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## SUGGESTS THAT MADISON GO INTO THE POWER BUSINESS

Anson G. Betts, Prominent Owner Of Land In Madison Writes County Commissioners

The following letter explains itself:

West Cummington, Mass.  
Sept. 9th, 1929.

County Commissioners,  
Madison County, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Madison County is well favored by Nature to equal in prosperity any other county. The mineral resources are important, if and when, the United States Government will make it possible for an American employing concern to employ American labor and compete with slave owners in India or the new colonies (?) of Africa, which contain some 200,000,000 black people to be put to work, swamping not only miners, but all producers of corn and cotton. This can only be done by means of a right tariff.

Madison County is exceptionally well favored with water power. What this will, or will not mean, to the citizens, is very easy to forecast. The dam at Redmon gave employment about 1910 for a period and brought in some temporary prosperity, but that resource has been lost forever to the County, in the main. Do you want all the power of the county exported, or do you want it to serve as a magnet to draw in factories and open mines?

Do you realize that it costs money to build transmission lines and that there is a loss of power in transmission, and that consequently manufacturers can be offered power cheaper right there, than they can be offered the same power in Charlotte or Knoxville, perhaps?

Do you realize that an investment in water power plants is considered about the best and safest investment in the World? Do you imagine the Redmon power plant could be bought today for twice what it cost? Do you know that investors today consider power plant securities the most gilt edged there are?

I believe the county would have the constitutional and legal right to develop power and offer power to industries. I believe it is the sound way. In Canada, near Niagara Falls, with the power supplied by the government, rates are about 1/3 what they are on the American side of the Niagara River.

The only chance I see for Madison County to amount to much industrially, for its citizen and business people, is to go into the power business and make the power available to locating industries. I notice that a county in Georgia is doing this.

I should be glad to assist in any way including looking for power buyers. Manufacturers are on the hunt for location and power. They are passing you by, but this is not necessary.

Yours respectfully,  
ANSON G. BETTS.

## VETERANS URGED TO CLAIM BONUS

JANUARY 1, 1930, LAST DATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY U. S.

World War veterans who wish to avail themselves of the adjusted compensation, or bonus, provided for them under act of Congress must make application before January 1, 1930, it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Mary Louise Moore, executive secretary of the Buncombe county chapter of the American Red Cross.

In event veterans have lost their discharge papers, Mrs. Moore said, the Red Cross will be glad to make application to the Veterans' Bureau for duplicate discharge papers.

"It will be necessary," the Red Cross secretary said, "for veterans who have lost their discharge papers to make application for them at once in order to secure the duplicates in time to complete adjusted compensation papers within the time limit."

A number of veterans in Buncombe county, according to the records of the Veterans' Bureau, still remain to apply for their bonus. An extension of one year was given last January so that all World War veterans could avail themselves of the bonus award, but it is understood that January 1, 1930, is the final date, and no extension will be made beyond that time.

—Asheville Citizen.

## Young Baptists To Banquet Together In Regional Conferences

The week of September 30 to October 4 has been designated as B. Y. P. U. Conference Week in the Western Region of sixteen Baptist associations, comprising Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, French Broad, Buncombe, Green River, Sandy Run, Carolina, Transylvania, Haywood, New Found, Tuckaseegee, Macon County, Tenn. River, Western North Carolina and West Liberty associations. Seventeen of the Western counties are covered by these associations.

State Secretary James A. Ivey, Raleigh, assisted by Miss Winnie Rickett, Junior-Inter. Leader, State President, Chas. Howard, Louisburg and Regional President A. V. Washburn of Sylva will cover this region touching five central points, one each night during the week. The associations have been grouped and five meeting places designated as follows: Buncombe, French Broad and Green River associations meeting at Reed's Chapel in Asheville, Monday night, Sept. 30, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery at Spruce Pine Baptist church Tuesday night, Sandy Run, Carolina and Transylvania at Fruitland Institute Wednesday night, Haywood, New Found and Tuckaseegee at Canton on Thursday night and Macon County, Tenn. River, Western North Carolina and West Liberty at Bryson City on Friday night, Oct. 4.

At each meeting there will be inspirational addresses by State president, Chas. Howard, who is one of the outstanding young Baptist pastors of North Carolina. Mr. Howard is a very forceful speaker and the fifty thousand B. Y. P. U. members of the Old North State are fortunate in having such a talented, cultured and consecrated young man at the head of their organization. There will also be conferences and round table discussions on all phases of B. Y. P. U. work.

