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MARSHALL SHOULD HAVE HOTEL

WITH SUFFICIENT ACCOMODATION
TOURISTS WOULD FLOCK HERE

Tobacco Warehouse Makes Need Greater

It is no reflection whatsoever on the hotels and boarding houses of Marshall for us to advocate a large new hotel. The table fare at the hotels is fine and people who stop are always pleased with the abundance of well cooked food served at these tables. But we understand that even the proprietors of these hotels realize the need of better accommodations in rooms and so forth for tourists and travelling men.

Plans have been drawn and a contract drawn up and about \$20,000 subscribed toward building a hotel in Marshall. It is proposed to erect a brick structure on the vacant lot next to the Courthouse with 42 bed rooms, one half with bath and one half without bath. The blue print now in the hands of Mr. W. H. Morrow looks most attractive. A meeting of the business men was recently held with reference to this matter and much enthusiasm aroused, various men promising to subscribe amounts ranging from \$500 to \$10,000—at least two men agreeing to subscribe \$5000 each, and the owner of the lot agreeing to take the entire price of the lot—\$10,000.00—in stock. This is a matter that should claim the attention of our business men, as such a hotel will not only be a paying investment, but will enhance the value of other property in Marshall and will greatly help to build up Marshall. Especially will it be needed in connection with the proposed new tobacco warehouse.



MR. J. T. EDWARDS,
Formerly of Mars Hill, now soliciting subscriptions for stock in the tobacco warehouse to be built in Marshall. When you see him coming, be ready to talk subscribing to stock in the warehouse and let's put the matter over.

COMPARATIVE FOREST FIRE RECORD FOR STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1923—1924.

In a report recently issued by the State Forest Service of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey some very interesting facts are brought out relative to the forest fire prevention and suppression work being carried on in twenty-five counties in the State that are cooperating with the State Forest Service in forest fire control work. The report compares the forest fire situation in 1923 with that of 1924.

The total number of fires reported in the calendar year of 1923 was 624, while there were in 1924, 1,291 fires reported. The increase in the number of fires for 1924 over 1923 may be taken to indicate that instead of an improvement in the attitude of the public in favor of protecting the forests from fire, there has been a tendency in the first place weather conditions during the spring and fall of 1924 were more for forest fires. In fact the fall fire season, just passed, was the most critical one experienced in years so far as weather conditions are concerned. The second point that must be considered is the fact that as the efficiency of the organization of forest wardens throughout the State increases the number of fires handled by it will increase, and it is safe to assume that a larger number of fires reported in 1923 that were not reported in 1924.

over in the course of the two years in question. The 624 fires in 1923 burned over an area of 206,038 acres as compared with 199,543 acres burned over by 1,291 fires in 1924. In other words the average size of each fire in 1923 was 330 acres, while in 1924 it was 154½ acres. Since it is the object of the organization, first to prevent as many fires from starting as possible, then to detect and extinguish all fires before they gain great headway, this phase of the report is encouraging.

Estimating the damage done by forest fires to young growth and mature timber is a difficult matter. The report gives the damage done by fires in 1923 as \$598,441, which is 50 percent of the total damage reported by the forest wardens. In 1924 this figure mounted to \$923,374 which is 40 percent of the total damage reported by the wardens. Those figures include the damage done to young growth, mature timber, and forest products such as cut logs, tan bark, acid wood, etc. It is believed that those figures represent a conservative estimate.

It cost \$4,714.95 to extinguish the 624 fires in 1923, and \$8,945 to extinguish 1,291 fires in 1924. It is impossible to determine exactly in dollars and cents just how valuable an investment to the State the money spent in fire fighting during 1923 and 1924 was, but the report estimates that had the fires in 1923 been allowed to burn out, the damage resulting from them would have been \$1,196,882. It is further estimated that \$598,441 were saved by extinguishing them. The estimated saving in damage as the result of extinguishing the 1,291 fires in 1924 was \$1,385,811. It may be that those figures are high but they could be cut 50 percent and still the annual investment in suppress-

ABOUT \$20,000 NOW IN SIGHT FOR TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Wednesday Best Day Yet

FOUR MEN SUBSCRIBE \$1000 EACH SAME DAY

Subscriptions to stock in the proposed Tobacco Warehouse for Marshall are still climbing.

Mr. Edwards, who is soliciting the subscriptions, already has signed up 72 subscribers with a total of 312 shares already signed up, which amounts to \$15,600. In addition to this he tells us that about another 100 shares have been promised by reliable men and that practically all subscribers so far are from Shelton Laurel, California Creek, Middle Fork, Little Pine, and Marshall, and that there are yet many sections of the County and adjoining Counties that have not been touched. He feels confident that the required amount of \$50,000 can and will be subscribed and that Marshall will have the tobacco warehouse, which everybody agrees will be a fine thing for Madison County and this section of the State. Wednesday of this week was perhaps the biggest day in getting large subscriptions—4 men subscribing \$1000 each the same day.

