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MARSHALL MINISTERS FAVOR HOSPITAL

WRITE OTHER MINISTERS IN
COUNTY TO STRESS
IMPORTANCE OF
HOSPITAL

The following communication from the ministers of Marshall to other ministers in the county shows how the ministers feel about the proposed hospital:

As you are aware, that the Duke Foundation makes it possible for Madison County to have a great hospital on a 50-50 basis, and that this very important matter will come before the people for their decision April 9th, we, the ministers of Marshall, feel that every minister of the Gospel in this County should use his influence and his pulpit, if necessary, to inform the people concerning the great and urgent nature of this proposition—in a word, to place the facts squarely before the people. We surely cannot afford to let so wonderful an opportunity pass.

The small cost to the taxpayers of 30 cents to every taxable \$1,000.00 is almost nothing and that the hospital will be self-supporting is almost a certainty. What such a Hospital will mean to this and coming generations is beyond calculation; that it will prove a veritable God-send to the people and a blessing to humanity, there is no question.

To be, or not to be, is now the supreme question: Shall we pass it up? or avail ourselves of it? We face a real challenge. How shall we dispose of it? This is the duty and privilege of every registered voter to answer.

We feel so strongly on this matter—that is why we are addressing our brethren in the ministry to do all they can to broadcast the real situation as it is to all the people—free from bias or prejudice.

If this is done, as we are hoping and praying it will be, there can be but one result—a Great Hospital to answer a great need in a Great County, of our beloved North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted—
J. T. M. KNOX, Pastor
Presbyterian Church.
HORACE L. SMITH, pastor
Marshall Baptist Church.
J. C. UMBERGER, pastor
M. E. Church, South, Marshall and Hot Springs, N. C.

Hospitals For Neglected People

A correspondent asks for information concerning the Duke Foundation's offer to aid counties and municipalities in building hospitals.

The Foundation has entered this field especially for the purpose of aiding in providing the isolated rural people hospital facilities which they do not have under prevailing conditions. The Foundation matches local money dollar for dollar, for the construction and often proposes also to grant a dollar a day for the care of charity patients in the hospitals—thus reaching a class sorely in need of medical ministrations.

This paper is not, of course, in position to advise any county or municipal corporation as to issuing bonds for hospitals. This much can be said, however: hospitalization for the people of rural districts, especially those unable to pay for adequate medical and surgical treatment, is one of the greatest social needs of rural North Carolina.

There are many welfare projects worthy of praise and support. None is more vital to the masses of the people, especially in remote sections, than that in which the Duke Foundation is contributing to the building and maintenance of hospitals.

In 1928 the Foundation spent in the Carolinas more than a half million dollars for hospitals and orphanages.

—Editorial in Asheville Times.

A CORRECTION

In our issue of March 22, a report was sent in from Upper Brush Creek, mentioning Austin Falkner, Jr. We understand there is no such person over there and the one who sent in the report deceived this paper with a fictitious name and deserves the contempt of the public. A reward will be given for the real name of the writer.

Pasture seed mixtures are being planted on small grain in Burke County as a start in the growing of more permanent pastures.

Top-dressing small grain with quick-acting nitrogen is a sure way to increase yields of grain and hay, say agronomists.

From LAKE ONTARIO, CAN.

The following clipping from a newspaper published in Canada is sent us by Mrs. E. P. Reed, formerly Miss Zola Freeman, of Barnard, N. C. Mrs. Reed is becoming a subscriber to the News-Record and she thought the following item would be of interest. We think so too:

DIED AS HE TOOK A STEP FORWARD

One of the most mysterious deaths that has ever been reported from the inland reaches of Northern Ontario, says a report emanating from Toronto, has sifted down from the far outposts. Trappers and prospectors who have experienced the biting life-wasting cold of that section, do not scoff at its possibility.

According to the report, an Indian party engaged in running trap-lines in the region of the headwaters of the Attawapiska river, discovered the body of a white man standing bolt upright, with one foot slightly advanced as if he was about to take a step when suddenly stricken. The body was hard as a board and was firm in its unusual position. The Indians found the man's snowshoes were firmly anchored in slush ice. There were neither marks on the clothing nor anything in the prospector's sack that would indicate his identity, according to the report.

