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An Open Letter To The Ladies Of Marshall.

My Dear Friends:—
I presume that you are such. Do not know of any reason on earth as to why you should not be, for in spite of all my foolishness, short-comings, etc., I am not a "bab sort" after all, and if ever I can do any of you a good turn why just "holler" and I will be "Johnny on the Spot." If you don't believe it try me and see.

Now on Sunday night, at the First Baptist Church, we are going to hold a special service in your honor, and we are taking this means of giving you, one and all, a most cordial invitation to be present, and to bring your fathers, husbands, brothers and sweethearts with you.

We are hoping to have special music appropriate for the occasion, and while, in discussing you as individuals and as a body we will probably, in the very nature of the case, be compelled to say some things that will burn like fire, yet, when we are through, we really believe that you will come to the conclusion that we have been fair and square honest and just.

And to show you that our heart is in the right place, and that we think a whole lot of you, we are going to give, for your benefit, a special Illustrated Program, entitled *The World's Greatest Tragedy—The Passion of our Lord*. This consists of about forty classical slides featuring the High Spots in the closing tragic events in the history of our Lord's life here upon earth. They are pictures which make a deep and lasting impression upon the human mind, and, of course, you will want to see them. So again inviting you most cordially to be present and to bring your male relatives and friend with you, we beg to remain, with the very best of wishes.

Your Friend Sincere,
Preacher Evans.

Small Town Shows

Not upon Broadway, N. Y. or in Louisville and other cities of its class, are found the worst of public entertainments, the worst morally.

The carnivals which go from one small city or town to another are described by a contributor to *The American City* as being a far greater evil than public entertainments of the most objectionable class in the large cities.

These marauders, as the writer terms them, operate gambling devices controlled electrically in the interest of the operator, and sell children lemonade made of citric acid, red dye, and dirty water, in which thousands of lips touch the slice of lemon that is used over and over again till worn out.

In addition to fleecing the general attendance and subjecting the children to grossly insanitary conditions, the carnivals maintain organized prostitution in connection with Living Pictures, Dancing Mermaids, Oriental Dancing, and The Hawaiian Hoola-Hoola, performances in themselves often too obscene to be described in matter passing through the United States mails.

Compulsory Attendance Law

An Act to Provide for the Compulsory Attendance Upon the Public Schools of Children Between Certain Ages and to Regulate and Restrict the Employment of Children and to Provide for the Enforcement of the Provisions of This Act and of Chapter 83, Public Laws of 1913, and Chapter 357, Public Laws of 1909.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and fourteen years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. The principal, superintendent, or teacher, who is in charge of such school shall have the right to excuse the child from temporary attendance on account of sickness or distance of residence from the school, or other unavoidable cause which does not constitute truancy as defined by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. Any parent, guardian, or other person referred to in section one of this act, violating the provisions of the aforesaid section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five (5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (25), and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine the said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days to the county jail.

SECTION 2a. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this act. Said board shall prescribe what shall constitute truancy, what causes may constitute legitimate excuses for temporary nonattendance due to physical or mental inability to attend, and under what circumstances teachers, principals, or superintendents may excuse pupils for nonattendance due to immediate demands of the farm or the home in certain seasons of the year in the several sections of the state. It shall be the duty of all school officials to carry out such instructions from the State Board of Education, and any school official failing to carry out such instructions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: Provided, that section one of this act shall not be in force in any city or county that has a higher compulsory attendance law now in force than that provided herein; but in any such case it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to investigate the same and decide that any such law now in force has a higher compulsory attendance feature than that provided by this act: Provided, that wherever any district is without adequate building or buildings for the proper enforcement of this act, the county boards of education may be allowed not more than two years from July the first, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to make full and ample provisions in every district.

SECTION 3. The County Superintendent of Public Welfare or chief school attendance officer or truant officer provided for by law shall investigate and prosecute all violations of the provisions of section one of this act.

SECTION 4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare such rules of procedure and furnish such blanks for teachers and other school officials as may be necessary for reporting each case of truancy or lack of attendance to the chief attendance officer referred to in section three hereof. Such rules shall provide, among other things, for a notification in writing to the person responsible for the nonattendance of any child, that the case is to be reported to the chief attendance officer of the county unless the law is immediately complied with. County boards of education and governing bodies of city schools shall have the right to appoint town or district attendance officers when deemed by them necessary, to assist in carrying out the provisions of section one, two, three, and four of this act, and rules and instructions which may be promulgated by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. But in every case in which it becomes necessary to prosecute for nonattendance the case shall be referred to the chief attendance officer of the county for further action: Provided, that in towns or cities having special attendance officers paid out of town or city funds said officers shall have full authority to prosecute for violations of this act.

SECTION 5. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed, or permitted to work, in or about or in connection with any mill, factory, cannery, workshop, manufacturing establishment, laundry, bakery, mercantile establishment, office, hotel, restaurant, barber shop, bootblack stand, public stable, garage, place of amusement, brickyard, lumber yard, or any messenger or delivery service, except in cases and under regulations prescribed by the commissions hereinafter created: Provided, the employments in this section enumerated shall not be construed to include bona fide boys and girls' canning clubs recognized by the Agricultural Department of this State; and such canning clubs are hereby expressly exempted from the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5a. It shall be the duty of the county boards of education of each county in the State of North Carolina to cause this act to be published in full in some newspaper published in the county if there be one, and if there be none, then in circular form, and distributed over the county at least four weeks prior to the opening of the schools after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

SECTION 6. Provided, that no person under sixteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work at night in any of the places or occupations referred to in section 5 of this act, between the hours of 9 p. m. and 6 a. m., and no person under sixteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in or about or in connection with any quarry or mine.

