

H. B. BARNES, OF HOT SPRINGS, COMMITTS SUICIDE

Leaves Letter to Family Explaining Rash Act

About ten o'clock in the morning of August 3, Mr. H. B. Barnes, of Hot Springs, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart. For some time he had been despondent and it is thought that the lives he had taken in former years had preyed on his mind. However, such a rash act was not expected by his family. Fortunately his last act had one eye-witness, so that no suspicion of murder could be entertained. Further evidence of his purpose to put an end to his life is the note which he left his family.

Letter Mr. Barnes left:

To my wife and children goodbye, and may God bless and save you all—also to my grandchildren. I hope to meet you all in Heaven. I am taking this course as a sacrifice, which I think will be best for you all. To the public and my friends, please forgive me—for my short course—I am taking. Thanking you all for the many favors granted me. My usefulness is at end, and must go, as I am directed by my spirit.

H. B. Barnes.

Mr. Davis, I could have pulled through—I had not lost my job—tell Mr. Seeley I thank him for his many favors.

May God accept me as I am.

Here is .60 for Hugh—do not let him see me if you all think best.

Bury at the very least cost, the clothes I have on is sufficient. Boys, please do right and obey your Mother.

Mr. Barnes was 53 years old and leaves children as follows: Morris, Pritchard, James, Manard, and Spencer.

The funeral was August 4, conducted by Rev. I. H. Garfield, of Hot Springs. Interment followed at Revere.

WAKE FOREST STAR GOES TO MARS HILL ON COACHING STAFF

O. S. Brandon Played Halfback on Demon Deacons Eleven Three Years Under Coaches White and Levine; to Assist Roberts

S. O. Brandon, former Wake Forest College football star, has been employed as a member of the Mars Hill College coaching staff for the coming year and will assume his duties at the Madison County institution at the opening of the fall term next Tuesday, according to an announcement of officials yesterday.

Brandon will assist Oren E. Roberts, who has held the position of head coach at the Junior college for a number of years, and who is at present at the University of Michigan attending the coaching school conducted by the veteran coach, "Hurry Up" Yost.

Brandon played halfback on the Wake Forest varsity football teams for three years under Coaches White and Levine and was prominently mentioned for a position on the mythical all-State team in 1922. He participated in every game of the 1921 and 1922 schedules. Brandon coached three major sports at Mountain View College in 1923-24 and coached football at that institution in the fall of 1924. Despite the handicap of initiating football at the latter institution, his record there led to the employment in the larger Junior college. He has been taking summer school work at Wake Forest College during the past two months.

KNOW STEER MARKET BEFORE BUYING FEEDERS.

Indications are that more than the usual number of beef cattle will be bought by crop farmers for fattening and finishing this winter. Before buying, however, the purchaser should study the condition of his market and try to foresee whether he can sell the finished animals to good advantage or will lose money on the venture.

"Not only this, but the buyer should select his steers with care and buy at the best price possible," says Prof. R. S. Curtis of State College. "There

is no business in which this is so important as in buying feeder steers for resale after they are finished. This is due to the long period elapsing between the time of purchase and the time when the animals are ready for sale after going through the fattening process. Indiscriminate buying without regard for the probable market condition at the time for selling will lead to trouble."

Prof. Curtis states that if cottonseed meal is to be used as the fattening concentrate or grain feed, it will pay to buy the larger and more mature steers. Cottonseed meal is a nitrogenous feed and will make a young steer grow instead of getting fat. The larger animals will consume more of the meal without injury and thus produce the desirable finish. Smaller cattle may be selected with good prospects for resale if the feeder has a supply of corn, corn silage or both. The local markets usually prefer the smaller and less expensive cattle as this enters into the price for which the retail cuts of meat are sold.

To market the finished cattle most satisfactorily it is always best to have a carload either on one farm or in the nearby community, states Prof. Curtis.

Rising Young Star Fond of Cooking

Claiborne Foster, that clever little lady who makes Barry Connors' play, "Applesauce," the outstanding comedy success of the year, is an extraordinary young woman. She is generally recognized as one of the rising young stars of the American stage and her services and company are always in demand but such is her nature that she shuns the "bright lights" and leads a simple and unostentatious life wherever she may be. She is essentially a home girl, being passionately fond of cooking, an art at which she is very adept, and much of her leisure time is spent in the modest little kitchenette of her apartment. When not playing in some production, Miss Foster may be found at her home a short distance from New York city, where she revels in the joys of cooking for the whole family and her friends and spends her vacations doing the work of the ordinary house wife.

