

CONVICTS MOVED FROM IVY TO LAUREL

Hiked Through Marshall Wednesday Morning

The state convicts who have been stationed at Ivy near Marshall for about two years building the River Road from Marshall to the Buncombe County line are being moved this week from Ivy to Laurel, where they have similar work to be done. The camps are being stationed about three miles from Laurel River bridge and the road will be made along the Laurel River from the Hot Springs road toward the Tennessee line about White Rock. The entire construction will be a distance of about 13 miles over which the road will be about a two per cent grade instead of crossing some of the high mountains, which the present route crosses. The road is to follow the route of the narrow guaged lumber railroad which has been in use there for years until recently. This road, which is to be a state highway, will open up a fine section of the county. It is said that the scenery along this route is unexcelled in Western North Carolina. This lumber train used to carry a passenger car and passengers would admire the scenery as they travelled. Fishing and hunting is also good on this route. The people of this section are looking forward to the completion of this much needed highway.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

At the school on Tuesday afternoon a most enthusiastic meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held. Quite a large number attended. Mrs. Guy Roberts presided efficiently. Talks were made by Mr. Dillard, County Supt., and Mr. Kanoy, Principal. Dr. Sams was called upon and responded earnestly. All feel the need of a more convenient, sanitary school building; however, the organization is to help the needs of the teachers and pupils. A committee was appointed by the President on Ways and Means, to help the elementary grade secure new books and other things. The committee appointed to serve was Mesdames Coleman Ramsey, W. A. West and A. W. Whitehurst. Mrs. E. R. Tweed was asked to see that a first-aid box was placed on a convenient place in the school.

Each mother registered for one of the grades, the 4th grade getting the largest number. Delightful refreshments were furnished by the teachers, served by the young girls, and much enjoyed by all. The Parent-Teacher Association meets once a month, and all parents are earnestly invited and requested to attend.

LIFE IS A GIFT

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

Life is too rare a gift for thoughtless living,
Would I had known it in the bygone days,
But youth finds age so tender and forgiving,
It never thinks to change or mend its ways.

Now I am older grown, the dance no longer
Lures me to trip on pleasure's rosy way,
Had I been wiser, now I should be stronger,
Braver and fitter for my task today.

I have been foolish in my selfish seeking,
Squandered my friendships, run my chances
through,
Injured good people by my careless speaking,
Spoiled by ill-temper much I tried to do.

My record's down, and sadly now I view it,
I am not all I had the strength to be,
I took the gift of life and soon ran through it
As though life would renew the gift for me.

Some take the gift and squander it in pleasure,
Some stain it dark with little sins and mean
God pours out life from His abundant measure
And age, too late, learns what it could have been.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

Residence of Mr. Caney Ramsey
Destroyed By Fire Last
Saturday Night

Hardly Anything Saved

The beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Caney Ramsey, of near Jupiter, was completely destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The fire was discovered about 9:30 o'clock. The kitchen had already burned off. It was impossible to extinguish the flames until the entire house was burned down. Only the parlor suite of furniture including the piano was saved. The loss is covered only partially by insurance.

It is expected that the residence will be rebuilt on the same site.

Is her went?
Is her gone?
Shall she left I?
All alone?
Me can never come to she,
She can never,
Go to I.
Far be it may, though it
could not was.

A GREAT WOMAN PASSED ON TO HER REWARD

On last Thanksgiving morning Mrs. Georgia Elizabeth Woody fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. H. Hipps of Asheville. Other ministers, Rev. J. R. Cogdill, of Trust, Rev. D. D. Blanton, of Trust and the writer of this sketch gave testimonies. The pallbearers were Messrs. Floyd Askew, Eulas Askew, John Gentry, Ferdie L. Hipps, Harley Hipps and Dolph Hipps.

Perhaps this was the saddest funeral that Spring Creek has ever known. Everybody mourns the loss of this noble woman. All that knew her loved her.

I must say that there could be written volume after volume on the life of this good woman. But the writer will just give a few outstanding facts concerning her good work.

She was born in Haywood County March 24, 1874 and lived there until she was married to Mr. S. N. Woody of Spring Creek, Madison County. To this union there was born a son, Andy, who married Miss Maggie Meadows June 7, 1916. She is a fine daughter of B. C. Meadows of Spring Creek. They have two little girls, Manella age 7 and Wilma age 5. They are little jewels.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Nathan Woody, four brothers, Pink Kirkpatrick of Bluff, Nathan Kirkpatrick of Boe, Washington; Charlie Kirkpatrick of Beaver Washington; and W. S. Kirkpatrick of Marion; three sisters, Mrs. John L. Hipps of Trust, Mrs. James Beasley of Crabtree and Mrs. A. L. Gardin of Marion.

She was a member of Lusk Chapel Baptist church for 30 years. She was a faithful Christian and always willing to lend a helping hand at all times. She was loyal to her church; loyal to her vicinity, and always giving aid to the needy and the sick. Furthermore, Mrs. Woody was great in her philanthropy. Her one aim in life was to relieve suffering humanity.

She came from one of the most prominent families of Haywood County.

The late Mrs. Woody has joined

"The choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their
presence."

In thinking of Mrs. Woody, my mind reverts to that beautiful old story recorded in the Second Book of the Kings—"And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread."