SECTION 7. On and after March 1, 1922, the Superintendent of Public Welfare and other authorized agents of the Commission shall require a school record of evidence for any child under 16 years of age who makes application to engage in employment in any of the occupations mentioned in sections 5 and 6 before issuing either an Employment Certificate or Age Certificate. The school record to be prepared by school official or teacher in accordance with the approved code for children and the accredited record system for schools approved by the Department of Education.

County Commencement, Marshall February, 9th, 1923.

On January 26th 1923 a contest is to be held, in the townships, among pupils from the 4th, through the 7th grades, to select winners in the following contests; Spelling, Composition, Recitation and Declamation. The winners are to meet in Marshall February 9th, 1923, for the final contest. Here the boy or girl winning in one of these contests is to receive \$5.00 in gold or if he or she should win in two they will receive \$10.00 in gold.

The Citizens Bank and The Bank of French Broad of Marshall are giving the prizes for these contests.

The townships have been grouped and a leader for each group selected, and these group leaders will have charge of the meetings on January 26th.

- Leader of Group 1, Township 1, Miss Ethel English.
- Leader of Group 2 Township 2 and 20, Mr. Clarence Hendrix.
- Leader of Group 3 Township 2 and 14, Miss Hattie Phoenix.
- Leader of Group 4, Township 4, 5, and 15, Miss Flossie Murray.
- Leader of Group 5, Township 11 and 16, Mr. W. C. Ingle.
- Leader of Group 6, Township 6 and 7, Mr. E. M. Ward.
- Leader of Group 7 Township 8 and 13, Mr. W. C. Balding.
- Leader of Group 8 Township 9 and 12, Mr. R. C. Pipes.

The following program will be carried out on February, 9, 1923.

- 10:30 Song America - By all schools.
- Declamation Contest
- Short Address. Speaker not selected yet.
- 12:30 to 1:30 Dinner.
- Song, Onward Christian Soldiers.
- Reading Contest
- Spelling Contest
- Composition Contest
- Awarding of Medals
- Awarding of Diplomas
- Subject of Composition "Why our Forests Should be Protected"
- The Composition must not contain over 500 words. Spelling words to be taken from the "New World Speller Book II.
- Committee: Epps Hawes, Chairman
Ethel English,
Homer Henry,
R. C. Pipes,
Mida Peck.

The World's Greatest Tragedy In Pictures.

"The passion of our Lord—beginning with the last supper and ending with the ascension" will be beautifully portrayed by stereoptican views thrown upon the screen at the Baptist Church Sunday night. Such classics as the following will be seen—The Last Supper—The Arrest In The Garden—The Betrayal—The Trial—Denial Of Peter—The Conviction—The Scourging—The Crowning With Thorns—March To Calvary—The Crucifixion—Burial—Resurrection—Ascension A Coming Again. While these are the principle pictures, yet they are not all by any manny or means, that we shall throw upon the screen Sunday night featuring the last great tragic events in the life of our blessed Lord. You are invited to come and bring at the children with you.

"The women of Marshall young and old, married and unmarried, Good, Bad and indifferent," will be the subject of a red hot and honest to goodness Gospel message that we hope and pray will make the Devil mad and the Lord glad.

"That Which God Demands Of Every Man", will be the theme of the morning service at 11 o'clock, and, of course, you are invited to be present at that meeting also.

Special Music. I am In a hurry, So "Good By" and "GOOD LUCK."

Preacher Evans.

LOST—A NOTE for \$31.00 was payable to W. J. Teague, and he had signed it over. Please return to Henderson Brothers Garage and receive REWARD.

Taxes Taxes Taxes TAXES'S TAXES Taxes Taxes Taxes FIRST CALL.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY.

The Tax book for the year of 1922 is now in my hands for COLLECTION and I will be at the Court House in Marshall, until December 1st for the purpose of collecting your Taxes. One percent discount is allowed all those who pay in the month of November. So come in and pay your taxes and save this discount. Your TAXES have to be paid and you just as well come in and pay now.

YOURS TRULY,
J. J. BAILEY,
Sheriff & Tax Collector.

Contract Let For Cocke County Highway. Work To Begin At Once.

All things comes to him who waits: This is proven true again by the announcement that work will soon begin on the Highway in the Del Rio district, about which there has been so much controversy the past two years.

There seems to be no reason to doubt this statement.

Last Thursday the State Highway Commission, meeting in Nashville, opened the bids which had been submitted in answer to their advertisement for bids to build this part of the proposed state highway. Several bids were submitted, but the most favorable one was submitted by Tom Peters of Knoxville, who was given the contract. Accord-

ing to the bid, he is to construct nine and seven tenth miles of road in Cocke County the road to begin at the state line beyond Del Rio, and coming toward Newport. It will extend to a point a short distance this side of Del Rio. Four Newport men, C. B. Mims, Perry Valentine, Fred Fisher, and Judge Blazer were present in Nashville when the contract was awarded. They state that the understanding is the work is to begin at once, and they expect machinery and tools to be shipped to this county next week for that purpose.

Mr. Peters is a well known contractor of Knoxville, and has been connected with a great many railroad and highway projects in East Tennessee. Our people will all rejoice that work has at last commenced, and we devoutly hope it may put an end to the strife and misunderstandings that followed the \$300,000 appropriation made by our county court more than two years ago for the highway.

The road is to cost approximately \$31,000 per mile, and will be built similar to the new Kingston road, which is said to be one of the best roads in Tenn. The base will be of heavy stone filled in with crushed rock, and topped with asphalt. The road will be 24 feet wide with actual asphalt surface of 16 feet.

The road will follow practically the new survey which was recently made, and will extend from the state line to a point near Steave Huff's farm.