

DIRECTORY

MADISON COUNTY.

Established by the legislature session 1850-51. Population, 20,132. County seat, Marshall. 1656 feet above sea-level. New and modern court house, cost \$33,000.00. New and modern jail, cost \$15,000. New county home, cost \$10,000.00.

County Officers. Hon. J. E. Lineback, Senator, 35th District, Elk Park. Hon. Plato Ebbs, Representative, Hot Springs, N. C. W. A. West, Clerk of Superior Court, Marshall. Caney Ramsey, Sheriff, Marshall. James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall. C. F. Rannion, Treasurer, Marshall N. C., R. F. D. No. 4. A. T. Chandley, Surveyor, Marshall N. C. H. B. ... W. J. Balding, Janitor, Marshall. Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall. Garfield Davis, Supt. county home, Marshall.

Courts as follows: September 1st, 1915 (2) November 10th, 1915, (2) March 2nd, 1915, (2) June 1st, 1915 (2) Sept. 7th, 1915, (2) J. Ed. Swain, Solicitor, Asheville N. C. 1915, Fall Term—Judge Frank Carter, Asheville. 1914, Spring Term—Judge M. H. Justice, Rutherfordton, N. C. Fall Term—Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, N. C.

County Commissioners. W. L. George, chairman, Mars Hill J. E. Rector, member, Marshall, R. F. D. No. 1. Anderson, Silver, member, Marshall, N. Route 3 J. Coleman Ramsey, atty., Marshall. Highway Commission F. Shelton, President, Marshall. Guy V. Roberts, Geo. W. Wild, Big Pine, N. C. S. W. Brown, Hot Springs, " Joe S. Brown, Waverly, " A. F. Sprinkle, Mars Hill, N. C.

Board of Education. Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C. John Robert Sams, mem. Mars Hill, N. C. W. R. Sams, mem. Marshall. Prof. R. G. Anders, Superintendent of Schools, Marshall. Board meets first Monday in January. April, July, and October each year. Schools and Colleges. Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore, President. Fall Term begins August 17th, 1915, and Spring Term begins January 2nd 1914. Spring Creek High School. Prof. M. R. Pleasants, Principal, Spring Creek. 8 mos school, opens Aug. 1st. Madison Seminary High School, Prof. G. C. Brown, principal. 7 mos. school. Bell Institute, Margaret E. Griffith, principal, Walnut, N. C. Marshall Academy, Prof. S. Roland Williams, principal 8 mos. school. Opens August 31.

Notary Public. J. C. Ramsey, Marshall, Term expires January 6th, 1916. Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires January 6th 1915. J. H. Hunter, Marshall, Route 3. Term expires April 1st 1915. J. W. Nelson, Marshall—Term expires May 11, 1915. T. B. Ebbs, Hot Springs—Term expires February 4th 1915. Craig Ramsey, Bevere, Term expires March 19, 1915. N. W. Anderson, Paint Fork, Term expires May 19, 1915. W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, term expires January 22nd 1915. Steve Rice, Marshall. Term expires Dec. 19th, 1915. Ben W. Gahagan, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires Dec. 20, 1915. J. F. Tilson, Marshall, Route 2. Term expires Nov. 14th 1915. G. J. Ebbs, Marshall. Term expires April 25th, 1915. D. M. Harshburger, Stackhouse. Term expires January 10th, 1916. D. P. Miles, Barnard. Term expires December, 23, 1916. W. B. Ramsey, Marsaall. Term expires Oct. 4th 1915. J. A. Wallin, Big Laurel. Term expires Aug. 8th, 1914. C. C. Brown, Bluff. Term expires January 9th, 1917.

LOCAL POINTERS

Timely Comment on Interesting Topics,

Condensed Editorials

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO.

The women of this town can do a lot for it. In many towns the women's clubs and other organizations of women are found working for civic betterment—more parks, cleaner streets, public libraries, gymnasiums and cleaner morals. But a woman can do as much as an individual as she can as a member of a club or any other organization. She can encourage her husband to interest himself in any movement for the public good. She can exert an influence where mere man has much less influence than she has; for she can teach the children of her own home and of the neighborhood, pride in the home town and an ambition to make it a clean and well governed municipality. The town that becomes a model of its size is the town, where both men and women are planning and working for it all the time.

NEWSPAPERS TO COST MORE.

