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HAPPY VALLEY TAYLOR HOME

"Our Bob" and "Uncle Alf" Add to Fame of Historic, Picturesque Section

One of the delightful features about Happy Valley is the fame brought to it as a result of "Our Bob," and "Gov. Alf" having been born and reared at the foot of the most picturesque of it.

This choice outburst from Landon C. Haynes at a banquet of attorneys in Jackson, Tenn., who responded to an introduction by Gen. N. B. Forrest, who spoke of East Tennessee as being some times referred to as "The God Forsaken."

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: I plead guilty to the soft impeachment. I was born in East Tennessee on the banks of the Watauga, which in the Indian vernacular, means 'beautiful river,' and beautiful river it is.

"Then I have seen the darkness drift away, and Morn get up from her saffron bed and come forth like a queen robed in her garments of light and stand tiptoe on the misty mountain tops, and Black Night fled away from her glorious face to his bed chamber at the pole; and she lighted the green vale and the beautiful river, where I was born and played in childhood, with a smile of sunshine! Oh, beautiful land of the mountains, with thy sun painted cliffs how can I ever forget thee!"

Classy Style Notes in Buttons and Belt



Two shades of brown flannel brightened by small brass buttons make this unusually clever dress for a small lady. Note the short jabot slash on the skirt and the important belt of leather in two colors, not to mention the crowning glory of a washable pocket—all very good to look upon.

WHY NOT HAVE A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN MARSHALL?

(By GLENN W. NAVES)

It is a very astonishing and surprising fact to me that Marshall, although one of the most prosperous and beautifully situated towns in Western North Carolina, has during its entire existence managed to get along without one of the most valuable and useful assets of any town or city, a public library.

There is not at present, nor ever has been, a library of any kind or size, dedicated to the use of the citizens of our town and county, in Marshall, except the one for the use of the students in the Marshall High School building.

Not every family or person in our county is blessed with a home library, or even any reading matter at all, except an occasional book or magazine which they are able to secure or borrow from some rural library or from the book shelf of some one who is able financially to own them, and if our town had a public library where good clean and interesting literature could be borrowed at any time; it would be highly patronized, especially by people in the various rural communities of our county, where even many of the public schools are destitute of any books except those used by the pupils for study.

The establishment of a library in our town would be a simple matter; the books and other reading matter could be housed in the County Court House or any other suitable building and placed in charge of some town or county official, or any other reliable person who would care for them.

The point on which some people would base their objections is the amount of money that would be required to purchase enough books and other necessary equipment with which to start a library, but it is my opinion that a large quantity of good books can be gathered ash. Many people have books which they do not care to keep, but would be glad to give to such an important and useful institution as a public library would be, also others, no doubt, would be glad to purchase books or donate cash. A record could be kept of the names of those who make contributions in money or otherwise and this record would be a permanent feature of interest to those borrowing books or receiving other benefits from the library.

After a suitable amount of books were collected, they could be loaned out to reliable patrons and a small fee could be charged for their use and the revenue collected from this, and other sources could be deposited to the credit of the library in either of the banks in Marshall and when a good sum had accumulated, it could be used in purchasing additional books and other equipment.

The State Departments of Agriculture, Education and Health issue and send out valuable and educational bulletins on many subjects. These could be secured free and filed as often as they appear and would be very useful, especially to farmers and school teachers.

Many people get some of the leading magazines and periodicals published in our country and, after reading them, often consign them to the wastebasket. Almost all public libraries have complete files of magazines and these are often more popular than books, and no doubt, many would be glad to give files or single copies of their favorite magazines, or after a good sum had been collected from loaning books, a club subscription to a number of the better grade magazines would be a nice addition.

A few up-to-date copies of Madison County's only newspaper,

THE ROBIN'S NEST

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

Again I see them going down the village street to school, Perhaps along a country road beside a lilled pool, Their faces scrubbed until they shine, their clothing patched and neat, A boy and girl of long ago in memory I meet.

He finds a robin by a fence, she picks a purple flower, And so they wander hand in hand in childhood's fleeting hour, And talk of things they wonder at and things they want to know, A little boy, a little girl, together long ago.

And there's the school—and there's the bell!—and now they have to run; And then the blackboard and the books until the day is done. So, loving without the thought of love, they walk the way of life And share their childhood peace and joy, its pleasures and its strife.

The years shall bring them other loves, the heights, the depths, of joy, And yet I doubt if there will come to either girl or boy, A sweeter, a cleaner love, a love more truly blest, Than when they walked the way to school and found the robin's nest.



per, the News-Rcord, guide books, road maps and other useful helps and information for tourists would be a valuable and useful part of the library and would be a great advertisement for our town, specially during the Spring, Summer and Fall when so many people from other states are passing through. The amount of good a public library would bring to the citizens of Marshall and Madison County cannot be overestimated and I would be glad to see it a reality.

SINGING CONVENTION TO CONVENE IN MARSHALL SUNDAY, OCT. 25

The Madison County Singing Convention will have an all-day singing in the Court House next Sunday, Oct. 25, 1925. Classes from all over the county and quartettes from Asheville and vicinity will render some fine music.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The tramp paused outside the house. "Clear out!" shouted the lady of the house. "I ain't got no wood to chop. There ain't nothing you could do around here."

"But, madam, there is," retorted the wayfarer with dignity. "I could give you a few lessons in grammar."

"You are an hour late this morning, Sam," said an employer to his negro servant.

"Yes, sah, I was kicked by a mule on de way, sah."

"That ought not to have detained you an hour."

"Well, you see, boss, he kicked de other way."

