

## 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.  
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.  
Canev Ramsey, Sheriff, Marshall.  
James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall.  
C. F. Runkle, 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 Oak.  
P. A. McElroy Co. Atty., Marshall.

## Highway commission

F. Shelton, President, Marshall.  
G. V. Russell, Elkhart, N. C.  
A. E. Sprinkle, Mars Hill, N. C.

## Board of Education.

Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C.  
John Robert Sams, member, Mars Hill, N. C.  
W. R. Sams, member, 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. W. 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. Gull Ath, 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. 20, 1915.  
J. F. Tilton, Marshall, Route 2. Term expires Nov. 14th 1915.  
C. 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, 1915.  
W. B. Ramsey, Marshall. Term expires Oct. 4th 1915.  
J. A. Wallin, Big Laurel. Term expires Aug. 6th, 1916.  
O. C. Brown, Bluff. Term expires January 24th 1917.

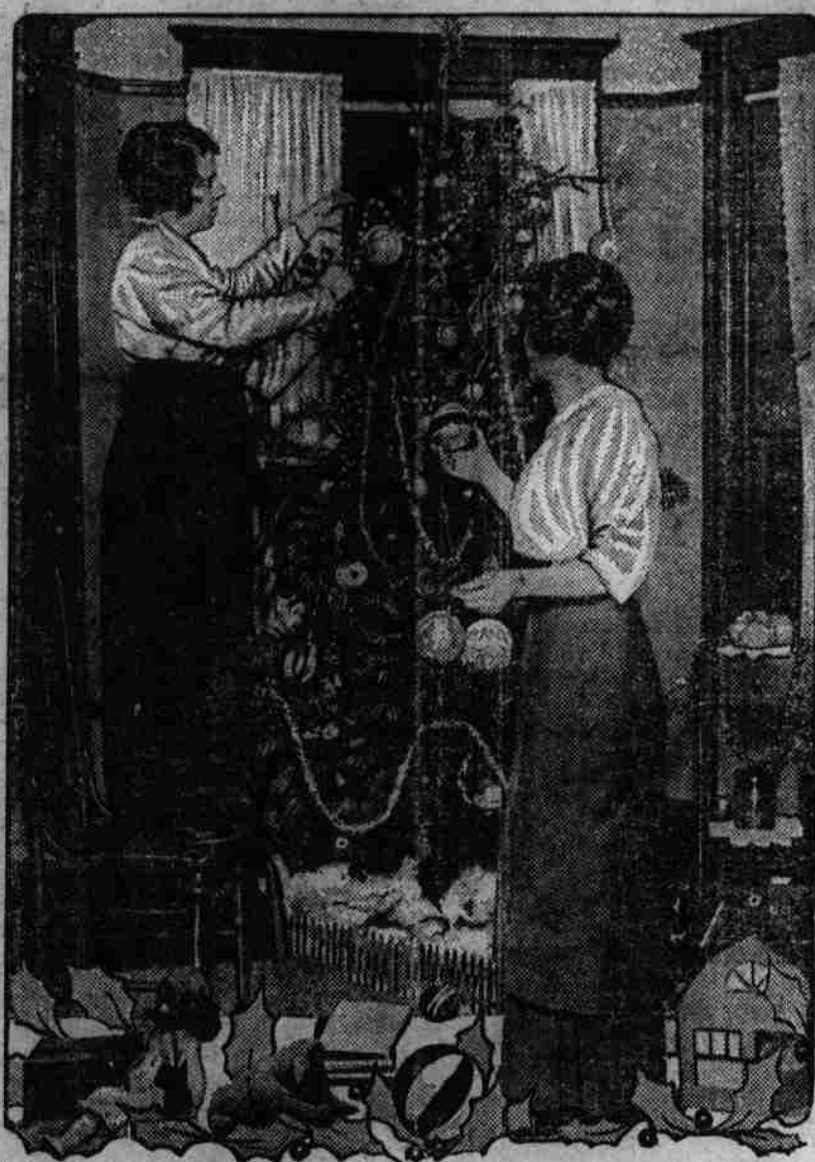
## Important Notice to the Public.

Ordered by the Board of County Commissioners on November 6th, 1915, that no assessments on real estate be changed unless on account of errors, that no poll tax releases be granted to any one, that no releases be granted on account of burn outs and that no bills be paid to any one for goods or anything else unless purchased by said Board of County Commissioners or some one exhibiting authority to purchase.

The public is warned that presenting bills will be a waste of time, unless you have authority by Board. The Board of County Commissioners are held responsible for expenditures of funds and hereafter we aim to know about what's bought and by whom the best price is offered.

N. B. McDevitt, Chairman.

## TRIMMING THE TREE



PEOPLE who decide to give only useful Christmas gifts often have a bunch of surprises waiting for them around the corner.

