

MARSHALL SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO BE MAY 13, 14, 15

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AND GRADUATING EXERCISES TO BE FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 15

The closing exercises of the Marshall School will be held May 13, 14, and 15. The exercises by the grammar grades will be Wednesday night, May 13. The recitation and declamation contest by the High School will be held Thursday night, May 14. On the morning of Friday, May 15, will be the commencement address (speaker to be announced later), the graduating exercises, awarding of diplomas, prizes, certificates of awards and so forth. There will be no play and there will be no sermon. The exercises will be held in the Courthouse.

THE RED CROSS ON THE FIRE LINE

"The San Gabriel fire," said an Army officer recently, "was the nearest thing to war that I ever saw." A report recently

received from the Los Angeles chapter of the American Red Cross emphasizes the truth of this statement. This report shows that on this big blaze on the Angeles there were employed nine Red Cross first aid workers, six of whom were trained graduate nurses, and that a total of 4,853 treatments were given the men working on the fire line, as follows:

Burns 654, cuts 882, sprains 119, fractures 9, overcome by smoke and heat 70, foot dressings 767, eye treatments 272, colds and sore throats 235, poison oak 490, toothaches 23, together with miscellaneous treatments for ptomaine poisoning, rheumatism, stomach trouble, sick headache, etc.

The total expenditure by the Red Cross at this fire was \$1,366, of which amount nearly \$600 was for supplies.

Any way there is some consolation in knowing that it is almost impossible to transmit a cross-word puzzle by radio.

BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF MARSHALL ENLARGED

COPY OF BILL AS PASSED BY LAST SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

1. H. B. 454
S. B. 409

An act to Amend Chapter one hundred and sixty-five, sections two and twelve, Private Laws of North Carolina, Session one thousand nine hundred and five, in regard to amending the charter of the Town of Marshall, Madison County, Relative to the Boundaries of said town and to Regulate the Rate of Taxation.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all of Section two, of Chapter twelve, Private Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and five, be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "That the corporate limits of the town of Marshall in said County of Madison shall be as follows: Beginning at the west end of a perpendicular high rock west of the Hensley place that was cut through for the railroad track on the north side of the French Broad River and at the west end of said perpendicular rock; thence a straight line in a northeast direction with right angle to the French Broad River and straight up the mountain to the extreme top of the first ridge above the river to a rock or a stake hereafter to be placed as a marker; thence a northwest course a straight line to the gap of the ridge, an easterly course from the Chlorinating Reservoir for the water system of the town of Marshall, the said point being in the public road or highway that leads from the Frisby Branch to the W. B. Ramsey place on Hayes' Run and the said gap being where the road turns down the hill on the Fortner land and toward the Jim Bryan place, the said gap being near the line between the lands of J. F. Redmond and the Fortner land, and about or near the edge of the Fortner Field; thence from said gap or point in a northwest course a straight line to the gap of the ridge at the extreme top of the ridge in said gap of what is known as the Byard Hill, where the public road crosses through said gap leading from Marshall to Walnut Creek. The said gap being on the ridge between where J. J. Redmon now resides and Walnut Creeek, and is now known as the Byard Gap; thence from said Byard Gap a straight line and a southwest course to the Gap in the Ridge between the branch that runs through the farm of C. B. Mashburn and Walnut Creek, the said gap being the point where the old road passed through leading from Marshall to Walnut Creek by the County Home and the said gap is known now as the C. B. Mashburn Gap; thence from said point in the said C. B. Mashburn gap a straight line in a southwest direction to a point at the branch nearest the State Highway which branch is beyond the Roberts gap from Marshall and near the State Highway and is north of the Steve Roberts place and where Steve Roberts now resides and about midway between where Steve Roberts resides and the home of Garfield Davis. The said point being on said branch at the nearest place to the said State Highway; thence from the said point on the said branch a straight line and a southwest direction, to the mouth of Sweetwater branch or where it empties into the French Broad River; thence from the mouth of said Sweetwater branch at right angles to the French Broad River straight across said river to the south bank; thence from the said point on the south bank of the French Broad River a straight line at right angles with the river straight up the mountain or the hollow, as the case may be, fifty poles to a stake or rock or object hereafter to be designated as a marker and corner; thence from said corner a southeast direction up and parallel with the French Broad River barring the bends and curves of the said river to the extreme top of a knob on the south side of the French Broad River opposite the point designated herein as the beginning; being the high perpendicular rock on the north side of the railroad; thence from the top of the said knob to the beginning at said rock hereinbefore described."

