

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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We wish to urge upon all voters in the Special School Taxing District for the Marshall district to register and vote for the proposal of enlarging the district, and voting a special tax of thirty cents over the entire district as enlarged for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunities within the district.

This election is held under the law enacted by the General Assembly of 1923. Under the law it is possible to enlarge districts and vote a special tax for the support of all the schools within the proposed taxing district. After the election is carried the Board of Education has the authority to organize the schools within the said taxing district so that the educational opportunities may be equalized. Sec. 239, of Art. 18, states: "The County Board of Education is hereby authorized to organize the schools in a special taxing district after a special tax has been voted in such a way as to equalize educational opportunities within said district."

If the election carries it will operate to repeal all existing rates heretofore voted, and the rate will be the one voted in the special school taxing district. Section 238 of Art. 18, under which this election is held states: "If a majority of the qualified voters in the special school taxing district, shall vote in favor of the special school tax, then it shall operate to repeal all school taxes heretofore voted in any local or special charter district located within said special school taxing district" except tax that may have been voted for bonds.

It is estimated that this election will yield between \$2000.00 and \$2,500.00. The railroad alone will pay practically \$1400.00 additional tax for the support of the school. The other two districts will furnish the remainder.

The advantage that the Skyland and Pleasant View districts will gain by voting this tax, is that these districts will share in the funds so that their school term will be lengthened and that all their high school pupils will share the opportunity of the Marshall High School and Elementary School without any additional costs for tuition or transportation charges. So long as the schools are maintained at Skyland and Pleasant View, the term will be eight months, providing the election carries. This will also give these places the opportunity to get well trained teachers every year, as the term will be longer, thus warranting teachers who have the best preparation to accept work there.

Application for a loan from the Special Building fund has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners for a loan of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of building a new building at Marshall. It is very necessary that this election be carried so that funds may be available to pay off the interest and installment on this loan as it comes due.

It is not known yet whether the loan will be granted, but if the election carries, there will be but little doubt about its being approved. But if it does not carry, then it is almost a certainty that it will not be, for the reason that there will not be sufficient funds to care for the loan as it comes due.

The building need at Marshall is very great. The present building is entirely inadequate for the children who are attending. There is no playground for games or physical exercise. It is very inaccessible. Therefore the building does not serve as a community center as it should. Part of the building is unhygienic and unsanitary, and cannot be made so because of the location. The lighting is very bad in some of the rooms. Toilet facilities not only are inadequate, but unsanitary. The water for drinking purposes is not sufficient. In fact but very few things in the building measure up to what a standard school should be.

A new building at Marshall would not only be a good business asset to the town of Marshall, but would be a good advertisement for the entire county. There is not a single county seat in West-

## NEW YEAR

You bring new hopes in sunny rays,  
You fill our hearts with gladness,  
You chase away all our wrong ways,  
And we forget our sadness.

You make us want to start anew,  
To make this year much brighter;  
You make us strive to be more true,  
Our load you make much lighter.  
— M. LIENBEE.

## GOLDEN RULE AND WORLD PEACE

By DR. S. PARKES CADMAN  
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In this powerful appeal for the adoption of the Golden Rule as a guiding principle in international relations, the great radio preacher holds up as an example in constructive international charity the work of the Near East Relief, which makes its annual appeal for the support of the American people on Golden Rule Sunday, observed annually in December.

NOTHING in the history of the American people of recent years so becomes them as their attitude towards the unhappy and persecuted people who have been the beneficiaries of the great work of the Near East Relief. At this season when the annual appeal for the support of this work is made, through the observance of Golden Rule Sunday, it is an overwhelmingly gratifying thing to hear the reports of the triumph and success of this philanthropy.

I have been hearing of the horrors of the Near East from the days of my

early youth, when Mr. Gladstone conducted his memorable campaign in which he denounced the Turk and urged that the Turks should be thrust long and baggage out of their country. The horrors have continued ever since, but our country has been an instrument in alleviating them by contributions out of its abundance to the eternal need of the distressed orphans and what few unhappy relatives they have left to them.

We can do no better thing than to give for those who are in need, and thus make such merchandise out of our material welfare as to have credit for the life which is to come. I do not take the attitude that there is anything much to praise about the American people in this matter, though I am proud of them, as we all are. It would have been a strange thing if we had not done as we have done.

When you think of the millions which are squandered in this country upon feminine devices for beautifying—which do not always succeed in realizing their object—when you think of the vast cost of trying to make cotton look like lamb, when you think of the multitude of surplus things which we surround ourselves in daily life, and then see this work for orphans, I think you will agree with me that even though our politi-



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cal promises have not always been realized, at any rate we have tried to retain the credit of our people by contributing generously to this work, which we must continue to sustain.

As a churchman, I may be permitted to point out that the Near East Relief has contributed enormously to the cause of church unity. At Stockholm a few weeks ago I had the privilege of conferring with all the patriarchs and metropolitans and archbishops of the Greek church. They assured me that they have been drawn toward the West not by the common

consent of intellectual minds nor by the doctors of the church, but rather through the work of Near East Relief. That work has won the hearts of great bishops as well as refugees and politicians. Truly we have seen the truth of the saying that a little child shall lead them. The little Armenian orphan, Zadi, whom thousands have heard sing and talk at the preliminary Golden Rule dinners in a hundred cities of this country, is a five-year-old representation of thousands of these Eastern peoples, whom we have approached not with theology or dogma, but with those deeds of mercy which are the very essence of true religion.