"Look before you leap," is a useful thing to remember. Useful presents should be accepted in the spirit in which they are given. Keep the Christmas spirit green. When you get a useful present, do not take it back and exchange it for something you can use.

Keep it; hang on to it. Do not give it away to the poor, for they have troubles enough of their own.

One of the most useful useful gifts—for some people—is a smoking jacket. Once we gave our old Uncle Peters one of those costly nicotine refusers. It had blue satin cuffs and a braided collar. The coat was held together not by buttons but by gold-braid knots. The garment made a hit with Uncle Peters, but not the knots.

For years his smoking jacket had been a fannel undershirt, gracefully decorated with suspenders. Every evening he sat by the stove, smoking a pipe which would have suffocated a steamship stoker. He never told us what he burned in the pipe, and we

never went close enough to investigate.

Christmas day they made him put on the smoking jacket. Life was not the same after that. They told him he mustn't smoke that vulgar, shocking old pipe while wearing the lovely jacket. Everybody thought he was cured of the deadly cornucop. He quit smoking the pipe, and instead brought home a bale of cigars.

He made a handsome figure, wearing the braided smoking jacket, and puffing a cigar with a gilt band around it. We left him, smoking happily by the stove. In one hour we returned. Uncle Peters was still consuming cigars. On the floor lay the family cat. It did not raise its head at our footsteps. It would never look up again. The picture frames on the walls had turned green.

Uncle Peters denied that his Flor de Mule Ear cigars had killed the cat. He insisted she had rolled over after taking one squirt at the smoking jacket.

Useful gifts often have a way of making themselves useful when you least expect it. For instance, we buried the cat in Uncle Peters' smoking jacket!

## MISS SANTA CLAUS



With joyful heart, on dainty toes,  
Her eyes aching, each cheek a rose,  
Well laden with her presents goes  
The Christmas maid.

In Santa's task she claims a share,  
And bears her gifts with thoughtful care,  
While Love attends her everywhere,  
A willing aid.

Oh, Santa, take a friendly tip,  
Unless you want to lose your grip,  
Don't let her make another trip  
In all your days.

For she's a vision, so complete,  
So captivating, fair and sweet,  
That she has got you surely beat  
A hundred ways.

## A GREAT DAY.

This is Christmas day, the anniversary of the world's greatest event. To one day all the early world looked forward; to the same day the later world looks back. That day holds time together.—Alexander Smith.

\$8.00 consisting of 9 Brooders and 2 Automatic drinking fountains, will be given by the Firm of Morrow & McLendon dealers in lumber and builders supplies at the Corn Show December 17th, for the best pair, (Hen and Cook) of any breed grown this year.

J. R. SAMS,  
County Agent.

Mrs. John A. Hendricks was in Asheville on day last week.

## CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Christmas stars are shining bright  
Earth is dressed in snow flakes white  
Merry bells ring loud and clear,  
Filling every heart with cheer.

On that night so long ago,  
Angels came to earth below,  
Telling to the shepherds there  
Of the Christ Child, pure and fair.

Sleeping in His lowly bed,  
Angels hovering round His head;  
And the wise men from afar  
Follow on, their guiding star.

Then the heavenly hosts all sang,  
Through the arch their voices rang;  
Peace on earth, to men good will,  
Christmas night, we hear them still.

Let us echo their refrain,  
And to all the world proclaim,  
Of a Saviour's wondrous love,  
And our home prepared above.

—ELOISE B. EBBS,  
December, 10 1915.

## M. T. Price is Badly Wounded

L. W. Gilbert of Hot Springs Said to Have Fired Three Shots at Price.

As the result of an altercation, the origin of which has not been learned, M. T. Price of Hot Springs was shot twice Sunday at that town and desperately wounded by L. W. Gilbert according to information received here yesterday. Both men are citizens of Hot Springs and have places of business near each other, Gilbert conducting a cafe and Price operating a store for general merchandise. Price was brought to Asheville that night on train No. 102 and taken to the Meriwether hospital where an operation was performed.

One bullet entered the chest and came out on the right side. The other ball from the pistol took effect above the hip on the left side, penetrating the center of the abdomen and piercing the large intestine. The patient is reported to be resting as comfortably as possible but he has some fever and the physician stated that his chances for recovery

## Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Amanda Silver, deceased, late of Madison County, North Carolina. This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Marshall, N. C., on or before the 26th day of Nov. 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of Nov. 1915.  
W. E. ALLEN,  
Administrator of Amanda Silver.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. "Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation."

were not as strong as he wished for.

No details of the difficulty between the men have been learned. Thomas Frisbee of Hot Springs and several other persons from Hot Springs accompanied Mr. Price to Asheville. It is stated that Mr. Gilbert has surrendered to the Sheriff of Madison County.—Gazette-News.