

## HOT SPRINGS TEEMING WITH INTERESTING EVENTS

### LAKE AT GOVERNMENT CAMP SITE NOW OPEN

Two Men Seriously Injured,  
Car Turns Over, and Other  
Exciting News

It seems to be very hard to get the news reported from Hot Springs. It is not because this paper does not make an effort to get the news and it is not because things are not happening there. The only way we can account for it is that there is so much going on that the people there do not take the time to report their happenings. However, we happened to meet up with one of the residents of Hot Springs this week and learned a few items and we take pleasure in giving them to our readers.

### CAPT. RUFFY SERIOUSLY INJURED

Wednesday morning, Capt. Ruffy, while at work covering the new garage of Mr. W. T. Duckett, happened to the misfortune of getting his face badly cut and bruised by a piece of falling timber. A piece of 2x4 scantling struck him about the right eye cutting his face so that stitches had to be taken by Dr. Peck who attended him.

### LAKE AT CAMP SITE AT HOT SPRINGS NOW OPEN

Bathing Beach and General Amusement Center Provided By Government Co-operating With the Business Men of Hot Springs

The people of Hot Springs now have a recreation ground to which they have looked forward for a long time. The Camp Site owned by the United States government, is now equipped with a lake for swimming. This has been brought about by cooperation of the business men of Hot Springs with the government officials.

### ARTHUR KITE FALLS FROM HIGH CLIFF

Badly Injured and Now in Hospital in Asheville

Monday Arthur Kite of Shaleville, who was employed by the G. C. Buquo Lime Co., of Hot Springs fell from the high cliff at the plant receiving serious injuries. He was taken to a hospital in Asheville, where he is said to be improving. He will hardly be able to resume his work in several days.

## RIVER ROAD TO BE LOCATED NORTH OF RAILROAD

### IMPORTANT TO ELIMINATE RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Much speculation is in process these days as to how the new river road from Asheville via Marshall will connect with Marshall. Three or four possibilities, all confronted with difficulties, have faced the engineers. The one on the lower side of the railroad, the one that could be built with less expense than any other, has to be eliminated from consideration because of it would cross the main line of the Southern railway in two places within two miles of each other. Two other possibilities are being considered—one following the railroad on the north side and coming into Marshall near the depot. This means an unusual amount of work blasting out the mountain along the side of the railroad.

This route is also confronted by the disadvantage to tourists of compelling them to drive through the narrow and

### MRS. JANE GENTRY DEAD

At her home here, Mrs. Jane Gentry, age 61, passed away almost suddenly Thursday night, May 28, 1925, at 10:30 o'clock. She had been as well as usual through the day, and died almost suddenly of asthma or heart failure.

The funeral was Sunday following, conducted by Rev. C. B. Newton, Rev. I. H. Garrenfo, and Rev. James L. Hyde. Interment followed in the cemetery at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Gentry is survived by the following sons and daughters: Roy Gentry, Alfred Gentry, Mrs. R. L. Clay, Mrs. G. C. Lang, Mrs. Nora Kirkbride, Mrs. E. V. Byford, Nola Jane Gentry, and Miss Lalla Gentry; sisters: Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Mrs. Margaret Reece, Mrs. Dock Hicks.

Mrs. Gentry was a remarkable woman as can be seen from the following clipping:

### MRS. JANE GENTRY DIES AT HER HOME

"Happiest Person" Passes Away at Hot Springs—Knew Many Old English and Scotch Folk Songs

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Jane Gentry, of Hot Springs, in Madison County, who passed away suddenly at her home last week. With the death of Mrs. Gentry passes the "happiest woman," who was made famous by an article which appeared in The American Magazine some time ago by Irving Bachelor. The article was entitled "The Happiest Person I Ever Knew."

Mrs. Gentry was also known for the large number of English and Scotch folk songs she knew. She is said to have known more of these old ballads than any other person in the United States.

### NEW SCHOOL BUILDING TO START NEXT WEEK

Work on the new public school building to be erected in Hot Springs will begin next week. Already some of the carpenters have arrived and the people of Hot Springs are looking forward to the building which has been needed so long.

Mr. Weaver Duckett of Spring Creek, had an automobile accident Sunday between Hot Springs and the State line. His Ford roadster was turned over but fortunately he was

already congested street of Marshall, and making it more congested and dangerous. But for practically all business reasons, this is the desirable route.

The other possibility is to go up over the mountain and pass through the residential section of Marshall without coming through the main business street.

Should this route be adopted the road would ascend the mountain from near the camp, crossing road 69 near W. B. Ramsey's, passing near the old Pritchard home and coming out to the Hot Springs road near the County home.

This route has the disadvantages of the cost of construction plus the fact that it would miss the principal business section of Marshall. It, however, might have the advantage of opening up what promises to be the residential section of Marshall in the future. The engineers composing the "locating party" have a knotty problem to solve.

