being sent you under separate cover.

- 4-a. Do you know of any county that has had such a hospital and in which the people are dissatisfied and sorry they built it?

No.

- 4-b. If not, do you have reason to believe that the people are pleased with it?

Yes.

5. If possible, please say how many are self-sustaining and how many are not, the largest deficit, etc.

See Table 2-a, page 36, again. The deficit of the general hospitals of North Carolina, as shown in that table, for the year 1927, is 8.2 per cent over their income from patients and The Duke Endowment, which deficit is made up and wiped out from sources indicated by a note at the foot of the table, page 37. I do not happen to have a table with the eighty hospitals in North Carolina, showing in each particular case income from all sources, surplus and deficits, by which I could answer your question 5 more specifically. I am sending you also with the 1927 report our 1926 report, and you may find Chapters II, III and VI of interest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
 W. S. RANKIN, M. D., Director.

These references to their reports of 1926 & 1927 would require more space to explain than we can give to this matter in this issue.

JOHN R. FRISBY FOUND NOT GUILTY KILLING SON

Our Debt To Mother

"Why just one day is set aside,
 To me is not quite clear,
 For mother should be honored,
 Every day throughout the year;
 And though you shower upon her,
 All the world's great wealth today,
 The debt you owe to mother,
 It wouldn't half repay."

"Twas mother held you to her breast
 When shadows used to creep;
 'Twas mother's crooning lullaby,
 That closed your eyes in sleep;
 'Twas mother's soft and tender words
 That banished every fear,
 'Twas mother's angel lips,
 That kissed away each little tear.

"Oh, mother's life is just a round,
 Of worry, toil and care;
 You little know the trials,
 Or the burdens she must bear;
 And though every day you honor her
 With this and that and 'tother,
 You never, never, can repay
 The debt you owe your mother."
 —Sent in by Mrs. W. F. Burris.

As we went to press last week the trial of John R. Frisby of near Marshall was in progress and considerable interest was being manifested in its outcome. The lawyers finished speaking Friday night after supper, after quite a number of witnesses had been examined and the judge's charge was not delivered to the jury until Saturday morning. Before noon the jury had returned a verdict of not guilty.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

PECIAL ATTENTION TO SCHOOL BUSES AND CHILDREN

NORTH CAROLINA,
 MADISON COUNTY.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY FEBRUARY TERM 1929

To His Honor, Judge Michael Schenck, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jurors for the February Term 1929, of the Superior Court of Madison County, North Carolina, beg to submit the following report of our investigations.

We have diligently and carefully investigated all presentments coming before us and have returned indictments for all violations where the evidence was sufficient to show there was probable cause.

We have inspected the county institutions, including the County Home, Jail and Court House.

We find the County Home in good condition and the repairs are being made that was recommended by the Grand Jury at November Term 1928. There were 18 inmates at the home.

From our inspection of the Court House we find that the same is in good condition and the offices well kept.

Our inspection of the jail reveals that there are seventeen prisoners confined in the same. The sanitary condition was found to be good, or as good as could be expected. The prisoners were questioned as to treatment received and food furnished and all seem to be well pleased, and no complaint was heard from prisoners. We found one lock in bad condition and recommend that same be repaired with a new lock at once. Also one window to be repaired. We recommend that the passage between the back wall and the cage to be blocked for the safety of keeping prisoners.

We have examined the record of Guardians in Clerk's office and find that a few have failed and neglected to submit a report. We recommend that an order be made requiring all guardians to submit report at once, according to law.

The Grand Jury recommends that County Superintendent give special instructions to all truck drivers and teachers in the county relating to the safety of school children in discharging and receiving school children on the public roads and highways. That there shall be signs placed on the front and rear of every school bus carrying the children relating to passing said buses while discharging and receiving school children on highways and county roads.

Respectfully submitted,
 L. F. TWEED, Foreman.
 February 27th, 1929.

FREE SERVICES OFFERED

The Ministerial Conference at Mars Hill College wishes to offer its services freely and gladly on week-ends to any pastor, any congregation, any near community, where and when there is ministering in the name of Christ to be done. The Conference is composed of over thirty ministerial students and holds itself in readiness to answer any call; to preach, to help in Sunday School and other young people's church work; to hold prayer meetings; anything in which a young minister might help.

The matter of transportation when the call comes from a distance is perhaps the only difficulty; but it will be met in as far as possible. The men whose names are signed below are well known citizens and have gladly agreed to act as our committee of extension. Notify any one of these or phone N. S. Whitaker's store; or write D. L. Stewart, Mars Hill, N. C.
 S. M. STROUP,
 L. Z. ELLER,
 N. S. WHITAKER.

"The facial features plainly indicate character and disposition," said the knowing one. "In selecting your wife, were you governed by her chin?" he asked.

"No," replied the timid soul, "but I have been ever since we were married."
 —The Pathfinder.

Gallant Passenger (on sinking ship)—Here, lady, take my life preserver; it will save you.

Miss Highbrow—Sir! That ill-fitting thing! It's way out of style and you insult me. Keep it; I would rather drown first.
 —The Pathfinder.