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DIRECTORY

MADISON COUNTY. Established by the legislature session 1850-51. Population, 20,132. County seat, Marshall. 1655 feet above sea level. New and modern court house, cost \$33,000.00. New and modern jail, cost \$15,000.00. 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. Runnion, Treasurer, Marshall N. C., R. F. D. No. 4. A. T. Chandley, Surveyor, Marshall N. C. Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill N. C. W. J. Balding, Janitor, Marshall. Dr. Frank Roberts, County Physician, Marshall. Garfield Davis, Supt. county home, Marshall. County commissioners: N. B. McDevitt chairman, Marshall. J. E. Rector, member, Marshall, R. F. D. No. 1. Anderson, Silver, member, Marshall, Route 3 W. L. George, member, Mars Hill. J. C. Chandley, White Rock. P. A. McElroy Co. Atty., Marshall. Highway commission: F. Shelton, President, Marshall. G. V. Russell, Bluff, N. C. 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. G. C. Brown, 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. 412 students. Session 1915-16, nine months. begins August 17th, 1915. Spring Creek High School, Prof. E. C. Pleasants, Principal, Spring Creek. 8 mos school, opens Aug. 1st. Madison Seminary High School, Prof. K. G. Anders, principal. 3 mos. school. Begins July 28. Bell Institute, Margaret E. Griffith, principal, Walnut, N. C. Marshall Academy, Prof. S. Roland Williams, principal 8 mos. school. Opens August 31. Notary Publics: 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, Revere, 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. Cahagan, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires Dec. 20, 1915. J. E. Tison, Marshall, Route 2. Term expires Nov. 14th 1915. C. J. Ebbs, Marshall, Term expires April 25th, 1917. D. M. Harshburger, Stackhouse, Term expires January 18th, 1918. D. P. Miles, Barnard, Term expires December, 23, 1916. W. B. Ramsey, Marshall, Term expires Oct. 4th 1915. J. A. Wallis, Big Laurel, Term expires Oct. 21, 1916. G. C. Brown, Bluff, Term expires January 8th 1917.

Items From Spring Creek and Meadow Fork.

A teachers' meeting was held at the Spring Creek High School building on October, the fifteenth. The meeting was conducted by our worthy and Honorable County Superintendent, Prof. G. C. Brown. All who were present greatly enjoyed the meeting.

Rev. P. T. McAfee began a series of meeting at the Baptist Church at Bluff, last Sunday. We truly hope that great and lasting good will be accomplished.

Messrs. Bureson and Balding of Joe are doing splendid school work this year. They are ideal teachers, and are much liked in the community where they are teaching.

The teachers at Bluff and Lynch, find their work a greater pleasure this year, since they have had their school houses supplied with new furniture. Name ly: Stoves, black-boards, teachers' and students' desks, library book case, water cooler and individual drinking cups.

The school at Lynch is so large that it calls for a new addition to the house, therefore the teacher has planned for an entertainment and box supper for the purpose of securing money to aid in building a new room. All are cordially invited to come Saturday, November the sixth.

A party of young people from Spring Creek and Meadow Fork enjoyed a day's outing on the big Bluff Mountain last Saturday. The view of Tennessee and the scenery of the hills and valleys of the dear old North State were perfectly grand.

Mr. Newton Lusk is very ill with Pneumonia at the present; but it is hoped that he will soon recover.

The school house at Highland was accidentally burned some days ago. Nothing was saved except the windows and benches. We are informed that their teacher, Miss McAfee, will not teach there any more this year, but that the school fund will be kept to build another school house.

Bluff School enrolled forty nine for the third month and averaged forty six and one half. This certainly speaks well for a community.

- BLUFF HONOR ROLL: Seventh Grade: Ted Russell, Mabel Lusk and Wiley Brown. Sixth Grade: Frank Brown. Fifth Grade: Maud Davis, Inez Davis, Margaret Russell, and Howard Holt. Third Grade: Nelda Lusk, Mildred Bryght, Mary Bryght, Lyda Henderson, Dullissie Davis, Nannie Holt, Eddie Thomas and Bonie Lusk. Second Grade: Phil Brown, Craig Russell, Edith Lusk, Emma Holt, and Ralph Finley. First Grade: Francis Holt, Zeldia Brown, Mae Finley, and Lizzie Bryght. "TWIN SISTERS."

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

During the years 1913, '14 and '15, North Carolina constructed nearly twice as many miles of improved highways as in all the preceding years of her history. On the first of January 1913, she had constructed 5,474 miles of improved highways. She now has 13,021 of improved highways. In addition to this a large per cent of the roads built prior to 1913 have since that time been rebuilt and resurfaced. There are forty-eight thousand miles of roads in the State. A large per cent of these have been graded but not surfaced so as to make an improved highway. On the 5th and the 6th of November 1913, (good roads days,) work was done by the people of North Carolina without compensation to the value of \$49,713, according to reports sent to Dr. Pratt. It is probable that work was done that was not reported. There are now magnificent highways from one end of the State to the other. Three of these cross the Blue Ridge mountains. The people of the east can travel in automobiles on splendid roads from the Atlantic ocean to beyond the Blue Ridge.

