

THE NEWS-RECORD UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

FLIVVERING IN THE MOUNTAINS

It is a far cry from the plains and lowlands to the Smoky Mountains. This summer the mountains of Western North Carolina have been crowded with visitors from all parts of the country. Formerly a big percentage came from South Carolina and North Carolina. They still come in ever-increasing numbers, but this year many more have come from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and other Southern and Southwestern states, with a big sprinkling from Northern States. It is to be the summer playground of the East—particularly the country South and West.

Every time the opportunity has presented, when it was hot where the cotton grows, I have turned my face to the mountains, and you can get a whiff of mountain air almost after the trains begin to climb beyond the Catawba. As a rule, Eastern people stop at Asheville, Hendersonville and Waynesville. In fact, most visitors are so pleased (and he'd be a hard man to satisfy who wasn't happy in those resorts) with what they see that few go beyond Waynesville. As a matter of fact, the big increase in summer visitors is largely due to the roads, and the roads beyond Asheville have heretofore been so poor that there was no temptation to explore to see what lay beyond the Balsams. But good roads now go to Waynesville, though there are a few detours, and contracts have been let for good roads on toward Tennessee. The people beyond Waynesville, however, are hoping for accelerated still a detour to travel to the Smokies and that stretch of rocky road from Waynesville to the Balsams is "a hard road to travel". It is free from mud but is warranted to unduly shake your automobile because of the uneven rocks. All the coating is gone and hardsurfacing is the only thing, so the people there say, that will make that road in keeping with other roads on Route No. 10, the real Main Street of North Carolina. Beyond Balsam to Sylva the road is better, between Sylva and Dillsboro perfect, and better, with bad stretches on to Bryson City. In spite of the fact that the remote West still lacks good roads, travel has increased and summer visitors have been drawn toward the beautiful Smoky Mountains.

Speaking about roads, we must all take off our hats to Swain County, of which Bryson City is the county seat. No county in North Carolina of its population and wealth has done so much to improve its roads, and that country alone without calling on the State has put one million and one hundred thousand dollars in good roads. There is a saying that God helps those that help themselves. The Bryson City people are beginning to doubt that old saying. "We think what we have done," said a leader, entitles us yond our town sooner than the presto have Route No. 10 completed best situation promises. I fear pressure for lateral roads is causing postponement in completing the backbone of the road development, which is Route No. 10. That's the feeling of the people west of Waynesville, and at that place there is equal insistence upon completing Route No. 10, the central and dominating route that was pledged, when the road system was made a State system.

The faith and determination, shown by the people of Swain for good roads in the early days is a record of which they are justly proud. And their zeal is unabated. They have a good road to the Cherokee Indian schools, there is a good road in the making to Franklin, and the construction of a fine road to Cullowhee Normal School is due that institution by the State of North Carolina. —Josephus Daniels, in the News & Observer under date of September 16, 1924.

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SOLD TO EDITOR H. L. STORY, FORMERLY OF EDENTON, N. C.

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT MOVED TO ANOTHER BUILDING AND EXPENSIVE MACHINERY ADDED TO EQUIPMENT

With this issue, **The News-Record** becomes the property of Editor H. L. Story, formerly of Edenton, N. C., who has added a lot of new type, press and folder, and a brand new **Model 14 Linotype Machine** at a cost of several thousand dollars, besides other valuable equipment. It is the purpose of the present owner to give the people of Madison and adjoining counties a live weekly paper.

In saying this, it is not our intention to reflect in the least on the News-Record and its predecessors in the past. Not having seen a copy of this paper until this summer, we are not in position to say what the paper has been in the past, but we do wish to say that much credit is due Mrs. J. H. White, and the people who have supported her, for having such a good paper as she has had with the equipment she had. Doubtless, some of the people who have been reading the News-Record all these years will be disappointed to lose from its staff Mr. and Mrs. White, and the present owner will appreciate any assistance the former management may render him in giving the people of this section of the State the very paper they would like to have.

OUR POLICY

Non-Partisan - Non-Sectarian

As said before, this paper is not to be issued in the interest of any political party or any religious denomination or faction of any kind whatsoever. The primary purpose of this paper is to give the news of Madison and adjoining counties and to furnish the people of this section a medium through which we may know one another better and make our wants and movements known to one another.

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED

No person or corporation can succeed with a newspaper without the support of the people. The people of Madison County now have an opportunity to have a paper. We believe they will appreciate our effort to give them one. They would soon have been without a paper if someone had not taken charge and built up the equipment; for we are sure the former management will bear us out in the statement that the mechanical equipment was inadequate and rapidly deteriorating.