Recovery of the body cannot be made until summer, it was stated.

FAVORS HOSPITAL

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER OF
MARSHALL WRITES

Marshall, N. C.
April 2, 1929

The News-Record.

Dear Mr. Story—

I am pleased to note the interest now being manifested concerning the proposed Duke Hospital for Madison County.

I wish to add just a few words along with the many that are being said and written in its favor.

First of all, in the event this humanitarian proposition is voted down, I honestly believe that every voter against it will wake up to see his mistake before many moons have passed. There is surely no one who questions the motive of the Duke Foundation in donating \$37,500.00 to establish a hospital in Madison County on a 50-50 basis. Then what is wrong about accepting the gift? There is absolutely nothing being withheld from the public, so far as any one can see. There is nothing underhand about it. All is open and aboveboard; and the facts, ALL the facts that can be obtained, are being placed before the voter. These facts and figures all point one way, and that is to vote yes. I am confident the hospital will never prove to be a burden, but in every way a blessing to the people of Madison County.

J. T. M. KNOX.

FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

A Fellowship Conference has been called to meet with the Baptist church of Mars Hill on Friday, April 12, at 11 A. M. All the pastors and leading laymen and women of the French Broad Association have been invited to this meeting, the purpose of which is to foster fellowship and to increase interest in the denominational program.

This is one of a series of such conferences that Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Raleigh, general secretary, and Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, Raleigh, mission secretary of the Baptist State Convention, are holding at this time throughout the state.

"These conferences", says Mr. Gil-

TUSCULUM STUDENT LOSES PURSE IN MARSHALL

Mr. Drake, a crippled student at Tusculum College, lost a purse in Marshall Wednesday, near eleven o'clock. He had about \$12 in the purse, representing his savings for some time. Finder would show the right heart by returning to

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Mrs. Housewife—What makes you so late with the milk these mornings?
Milkman—Well, you see, the pure food law don't allow us more than 25 million bacteria to the gallon, and you wouldn't believe how long it takes to count the little ones of germs.—The Pathfinder.

more, "have been well attended thus far and considerable stimulus has been given to the work of the denomination." Continuing Mr. Gilmore says: "The Baptist denomination in the South is now confronting serious problems, the solution of which will determine very largely the future of the denomination. At these conferences these problems are freely discussed and every one given the privilege of expressing his or her opinion or of asking any question in regard to the work. The meeting will last about two hours."

COUNTY BUSINESS TRANSACTION MONDAY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZED

Committees Appointed and Other
Matters of Business Attended To

Monday was an important day in Marshall. The Board of Education as constituted by the last legislature met and the two new members, Dr. R. L. Moore and Mr. Calvin H. Reeves, were sworn in. Dr. Moore was made chairman of the Board and many petitions and requests were heard before the Board went into executive session. Committees for the schools of the County were named, very few changes being made. In Marshall Mr. P. V. Rector was put in the place of Mr. Nat Holcombe, who has moved from Marshall to Mars Hill. Quite a number of people were in town and some one remarked that grindstones were needed, as nearly every one had an axe to grind. The election of a county superintendent will take place the first Monday in May.

What the commissioners did we hope to be able to give next week.

DRUG PLANTS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

It is not generally known that 75 percent of all the drug plants collected in the United States are gathered in a radius of 100 miles around Asheville, N. C. A famous botanist, Asa Gray, found more varieties of plants on a 30-mile exploration in the North Carolina mountains than he found across the northern part of the United States from Massachusetts to the Rocky Mountains.

Of the drug materials handled by Asheville dealers, 225 are indigenous to that region, and their sale is the principal source of income of many mountain families. Starting in the early spring, the first to be gathered are Balm of Gilead and Black Willow buds, followed by early roots, which must be gathered before the sap begins to flow. Then come a variety of barks and late in the summer, other varieties of roots for medicinal leaves. In the winter these families supplement their incomes by gathering and selling Galax, Laurel, ferns and other ornamental plants.