Letters outlining the schedule and program are being mailed out from the Raleigh office and from Regional president Washburn, Sylva, to the pastors and other B. Y. P. U. officers. It is expected that large numbers of

## NEWSPAPER IDEALS

Every newspaper publisher wants his newspaper to be the best. The difficulty is in the differences of opinion as to what constitutes the best newspaper. An editor asked his readers how he could make his paper ideal, with this result:

"Cut out the crimes, the murders, the sensational divorce case reports," said the nice people.

"Cut out the accidents, the railway and steamship disasters," said the people who "couldn't bear" to read such things.

"Cut out the politics," said the old-fashioned woman. "I don't understand it and haven't time for it."

"Cut out the so-called funny pictures," said the careful mother. "Such pictures aren't funny, and they're bad, very bad, for children."

"Cut out ponderous editorials," snapped the man who merely scans the headlines. "Nobody reads 'em nowadays."

"Cut out the woman's page," said the female with the strong mind. "It's mushy, trashy, trivial; an insult to our sex."

"Cut out sports and theaters," said the intellectual. "Both are bad influences, and both have received altogether too much notice."

"Cut out—" began another, but the publisher beat them to it.

"Stop, all of you," he cried. "On second thought, I have decided to cut out myself. It is no use trying to publish the ideal paper until I come across the ideal reader."

Without readers no newspaper can live, and until humanity has come to live an ideal life there will be no ideal newspaper; for nobody would read one that spoke only of virtue and never of evil. Newspapers are published to print the news; the nature of the news is what the people make it.

—North Carolina Press.

pastors, associational officers, General Directors, Senior presidents, Junior and Intermediate leaders and other officers will take advantage of these conferences in their respective districts.

The conferences will begin each evening at 7:00. The churches entertaining these meetings are providing banquet suppers for those attending. Secretary Ivey states that this is a new project in B. Y. P. U. circles and if the Western Region makes a success of it, he intends to cover the other four regions of the state soon.

Much interest is being shown in young people's work in the Western part of the state recently due to the fact that the state B. Y. P. U. convention will meet at Mars Hill in June, when more than one thousand of the finest young Baptists in the state will gather for a three day convention.

## COURT IN MARSH ALL THIS WEEK

Almost Entire Week Consumed In One Civil Case

Superior Court convened in Marshall Monday morning, Judge Finley presiding. The entire week up to the time of going to press has been taken up with the case of G. W. Cole vs. Fowler Shelton heirs. The case will probably be concluded Friday. This is a case in which Mr. G. W. Cole, now of Tennessee, a former sheriff of Madison County, is suing the heirs of the late Fowler Shelton on a parole trust or verbal agreement. It seems that in making his settlement with the county Sheriff Cole had to raise several thousand dollars, which he borrowed from Mr. Fowler Shelton, later turning over to Mr. Shelton deeds to certain real estate, which property was to be sold to satisfy the amount of the loan. It seems that it was a verbal agreement that the balance of the price of the property when sold was to revert to Cole. The Shelton heirs deny any such verbal agreement or parole trust. Quite a number of witnesses have been heard in the matter and each side is ably supported by able lawyers. Cole's lawyers are Judge Frank Carter, Mr. Thos. Rollins, and Hon. George Pritchard, all of Asheville, while those representing the Shelton heirs are G. M. Merrimon (representing Mark W. Brown, deceased), Guy V. Roberts, John McElroy, and J. Coleman Ramsey.

Should Cole win in the suit, the matter will then be turned over to a referee to figure out what would be coming to the Coles.

The Jury sitting on this case is composed of the following men: Dewey Wallin, J. A. Bailey, G. C. Profitt, W. W. Plemons, J. M. Davis, J. C. Robinson, W. H. Holland, J. N. Goforth, Fred Rice, K. W. Thomas, J. B. McDevitt, Will Bishop.

### A Real "Talkie"

Sign on front of a local theatre: "THE WOMAN DISPUTED"—WITH SOUND.—The Pathfinder.

Rose's is modern, Violet's, too, But Ma just makes Her old range do. —The Pathfinder.

## Over 2500 Enrolled At State University

CHAPEL HILL, Sept. 26.—Surpassing all expectations, the student enrollment at the State University this year has already passed the 2500 mark, and indications are that the total for the fall term will be around 2600.