An increase in the price of newspapers in smaller cities in the Middle West probably will be made by members of the Inland Daily Press Association, according to sentiment expressed at their annual autumn meeting and dinner in the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago. "The War in Europe," said Will V. Tufford, of Clinton, Iowa secretary of the association, "has sent the price of print paper and other publishing materials to a high mark and in order to preserve the progress of the press and keep within a reasonable profit the prices must be increased.

Beautiful is the sight of our young people going to and from school. Pure maidenhood and manhood has no superior in beauty and grace. Young people, do your best. It will be the survival of the fittest in life. Get knowledge and it will all come in play some day. Get character; it is above price. Older people, encourage them.

THE ART OF KISSING.

It used to be said that he who kisses and tells is a villain, but it has been left to the Pennsylvania Homeopathic society to formulate a receipt for kissing and here it is:

Cut out a square of tissue paper. Subject it to a bath in a sanitary solution. Place over the mouth. Then: KISS. But don't wear out the paper or break through.

Half the joy of life comes from getting good out of things as we go along. Some of us are always putting off our enjoyments. After a while we expect to take a rest, see a friend, read a book. But after a while never comes; the

good time we are looking forward to lies as far away as eye. All our life is spent in meaning to overtake it and enjoy it. Meanwhile we toil, drudge, and grow old, passing by with unselfish eye the happiness we might get out of every day.

No town will become a good business center so long as its business men rely on a few merchants to make the efforts to bring trade to town. Too often the men in a few lines of trade are about the only ones that reach out after custom. Other merchants wait until these men induce the people to come to town and content themselves with trade that naturally drifts to their place.

The European war is going along satisfactory to most of the countries engaged in it according to reports from the respective countries.

The bugs of summer have been banished to their winter cemeteries, but the bughouse does business all the time.

It never does any good to call the attention of some folks to their mistakes; they merely set you down as a fool for not seeing things as they do.

Here is one of the pathetic incidents coming out of the shambles of Europe: Two wounded soldiers—one French, one German—lay side by side on the battlefield. The former passed his water bottle to the wounded German. The German sipped a little kissed the hand of the man who had been his enemy and said: "There will be no war on the other side."

COMET VISIBLE IN NORTHERN SKY

Folks who go to bed late or are early risers have an opportunity to observe a comet at present. The new ethereal visitor is not a portent nor protest of the Creator of the universe against the crime of a world at war. It is familiar to astronomers and is a regular visitor. It may be seen about 10:30 o'clock at night low on the northern horizon, directly under the pole star. It ascends during the night and may be found in the northeast between 2 and 4 o'clock a. m. It may be seen best at these hours. The comet is faint, having the brightness of a third magnitude star and has a tail several degrees in length. It is really much larger than the famous Halley's comet, but is vastly farther from the earth than Halley's approach four years ago. It will be visible to the naked eye until the middle of November.—SELECTED.

Some Common Birds Useful to The Farmer

Destroy Harmful Insects and Weed Seeds Bulletin of Agricultural Department Makes Plan.

How birds which destroy harmful insects and weed seed may be useful to the farmer is described in a new Farmers' Bulletin (No. 680) of the department entitled, "Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmers." The new publication has 37 pages and 23 illustrations (not colored) of the birds described. It contains much of the information included in one of the department's former publications entitled, "Fifty Common Birds of Farm and Orchard." The department's supply of this latter pamphlet has been exhausted, and it can now only be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., where it is sold at 15 cents a copy. It contains numerous colored illustrations of the birds mentioned. The new Bulletin, "Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmers," will be furnished free to all applicants by the department.

Whether a bird is beneficial or injurious depends almost entirely on what it eats, says the introduction to the new bulletin. In the case of species which are very abundant, or which feed to some extent on the crops of the farmer, the question of their average diet becomes one of supreme importance, and only by stomach examination can it be satisfactorily solved. Field observations are at best but fragmentary and inconclusive and lead to no final results. Birds are often accused of eating this or that product of cultivation when an examination of the stomach shows the accusation to be unfounded. Accordingly, the Biological Survey has conducted for some years past a systematic investigation of the food of those species which are most common about the farm and garden.

Within certain limits birds eat the kind of food that is most accessible, especially when their natural food is scarce or wanting. Thus they sometimes injure the crops of the farmer who has unintentionally destroyed their natural food in his improvement of swamp or pasture. Most of the damage done by birds and complained of by farmers and fruit growers arises from this very cause. The berry-bearing shrubs and seed-bearing weeds have been cleared away, and the birds have no recourse but to attack the cultivated grain of fruit which supply. The great majority of land birds subsist upon insects during the period of nesting and moulting, and also feed their young upon them during the first few weeks. Many species live almost entirely upon insects taking vegetable food only when other subsistence fails. It is thus evident that in the course of a year birds destroy an incalculable number of insects, and it is difficult to overestimate the value of their services in restraining the great tide of insect life.