There are two dishes which are regarded with more favor by Miss Foster, than are any others. These are Bronk shrimps and chicken en casserole. She uses the simplest of formulas but insists upon the purest of ingredients, using pure butter, and evaporated milk. The recipes that she uses are:

Bronk Shrimps.
2 cups shrimps, Yolks 2 eggs
canned or fresh 1/2 cup evaporated
4 tbsp fat milk
1/2 tsp salt 1/2 cup water
Few grains cayenne 1 tsp flour
1 tsp lemon juice

Clean the shrimps, and cook in half the fat for 2 minutes; add seasoning and lemon; cook 2 minutes longer. Remove shrimps and make a white sauce of the remaining fat, flour and milk; when thickened add yolks of eggs slightly beaten, stirring in quickly and cooking two minutes; add the shrimps.

Chicken en Casserole.
1 tender chicken 1 cup evaporated
for roasting milk
2 tbsp butter 1 tsp chopped
2 tbsp lard parsley
Salt and pepper 2 cups chopped
1 pint hot water mushrooms
Clean chicken, split down back, and lay breast upward in casserole. Spread fat over breast, dust with salt and pepper, add hot water, cover closely and cook in hot oven one hour. When nearly tender put in evaporated milk, mushrooms and parsley. Cover again, and cook 20 minutes longer. Serve hot in casserole.

When hens cannot forage for bugs and worms they should be fed animal protein in the mash. Such feeds as butter-milk, meat, meal or fish are the best sources, advises A. G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist.

Writes to the Agricultural Editor, Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C., for your copy of Folder 16, "SAVE THE BROOD SOWS."

THE DISAGREEABLE TASK

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Is the task you have unpleasant?
Do you hate it through and through?
Not at all the sort of duty
Which delights you with its beauty?
Not the thing you like to do?
Then your character will tell
If you'll try to do it well.

Any man will gladly labor,
At the task which gives him joy;
Finding happiness and pleasure
He will even spend his leisure
At a bit of work, my boy.
But life has a sterner test.
Does the mean task get your best?

There are disagreeable duties
Every man is called to do,
Tasks which bring no thrill of pleasure,
But they get his size and measure.
Does he stand and see them through?
Does he honest effort bring
To the hateful, irksome thing?

When the hateful task and ugly
Is your duty, do not shrink.
Just remember for the present
If all forms of toil were pleasant
We should never learn to work,
'This a real man's worth will tell:
He does ugly service well,

THREE REAL CHAMPIONS



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"Expert and daring" leaders in the great sport to which they have brought fame, are the cowgirls from the western ranges who will compete in the Chicago Roundup and World's Championship Rodeo, to be held for nine days beginning August 15. Champions past and present, as well as new seekers after fame, will add thrills to the cowboy contests which will be presented in the new \$5,000,000 stadium under the auspices of the Chicago Association of Commerce. A group of these cowgirls startled the spid Britisher when they appeared in the International Championship held by Tex Austin at Wembley, England, recently, and the same champions will compete in the Chicago spectacle. Austin is organizing the Chicago roundup and will manage it, and the \$50,000 in prizes is the largest amount offered for any contest this year.

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE TOWN OF MARSHALL TO PROHIBIT THE WASTE OF WATER

Abstract of Ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen Town of Marshall, July 22nd, 1925.

First: Any person, firm or corporation in the town of Marshall permitting water to run to waste through leaking pipes or water fixtures after knowledge of the same shall pay to the town of Marshall fifty cents for each day of such waste.

Second: Upon failure to pay said penalty the water shall be cut off from the premises of such person, firm or corporation, and any firm or person or corporation turning water on after it is cut off before the penalty is paid shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Third: If any person, firm or corporation shall fail or refuse to put their water fixtures in repair or leaking pipe on their premises in two days after being notified of such defects, besides the payment of the penalty of fifty cents per day, shall pay a fine of three dollars and the cost for each and every offense, and each day after the said two days notice shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Fourth: Any person, firm or corporation after two days' notice failing to put their water fixtures in good repair, or to stop leaking pipes on premises, the water shall be cut off from such premises and any person, firm or corporation turning the water on after it is cut off before said repairs are made shall pay a fine of ten dollars for each offense, or shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Fifth: That the Board of Aldermen shall make such other rules and regulations in regard to protecting the water supply for the town of Marshall as the said board may deem advisable, and any person violating any of such rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and pay a fine of ten dollars, or be imprisoned not less than thirty days.

Full text of Ordinance in hands of the Secretary for Town of Marshall, C. B. MASHBURN, MAYOR. C. L. RUDISILL, SECT.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

The editor of the News-Record has very generously offered the use of his columns for school news and matters pertaining to the educational system of the county. We are very grateful to Mr. Story for this generous offer and we would like to make use of it for the betterment of our school system in general.