Sec. 2. That the Board of Aldermen of the town of Marshall shall cause the boundaries of the said town as herein above specified to be surveyed and marked as early as practicable.

Sec. 3. That as soon as practicable the Board of Aldermen of the town of Marshall shall cause the lighting system and the gravity water system to be extended so as to accommodate persons residing within the said corporate limits of said

town upon such terms and conditions, as may be reasonable and just to all parties concerned.

Sec. 4. That section twelve of said chapter one hundred and sixty-five, Private Laws of North Carolina, one thousand nine hundred and five, be amended by striking out the words "fifty cents" in line two counting up and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one dollar and fifty cents."

Sec. 5. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of February A. D., 1925.

J. ELMER LONG, President of the Senate.
EDGAR W. PHARR, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Examined and found correct:
J. M. SHARPE, for Committee.

I, W. N. EVERETT, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (3 sheets) to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1925.

W. N. EVERETT,
Secretary of State.

SOME ITEMS OF PROGRESS MADE BY MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS DURING PAST THREE YEARS

It will doubtless be interesting to our readers to know what rank Madison County takes in the matter of its public schools. The following information may be obtained from a pamphlet sent out by the State Department of Education.

1. In 1922 Madison County ranked 99 as compared with the one hundred counties of the state in the training of her teachers. In 1921, she held 94th place. In other words, our county climbed over five other counties during the space of two years. This was done in spite of the fact that all other counties were making progress at the same time. During the past three years, the average salary rating of teachers has increased about ten dollars per month per teacher, thus showing that the average training of teachers has materially increased.

2. The school attendance has had a steady increase each year, although the school census has decreased each year.

3. During the school year 1921-1922, there were only three college graduates teaching in the county. During the present year we have eleven teachers who are graduates of standard colleges.

4. The average daily attendance in our high schools has increased from 99 in 1922 to 225 at the present time.

5. During the school year, 1921-1922, Madison County had three small two-teacher high schools - Marshall, Walnut, and Madison Seminary. None of these schools attempted to do work beyond the tenth grade. The

average daily attendance happened to be 33 in each school. Now the Marshall High School is accredited by the State Department of Education as one of the State's standard high schools and is listed in Group 1, Class B. Walnut is listed as a standard high school in Group 2. This rating could be made higher if we only had the required number of high school students to place it in the higher class.

No high school work was offered in the Mars Hill public school until this year. The enrollment has been above ninety while the average daily attendance has been more than 75. This school will meet the requirements for the accredited rating next year.

6. During the past three years we have added four class rooms to the Marshall building and erected splendid school buildings at both Walnut and Mars Hill. The Board of Education is expecting to let the contract for a splendid brick school building at Hot Springs on the 4th of May.

7. During the school year, 1921-1922, Walnut school had only six teachers. Now she has nine. Marshall had six teachers as compared with twelve at present. Mars Hill had four teachers. Now she has nine and will probably need twelve next year.

We are familiar with the old saying that comparisons are odious, and it is not with an idea of criticising other counties or schools that we give the following comparisons, but we give them in order that the people of Madison may know how our school rank with others and possibly feel encouraged.

Buncombe County has only one high school rated above Marshall High School, and that is the City High School at Asheville.

Buncombe County has only one school besides the City High School that is rated with Marshall.

The State of North Carolina has 678 white public high schools. Out of that number 55 of them are rated higher than Marshall. This includes city high schools.

Only 52 high schools are rated in the same class as Marshall.

571 public high schools in the State are rated lower than Marshall.

BOY SCOUTS TO CAMP IN MARSHALL THIS SUMMER

Mr. J. B. Branch, Supt. of De La Howe School of Wilmington, S. C., accompanied by Mr. T. E. Simpson was in Marshall Tuesday, looking over the ground with the view of bringing the Boy Scouts from Musgrove Chapter comprising several counties in South Carolina and Georgia to the Camp Ski Hi, her in June and to follow with a pay camp for girls in July and August.

