

## GET READY TO VOTE FOR A SCHOOL FOR MARSHALL

### MARS HILL COURT EVENT NOW HAS 13 ENTRANTS ON FILE

At Least 35 Schools Are Expected to Enter Tournament Which Starts February 25

#### STATE'S BIGGEST MEET

All High Schools in Hundred Mile Radius of Mars Hill Have Been Invited

With 13 schools entered the first annual high school basketball tournament staged by Mars Hill college will probably be one of the largest inter-scholastic cage events ever held in the state and one bringing together the greatest galaxy of high school talent ever assembled for such an event.

All high schools within a radius of 100 miles have been invited to take part in the tournament which will be played in the Mars Hill gym, acknowledged to be one of the finest physical training buildings in the western part of the state, for three days beginning February 25.

A list of the entrants thus far supplied by Oren E. Roberts, director of athletics at the school, are: Fruitland Institute, Forest City High School, Alexander schools, Inc., Stanley-McCormick high school, Cherokee Indian school, Mars Hill high school, Biltmore high school, Leicester high school, Bryson City high school, East Flat Rock high school, Swannanoa high school, Yancey Collegiate Institute, and Marshall high school.

The second invitation and follow-up letter recently went from the athletic director's office urging more teams to send in their entries. This letter is expected to draw in as many more teams and officials are confident that before the starting whistle sounds at least 35 representative teams of Western North Carolina will be ready for action.

This tournament will be the first in which all schools of Western North Carolina will have the privilege of entering and the response to this call should be general with all teams having anywhere near a strong quintet. Trophies will be awarded the winning teams, while basketballs will be given as consolations.

Mars Hill college will furnish board and lodging to all teams taking part in the event, the only expense to the various teams will be transportation to and from the college.

"We hope all schools which can take part in this event will send in their entry blanks immediately," said Coach Roberts, "for we feel certain that this is one of the few opportunities that all schools of this district will have in competing in such a tournament.

"The future of this tournament, which we hope to make an annual affair at the same time stimulating competitive contests for an all-Western North Carolina title, depends on the number of quintets that are entered. These schools have it within their grasp of making this one of the greatest events of this section of the state and with the response already received the officials of Mars Hill are certain it will be a huge success."

### FORMER RESIDENT OF BIG LAUREL IS DEAD IN ILLINOIS

(Taken from Asheville Citizen) Quincy, Ill., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Lu Lu Moody, wife of Walter L. Moody, deputy U. S. Marshall, died this morning at 8:20 from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck on the hard road at Coatsburg, twenty miles east of

### SCIENTIFIC WAY TO DECIDE MAN'S DRINKING FOUND

When Is a Man Drunk? to Be Decided by Physicians

(Taken from Asheville Citizen) LONDON, Jan. 9.—The establishment of standard, scientific test for drunkenness has been brought a step nearer by a decision of the British Medical Association to investigate the question in the most scientific manner.

It is announced that a committee of medical experts, in cooperation with judicial experts will try to find an answer to the question which has been puzzling police courts for years—when is a man drunk? The committee will have 18 members, representing the Medical association, the Metropolitan police and stipendiary magistrates.

This question has been agitating the authorities for so long causing endless court debates and appeals and leading to endless misunderstandings that the Medical association has decided to go into the matter in the most thorough possible manner to determine the merits and demerits of existing tests and if necessary work out a new test which will be infallible.

### HELL

Just what is meant by this word "Hell?" They say sometimes, "It's cold as Hell," Sometimes they say, "It's hot as Hell," When it rains hard, "It's Hell they cry," It's also "Hell" when it is dry. They "Hate like Hell" to see snow, It's "A Hell of a wind" when it starts to blow. Now "How in Hell" can anyone tell "What in Hell" they mean by this word "Hell?" This married life is "Hell," they say. When he comes in ate there's "Hell to pay." "It's Hell" when the kid you have to tote, When he starts to yell, it's "A Hell of a note," It's "Hell" when the doctor sends his bills, For "A Hell of a lot of trips and pills. When you get this you will know real well Just what is mean by this word "Hell." "Hell, yes!" "Hell, no!" and "Oh, Hell," too! "The Hell you don't" "The Hell you do." And "What in Hell!" and "The Hell it is," "The Hell with you" and "The Hell with this!" Now "Who in Hell!" and "Oh, Hell, Where?" And "What in Hell do you think I care?" But "The Hell of it is," "It's as sure as Hell," We don't know "What in the Hell" is "Hell." — James Whitcomb Riley.

here, late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Moody was 45 and was born at Big Laurel, near Asheville, N. C., in 1881. She was the daughter of J. H. Reece, a prominent citizen. She was postmistress at Ely, N. C., when she met Moody, an engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad. Her father, J. H. Reece, sister, Leona of Big Laurel, and a half brother, Jonas Reece, who also

Our people cannot afford to let this opportunity slip. Now is the time for Marshall to vote for a school. That it is the crying need at the present time no one acquainted with conditions would question. Be sure to go to the polls and VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL!