PASTIME THEATRE TO OPEN AGAIN

The Pastime Theatre, which has been closed during the summer months, will open again Friday night, October 23, and it is expected that a large crowd will be maintained during the winter months. Posters have been put up for that date and the first crowd of the winter season will then be entertained.

The theatre is under the management of Mr. C. E. Henderson and an extra good program is on for the opening night. A five-reel picture entitled "Fighting in France" will be shown. This picture was made on the battlefields in France by the U. S. Signal Corps and is real in every detail. There will also be a two-reel comedy entitled "Felix Goes A-Hunting," depicting the adventures of the famous comic-cartoon character, "Felix, the Cat."

Every movie fan is urged to attend and see the war picture, also the other features.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

The outstanding event in the educational news of last week was the meeting of the Western District Association of the Teachers' N. C. E. A. A large per cent of the teachers of the county attended this meeting, and all report very profitable meetings.

The chief topics emphasized at this meeting were longer school terms in the rural sections of the state; better trained teachers with the consequent need for more Normal Schools for such training; the improvement and enlargement of the elementary schools of the rural sections of the state so that all the children possible may have the benefits of standard elementary schools; an educational program to be carried on through the press of the state and through the various agencies for letting the people of the state know just what is being done in the educational work of the state, and proposing remedies for the correction of several glaring defects in the operation of the school laws of the state; a campaign for "equal educational opportunities for all the children of the state with the whole wealth of the state supporting the education of all the children of the state irrespective of the locality."

The great need of the people of today is enlightenment as to what our schools are doing, and what needs to be done. A knowledge of how our county and how our state compares with other counties and other states. We have full faith in the people of North Carolina and Madison County that they will remedy these conditions when they understand them. For example, we do not believe that the people of the state would favor such a law as permits one county in the state to levy 27 cents for running the schools the required six months term while other counties have to levy more than a dollar, and then not have as well trained teachers or as good buildings and equipment. Neither would they sanction a county system that will permit one district in the county to vote a special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and be able to run an eight or nine months term, and another district be required to vote the maximum rate allowed by law, 50c and then still be unable to run an eight months' term.

We again submit the proposition that the education of the children of the county is a county wide proposition, and that all the wealth of the county should be made to support the education of all the children of the county, and that our state tax laws should be amended that there shall be a uniform burden of taxation for school purposes throughout the state. Only by adoption of these two fundamental principles, can the poorer districts and poorer counties ever have opportunities comparable with the rich districts and the rich and prosperous counties.

We, again submit the proposition, that the school term of state and county should be 8 months. A six months' term is inadequate to meet the needs of a county and state that is going forward commercially and industrially as ours is. Our wealth has doubled and trebled and quadrupled within the past quarter of a century since 1904, but our school term as a state has increased only two months. If we expect to keep our pace as a great state we must bring up the educational standing of the state from 42nd among the state to a position comparable with our rating commercially and industrially.

Fairs are held to show improvement made during the year in the community and its products. Therefore the best should be selected for exhibition, say extension workers at State College.

The farm forests of North Carolina form one of the latest great undeveloped natural resources of the State and when they are properly developed will be a source of future wealth.

THE OLD LINOTYPE

The Department of Agriculture recently prepared one of its customary bulletins on oats, but the linotype operator took a notion he would glance away from his keyboard while setting up the type, and he struck the letter "C" instead of the letter "O" with the result that the department turned out a bulletin on "Cats" when the proof-readers were, also, asleep at their desks.

Only a few of the bulletins got into the mails before the mistake was discovered, but from these some rather interesting facts are discovered as to the importance of the "cat crop" of this country.

We are told that "the cat crop ranks third in importance in the United States. Cats traditionally constitute the banner horse feed of the world, and 3 per cent is used for human consumption."

It seems, according to the bulletin, that cats are subject to some strange diseases, such as "smut, stem rust and crown rust," then follows a discourse on wild cats, broken cats and wilted and withered cats. The latter kind can often be seen along the roads just after an automobile has passed.

MRS. MALINDA FRISBY DEAD

Word has been received at the News-Record office of the death of Mrs. Malinda Frisby, of Marshall. Mrs. Frisby died Wednesday afternoon at 2:17 o'clock. A full account of this death will be published next week, being too late for this week's issue.

BOX SUPPER AT MADISON SEMINARY

There will be a box supper at the Madison Seminary Friday night, Oct. 30, at 7:30 P. M. There will also be Halloween stunts, including fortunes told by witches, ghosts, black cats and goblins will be present. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school and for the church which is being erected at this place. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the occasion.

MERRELL—WILSON

Mr. Jack Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wilson, and Miss Novena Merrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Merrell of near Petersburg, stole a march on their people some time in September, 1925, and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The above announcement will be of interest to a large number of friends.

MRS. SAVANNAH NIX DEAD

Mrs. Georgia Savannah Nix passed away at the home of her son, Jack Nix, on the south side of Marshall, about 7:00 o'clock Friday morning, October 16, 1925, age 54 years.

Mrs. Nix had been in ill health for several years and was confined to her bed for 15 months and 20 days, cancer of the stomach being the cause of death.

She was laid to rest in Rector Chapel Cemetery, near Marshall, Saturday at 11 o'clock, funeral services being conducted by Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church, Marshall, of which the deceased was a member for the past ten years.

Surviving are three sons, Fleet Nix, Jack Nix and Charlie Nix, of Marshall and two sisters Mrs. Sallie Ramsey and Mrs. Nettie Payne, and three brothers, Sam Hunter and Joe Hunter, of Marshall, and Bob Hunter, of Miami, Florida.