It seems that one of the greatest deterrents to subscriptions has been the question of a site for the warehouse. That matter is to be decided by a majority vote of the stockholders after the amount has been subscribed. We should have the warehouse regardless of where it is to be placed, and nobody should hesitate to subscribe on that account.

For several days Mr. Edwards was quite sick and was at his home in Tennessee, but he is now back in the County actively soliciting this stock and the people of Madison should rise as one man to the call of the hour and everyone shoulder not his gun or hammer, but a part of this stock.

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CHANGE OF DATES FOR EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS

March 11, 1925, To County and City Superintendents:

The General Assembly just adjourned has passed a bill reducing the number of State examinations for teachers' certificates from three to one each year. The annual examination will be held on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of April, the same date as the April examination in previous years.

I am calling your attention to this change with reference to the examination so that you may give it as much publicity as possible. The only examination this year will be the one held on April 14th and 15th. May we count upon you to spread this information as widely as possible so that all those who are contemplating taking the examination will

Agricultural Extension work is having a marked effect on the agriculture of North Carolina. Reports made by the country farm agents show cooperation with hundreds of farmers and statistics show that this cooperation is benefitting both the counties and State as a whole.

Another argument for a garden this year—"Soak up the sunlight if you want to be strong boned, vigorous and healthy."

Stop hens from eating eggs by feeding oyster shell and scattering the grain feed in deep litter to keep them busy.

know their only opportunity is the one given in April?

Yours very truly,
JAS. E. HILLMAN,
Director of Certification.

NORTH CAROLINIANS IN VIRGINIA

Charlotte Courthouse, Va., March 10, 1925,

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

I am wondering if the folks "back home" ever think of the wonders in Va., and would sometime be interested in hearing from them through your paper.

The News-Record is a very welcome visitor to this part of Va., there being a number of Madison's one-time citizens here.

I hardly know where, or how to begin to tell you about ourselves. We haven't accomplished much, but still we're keeping on, keeping on.

If you are a visitor in our town on Sunday morning, go with us to the Baptist church. There you'll find the majority of the congregation are tarheels.

Join in the song service, led by Nolan Fagan Williams, presiding at the organ. Then hear the lesson discussed in the Men's Bible Class, with H. M. Fagan, teacher.

If perchance you remain for a business session, the minutes of the last meeting will be read by Nelson Arrington, Secretary. Visit all the different organizations of the church, school and Co., you will find the North Carolinians taking an active part.

Miss Annie Lee Sprinkle is teaching in one of the progressive schools of the County.

Miss Evelyn Sprinkle is leaving in a few days to take a business course in Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. J. W. Fagan and family are moving to Keysville, Va., to take charge of a large hotel there.

We're delighted to know that Mr. R. W. Robbit, a one-time Mars Hill man, has been appointed Supt. of the Charlotte County schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaster Fagan left recently for Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Marion Sprinkle and son, Alabrose, returned from N. C., bringing some more "tarheels" with them. Sprinkle, Alabrose, Anders, Riddle, Tillery, etc. are among our best farmers.

Mr. Ben Fagan is in the lumber business with A. W. Williams.

Mr. Ben Fagan is doing a pleasant and profitable work in art, painting pictures and greeting cards, appropriate to all seasons.

Messrs. Ernest and Curtis Tillery are still "down on the farm," but they don't have to stay there. They have purchased a Ford.

Miss Alma Tillery, who graduates from the Phoenix High school, is planning to enter at Mars Hill College next year.

Miss Adell Arrington, also graduating from the Charlotte High School, is expecting to enter Mars Hill, also.

Mrs. Thomas H. Fagan and small daughters, Mozelle and Katheline, of Greensboro, N. C., spent a week with Mr. H. M. Fagan recently.

Mrs. Minnie Sprinkle Moore is working like "sixty" in a contest for an Essex. Here's hoping she comes out victor.

With best wishes to News-Record, and our many friends in Madison, I am as ever,
N. F. W.

actual fire control work.

In considering the report as a whole it seems to indicate that the forest warden organization is working more efficiently in that the total number of fires handled and reported is increasing and the average size of the fires is being reduced. It also emphasizes the fact that every dollar that has been invested in extinguishing forest fires in North Carolina has been justified in that the damage that would have been done had the fires been allowed to burn out. It does not mean that it illustrates the need for a premier outlay of money for the efficient protection of the State's forest lands.

SUNDAY SALARY GIVEN TO CHARITY

Washington, D. C., February 28—Forced to work on Sunday or lose his job, a Detroit youth refused to use the extra wages resulting from his Sunday work and has sent two checks of considerable size to the Detroit Red Cross Chapter.

One check for \$153.75 was received in the Chapter office recently with a penciled note saying: "Last summer I had to work on Sundays in order to hold my job, but I made up my mind that the money I received for Sunday work should be given to charity, so I sent it to the Red Cross."

Formerly another check had been received from him for \$100, both of which are being used to finance the chapter's work, which includes Public Health Nursing, assisting ex-service men and civilian families, and teaching Life Saving and First Aid.