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From Trust

Editor News-Record:—
 I have been thinking we ought to offer a prize to the young man or woman of the High School age or out of school age who would get up the best early history of Madison County. When it was formed and where the first County seat was, and the name of the county seat, where the first court was held and the judge that held the first court, and what was the jurisdiction of the county court, and how many men composed the court, when the county was formed, who was its first representative, the condition of the roads, churches, school buildings, and the farming conditions. It seems to me that we are about to lose this important history of our county. Can we afford to lose it? I think not. To give the customs of the people, the farming conditions, the chief products of the farm, would be very interesting to the people, especially the young people. They could contrast between then and now. It might be some inspiration to our young people to do more, and be more interested in their county. Let some one speak out, and tell what they think of the suggestion.

If you think it is a good idea say so, if not tell the people what you think of it. I fear to many of us are like my friend Mr. Henricks said, we are to slow to speak out when something would be of interest to the people. Tell what you think of it, or the one who made the suggestion, we are all citizens of the county, and have a right in common with every other citizen. And our interests are in common with citizens of the county. The trouble is I fear we resort to Indian war fare. It is said when a fight comes on every man takes to a tree. Some little feeling we have, towards some one, or the dollar keeps from doing the things that would help our neighbors. It is true we have men and women who are not selfish, and labor for the upbuilding of their county's interest, our churches, school buildings and other improvements show that our county has a history and that its early history ought to be preserved. Dr. Sondley in the history of Asheville and Buncombe County makes the statement that not a one seems to know why the name Morristown was bestowed on the place (Asheville.) And conjecture regarding the matter would amount to nothing more than a guess. But now Mrs. Mary Baird Ward came forward with the answer. She says as a matter of fact according to the tradition of my family there has never been the slightest guess work about it. My father Adolphus Baird and three aunts, Mrs. Ira Vane mother of Zebulon Vance, Mrs. Sarah Ann Smith, mother of H. A. Gudger and S. L. Roberts of Asheville, and Miss Mary Baird all pioneers of Buncombe County, frequently in recounting to us the story of those early times mentioned the fact, that Asheville was first called Morristown, that Zebulon Baird, my paternal grandfather with his brother Bedent, came to Western North Carolina in the latter part of the eighteenth century would say around 1789; from Morristown, New Jersey; where he had evidently been a free holder—of considerable importance as old records for that place show today. After becoming a citizen of Buncombe Zebulon Baird was chosen to represent his county, in the state

List of Jurors Drawn for February Term, Superior Court, February 25, 1924.

- No. 1 Township.
Bob McClure, Mathew Thomas, W. H. Fisher, J. G. Ramsey, Jr.
- No. 2 Township.
Van Shelton, J. C. Chandley, T. J. Franklin.
- No. 3 Township.
Z. T. McDaris, W. H. Buckner.
- No. 4 Township.
J. N. Chandler, W. P. Metcalf, J. E. Roberson, Joe S. Brown.
- No. 5 Township.
J. A. Buckner.
- No. 7 Township.
R. M. Kent, Jonah Payne, Henry Worley, Tom Ball.
- No. 8 Township.
S. A. Phoenix, B. C. Meadows.
- No. 9 Township.
J. M. Waddell, D. H. Gardner, John Warner.
- No. 10 Township.
Tillman Gosnell, Isaac Rice.
- No. 11 Township.
Edgar Phillips, J. W. Banks.
- No. 12 Township.
A. L. Buckner.
- No. 13 Township.
C. W. Balding, J. F. Shelton.
- No. 14 Township.
Tom Ogle.
- No. 15 Township.
N. S. Willis, F. E. Huff, R. R. Gibbs.
- No. 16 Township.
T. M. Loyd.

Special Get-together Meeting.

Under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Hamby of Raleigh a special get-together meeting of representatives from the churches of the French Broad and New Found Associations will meet in the Baptist church at Marshall, Wednesday, February 20, 1924. The church at Marshall extends a cordial invitation to representatives from each of the churches of the above named associations to be present at that meeting as its guests. The meeting is considered important not only that it is hoped to arrange for present problems but also to prepare to meet the future with a united effort.

legislature; almost continuously from 1806 to 1822, when the site was chosen for the county seat, Buncombe, Zebulon Baird who owned considerable part of the land occupied by the city of Asheville, furnished the lot for the court house and it was called Morristown in honor to them of their old home town. Now this is very important history to the people of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Madison County has important history that would be interesting to the people. Let us get busy and dig up our early history. Let us hear from some on this subject, it will be interesting to our young men and women, who will be our future representatives.