### WORDS OF A DYING SAINT

(BY O. D. BUCKNER)

Look! The evening sun is low!  
Hark! I hear Death's river's flow!  
Upon the stream there glows a gleam  
Of soft light from above.  
An angel wings my way and sings  
A song of Jesus' love.

Peace! A city looms in sight!  
God the Father is the light;  
Around His throne I see His own  
In robes of spotless white.  
Soft! Now I hear their voices clear:  
Christ sits down at His right.

Evening sun no more I see.  
Night! Where can thy darkness be?  
A sound of wings! An angel brings  
A chariot through the air:—  
The race is run; the victory's won—  
I'm going over there!

not hurt. Mr. Thomas Frisby and Mr. M. C. Candler went to Marshall and Asheville Thursday on business.

Mr. Fred Moore is suffering with a severe case of pellagra. Mrs. B. M. Safford is quite well again and is giving her usual attention to her building operations. The sanatorium is nearing completion.

Mrs. Justice, daughter of Mr. Steve Brown, is seriously ill.

### FINDING A MARKET

County Agent Brintnall Writes Interestingly to Farmers

The demand for a profitable and a dependable market is wide spread over the country today; it is not confined to any one section. In whatever section he may be located, the American farmer is becoming more insistent that the market for his produce be improved. The Madison County farmer is no exception in this particular. The one need that all stress a market; a market that can be depended upon to take the produce at a profitable price.

This demand is all right and should be backed by not only every farmer in the county but by every business and professional man as well. These last must look, either directly or indirectly, for all of their custom to the farmer. If the farmer has no sale or has to sell at unprofitable prices what he produces he is not able to do business as usual; the result is that the farmer's failure to prosper is reflected to all lines of industry. It is vital to all that the farmer prosper.

While I believe that everyone is and should be interested in securing the market that the farmer desires, yet I am strongly of the opinion that the greatest, if not the first, effort toward this end must come from the farmer himself. I wonder how many of the farmers of Madison County have looked this question squarely in the face; how many have tried to approach it from not only their viewpoint but from that of the consumer also. How many producers have asked themselves if their produce is answering the demands of the consumer; would they select it if in the consumer's place.

The consumer demands fresh clean eggs; will yours pass muster? The market demands a sound, smooth fruit, free from disease, stains, worms; do you

produce this kind? The market prefers an attractive package; do you provide this or do you place your product on sale in any sort of a package? The market likes to know that it can depend upon the contents being as represented; do your packages tell the truth or are they camouflaged? The meat eater prefers the choice cuts of meat to the poor, thin, fleshed cuts found on many markets; are you growing the sort of meat animals that produce the desirable cuts or are you keeping just any sort of an animal?

The farmer wants a market for his produce; the consumer wants that produce. The farmer must produce quality product if he will sell to the best advantage; the consumer must buy the same sort of product or he feels that he has been cheated and will not return for more.

It is evident that the farmer must take the first step; he must produce a product of such quality that the market will demand it and he must place this product before the buyer in attractive and honest packages. He must depart from the idea that every apple is marketable, that all eggs are fresh, that a poor skinny chicken will sell beside the plump bird, that an angular, slab-sided and long-legged steer will receive the same attention from the buyer that the blocky, low-set, fat animal will. The producer must grade his fruit, must make sure that his eggs are fresh, must build up the class of his flocks and herds; he must make his product, animal, fruit, or vegetable, attractive to the buyer; and then he must stand back of it.

Before the sale is made the product must be raised and then the buyer must be enticed and held by the wares and the selling tactics of the salesman.

—EARLE BRINTNALL

### FOUR-H CLUBS MEET FOR COLLEGE COURSE

State College will be host from July 6 to 11 to approximately 600 club boys and girls from those counties of North Carolina having farm home agents now at work. The occasion will be the annual short course plans for which are being arranged by J. M. Gray, state agent in charge of farm demonstration work, and Miss Maude Wallace, assistant state home demonstration agent.

While the complete program for the short course has not yet been announced, it is stated

## WOMAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEAR MARSHALL

### Accident Hard to Account For

One of the most horrible and most inexplicable automobile accidents to occur in this community in many a day was that Monday afternoon about one o'clock on the road between Mars Hill and Marshall about a mile above Petersburg, when two women and a man, driving a new Ford roadster, ran off the embankment, killing almost instantly the older woman. It seems that the dead woman and her daughter, whose names were understood to be Wiseman, were en route from Chimney Rock, where they were keeping a boarding house, to Johnson City Tennessee, to visit another daughter. They were accompanied by Mr. Leroy Ball of Asheville, who was boarding with them at Chimney Rock, and who was taking them to Tennessee on his car. Mr. Ball appeared to be a man about forty-five years of age. As they were rounding a curve in the road where sand had been hauled onto the road, the driver seemed to lose control of the car. Witnesses say that the car was running slowly, none of the occupants of the car were under the influence of liquor, and the accident was not caused by a collision with another car. In fact, the accident could not be explained, but the woman was crushed about the body and died in about thirty minutes, never regaining consciousness. The other two occupants escaped without injury. The remains of the dead woman were taken in charge by the undertaking establishment of Holcombe and Tison, at Mars Hill, who had the body embalmed in Asheville and Wednesday took it to the woman's original home in Avery County, some ten miles from Spruce Pine, for interment.