Formerly only wild plants came into the market, but latterly some varieties, such as Ginseng and Golden Seal, have been planted and cultivated. Some of these plantings have been highly profitable. Ginseng has sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$10 or more per pound, and at Bryson City, N. C., R. L. Snelson has reported yields from Ginseng beds up to \$2,000 per acre per year during a period of five years from planting the seed. In the same region about 250 farms are growing Golden Seal, their plantings ranging from a quarter of an acre to four acres each. Returns over a three-year period have amounted to as much as \$5,000 per acre.

The success of these plantings suggest opportunities for further expansion and for the cultivation of other varieties of drug plants.—The Southern Field.

A Woman's Prophecy 500 Years Old

Some people seem to believe the prophetic age passed with the Apostles. Here is a prophecy written 500 years ago by a woman. Read and see if you can suggest how she could have improved it if she had written it this month. Before reading it, please undertake to transport yourself back across five centuries and live when there were no steamships, no steam railways, no sewing machines, no cook stoves, no radios, no automobiles no flying machines, no submarines and none of the many other inventions so common today.

Now, if you are back there sitting alone, in your quaint old-fashioned dwelling, read this poem and see if you do not think she had a real vision of the future happenings of the world. Mother Shipton was born in Norfolk, England, and died in Clifton, Yorkshire, 1449. Thus you see she died 43 years before Columbus discovered America.—J. H. Phillips, Ashdown, Ark.

A WOMAN'S PROPHECY 500 YEARS OLD

(Original Mother Shipton Prophecy)
A carriage without horses shall go;
Masters fill the world with woe.
In London, Primrose hill shall be,
Its center hold, a bishop's see.
Around the world men's thoughts shall fly
Quicker than the twinkling of an eye.

And waters shall great wonders do—
How strange, and yet it shall come true.
Then upside down the world shall be,
And gold found at the root of tree;
Through towering hill proud men shall ride,
Nor horse nor ass move by his side.

Beneath the waters men shall walk;
Shall ride, shall sleep and even talk.
And in the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, as well as green.
A great man then shall come and go,
For prophecy declares it so.

In water iron then shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found in stream or stone
In land that is as yet unknown.
Water and fire shall wonders do,
And England shall admit a Jew.

The Jew that once was held in scorn,
Shall of a Christian then be born.
A house of glass shall dwell to pass
In England—but alas! alas!

A war will follow with the Turk;
Where dwells the pagan and the Turk
The states will lock in fierce strife,
And seek to take each other's life.

When North shall thus divide the South,
The eagle build in lion's mouth.
Then tax and blood and cruel war
Shall come to every humble door.

Three times shall sunny, lovely France,
Be led to play a bloody dance;
Before the people shall be free,
The tyrant rulers shall see.
Three rulers in succession be—
Each sprang from different dynasty.

Then, when the fiercest fight is done,
England and France shall be as one.
The British olive next shall twine
In marriage with the German vine.
Men walk beneath and over streams—
Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.

All England's sons shall plow the land—
Shall oft be seen with book in hand.
The poor shall now most wisdom know
And waters, wind, where corn did grow.

Great houses stand in far-flung vale,
All covered o'er with snow and hail,
And now a word; nuncouth rhyme
Of what shall be in future time,
For in those wondrous, far-off days,
The women shall adopt a craze
To dress like men and trousers wear,
And cut off their lovely locks of hair.

They'll ride astride with brazen brow,
As witches on a broomstick now;
Then love shall die and marriages cease,
And nations wage as babies decrease.
The wives shall fondle cats and dogs,
And men live much the same as hogs.

In nineteen hundred twenty-six,
Build houses light of straw and sticks
For then shall mighty war be planned,
And fire and sword sweep the land.
But those who live the century through
In fear and trembling, this will do.

Flee to the mountains and the dens—
To bog and forest and wild fens,
For storms shall rage and oceans roar
When Gabriel stands on sea and shore
And as he blows his wondrous horn,
Old worlds shall die and new be born.