### SOME OF THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN'S AMBITIONS FOR ASHEVILLE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

1. A hard-surfaced highway from Asheville to the county seat of every county adjoining Buncombe. — **THAT'S MARSHALL.**
2. Hard-surfaced highways connecting the capitals of all mountain counties. — **THAT'S MADISON.**
3. More tourist hotels in this whole mountain region. — **THAT'S THIS REGION.**
4. Establishment of additional Summer Camp Schools. — **WHY NOT HERE?**
5. Increased use of the forests for recreation and sport. — **THAT'S HERE.**
6. The establishment by the Federal Government of a great national park in the Appalachian region of Western North Carolina. — **AMEN.**
7. A broader knowledge of public health among the people of this region. — **"SO MOTE IT BE."**
8. A central park. — **YES, ON THE ISLAND.**

lives in North Carolina, survive. Mrs. Moody suffered a skull fracture at the right temple, triple fracture of the right jaw and the right knee broken, besides internal injuries. Her husband had his right wrist and two ribs on the right side broken. A young employee rushing to the ticket office of a railway station: "I want a ticket to Hell." Ticket Agent: "Why we have no train to hell." Young Employee: "Well, I am sure that is where my boss told me to go."

## 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.

### LIFE

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

Life is a mystery, all of man's history Tells us but little of how it began. All earth can show of it, All we can know of it Give scarce a hint of its purpose and plan. Life is not altered by what men have guessed of it, He is the wisest who just makes the best of it.

What does it matter to tailor or hatter, Butcher or baker or truckmen who drive How it all started? Clear-eyed and warm-hearted Each is a person and each is alive! Life is a problem and this is the test of it, He is the wisest who just makes the best of it.

Life has its sadness, its goodness and badness Nor all of man's wisdom can alter that fact. To this should be living Its full thought be giving How in its grief and its joy shall we act? Surely if happiness here be the quest of it, He is the wisest who just makes the best of it.

### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

One of the most serious drawbacks to our educational system in the County as well as the State is the short term of school. In this respect, North Carolina ranks very low among the states of the Union—forty-second—perhaps. Madison County ranks among the lowest in the state in the average length of term for all its children. One of the other regrettable facts in connection with this short term is that the short term occurs in the smaller districts of the county and state, where the attendance is the lowest, the equipment most meager, the preparation of the teacher the poorest, and the salary paid the lowest.

Last year there were enrolled in the one-teacher schools of the county 949 pupils, or 17.2 per cent of the total elementary enrollment. The average length of term in the one teacher schools of the county was only 121 days. This is just one day more than the Constitution guarantees to all the children. The children at Marshall had 180 days, or three months longer. The children at Walnut, Mars Hill, Hot Springs and other large centers had around 160 days, or two months longer.

We wonder if the children in the one teacher schools of the county with poor equipment, with poorly prepared teachers, with a term of school only two-thirds as long as the Marshall school with its better equipment, with its teachers to the grade, with its well-prepared teachers, can do the work that the children in the Marshall school are able to do.

The average preparation of the teachers in the one teacher schools of the county was considerably below high school graduation. The average for the whole state was only 3.78

years of high school preparation, and the county of Madison ranked 86th among the 100 counties of the state. The average salary paid teachers is based upon their scholarship, experience, and professional training. The average salary paid the teachers of the one teacher schools last year was \$63.71 per month. The average for the state was \$71.45. Therefore it is very easy to see that the children in the one teacher schools of the county are far behind the larger schools, and are considerably below the average for the state.

What is true of the one teacher schools is also true of the two teacher schools of the county, though not to as great an extent. There were 23 two teacher schools conducted in the county last year. 46 teachers were employed in these schools. 29.25 of all the children in the elementary schools of the county were enrolled in this type of school, or 1718 children. Putting the one and two teacher schools together we find that nearly half the children of the county are enrolled in them. The average length of term in the two teacher schools of the county last year was 127 days, or seven days over the constitutional requirement of six months. The average preparation of the teacher was better by more than half a year in the two teacher schools than the one teacher schools, but all falls far short of the larger schools. The average salary paid the teachers in the two teacher schools was \$5.00 more per month than in the one teacher schools. But \$20.00 per month less than was paid in the larger schools of the county. Under all these conditions, it is folly to expect the children in these small schools to keep pace with the large schools. Then what is the result? The records show that we are producing only an educated citizenship in these districts of only Fifth Graders. What kind of Citizenship can Madison County expect ten years from now if half of its children are getting no further than the fifth grade?

There is but one sensible and sane solution of this serious problem. That is, first, an increase in the length of school term. Second, a reorganization of the school system that will eliminate a large number of these smaller schools, and third, the employment of teachers who have at least two years of preparation above high school graduation for the instruction of these children.

We believe that every child in the county should have as nearly equal educational opportunities as possible. This cannot be done except on the basis of a reorganization of the school system as has been contemplated by the Board of Education. The wealth of the county needs to be put behind the education of all the children of the county. Only by so doing can we expect better things for the children in the weaker districts.

The people of Marshall, Skyland, Bear Creek, and Pleasant View have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate this in the approaching election. But the regrettable fact about this is that the people whose children will profit most by the success of the election are the ones who seem to be the most opposed.

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