In winter, in the northern part of the country, insects become scarce or entirely disappear. Many species of birds, however, remain during the cold season

and are able to maintain life by eating vegetable food, as the seeds of weeds. Here again is another useful function of birds in destroying these weed seeds and thereby lessening the growth of the next year.

The new publication discusses the food habits of more than fifty birds belonging to twelve families. Many are eastern forms which are represented in the west by slightly different species or subspecies, but unless the food habits differ they are not separately described. Among the popular birds included are the robin, bluebird, wren, brown thrasher, catbird, bobolink, oriole, crow, cuckoo, and the American sparrow.

Not Feeling "Just Right."

When you get tired early in the day, have an overfull feeling, are bilious, have bad breath or suffer from indigestion or constipation you will find Foley Cathartic Tablets quick and comfortable in action. They are wholesome and health giving. Mrs. L. L. Levy, Green Bay, Wis., says: "They do not gripe and their effect is quick and sure. The finest cathartic I ever used." Sold by Dr. I. E. Burnett, Mars Hill, N. C.

Confederate Pensions Increased.

An increase of four dollars annually is given the Confederate pensioners of the State by a bill which passed the House at the morning session. Pensioners of the first class will hereafter receive under the provisions of this bill \$76; second class \$64; third class \$52, and fourth class \$36 annually. The widows of Confederate veterans are included in the fourth class. The bill does not apply to soldiers or widows worth \$500 and above. Mr. Freeman of Richmond made an ineffectual effort to get through an amendment to place on the rolls indigent widows of soldiers who married after the year 1868. He was supported in his fight by Representatives Laughinghouse and Douglass.

Publicity A Necessity.

There has been considerable private discussion in Raleigh about the woman feature of the Carter case. It was the belief that some effort would be made to hush up the affair on the ground that thereby the reputation of the women involved might be saved. The difficulties in the way of such a procedure at once became apparent. An attempt of that sort would have left Judge Carter for all time under suspicion, while at the same time the reputations of the women would have been as surely blasted. The going into an investigation would have been necessary to establish the innocence of the women whose names has been connected with it, and this investigation proving their innocence, the matter so far as they are concerned, would stop there. The calling of the investigation was therefore the best thing that could have been done for the protection of the women. It is one case in which publicity had become the only remedy, however unpleasant it might have been at first considered.

"The Conqueror" Story by Fourteen-Year-Old Boy, and It Won a Prize.

The members of the St. Nicholas League compete each month in writing stories or essays or poems, or drawing pictures, or making photographs, on various subjects which are suggested to them by the editors of St. Nicholas. The following is a story on "The Conqueror," published in the March St. Nicholas Page Williams, the fourteen-year-old author, won a silver St. Nicholas League badge in recognition of the merit of the composition.

"Tis!" "Taint!" "Tis!" "Taint!" "Step over the line and I'll lick you."

Five brown toes wriggled over the chalk-line.

"Dare you to!" This was how it started. They fought till Jimmy had a black eye and Johnny a bloody nose. They rolled in the dust and clawed and kicked and bit until, by mutual consent, they paused.

"Guess I liked yer good and hard that time!"

"Didn't lick me."

"Did!"

"Didn't!"

"Did!"

"Didn't!"—and they were at it again.

"Boys!" The fighting stopped instantly. The teacher stood before them.

"What is this about?"

"Jimmy called me 'red head'."

"Johnny called me 'snub nose'."

"Didn't!"

"Did!"

"Didn't!"

The teacher's eyes gleamed with amusement.

"Stop your fussing and shake hands."

Two grimy paws met in a sudden clasp.

"Now go about your business."

"Johnny have you been fighting again." This from an indignant mother.

"Jimmy called me names and I licked him," was the brief reply.

"Looks like you were up to something, son," said father, as weary and footsore Jimmy entered the house.

"Johnny and I had a fight."

"Well!"

"Aw, I could lick Johnny with my little finger!" was the retort—and Jimmy's remaining eye flashed triumphantly.

They Know It's Safe

Parents who know from experience insist upon Foley's Honey and Tar Compound when buying a medicine for coughs, colds, croup and la grippe. C. T. Lunceford, Washington, Ga., writes: I have used it for six years and it never has failed. I think it is the best remedy made for coughs and colds.—Sold by Dr. I. E. Burnett, Mars Hill, N. C.

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