With best wishes to the News-Record and its Editor.
 JASPER EBBS.

Who Pays State Taxes

Up to 1921 a large part of the state revenue was obtained from a general property tax. Every body in the state who had property on the tax books paid something to the support of the state government. The 1921 legislature abolished the property tax as a source of state revenue and adopted the income tax as the main source. Immediately the support of the state government was shifted to a new and relatively small class of taxpayers. The general property tax is used exclusively for local county purposes, while the state operators on revenues received from income tax payers, individual and corporation; inheritance, license, franchise taxes and so on, and from earnings of the general departments of the state.

Practically the entire burden of state support falls on our urban dwellers and the corporate business of the state. The property tax is spent locally for county purposes.

The individual who pays only a property tax contributes nothing to the support of the state government, unless he owns an automobile, in which case he pays a license and gasoline tax which is used exclusively for highway construction and maintenance. Relatively only a small percent of our people contribute to the support of the state. Except for the auto and gas tax, our farmers pay practically nothing. The support comes from the individuals who can afford it, and from corporations chartered by the state from licenses granted by the state—in general from sources receiving direct services from the state. It is a fair, sane, and progressive method of raising state revenue and it was only through its adoption that North Carolina was able to engage in her program of progress.

But even now we are not spending recklessly or extravagantly in North Carolina. We have finally and with due deliberation entered the group of progressive states, and no state in the Union is getting as much for the money it is spending as North Carolina.—S. H. H., Jr.

Honor Students Represent Every Part of the State

University News Bureau Robert W. Madry

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan.—The largest number of honor students ever recorded at the University of North Carolina is listed by Dr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., registrar, in checking over the grades made during the fall quarter. There are 178 as compared with 164 for the first quarter last year.

Honor students make a grade of B. or better, that is an average of from 90 to 95 per cent at least. Of the total of 178 there were 56 freshmen, 48 sophomores, 38 juniors, 30 seniors and 6 special students, 99 are in the college of liberal arts, 32 in the school of commerce, 23 in the school of engineering, 18 in the school of applied science, and 6 are special students, Leo D. White of Marshall, N. C., is one of the 173 on the honor roll.

Anderson Branch.

Editor News Record:—After reading the article in your paper in regard to the progress at Hot Springs I wish to say this is in accord with what I have been fighting and preaching for the past five years, namely, we need more industries with a large pay roll.

Madison county today is a land of opportunity to those that will try, as proof of this I call your attention to the following facts: \$100,000 was deposited in one of the banks at Marshall in a little less than five months by the farmers of this county. I will reiterate that Madison county is centrally located, she has plenty of surplus labor.

With an infinite supply of pure water and an unlimited undeveloped hydro-electric power supplied by 28 miles of the beautiful French Broad, not mentioning what could be developed on Laurel River and Spring Creek.

Madison county has a very fertile soil that will produce equal to the bottom lands of Tennessee of which 43,763 acres were cultivated last year. The county has a good road system equal to any county in the State.

Also a good school system and churches, last but not least her citizenship is made up of a God loving and church going people, notwithstanding the good features of Madison county in the last 30 years the writer has spent 15 years outside the county.

New don't understand me to say Madison county has not got any shortcomings or failures, with all her fine farms and orchards and live stock and dairy products, including her churches, roads and schools and her good people, there is plenty of room for improvement.

Hot Springs is to be complimented on securing the knitting mill, she has taken the initiative in developing our county, The fact that there is thousands of horse power lying dormant on the French Broad River shows that we have not moved forward and kept pace with the times as we should and could have done.

I returned to this county in September 1923 and it is my desire to do all I can to help make Madison a greater and better county to live in.

Yours for the up building of Madison county.
 W. J. HARRIS.

Gardner-Ledford

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ledford announce the marriage of their daughter, Viola Dell to Mr. George Richard Gardner on Sunday, the third of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at home after February the fourth, Detroit, Michigan.