PAPER LATE THIS WEEK

This paper will very likely be late this week due to delay in getting our machinery installed. It is our purpose to come out on time after this issue, and with the cooperation of our correspondents, we hope to be able to do so. We have secured correspondents in several sections of the county, but, as soon as possible, we wish to have a writer in every community in Madison and adjoining counties.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

We trust that the people of our territory will stand for the slight raise in the subscription price of the paper from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a year. With an investment of nearly \$10,000.00 in a plant that was worth hardly \$500.00, any business man knows that the income must be increased in order to succeed. Surely no person in Madison County would object to paying just 50c a year more for the paper in order to be assured a paper, even if the paper was no better when the prospects were that without some change, the county would soon have been without a paper.

We also appeal to the business people of Marshall to support the paper with advertising and by having all the job printing done at home that can be done here. From time to time, we hope to build up our job printing department, but we are already prepared to turn out good commercial job printing, and every job, no matter

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BETTER THAN THE YESTERDAYS

Ever so often we hear men chanting a dirgelike refrain over the "physical degeneracy of the human race." They bemoan the fact that men are not so virile as they used to be, casting glances toward other ages and other periods in the history of the Republic when health and strength of men were superior to those conditions today. They talk of "the good old pioneer days" when many diseases were unknown, when people were "lusty and hard." "Why is it," they ask, "that these conditions do not exist today?"

First, the present day has produced and is producing physically stronger and more virile men than ever trod the Roman arena as public gladiators or endured the stress of Greek Olympiads. There is no manner of doubt about it. A Greek of the age of Leonidas would not have shown to advantage in the recent Olympic games in France; no devoted striver in the Roman arena could compare in strength and agility with the athletes of today. They could not compare in courage. As for the common people of those "golden times," they were the prey and victims of disease and conditions which civilization.

MARS HILL

Social News of the Fine College Town

Messrs. L. J. Carter, F. H. Holcombe, F. C. Sams, P. E. Bruce and Dr. J. E. Owen have just returned from a trip to New York and Washington. While away they saw the world.

Miss Ethel English accompanied by Misses Elma and Thelma Fleetwood, of the college faculty, motored over to Marshall last Saturday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. R. Owen is rapidly improving.

Rev. A. V. Reese, of Birmingham, Ala., spent a few days of last week here with his family.

Miss Kathrine Woodrow, Red Cross secretary of Rock Hill, S. C., is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Kate Woodrow.

The Community Y. W. A. is still doing great work under the leadership of Mrs. E. C. Coats. They have about thirty members enrolled and an average attendance of twenty-five. The Social Committee, Misses Briggs and Davis, together with their leader, Mrs. Coats is planning a party for Halloween, which everyone is looking forward to with great pleasure.

Lest we forget that "H" B. Y. P. U. is still climbing.

Mrs. W. R. Davis spent last week in Asheville with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hensley and children, of Asheville, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Hensley's mother, Mrs. Nettie H. Patrick.

S. MORGAN KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Farmer of the Morgan Hill Community Meets Death When Car Goes Over Embankment—Son is Injured.

Sumpter Morgan, 50, a farmer of the Morgan Hill community, was killed Sunday morning when the truck in which he and his son, Jess, were riding plunged over an embankment on the Democrat road. Death was almost instantaneous. The son was injured.

The car stopped about 40 yards from where it left the road. During its course down the embankment it der Morgan was injured internally turned over several times. The eland about the head. It is understood that the deceased was just learning to drive. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, Sallie Kate.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS

(From The World's Work)
Elementary and higher education is now a commonplace in American life.

Housing in great cities has made such astonishing progress that there are no longer any slums, in the sense in which the word was used 50 years ago.

The tone of public life, despite the recent revelations in Washington, has immensely improved.

Social conditions in great American cities—the absence of vice from the streets—has become a source of comment to visitors from overseas.

The improved status of woman in all relations of life is a sufficient answer to those who believe that the Nation is on the downward grade.

The development of art museums in all large cities in itself testifies to a vast improvement in popular taste.

The vigor with which the United States asserted itself in the great war sufficiently indicates that there has been no decay in the National spirit.

As to industrial progress, this is perhaps the greatest marvel of modern times. With six per cent of the world's population, we produce 54 per cent of the iron, 64 per cent of the steel, 64 per cent of the oil, 69 per cent of the cotton, 43 per cent of the coal, and 52 per cent of the timber. By far the greater part of these commodities is consumed by our own people.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 1, 1924.

I take pleasure in saying that Mr.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

C. Rector worked under my supervision as a Federal Prohibition Agent for more than two years, and then voluntarily resigned. Mr. Rector was one of our best Agents; was energetic and faithful in the performance of his duties, in fact, he was one of our star Agents.

B. C. SHARPE,

Head of Field Agents.

TRYING TO WIN VOTES BY FALSE REPORTS

I have been informed by several different parties that the report is being circulated over certain sections of the county that I am Klu Klux. All I ask for is a fair vote and I beg of the good people of the county to not be influenced by this or other false reports or circulars that may be given out at the last minute. Again asking you to use your own good judgment and vote for the man who can and will serve the people best, I am

Very respectfully,
WILLARD C. RECTOR.