The enrollment last year was 2504. Hence last year's mark already has been passed, and the record set in 1927, when 2631 enrolled for the fall term, is being seriously threatened.

President Chase and other University officials are both surprised and gratified at the increase over last year. Due to the general tightness of money, it was feared that the enrollment this year would show a decided drop.

More than 400 are enrolled in the professional schools. The School of Law has 112, School of Pharmacy 85, and the School of Medicine 83. The School of Medicine has two women students and the School of Law one.

There are 110 in the freshman class in the School of Engineering, showing an increase of 30 per cent over last year.

## NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE

Property Valuation In Madison Near Same As Last Year

Mr. J. Will Roberts informs us that property valuation in Madison County for 1929 is very nearly the same as in 1928. The difference is only \$7,187.00. In 1928 the total property valuation was \$10,409,525.00. In 1929 the valuation is \$10,409,338.00.

## ARE NOT EXEMPT

Editor, News-Record:

There seems to have gone out over the County the opinion that the County Commissioners recently in making settlement with the Hot Springs-Spring Creek Special Road District, exempted or relieved the said Special Road District from the payment of certain taxes. It has been reported that it is understood in certain sections of the County that the Special Road District is not required to pay the general road tax levied by the Commissioners for 1929. This is a mistake. The Hot Springs-Spring Creek Road District is required to pay the road tax just the same as Shetland-Laurel, No. 16, No. 14 and 15 that voted on themselves Special Road taxes. The Spring Creek Road District is not only required to pay the road tax, but the District pays all other County taxes just the same as No. 1 Township or any other Township in the County. There was some question raised in making settlement that the special district should not be required to pay its pro rata part of the tax levy to raise money to pay interest and principal of the \$125,000 road bonds that were sold since the creation of the said district. Of course they are required to pay this tax the same as any other part of the county and in a joint resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and the Commissioners for the Hot Springs-Spring Creek District, it was especially set forth that the said District should be subject to all County taxes as any other part of the County. This resolution was not necessary, for under the law the said district is liable for all general county taxes as other parts of the county, but in order to suppress any erroneous ideas about the matter, the resolution was adopted and personally signed by the members of the Board of County Commissioners and the Commissioners of said district. It was reported by the Commissioners on the said road district that the district has sufficient money on hand in their sinking fund, created by special tax levy on the district to pay interest and principal that may fall due within the next year, without levying any special taxes for that purpose on the district this year. I suppose there's where the erroneous idea originated about the special district not paying general county taxes.

I wish to state in this connection that through the efforts of the County Commissioners, with the State Highway Commission the State has taken over the road from Mars Hill to the Tennessee line, a distance of more than twenty miles and the road from Marshall by way of the Forks of Sandy Mush, across the Doggett Mountain to the Hot Springs-Waynesville State Highway, and these roads will not only be put in shape by the State with the County aid, but will be perpetually maintained by the State. This gives the County a State-maintained highway from the Tennessee line in the northeast part of Madison County to the southwest portion of Madison County, connecting with the Spring Creek-Waynesville State Highway near the Tennessee line, a distance of nearly sixty miles all told. This is one of the grandest things that has been accomplished for Madison County in a long time. Besides furnishing the people of Madison County this State-maintained through highway of about sixty miles from corner to corner across the county, it means saving to the county of hundreds of thousands of dollars in the way of maintenance. This accomplishes what we endeavored to accomplish by the bill introduced in the legislature by Senator Johnson in behalf of Madison County and which was ultimately killed, but thanks to the good judgment of our Commissioners this splendid project has been accomplished.

Respectfully,  
JOHN A. HENDRICKS.

Nor Did the Ark Have to Refuel Those endurance flyers still have to go some to stay off the ground as long as Old Noah did.—The Pathfinder.

## MRS. JAS. BALDWIN DEAD

DIED SUDDENLY WHILE SHOUTING AT REVIVAL

While attending revival at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church Wednesday night, Sept. 25, Mrs. James Baldwin of near Marshall, suddenly fell back and was dead in a moment, heart trouble being the cause. She had just begun shouting when she fell back into the arms of a man standing near and breathed her last. Dr. Sam was called immediately, and said that death was due to heart failure. It is said she had expressed a wish that she might die while shouting. She had been warned before by her physician that her heart was weak and to avoid unnecessary excitement.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at eleven o'clock, interment following at the Antioch Cemetery.