The children who were here last summer will camp this year at Lake Summitt. The reason for their failure to camp here this year is due to distance and cost with difficulties encountered by truck travel.

Mr. Branch states that the wonderful scenic beauties of the country here in Madison County, the climate, and the hospitality of the people of Marshall and the surrounding country makes it ideal for the camp he wishes to bring.

He says coming to Marshall is like coming home.

Mr. Branch and Mr. Simpson are working over Georgia, South Carolina and Florida for students for this summer camp—that he hopes to bring here.

Knowing Mr. Branch as we do—combined with the class of instructors and children that he has in his camp—we bid him welcome—as it is always a pleasure to meet him and hope that nothing will prevent bringing the camp here this summer.

STATE PRISON SANATORIUM OPENS

Board of Directors Meet

The new State Prison Sanatorium, the first of its kind in the United States, opened April 18 with eleven tuberculous prisoners. Three of the prisoners are white, 8 colored. It is a division of the North Carolina Sanatorium, under the supervision of the Sanatorium management. The prisoner-patients will be kept under guard, but otherwise they will receive the same care and treatment that the other tuberculous persons at the State Sanatorium do. The building is a modern fireproof construction, combining a prison's barred windows with the main features of a sanatorium.

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Sanatorium met at the institution April 15, Dr. T. W. M. Long, Roanoke Rapids, Chairman, presiding. The usual routine business was

Where the "Ad" Pays and Where It Doesn't

One step won't take you far,
You've got to keep on walking.
One word won't tell folk who you are,
You've got to keep on talking.
One inch won't make you very tall,
You've got to keep on growing.
One little ad won't do at all,
You've got to keep them going.

Because
A constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone,
The constant gnawing trower masticates the toughest bone,
The constant cooing lover carries off the blushing maid,
And the constant advertiser is the one that gets the trade.

conducted. The new member of the Board, Mr. A. B. Croom of Wilmington, did not attend the meeting, because the time between his appointment and the meeting had been so short.

COURT POSTPONED NEXT WEEK

NOT TO CONVENE UNTIL WEDNESDAY

Judge Webb, who is scheduled to hold court in Marshall next week, has written that he will not be here Monday but will open court at the usual hour on Wednesday, April 29. This news should be passed around as rapidly as possible, as it may save some people from a long trip to Marshall for nothing. This session of court is to be partly for criminal cases and partly for civil cases.

PURPOSE OF AMERICAN FOREST WEEK

American Forest Week has been set aside by Presidential Proclamation as a time to bring to the attention of the American people the facts concerning the vast unnecessary wastage of our forests by fire, wasteful manufacturing operations, and failure to keep America's forest land at work growing tree crops. The Governors of many States will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by President Coolidge.

American Forest Week is an outgrowth of Forest Protection Week which originated on the Pacific Coast six years ago. It quickly grew to national proportions, and in 1921 President Harding issued a Proclamation which placed the Federal Government in general, and the Forest Service in particular, squarely behind the movement. President Harding issued Proclamations again in 1922 and 1923. Last year President Coolidge issued a Proclamation.

President Coolidge this year issued a Proclamation broadening the scope for the annual campaign to include all phases of America's forest problems, changing the name to American Forest Week. The President urges all citizens either in association or as individuals to take an active part in the campaign. All Governors will be urged to issue supplemental proclamations, especially in reference to the celebration of Arbor Day during the week.

American Forest Week is a national affair. It is not an exclusive party for any single organization, public or private. On the contrary, it is actively participated in by organizations interested in industry, in outdoor life, in game and wild life, in water resources, and in economics and civic matters. Lumber companies, wood-using manufacturers, and kindred business interests are among the general business interests of the country which take an active part in observing the Week.

Use a sand-box to see if the cotton seed will germinate well.

DR. CALFEE OF ASHEVILLE TO PREACH AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. John E. Calfee of Asheville Normal and Associated Schools will preach at the Presbyterian church on Sabbath morning, April 26, at 11:00 o'clock.

MRS. WOODROW IMPROVES
Friends of Mrs. James H. Woodrow of Columbia, S. C., and Mars Hill will be glad to know that she is reported as much improved after a serious illness. Mrs. Woodrow is now in Columbia. —Asheville Paper.