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Troy Wild Saves Playmate From Drowning

(Special to The News-Record)
A tragedy was averted in the Foster-Laurel section last Thursday when Troy Wild, 14-year-old son of W. H. Wild, plunged into the badly swollen waters of Laurel and rescued 8-year-old Blake Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Farmer, who had accidentally fallen in. The smaller boy was crossing a foot-log when he became dizzy and fell into the water. He was borne down stream rapidly for about 25 yards, barely halting in an eddy where his companion just managed to reach him before another current caught him. The boys crawled up on a big rock and waited as patiently as cold, wet clothing and chattering teeth would allow, for help to arrive.

Neither were any the worse for the accident, except that Troy lost his shoes in his scramble-dash through the creek.

The rise to fame of Charley Curtis proves that this country will do something for an Indian when an Indian does something for the country.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

WHAT THE MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL WOULD COST YOU A YEAR

Cannot Cost Seven Cents On The Hundred Dollars

MAY NOT COST HALF THAT AMOUNT

Under the law governing the establishment of county hospitals, a notice of which is running in this paper, the people of the county cannot be taxed over one-fifteenth of one cent on the dollar's valuation of property. STOP! Don't get the idea that means 15c on the hundred dollars: It's easy to think that way if you do not stop and think twice. One-fifteenth of one cent on the dollar means 1c for every fifteen dollar's valuation of property. How many cents on the hundred dollars? As many as 15 is contained times in 100, or six and two-thirds times. 6 2-3 cents is the maximum amount that could be assessed no matter

what happens. If you will stop to figure a little, you will find that it will not likely require that amount. Property in Madison is valued for taxation at over ten and a half million dollars. If we assume that the hospital would be self-sustaining, the actual amount necessary to raise would be \$1250 sinking fund every year to pay off the \$37,500 in 30 years and the interest. What the interest would amount to would depend upon how the bonds were sold, but it would not be more than 6 per cent. Many think not over 5 per cent and maybe even less. But even if you figure the interest at 6%, the first year the interest would amount to \$2250 and that amount added to the sinking fund, \$1250, totals \$3500 a year, which is less than 3 1/2c on the hundred dollars of property. Every year, as the bonds were retired, the interest item would be less and less. This means that if you are paying taxes now on \$100 valuation, the hospital would add 3 1/2c to your taxes a year. If you are paying on \$200 your tax would be increased just 7 cents a year. If you are paying on \$500, your tax would be raised 17 1/2c, on \$1000 the increase would be 35c, and 35c for every thousand dollars' worth of property you list for taxation. No matter what might be the deficit in the operating expenses of the hospital, the increase in taxes could not exceed twice this amount under the law. So that nobody should worry about the amount of taxes this hospital will cost them. If your family never gets sick or needs hospital service, be thankful that you are helping someone who does need such service; for many people these days have to go to hospitals, and many of them are not able to pay their way.

We made a mistake last week in figuring and said that it would cost Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt at Rolling Fork 15c a year. We find now that the cost would hardly be more than half that amount, probably something between 5 and 10 cents.

The Duke Foundation matches this amount as a gift. There are no strings to it. You do not have to pay interest on the Duke gift. It is an absolute gift, and in addition to that, the Duke fund gives \$1.00 a day for charity patients. How can Madison County afford to lose this gift and this help from the outside?

One requirement of the Duke fund is that the hospital helped by this fund shall not operate at a profit. If it made any money one year, the surplus would have to go back and be absorbed in the operating expenses the next year, or month as the case may be, thus reducing the charge to patients. Dr. Knox, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Marshall, in speaking Monday night, said this gift is a God-send and we cannot afford to lose it. Other counties are clamoring for it and if we fail in this election, some other county gets it.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DID FOR MADISON COUNTY

Well, it is over! That memorable body which created such a stir in Raleigh is a thing of the past. But the effects are not over. It was a battle to the finish and the war-scarred veterans have returned to make their reports. We have not seen all of them, but we learn from Representative Hutchins and others that the results down there as affecting Madison County finally resulted about as follows:

The Board of Education of Madison County will be composed of the following members: Dr. R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill, Mr. Calvin H. Reeves of the Sandy Mush section, Mr. Lee Ramsey, Mr. Jasper Ebbs, and Mr. Wiley M. Roberts, of Little Pine. The last three named were on the board before.

A bill was passed by Representative Hutchins reducing the work on roads to four days or five dollars.

A bill was passed changing the November term of court from November to January, thus avoiding the conflict with Thanksgiving.