Mrs. Baldwin is survived by her husband and several children. Her daughter, Mrs. Cora Roberts, died only about two weeks ago.

—The Pathfinder.

## COURT ROOM SNAPSHOTS

(by Our Staff Photographer)

Judge T. B. Finley is a man of handsome appearance and of gracious manner, whether on or off the bench. He makes a very satisfactory picture, with his Scotch-Irish color and silvered gray hair. In fact, he looks very much like a judge. The Judge is a man of befitting dignity, not overdone. He exhibits commendable patience and kindness in his relations with the attorneys. A great deal of patience is required here but Judge Finley has it. His home is North Wilkesboro, located in the County of Wilkes. We wonder that he does not make Marshall his home, for convenience. Our town is far better known than N. Wilkesboro. So far as we can hear, there would be no general objection among our people, should the Judge accept our suggestion to come and live with us.

Among the visiting attorneys Judge Frank Carter of Asheville is easily the most dramatic of appearance. His picture is rather beyond words but some hints are conveyed in the phrases "leonine head" and "Pekinese body." The Judge has a wonderfully preserved head of hair. He has lately taken to the use of glasses. But he knows how to make up his glasses fit into the ensemble. Judge Carter, as we believe, is envied by some of the lawyers who are possibly younger in years but older in action; some of them say that Frank will never see sixty again.

What of it, if he continues to act like forty? He is secure in the permanency of his title: Back in 1913 he imposed a fine of \$8000 on two of Asheville's wealthy citizens for retailing liquor in a wholesale way.

Many people in Madison County boast that they "know Tom Rollins well." As he was born and bred in Marshall, right on the right bank of French Broad River, we will refer to him affectionately as "Our Tom." Tom has long neglected hair culture and this spoils what could be a marvelous picture. If it is not too late for results, we recommend that he break and harrow the ground this fall and sow it to hairy vetch. His greatest charm is in his voice. He can modulate through several octaves. His outstanding forte is crossing witnesses. Tom is possibly not a man of deeply analytical mind, but he can analyze the mind of a witness. First, he insinuates himself into the confidence of the witness. Then—Bang! he shoots one at the helpless witness and makes him admit that August 11, 1913, was a day for overcoats and ear muffs! Many an important lawsuit has hinged upon the weather of

## PRISON LUXURY

Report that Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire oil magnate serving a jail term at Washington, was afforded an auto ride several times a week focussed attention on the limits to which "prison routine" can be stretched. Though District officials explain that Sinclair's outside excursions were limited to visiting a branch clinic of the jail—Sinclair being the jail's drug clerk—consensus of opinion is that a less important prisoner would not be so fortunate.

Compassion for a millionaire's health or overcrowded penal institutions, according to the popular voice, do not condone either special privileges or unusual luxuries behind bars for the few—those able to pay for them. If the wages of sin are to be made to pay less attractive dividends, the Hoover crime commission might well consider other cases of prisoners who enjoy unusual liberties. Another instance is Al Capone.

"Yes, very comfortable," Chicago's ex-racketeer king remarked in his cell at Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia. His cell is in the "Park avenue" block, so called because of the semblance of its living conditions, from a prison standpoint, to that of fashionable Park avenue, New York. Number 5527 smiled as he glanced up from a copy of Ludwig's "Napoleon" which he was reading while resting in the comfortable depths of an easy chair. The latter rested on a soft rug which hid the cell floor. The walls of Capone's cell were hung with "tasteful" (Philadelphia Public Ledger quote) paintings. A chest of drawers, a real bed and a lamp reflecting a highly polished desk completed the "homely" aspect of Al's cell.

It was also in a Pennsylvania prison that a certain wealthy Philadelphian was permitted to disguise his cell while serving a term for killing several people while driving an auto while drunk. He had a stairway and pictures painted on the walls and installed a bookcase, chair and smoking stand. Subsequently released, he is now on a prison welfare board.

—The Pathfinder.

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fifteen years back. Tom has been mentioned somehow in connection with the United States Senate. We hope, however, that he will not forsake the law and become a lobbyist. Either may be odious but the two might be doubly so. The Buncombe County bar is largely made up of Madison County talent and they can ill afford to lose Tom.

We would like immensely to make a time exposure of Hon. Geo. M. Pritchard but the chief difficulty is to keep him still for the necessary time. His picture is due to appear later, in extenso, under another heading of the News-Record. We do not believe George will be deeply hurt if we request