The dead woman had been married twice, one husband being a Mr. Hammitt and the other Mr. Wiseman. Her daughter, who was with her, looks to be about sixteen.

that recreation and entertainment as well as instruction and the exchange of ideas will form an important part of the course. Last year some three hundred girls and over fifty boys took part in the short course.

This year it is expected that as many boys as girls will be present. The home and farm agents have been at work on the matter for sometime and various civic agencies and business organizations have interested themselves in helping the boys and girls to attend.

This annual gathering is one of the gala events of club life in North Carolina. The agents select those young people to attend who have made real progress in club work during the year and who are fitted to become leaders in the club movement on their return home.

"We assure the boys and girls of a real treat when they come to the College this year," says J. M. Gray. "For the boys there will be some work on new features with crops, livestock, poultry. The boys will be given an opportunity to run tractors

and plows, to study the best producing cows and prize-winning hogs as well as to have lots of fun swimming in the new gym pool, playing baseball and other games."

### GOOD RECORD FOR YEAR AT MARS HILL

The year's record at Mars Hill is the best in all its history. The enrollment of 545 is 43 more than the highest former record. It is interesting to note that nearly 500 of these were boarding students and that more than 400 of them have their homes elsewhere than in this County. Some of the outstanding facts of the year are itemized as follows: two dormitories costing \$50,000 each nearing completion; the McConnell Gymnasium which has cost \$25,000 to date is complete except the swimming pool; the school has come into possession of the John Roberts Sams place of 75 acres which is worth about \$20,000; pledges to the endowment College has won recognition until its students are admitted to the Junior class of Colleges and universities without question; the enrollment in the Junior College alone increased last year more than fifty per cent; and the faculty has been increased and improved until it now numbers 26 besides secretaries, matrons, etc. Seven of the teachers for the coming session will have the Master's degree, and all are specially trained for the departments in which they work.

The summer school is the largest in all the years, enrolling 105. The second term of six weeks will follow immediately upon the close of the present session and will be in charge of Professor Carr. Some college classes will be organized, and high school courses to suit the needs of those who attend as far as possible.

Several of our teachers are doing summer work toward higher degrees. Miss Howell, Prof. Stringfield, Mr. Huff, and Mr. McLeod will go to the University of North Carolina, and Coach Roberts and Mrs. Roberts to the University of Michigan.

The trustees are putting in equipment for an expensive biological department and arranged for a teacher to be at the head of this department. All work in Science has been strengthened for the coming session, and college courses in Chemistry, Botany and Biology will meet all requirements of higher institutions.

Mars Hill is becoming quite a school center. Nearly 850 students were in attendance upon the three schools here the college, the county high school, and the graded school—enough to make a considerable town in itself. A number of houses are being erected in and near the town by people who wish their children to share the benefits of these schools, for there are excellent advantages from the first grade on through two years of college work.

The County Summer School there will be some work on new features with crops, livestock, 35 teachers in attendance. Misses Elizabeth Anderson and Miss Faison are in charge.

## SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION

Timber Given By Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, Already Sawed Into Lumber

### WORK WILL GO FORWARD AT ONCE

The church which is to be built near the Seminary school building started off with a flurry this week. Mrs. W. B. Ramsey made a contribution

amount of standing timber to furnish all the framing and rough lumber needed for the building. The owner of the sawmill, Mr. L. L. Roberts, contributed the use of his mill and the members of the church proceeded to cut and haul the timber and it is expected that by the time this paper is out the rough lumber will have been prepared for the church building.

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FOR MARSHALL AN URGENT NEED

### MAY BE LOCATED ON OR OPPOSITE ISLAND

Mr. Blair of the State Department of Education, who has supervision of locating and building high schools, is expected in Marshall soon to look over the situation here and to make recommendations as to the site for the Marshall school building. It is thought by some that it can be built

beyond the river with a bridge connecting it with the island. Others think it can be built on the island while others still object to the island and wish it built back on the mountains. What Mr. Blair will say about the proposition remains to be seen. However, the need of the building is urgent and it is hoped that the matter of a site will not prevent us from having the building started at once.