The County Commissioners remain the same as before the legislature. The bill introduced to change the number to five instead of three was reported unfavorable, later brought up in the Senate and defeated.

The state law passed at this session increasing tax on gasoline from 4c to 5c will give Madison County about \$27,000.00 a year. This will eliminate the amount now set aside for road purposes in Madison.

The state school bill passed increasing the equalization fund will tend to lower the rate of taxes in Madison County.

For Marshall a bill was put through making the banks in Marshall all the town treasurer, requiring the banks to keep a correct set of books. The chief of police is required to collect water rent and his salary was not increased.

We have not yet learned the nature of the bills affecting the town of Hot Springs or any other town in Madison County, if any were passed.

MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Ever since the hospital matter was submitted by the commissioners to be voted on the 9th of April, we have been seeking information and trying to give the readers of this paper such information as could be obtained. And we shall be glad to give out as many points as possible from time to time. The paper will be late this week on account of holding it to get as many facts before our readers as possible, as we realize that there will be only two more issues of this paper before the election. While we have been stressing the importance of this matter from the first, our people do not seem to have given it very much thought until the last few days—their attention seeming to be more towards Raleigh, where much friction has caused even the hospital matter to suffer.

At first this writer was not sure that he would favor this hospital proposition. Like many other people, we did not understand it. We have tried to study it from the standpoint of the taxpayer, from the standpoint of the patient, and from the standpoint of the doctors. The result of study is that we favor it, with facts now before us. If we did not believe it would be for the benefit of the poorer class of people, we would not favor it. If any person in Madison County sympathizes with the poor people, it is this publisher. He has visited many of the homes in the county and seen the living condition in almost every section. He knows how hard it is for them to get hold of money to pay taxes, or to buy the necessities of life, in many cases, and he would not advocate any measure to extract one cent from them if he did not believe firmly it would result in their benefit. Moreover, we would not favor it if we did not believe that the people would favor it when they have understood it. As we see it, this is one way of getting those able to pay help those who are not able, and if the poor people kill this matter, they will have nobody to blame but themselves when they are sick and begging help to go to a hospital where they must pay. The wonder is that the more wealthy people of the county would favor it at all, as they are the ones who will bear the burden. It will not cost the poor people much if anything and they are the ones to be benefitted. We will write some more later.

WHY YOUR ARTICLE IS NOT PUBLISHED

We have more than one article in this office this week some for and some against the hospital, and some seeking information, but we have given all the space to this matter this week that we can afford to give. Moreover the points given this week seem to answer the most vital matters which concern our voters. We may answer more fully next week.

MRS. MOORE'S ARTICLE ON THRIFT

One of the finest and most valuable discussions appearing in this paper ever is the one this week headed "THRIFT" by Mrs. R. L. Moore of Mars Hill. By all means read it. You would do well to clip it out and keep it.

MISS MORRIS EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

R. F. D. 5
Marshall, N. C.
March 19, 1929

Mr. Story, Editor,
Marshall News-Record
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Mr. Story:

I've been meaning to write you in appreciation of your editorials which have been appearing of late in your paper. They have hit the nail on the head—and have added 100% value to your publication. I'd like to see some of them—particularly those regarding the law making and unmaking in Raleigh—published in the Asheville papers or even more extensively. It has seemed to us ever since we have been here that too petty details are attended to there in Raleigh, which should by right come under local county legislation.

Your giving us information and soliciting debate regarding the proposed hospital is a fine thing.

I'm always in favor of better facilities for caring for the sick and needy, and feel sure that if a business-like, just and public spirited group of people can be persuaded to act on a Board of Management for such an institution as is being discussed, it will mean a great thing to Madison County.

A well conducted County Hospital could not help but very materially raise the standards of both nursing and medical work as well as by putting a stamp of approval on and impetus to all work done along the line of Public Health.

Yours very sincerely,
MARY T. MORRIS.

BOUNTY ON BIRDS TO DISCONTINUE

Raleigh, N. C.
April 13, 1929.

MEMORANDUM TO COUNTY GAME WARDENS:

The bounty offered on the following predatory birds and the wildcat will be discontinued April 1, 1929: Cooper's Hawk, 25c; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 25c; Crow, 15c; Wildcat, \$2.00.

You should receive any of the above birds or the wildcat for bounty up to this date, April 1, and make certificate to the Department where the claims are correct, even though your certificates are not sent in until after April 1.