Old Gent (observing boy burdened with newspapers)—Don't all those papers make you tired, my boy?
Boy—No, sir, I don't read them.
—The Pathfinder.

Kind Lady (to applicant)—I am sure you would learn to love my children.

Nurse—What wages do you pay?
Lady—Thirty dollars a month.

Nurse—Well, I could only be generous with them at that price.—The Pathfinder.

Lee—I went to a spiritualist's yesterday.

Paul—Any good?

Lee—Oh, medium.

FROM CHAIRMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. R. L. Moore, who was made chairman of the Madison County Board of Education Monday, says:

I have mistaken the mettle and temper of those who make up the Board of Education of Madison County, if they are not united in purpose and desire to secure the utmost efficiency and economy in the management of the schools and to unite all our people in their hearty support. To this end it will be their policy to make all appointments as far as possible from among those who are not actively identified with any faction or political or business group; to reach all decisions as a body and not as individuals privately solicited, though giving in open meeting all sides a hearing; to consider every school in its relation to a county-wide system toward which they will continue to work as rapidly as possible; and to impress upon teachers their obligation and privilege to promote the social, moral, and religious interests of the communities in which they teach, for the example and life of the teacher mean far more than the things they teach.

It will not be easy to live up to this standard, and blunders and mistakes will be made; some will be pleased, some displeased; but let all know that they will be dealt with frankly, openly, with kindness and "firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right." Criticism that is sincere and open and constructive will at all times be welcomed. Cooperation is craved in an effort to promote confidence one in another, progress in spiritual as well as material development, and a feeling of common interest and obligation, for "we be brethren" twenty thousand strong.

"All your strength is in your union;
All your danger is in discord."
R. L. MOORE.

April 2, 1929.

MARSHALL CHURCHES GIVE SERVICE HOUR TO HOSPITAL DISCUSSION

The mid-week service of the Marshall churches were united this week at the school building to hear Dr. Rankin discuss the hospital proposition. Rev. Mr. Umberger had charge of the service, reading, talking, and praying, and the speaker was introduced by Mr. John McElroy. Dr. Rankin discussed very forcefully the need of such hospitals, the cost and operation. After his speech several questions were asked. It was regretted that a greater number of people did not hear his fine discussion. Rev. H. L. Smith and Dr. Knox were in other parts of the county discussing the same matter to other congregations. As advertised before, Dr. Rankin spoke at several points in the county Wednesday and Thursday.

My Old Gray Coat

Out of the legends of Russia comes the story of the old gray coat. Outside the walls of Moscow paced to and fro a sturdy, stalwart soldier of the Czar's guard. He was set to protect the life of the Czar from every possible attack. The time was night. Through the lonely hours he kept his faithful vigil. The night was bitter cold. Then the storm broke. First the rain, then the sleet, then the swift-falling snow. He was not fully prepared for such exposure.

Out of the darkness appeared the form of a Russian peasant. He wore a heavy, gray coat. As he approached the Czar's guard he discovered that the guard was without a warm coat. The peasant insisted that the guard take the gray coat for protection during the storm. The guard protested against it; the peasant insisted upon it. Over the protests of the guard the peasant took off his warm, gray coat and flung it over the shoulders of the guard, who paced around the walls of Moscow unharmed by the wild sleet and snow.

Just a few rods away was the peasant's cottage. He would hurry to his own fireside, and also escape the storm. But the old gray coat had so warmed his flesh that the cold, cutting winds pierced his lungs, and laid him low with fatal fever. For days he raved in delirium, but just before he passed the portals to his eternal home he returned to consciousness and said to his wife: "You do not know whom I have seen! I have seen Jesus. And wonderful to tell, He had on my old gray coat." Then the Russian peasant went to his immortal home to find Jesus and his old gray coat. Certainly Christ had on the peasant's old gray coat, for it was He who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto me."—The War Cry.

Quidnunc—What became of that play you wrote five years ago?
Obfusca—The managers decided it was too daring to introduce.
Quidnunc—Send it on again.
Obfusca—I did. Now they say it is too tame.—The Pathfinder.