There is a lesson of world peace in this philanthropic approach to the hearts of men. We must follow it up with this decision—that we will not allow the state in the future to dictate to the church or to any body of men as to what shall be their attitude toward peace and war. We must take our patriotism from the preaching of the prophets. Unless we want a fund like this every fifty years to repair the recurrent waves of slaughter and devastation, we must cling to the spirit of the Golden Rule. The quality of mercy is not strained. It drippeth as the gentle rain from heaven. It bleaseth him that gives and him that takes. It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

ern North Carolina whose school facilities are so poor as Marshall. Waynesville within the past two years has put around \$200,000.00 in school plants, having both modern elementary and high schools. Sylva has recently erected an \$80,000. high school building in addition to having an elementary building. Bryson City, Murphy, Robbinsville, Hayesville, Franklin, Brevard, and Hendersonville have all recently built new buildings that meet the requirements for standard schools. If these towns can do so, there is no reason why Marshall and Madison County can not do likewise.

## SWITZERLAND HOTEL AT WALNUT CHANGES HANDS

Mr. S. R. Freeborn Sells All Property at Walnut

Mr. S. R. Freeborn has sold out his holdings at Walnut and will go to Asheville to make his home. The property transferred includes the Switzerland Hotel, the store and all the property at Walnut owned by Mr. S. R. Freeborn. The purchasers of this property are Mrs. Frances Locke and son, Edwin, of Florida. This change will doubtless come as a surprise to many of Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn's friends in the county who will regret to see them leave the County. Mr. Freeborn will enter the real estate business in Asheville.

## QUIET CHRISTMAS

The law passed at the last session of the General Assembly of North Carolina prohibiting the buying, selling, or using of fire works in the counties of Madison, Haywood, Mitchell, Yancey, and Macon proved to be a very valuable law. The Christmas season in Marshall was the quietest and most orderly that has ever been observed in the town. The citizens and officers are to be congratulated upon the observance of the law. Nothing better can be said of a community than that its citizens are law abiding.

## MARS HILL COLLEGE GETS SPLENDID GIFT

Provision in Will of Jacob F. Alexander Leaves \$10,000 Annually to Baptist Institution

Through provision in the will of Jacob F. Alexander, who died recently in St. Petersburg, Fla., Mars Hill college will receive an annual income of \$10,000 part of the \$32,000 annuity left by Mr. Alexander to various Carolina educational institutions, according to a statement yesterday by Rev. J. W. O'Hara of the Baptist Mission board, under whose supervision the schools endowed now operate.

This bequest will enable Mars Hill to take the highest rating in the Southern Association of Colleges, Rev. Mr. O'Hara stated. Mr. Alexander was a prominent Florida and North Carolina business man.

Other institutions covered in the bequests are: Alexander schools, Inc., \$10,000 a year; Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, \$2,000 a year; Bellamy Academy, \$2,000 a year; and First Methodist churches of Forest City \$1,000 each. This endowment becomes operative January 1, 1927, according to the terms of the will, it was stated.

## THRIFTINESS

Victor—"If your mother gave you a large apple and a small one, and told you to divide with your brother, which apple would you give him?"  
Johnny—"D'ye mean my big brother or my little one?"

## Slayer of Burnette

Is in Buncombe's Jail for Safekeeping (From Asheville Citizen)

Wallace Ray, slayer of Dr. O. V. Burnette in a pistol duel on a lonely mountain road in Madison county several weeks ago, was yesterday afternoon lodged in jail here for safekeeping. The sheriff of Madison county held a conference with Solicitor J. Ed Swain while he was here yesterday. It is understood that there is considerable feeling over this killing in Madison County and the jail in Marshall is considered none too strong.

Ray himself, was badly wounded in the gun battle and spent some time in a hospital in Greenville, Tenn., recovering from his wounds.

## REMOVE NOT THE OLD LANDMARKS

(Copied by J. B. MARTIN, Jr.)

The old time religion is on earth today with the same power and authority, and bringing forth the same results as it did in Bible days. God has not changed His plan of Salvation. Heaven's resources are not exhausted. The Power of God is just the same today. God has said, "I am the Lord—I change not." Men today are trying to modernize the salvation of Jesus. They have removed the landmarks that God said should not be moved; they are substituting a sham for the old-fashioned way to God. They are leaving out repentance, restitution and saving faith, endeavoring to climb up some other way. They think it is not necessary to bow the knee in reverence to God, repent with godly sorrow for sin, and seek him until the witness comes from Heaven.

People have neglected the teachings of the Bible, they have said, away with the old time religion. They have taken up with something refined, new, something scholarly, cultured, educational, but we praise God for the old time religion that has power to transform men's lives. They will know what a shout of victory really means.

The worldly church of today has lost its power and the sacred old altar. You do not see sinners down on their knees weeping out tears to God, but there is one place where the old tear-stained altar still exists and that is among the people of God where the ordinances of the Church of God are kept, feet washing—St. John 13, and the Lord's Supper and baptism by emersion. Sinners are getting the old time religion. They get it the same old Bible way and they know that came from Heaven. Being saved is not shaking the preacher's hand nor signing a card, but God saves you and it satisfies you.