Please give this matter, that the bounties will terminate for this year on April 1, such publicity from now on as you can in your county. Perhaps, your local newspaper or papers will carry it as a news item.

Termination of the bounty money on April 1 becomes necessary because we feel that it would give an opportunity to those who would violate the State game law to kill game animals and game birds under the pretext of hunting for hawks, crows and wildcats.

While we have not expended the full amount of the fund set aside for the payment of these bounties, still it has resulted in the destruction of a great many crows, hawks, and wildcats, and in the whole, the Department is highly gratified with results obtained.

C. H. ENGLAND,
State Game Warden.

DEATH OF JOE RICE

Mr. Joe Rice of Hopewell died last Sunday morning at his home, at about three o'clock. He was 65 years of age, and his death was caused by pneumonia fever.

The funeral service was conducted Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Methodist church at Walnut. Several ministers had a part in the service, Rev. N. H. Griffin, J. H. Ballard, B. E. Gutherie, R. H. Morgan, and Rev. Mr. Sprinkle. After the funeral the body was laid to rest in the Walnut cemetery.

Mr. Rice was one of the best citizens of his community. He was a member of the church for forty years, and had been a member of the Masonic Order for a number of years. He was true to his church, his lodge, his community, his home, and best of all, to his God.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joe Rice; two brothers, Jim Rice, of Walnut, and Job Rice of Walnut Creek. The following children survive: Mrs. Magnolia Reeves, of Walnut, Mrs. Nettie Harrison of Black Mountain, and three sons, Paul, Will, and Reuben.

Mrs. Nancy Haynie, sister of Joe Rice, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Roberts of Barnard, on Tuesday morning. She was buried in the Walnut cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted from the Baptist church by Rev. Mr. Sprinkle of Pine Creek.

"I've got one advantage over you still," said the horse as he looked at the auto that was sharing the barn. "When I'm worn out I can be worked up into canned beef and gum-drops, and you can't."—The Pathfinder.

THE DUKE HOSPITAL PROPOSITION

WHAT IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS

At the request of various persons in regard to increase of the tax rate in the event the hospital election is voted favorably by the people. I make the following statement.

The Law provides that the tax in any event cannot exceed one-fifteenth of one cent on the dollar. This amounts to 6 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation of property.

The proposed bond issue cannot exceed Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00). On the basis of the present tax valuation of the property in Madison County Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars to meet the interest on five per cent Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Bonds and create sinking fund would require about 3c tax on the One Hundred Dollars of taxable property, which would be about 30c on the Thousand Dollars of taxable property. This amount would be reduced each year as the bonds are paid off.

The Duke Foundation will pay \$37,500.00 if the county votes the bonds. The corporations and other interest will pay about three-fourths of the taxes required for this proposition and the farming class about one-fourth.

J. N. WHITE, County Auditor.

THE DUKE FOUNDATION WILL PAY \$1.00 PER DAY FOR CHARITY PATIENTS.

NO DUKE HOSPITAL CAN BE OPERATED FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CAN PROFIT FINANCIALLY FROM OPERATION OF THE DUKE HOSPITAL.

THE LOCATION OF THE HOSPITAL MUST BE APPROVED AND PASSED ON BY THE DUKE FOUNDATION BOARD. THE HOSPITAL WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE ISLAND OR ON MAIN STREET OF MARSHALL OR AT THE CAROLINA PALISADES.

THE DUKE BOARD MUST APPROVE METHODS OF MANAGEMENT.

A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MANAGE THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT PAY.

NO DOCTOR CAN BE A TRUSTEE OF THE HOSPITAL.

EACH DOCTOR WORKING IN THE HOSPITAL MUST BE APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DOCTORS MUST OPERATE FREE OF CHARGE WHEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDE WHEN PATIENTS CANNOT PAY.

ALL DUKE HOSPITALS NOW IN OPERATION AS FAR AS KNOWN MORE THAN PAY EXPENSES.

MASS MEETINGS

Dr. W. S. Rankin, Director of the Duke Foundation, will be in Madison County on the 3 and 4 of April. He will be able to answer your questions regarding a Duke Hospital. Dr. Rankin will speak:

April 3 at MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL at 2:40 o'clock.

April 3 at MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL at 7:30 o'clock.

April 4 at WHITE ROCK at 10:00 o'clock.

April 4 at HOT SPRINGS H. S. at 2:30 o'clock.

April 4 at MARS HILL H. S. at 7:30 o'clock.

UNDERSTAND THIS OFFER.

THINK IT OVER.

VOTE APRIL 9.