"Where distant peaks of old Craggy, Loom grander far than any sea."

During the past three years, North Carolina has spent in road development in the neighborhood of fifteen million dollars. This is not an expense. It is an investment that pays a dividend of one hundred per cent every year. It was unavoidable that all of this money was not spent to the best advantage. We did the best that we could. The legislature of 1915 created a highway commission, and this will insure hereafter a more intelligent and a more efficient expenditure of the peoples money in road survey and construction.

Nothing is contributing more toward the prosperity and the happiness and the social advancement of our country than improved roads. If we would utilize the instrumentalities of modern civilization we must have good roads. No community can afford to be without them. If any county or any community by a short-sighted parsimonious policy fail to improve its roads, that community denies to itself the opportunities of modern life. When the good road comes to a community, better schools are established, better churches built. A community life is created. The land becomes more fertile; homes are improved and beautified. They are not only worth many times their cost in money, but their moral and educational advantages are inestimable. Within a few years every road in North Carolina will be a good road. The old country road of rocks and mud and steep hills is a thing of the past. They have taxed and impoverished our people too long already.—Asheville Citizen.

To The News-Record:— I herewith hand you a clipping taken from the great speech of Governor Locke Craig, delivered at the State Fair at Raleigh on the Industrial Progress of North Carolina, which I hope you will publish. The clipping is only what he said about roads and road building in North Carolina. The progress made by the state in the last few years is gratifying to every progressive patriotic citizen. I am glad that Madison County has taken her stand along with other progressive counties of the state for good roads and industrial progress. The condition of Madison County is now better than it has ever been in its history. The county has a farm demonstrator and there is great interest being taken in all lines of farming and stock raising. There will be shipped and driven from this county not less than two hundred car loads of fat cattle this year which will add to the revenue of the county about four hundred thousand dollars for that one industry alone. Road building and construction in the county is progressing along as fast as is practicable under the circumstances. There is work being done in about ten or fifteen different places and al-

ready one traveling over the county finds that a great number of miles of splendid roads has been graded and the people of the county can go to and fro as they never did before.

The state convicts that was procured by James E. Rector and myself when we were in the General Assembly two years ago and held and kept for the county by Mr. Ebbs at last session are doing some splendid work, now completing the road from Walnut into the town of Marshall. This convict force did a great deal of splendid road building in the Hot Springs Township and will do a great deal more work for the county within the next few years and all free to the county, except ammunition and Overseer of work.

The county convict gang is doing some splendid work under the management of Capt. Robert Tweed on the road from Marshall to Mars Hill. In less than one month one branch of the road leading from Marshall to Mars Hill will be completed and a prophecy that I made in a letter published in your paper less than five years ago "That Madison County would soon have a road leading from Marshall to Mars Hill so that the resident citizens of Mars Hill could eat their dinner in their own homes at noon and take an automobile and come to Marshall and take the one o'clock train and be in Asheville transacting business at two o'clock of the same day, will be fulfilled. Then it was a hope, a promise, but soon it will be a glorious reality.

By the last of this year the road will be open from the State line below Hot Springs through to Marshall, on by the way of Mars Hill to Asheville, then the automobile travel from the State of Tenn., will find an easy and quick way through to the South and the people of the county will profit greatly by having this tourist travel as customers and purchasers of their products as they pass along and sojourn in the county.

Respectfully, C. B. MASHBURN. J. W. Myers, was here from Paint Rock, last Monday.

To the Farmers of Madison County

Marshall, N. C. Oct. 14, 1915.

Mr. Editor:— I desire again to reach the farmers of this county through the columns of your paper. The harvesting of all the crops for this year is close at hand, and while we have no "bumper" crop; yet we should all feel grateful for the all round average crops which we are gathering.

I desire especially to call attention to the farmers who have done, and are doing some work either as Demonstrators or co-operators, that it is very desirable to have reports from all, whether the yields be large or small. I know that the continued rains and storms in the early part of the season caused the corn to take shallow rooting in the soil and later was badly damaged severely by the storms that succeeded the dry spell. These conditions cut short the yields very decidedly as all well know but for this very reason, it is important that accurate and correct reports be rendered.

One purpose of these reports is to gather data in order to see if possible some of the causes of destruction of crops can be mitigated, if not prevented.

Final reports should be sent in just as soon as crops are gathered and the percent of damages on account of floods, storms, drouth, insects etc., can be ascertained and the number of bushels known.

Respectfully, I. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Tailor Says, "Most Delightful."

Most tailors suffer from constipation. G. W. Roberson, Wichita Falls, Tex., says: "I find Foley Cathartic Tablets the most delightful, cleansing cathartic I have ever taken." They keep the stomach sweet and liver active, and drive away biliousness, bloating headache, dullness and other results of clogged bowels. Sold every where.

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