Pleasant View Items

Our school closes tomorrow, the following pupils haven't been absent in school this year: Maud Martin, Elmer and Albert Clark.

Miss Allie Reems spent the week end with Miss Emma Freeman.

Little Thelma Edwards died Tuesday morning with measles.

Mrs. L. M. Ramsey is improving. She is still with her daughter Mrs. Z. A. Ponder.

Sixth Grade.

Western North Carolina, Inc. No. 6 Government St. Asheville N. C.

Specifications For Contest

FIRST: For the best 100 to 150 word article on: "WHY PEOPLE SHOULD COME TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA" \$25.00.

Reasons may be based upon:

- Climate
- Health
- Beautiful Scenery
- Natural Resources
- Business Opportunities
- Manufacturing

or any other which may occur to the author. The article may include as many reasons as he pleases, provided the limit of 150 words is not passed.

Age of author will have no bearing in awarding winner.

All articles received will be the property of Western North Carolina, Inc., whether a prize winner or not.

Writing should be plain (typewritten if possible) and on one side of paper only.

The winner will be determined by three impartial judges from the three local newspapers.

All articles should be in not later than April 19th, 1924.

If possible, prize will be awarded by May 15th, 1924.

Prize to winner \$25.00.

SECOND: FOR BEST DESIGN OF AN ENGLISH which may be used by Western North Carolina, Inc., on stationery publications, etc.

The design should be simple neat, descriptive and distinctive of Western North Carolina. Not more than two colors should be used and should be on a scale for reduction to one inch square.

Name and address of each designer should be plainly indicated on sheet on which drawing is made.

Winning design to become property of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Judges same as for first contest \$15.00.

THIRD: FOR THE BEST SLOGAN TO BE USED BY WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, INC. \$10.00.

In trying for this prize do not send in:

- "Land of the Sky"
- "Sapphire Country"
- or "Heart of the Blue Ridge"

These are all splendid slogans, but they have already been accepted by other organizations.

Be sure to give name and address of author when you send in slogan.

Award to be made by same judges as first contest.

Contestants may try for any one or all three prizes.

Send to:
 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, INC.,
 No. 6 Government St.,
 Asheville, N. C.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Miss Mayme Morrow on Thursday 14th, 2:30 P. M. Election of officers and other important business. A full attendance is desired.

Grape Vine Items

Our roads on Grape Vine are very muddy but the cars and tobacco wagons are still traveling them.

Grape Vine section is one of the finest sections of Madison county, the citizens of this place is getting wide-awake to the great need of mending our road.

Mr. J. N. Riddle, formerly of this place, who now lives at Charlotte Court House, Virginia, is visiting friends here. Mr. Riddle says he is liking his home in Virginia.

Our Sunday school at this place is moving on fine. We have prayer service each Sunday night and I have good interest.

Mrs. Hester Briggs, of Erwin, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. Joel Morgan this week.

Mr. Joel Morgan who holds a job at Sunburst is at home for a few days.

We hope to hear from the many sections of Madison county thru The News-Record. News-Record readers come across with your valuable items. Its helps the editor to make his paper more interesting. So we shall expect to hear from many readers of The News-Record next week.

ENOCH S. MORGAN.

A Word of Appreciation from Superintendent of State's Prison.

Dear Sheriff:

I desire to express to you and through you to your deputies and to the citizens of Madison county my sincere appreciation for the fine spirit of co-operation manifested by you in your efforts to assist Capt. Raines at the recent delivery of eighteen prisoners.

Capt. Raines is very high in his praise of you and the people of Madison county. He feels he is among friends and I am sure he is.

If I can ever render you a service please do not hesitate to command me.

Sincerely yours,
 GEO. ROSS POU,
 Superintendent.

To the Voters of Madison County.

Ladies and gentlemen: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Madison county subject to the Republican primary to be held June 7. Having served as an officer for the past eight years and as Federal prohibition agent since 1921 I feel that I will be able to carry out the duties of this office to the best interests of the people and having been urged by good citizens from all parts of the county, since before the primary of 1922, to become a candidate for this office, I feel it my duty as well as privilege to make this race. Thanking each and every one for whatever kindness and support you may be able to give me, I am

Respectfully yours,
 WILLARD G. RECTOR.