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DIRECTORY

MADISON COUNTY.

Established by the legislature session 1850-51. Population, 20,132. County seat, Marshall. 165 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. E. 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. E. 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 26. 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. Gahagan, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires Dec. 30, 1915. J. P. Tilton, Marshall, Route 2. Term expires Nov. 14th 1915. G. J. Ebbs, Marshall, Term expires April 25th, 1917. D. M. Harshburger, Stackhouse, Term expires January 16th, 1916. 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 Aug. 31, 1916. C. C. Brown, Bluff, Term expires January 9th 1917.

Improving Progress Farm.

It's a Fine Ideal to Aim Each Year to Make the Farm a Little Better Than Ever Before—Prize Letter.

WE HAVE found that it pays better to improve the land we already have than to buy more, and it has become our fixed policy to have the farm in better shape each year than it was the year before. This takes a great deal of work, and is simply an investment, and we regard it as the safest investment we can make. To return to the farm each year a part of the income it yields is a safe business policy, and will result in a greater income in the future.

We own 280 acres of hill land, the greater part of which was abandoned for many years, and considered absolutely worthless. One tract of 100 acres rented for \$40 a year 15 years ago. When we took charge most of it was in sedge grass, gullies and bushes, and the spots that were cultivated had become exceedingly thin. Many acres had a thick growth of elm bushes, the roots of which are very hard to get rid of. The ditch banks and all the best spots of land had a rank growth of briars and bushes. In fact it was one of the most ragged farms in this section, and was rapidly becoming worse. We bought the land in several tracts, and a few years apart, so that we did not have the whole task to face at once.

The first thing that we would do to a field that was badly grown up in sedge grass and sassafras bushes was to pasture it closely for three years, then put it in cotton. At first we had many stumps, gullies and ugly spots, but we have worked at these unceasingly, and are now getting our fields in splendid shape. We can run a mower, a two-horse plow, or a section harrow anywhere on the farm, but a few years ago their use was difficult.

We have learned from experience that many of the old gullies can very easily be filled up. We first shovel the banks down until a team can cross, then roll the dirt in with a two-horse plow. Filling up a few gullies makes a wonderful difference in the looks of a field, and often puts to work some of the best soil, for it frequently happens that careless workers stop their rows 15 or 20 feet from the gully, and this strip is rich from growing lespedeza and weeds. We never allow bushes to grow along the ditch banks or fences. A large part of the farm is always in pasture, and this improves the soil faster than anything we have tried. Peas are planted in every row of corn, and a considerable acreage broadcast for hay. Some of the roughest land is planted broadcast in peas, and the stock allowed to eat the vines in the field. Almost any kind of rough spots can be utilized in this manner, and gradually be made fit for cultivation.

Persons who have not seen our farm for ten years are surprised at the improvements we have

A Mountain Party

Marshall, N. C., R-1. October 25, 1915.

The News-Record: Marshall, N. C., Dear Editor:—

A party consisting of "Parson" Ammons, "Dr." Cassada, "Mammy" Sue Davis, "Rastus" Reeves, "Shep" Roberts and the Squire, recently spent several days in the Spring Creek Mountains, and visited the high points adjacent to the Haywood Bald.

The Mountain party, except the Squire, in accordance to previous arrangements loaded themselves in a lumber wagon together with provisions, guns and other necessary equipments for the trip, all in high glee, and drove about twelve miles up the beautiful Sandy Mush Valley, to the foot of the Dogged Mountain, where they decided to partly relieve the tired horses and all walked four miles to the top, except the Dr. who being too "aged" and "infirm" to walk, was left to drive the team on to the camp.

The Squire being young and active agreed to make an early start and go ahead of the party and locate a suitable place to camp, so he shouldered his trusty rifle and walked the entire distance and was on the spot when the rest of the party arrived; all being tired with their long journey they sat down and held a consultation and summed up the events of the day. It appeared that nothing unusual had happened except that the Squire had sentenced to death and executed a half dozen squirrels, and Mammy "Sue" had shot at one of the "Parsons" calves, but he being fleet of foot had carried the animal safely out of range of the adversary's bullet, and thereby prevented a serious accident.

Then the party pitched their tent and prepared to spend the night. After a good night's rest in the pure mountain air all was up before the break of day except "Shep" who heard an owl somewhere through the darkness of the night and would not get up for fear the owl would catch her.

After a hearty meal they all picked up their guns and scattered in all directions to try their luck with the nimble gray squirrel. All were more or less successful except the "Dr." and "Rastus" when they saw a squirrel they would try to point their guns at the squirrel and look at each other, with the result that they missed the object of their aim. After the hunt, the party returned to the camp and told of their adventures, dressed and prepared the game and had a great feast after which they were all content to break camp and get ready for the trip toward home.

All agreed that they had had a very enjoyable time.

PARSON.

made, but the work we have done is but a forerunner of what is to follow. Every defect in the lay of the land, no matter how serious, is going to be remedied, and every foot of soil is going to be made to produce its proper share. With these purposes in view we have named our place Progress Farm, and we are going to make it worthy of the name.

W. M. PRESLEY & SON. Coldwater, Miss.

To the Farmers of Madison County

Reports from Demonstrators and co-operators have begun to come in, and it is gratifying to learn that corn is measuring up better than farmers expected. Let the Reports come in just as fast as the crops can be gathered and all information given.

We expect to have a corn show again this Fall or early Winter in which every farmer is desired to take part. Only three ears will be accepted from one person, as the exhibits will be to numerous to find room for ten ears from the individual.

We will be able to give some small premiums for the best three ears, 1st, 2nd, etc., which will be fully explained later. All who bring or send ears for exhibition should select them as they gather and shuck their corn.