In fact, her last deed was caring for her sick mother. If heavenly treasures could be counted in currency she would be a billionaire. The passing of this good woman is our loss

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

WHY THE SCHOOL ELECTION SHOULD CARRY

The registration books for the Special School election will close Saturday, January 9th. Everyone who expects to vote in this election must register. It makes no difference if your name is on some other registration, you must register especially for this election. After Saturday there will be no opportunity for registration. Therefore, I wish to urge again that all voters should see that they are registered.

Some have made the statement that the Board of Education could levy above thirty cents should this special election carry. This is absolutely a mistake. The law plainly states that all rates heretofore voted shall be repealed, and the rate voted shall become the maximum rate to be levied. Therefore those who live within the present special taxing district need have no fear that there will be any extra burden imposed upon them by reason of this election.

For those people who live outside of the present district but within the districts of Bear Creek, Skyland, Pleasant View and Dry Branch, this election means more to the welfare of your children than anything that has yet been proposed.

Let's see what the result will be if the election should carry.

1. It guarantees to your children equal educational opportunities with the children of Marshall. That is, it will give to all the children of these sections, advantages of a standard high school without further cost. Today children from every one of these sections are attending the Marshall High School and the people of the Marshall school district are bearing the building costs and a great many other extra costs—out of their own special taxes. This is manifestly unfair to the people of Marshall. We should be big enough and broad-minded enough to bear our share of the taxes that are necessary to educate your children. It is nothing but right that you should do it.

2. It will give your children better teachers. With an increased length of term, it will be possible to get better teachers than with the present length. The best teachers like to work where they can get the longest length of term. Therefore it will be easier to get teachers for an eight months' term of school who are really prepared to do efficient work than for six months.

3. It will give your children at least two months more of school than they have at present. Under the law, at present, six months is the constitutional limit for the county levy of taxes for the support of schools.

but heaven's gain. "Aunt Georgia," as she was called, will be greatly missed, not only on Spring Creek but throughout Madison, Haywood and Buncombe Counties. The writer is persuaded to believe that she was perhaps the greatest woman that Spring Creek has ever known, I dare say North Carolina has never known a nobler character.

Her husband and son are very successful farmers and are fine citizens of that community. May the richest blessing from heaven abide with this family as they travel along life's highway without her.

I verily believe that she is one of God's crowned souls. Very beautiful is that old promise of the seer, "Be thou faithful unto death; and I will give thee the crown of life."

FERDIE L. HIPPS,
Trust, N. C.

Under the plan that you are voting, the term of school that will be maintained in your district must be equal to the term in all the other schools.

Therefore, you are assured that you will have at least an eight month term. This increase in the length of term will enable your children to do in seven years in school what it is now taking them nine years and two months. In other words, you will save two years of the child's time in this way, and to those who claim that it will be extra burden of taxes, I shall state that two years of a child's time from thirteen to fifteen years is worth a great deal more to you on the farm, or wherever else it is needed than younger and that the two years' time will be worth indefinitely more to you than the extra taxes that it will cost you.

4. It will guarantee to your children the full advantage of the Marshall High School without further charges of tuition, transportation or other charges for the whole length of the term. To those who have children coming to high school now, this will in most cases care for the extra tax that this election will cause you.

Under all these conditions, the people who live in the adjoining territory to Marshall will certainly be the ones who will profit materially, much more than the extra cost.

To the people of Marshall, this means that your children will be better cared for, as we hope to be able if the election carries to get a new building. It will mean better teaching, for the teachers will be working under better environment. It will give the children benefit of much better physical conditions than they now have. It will give the community a common meeting place, which is so badly needed. All in all, this is the best proposition to all the people that has been presented and we are expecting a great victory in the interest of the children of this section.

NEW REALTY COMPANY IN MADISON COUNTY

The following from Tuesday's News and Observer giving new corporations in North Carolina will be of interest in Madison County:

Smoky Mountain Realty Company, Walnut. To deal in real estate and real property. Authorized capital stock fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); subscribed \$700.00 by M. M. Cresrown, S. R. Freeborn and Kester Walton, all of Asheville.

The touring car needs gas and oil;
The motor truck—same kind;
The pushcart needs no gas or oil,
For the motor's on behind.

PUBLISHES PAPERS AT BOTH ENDS OF TAR HEEL STATE

Taken from RALEIGH TIMES.

The unique distinction of publishing newspapers at both ends of the big Tar Heel State, rests with H. L. Story, who spent the day in Raleigh.

Mr. Story has for the past 15 years published the weekly Albemarle Observer at Edenton. Just recently he acquired the News-Record at Marshall, the only newspaper in Madison County.

Business conditions in the mountains as well as in the east, Mr. Story said, look toward a very favorable year.

NOTICE!

TO MEMBERS OF CO-OPERATIVE WAREHOUSE COMPANY:

You are hereby notified that a meeting of the members of the Madison County Co-Operative Warehouse Co., will be held at the Courthouse in Marshall on Saturday, January 16, 1926, at 2 o'clock P. M.

All members are requested to be present at this meeting for the purpose of taking final action as to the disposition of our property.

MADISON COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE
WAREHOUSE COMPANY
By L. L. ROBERTS, Trustee.

THANKS

We wish to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during the year gone by. It is only by the cooperation of our customers that we are able to succeed in business.

We solicit a continuance of your patronage during the present year.

In appreciation of this, we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best of wishes for the year 1926

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will.

City Mill Co.

F. E. FREEMAN, Manager