I would like very much for the different communities and especially the teachers in the various schools to contribute articles of general school interest to the paper, the teachers sending their articles to me so that we may condense them or get them in form so we can keep within the space assigned to us and give proper attention to all correspondence.

I am very much interested in the study of the county school system here and it shall be my purpose as rapidly as possible to get the facts concerning the schools of the county as they are now and present them to the people with suggestions as to the remedying of such conditions for the educational advantages of the county. In this article I wish to discuss briefly one of the needs of the county as I see it from my study of the conditions in the county.

If we are going to build up a valuable system of schools in Madison County, it is necessary for certain standards to be set up and for us to work toward these standards.

The elementary schools of the county deserve our first consideration since so many of our children have only elementary school advantages and therefore I wish to set forth some objectives in building up the county system of schools for Madison County. The first of these will be the establishment of standard elementary schools for all children of the county so far as the geographical conditions will permit.

Much thought has been given to the Standardization of high schools within the past few years. The people now generally understand what is meant by the term "standard high school." But school authorities are not fully agreed upon what it will take to make a "standard elementary school." There is practically a unanimous opinion, however, that before the elementary school can be called standard it will have to meet certain requirements.

First among these, is the number of grades that the teacher will have to teach. In our city school systems no teacher has more than one grade. Consequently, the teacher has more time to devote to the preparation of her work, can give the pupil individual attention, and can supervise a group as a whole. For this reason we find the children in the city schools further advanced in their grades than those in the country schools. If the teacher attempts to teach more than one grade, the recitation periods must be shortened, and a more or less disorganized school will result. The pupils also suffer by losing interest in his work since he does not receive the individual attention that is necessary.

The second requirement of an elementary school is that it have well trained teachers in charge. It would be folly to organize our schools so that each teacher would have only one grade, and then place over it an untrained and incompetent teacher. Every one recognizes that with all other things being equal, the teacher of professional study and training is far superior to the teacher who has not had such training. Two years of normal school work above the completion of standard high schools should be required for teachers of this school. This

is already recognized in the best city systems.

A third requirement for a standard elementary school is adequate equipment. Each teacher should have the equipment at hand that will aid her to do her work quickly and intelligently. The pupils should have such helps as will make the work pleasant and stimulating to him, and provide him with means that will enable him to understand more fully what the teacher seeks to impart. Charts, maps, etc. should be provided for the use of the teacher in the classroom. The (Continued on another page.) school should be equipped with modern equipment, such as desks, blackboards, libraries. It would be very foolish to secure well-trained teachers and organize the work of the school so that only one grade would be taught by each teacher and then fail to provide the necessary equipment. It would be just as foolish to hire a carpenter and fail to provide him with the necessary tools with which to work.

The fourth requirement for a standard elementary school is a term of eight months. A school may be able to meet all the above requirements and then fail to become a standard school because its term is too short. The State Course of Study is based on an eight month's term. This is the amount of time in which a child can be reasonably expected to complete the work as outlined. If the term is shorter than eight months the child will necessarily be held over in his grade or will be promoted before he is ready. Both of these are objectionable. If the length of the term is only six months, and the time required to complete a grade is eight months, the child will lose two months each year. In other words, it will take him nine years and two months to accomplish in the six month's school what the child in the eight months' school accomplishes in seven years.

The result of this is far-reaching. A great many of the children become discouraged before they reach the seventh grade and quit school; or, for economic reasons, the child is stopped before he has a chance to enter high school. Very few pupils from the six months' school enter the high schools in Madison County. It is grossly unfair then to provide one part of the children with an eight months' term with all its advantages, and then fail to provide the others with like advantages.

To sum up, Madison County should set as its standards for the elementary schools the following objectives:

- One teacher for each grade.
- Well trained teachers with a minimum of two years training above the high school.
- Equipment that will aid both the teacher and the pupil.
- A school term of not less than eight months.

J. R. REEVES DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

J. R. Reeves, 71, of Cross Rock, died at his home Tuesday after a long illness. He is survived by his wife and 11 children, Mrs. J. L. Wells, Bethel; Mrs. S. L. George, Weaver-ville; G. M. and R. A. Reeves, of Leicester; Mrs. James Reeves, Marshall; Mrs. J. H. Glance, Canton; Homer Reeves, Spring Creek; Hendrix, Tom, Burnett and Lillian Reeves, of Cross Rock.

The funeral service was held Thursday at Little Sandy Church at 11 o'clock with Rev. J. W. Groce officiating.

Tom Tarheel says his baby girl seems to be in better health since the home agent started the serving of hot lunches at the new schoolhouse.