In selecting these samples, the ears should be as nearly the same size as possible. They should be straight, the same length, as near as possible, the same diameter; straight rows, with the same number of rows extending from end to end.

The ears should be well filled at both ends of the cob. The grains should all be white and uniform in shape.

The ears should be the same type of corn. That is, all rough or all smooth grains and look exactly alike.

Our little corn show last December was worth much as an agricultural object lesson looking to better farming.

We hope this year to make great improvement in this respect, and when the great bridge across the river lets us into the Island, we hope next year to have a County Commencement, Educational Rally and Agricultural exhibit all on the same day and astonish ourselves how we are growing as a people.

To this end let every loyal son and daughter of Old Madison get busy now that when the time comes he shall not be found wanting.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Honor Roll of Spring Creek High School

Editor of The News-Record: Marshall, N. C., Dear Sir:—

I am sending you the honor rolls of the Spring Creek High School for the first three months. It will no doubt be noticed that the honor rolls for the second and third months are not so large as the one for the first month, but, as the people of the county know it is difficult to have a full attendance during this part of the year when the farmers are busily engaged in gathering their crops and sowing small grain.

The pupils who have been out at work are returning, and we hope to greatly increase our attendance during the month of November.

With a fuller attendance this month, we hope to do even better work than we have been able to do heretofore. We are exerting every possible effort to make this the most successful year in the history of the Spring Creek High School.

We wish to say through your paper that if there are any who desire to continue their school work after their schools have closed, we shall be very glad for them to enter our school. We also wish to extend a special invitation to the teachers of the county to enter our school after theirs have closed, for by doing this they will have the opportunity of doing some valuable high school work and taking The Special Teacher's Training Course, which we expect to give after Christmas.

Very truly yours, S. G. HAWFIELD, Principal.

HONOR ROLL FIRST MONTH

First Grade: Plato Caldwell, Fennie Davis, Bob Davis, Charlie Duckett, Berley Fowler, Eulas Ledford, Alton Phoenix, Georgia Smith, Eva Worley, Vernie Worley.

Second Grade: Cauley Davis, Clifford Fowler, Olga Gillespie, Dorris Ledford, Burnett Moore, Floyd Plemmons.

Third Grade: Lura Brown, Flossie Brown, Jesse Cogdill, Mack Fowler, Alfred Henline, Jackson Matthes, Grady Meadows, Hardy Plemmons, Mabel Plemmons, Etta Smith.

Fourth Grade: Plato Duckett, Beulah Duckett, Creta Fowler, Birlen Haney, Samuel Plemmons, Manello Smith, Columbus Moore.

Fifth Grade: Lonzo Cogdill, Cartie Davis, Etta Ledford, Hattie Ledford, Nola Ledford, Betty Smith, Laura Waldell, Coy Flemming.

Sixth Grade: Frances Brown, Maud Culbertson, Hannah Cogdill, Bonnie Duckett, Burnett Guffey, Troy Haney, Dorothy Gillespie, Melvin Smith.

Seventh Grade: Hester Henline, Maggie Smith.

Eighth Grade: Eulas Askew, Effie Shell, Amanda West, Icy Willet.

Ninth Grade

Vance Brown, Ruth Brown, Mildrid Carver, Ernest Guffey, Dewey Kirkpatrick, Burnett Lusk, Homer Reeves.

Tenth Grade

Dora Moore, Dolie Waddell.

SECOND MONTH

Plato Caldwell, Fennie Davis, Berley Fowler, Eulas Ledford, Alton Phoenix, Georgia Smith.

Second Grade

Uras Coward, Olga Gillespie, Clifford Fowler, Dorris Ledford, Floyd Plemmons.

Third Grade

Lura Brown, Hardy Brown, Flossie Brown, Hardy Plemmons, Etta Smith, Hamo West.

Fourth Grade

Plato Duckett, Beulah Duckett, Creta Fowler, Manello Smith, Roy Shell.

Fifth Grade

Cartie Davis, Viola Haney, Hattie Ledford, Nola Ledford, Mary Martin, Bettie Smith, Raura Waddell, Coy Flemming.

Sixth Grade

Frances Brown, Ralph Carver, Burnett Guffey, Dation Meadows, Melvin Smith.

Seventh Grade

Maggie Smith, William Waddell.

Eighth Grade

Amanda West.

Ninth Grade

Ruth Brown, Mildred Carver, Burnett Lusk, Ernest Guffey.

Tenth Grade

Dolie Waddell.

THIRD MONTH

First Grade

Bob Davis, Berley Fowler, Carl Moore, Alton Phoenix, Georgia Smith.

Second Grade

Cauley Davis, Olga Gillespie, Burnett Moore, Floyd Plemmons, Hamo West.

Third Grade

Lura Brown, Webb Brown, Hardy Brown, Jesse Cogdill, Hardy Plemmons, Etta Smith.

Fourth Grade

Bernice Coward, Creta Fowler, Birlen Haney, Manello Smith.

Fifth Grade

Carl Haney, Coy Flemming, Viola Haney, Hattie Ledford, Mary Martin, Raura Waddell.

Sixth Grade

Frances Brown, Ralph Carver, Burnett Guffey, Dorothy Gillespie, Dation Meadows, Melvin Smith.

Eighth Grade

William Ledford, Maggie Smith, William Waddell, Amanda West.

Ninth Grade

Dewey Kirkpatrick, Burnett Lusk.

Tenth Grade

Dolie Waddell.

The Winning of Barbara Worth, a dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's great story, interpreted by a strong company, aided by novel scenic and electrical effects, is to be played at The Auditorium, Asheville, Macon and night, Tuesday November 9th. It is thought that with this ample notice, a good many will arrange to attend to a here.



Chero-Cola is sold only in Carbonated bottles. It is always uniform, pure, wholesome—refreshing. "In a Bottle Through a Straw"

