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TWO MEN KILLED AND ONE INJURED ON LAUREL LAST WEEK

EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE KILLS ONE INSTANTLY ANOTHER DIES LATER

One Injured Now In Hospital

Two men are dead and another injured as a result of an explosion on Laurel Thursday morning of last week. The three men who were employed by the State Highway Commission were loading a hole with dynamite. It seems that some obstruction in the way of the load was causing the men to drive the load down, when it exploded, killing instantly Clarence Capps, age 18, and fatally injuring Fred Rector, of near Marshall so that he died at a hospital in Asheville that afternoon about five o'clock. Shelton was the only one now living who was an eye witness to the tragedy. He is now in a hospital in Asheville suffering from a broken leg and bruises, from which he is recovering. These were working on the state highway on Laurel. When the explosion occurred, Capps was blown to pieces so that it was necessary for different portions of his body to be collected before it could be interred. Mr. Rector, who was a brother of Mr. George Rector of near Marshall, had a family, having been married twice and leaving five children in all. It is said that Mr. Shelton was of near White Rock.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the French Broad Association will meet this month at Paint Fork Baptist Church. The program is made to cover Saturday, January 30, and Sunday following. This is a fine community and the people will welcome messengers and visitors from the various churches. Many of the pastors of the Association have been faithful in attendance upon these meetings which have proved to be of great value in inspirational and spiritual power and in the delightful fellowship promoted thereby.

R. L. MOORE, Secretary
Executive Committee.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends in and around Marshall for their kindness and service during the death and burial of our son, brother and husband, Fred Rector.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. RECTOR, MRS. FRED RECTOR and children, VAN B. RECTOR, G. H. RECTOR, JAMES A. RECTOR, JR., MRS. W. F. DEEVER, ARTHUR RECTOR, CHARLIE RECTOR.

THREE OF A KIND

The New Year's mail had come in and the writer picked up the News-Record to see what if anything, had happened in the old home county. What caught his eye was a large heading "REMOVE NOT THE OLD LANDMARKS."

There followed some very timely truths about the old thoughts. So I have not the time religion and the modern tendency to find substitutes for it. That the "worldly church" had lost the way and had taken up with something refined or new, scholarly or cultured.

Then to the deluded and lost, says the author, declares the only and true way is "Keep the old or enter into Peace." Another finances of the church of God, says "Select a nice piece of feet washing, the Lord's Supper, and just wait right up in, and baptism by immersion, to the kingdom of Heaven."

Still another advises that if again to be assured that he was you want to please God just see not seeing double. But there it how hard you can kick some of

stood in its nakedness with its chosen title head all shot to pieces.

Thence perusing "The Asheville Citizen" of same date. I note on the editorial page a piece entitled "America Is Singing." Well, I didn't know but that America had always been singing. My mother was singing lullabies to me at the earliest dawn of my memory. But no. It seems that there was some kind of a performance in the holy (?) city of Chicago where and when this great and holy spirit of singing was born; that America had at last, through ages of toil and travail, found a way of self-expression, and this through the medium of song; that by the power of this gift we had come into the fullness of life and of understanding with all peoples.

And its name shall be called JAZZ, for behold, it is said that it quickens the dance step of the youth of a whole nation and puts grandfathers and grandmothers to pounding the (church, no) ballroom floor with rejuvenated feet." And that even a Chicago audience was so enraptured by the spirit of its melody that they all with one accord rushed upon the composer and showered him with kisses. And now behold how wonderful a gift hath been bestowed upon us, for this spirit hath descended upon one, even one of the Old North State even up here in fastnesses of the mountains where the 'mountain white' dwelleth, and as oracle of God proclaims "IT IS THE COMING OF GOD TO US IN A NEW WAY."

Who'd a thought it! The author doth tell us that JAZZ was of lowly birth—"born in the dance halls of the cities' slums." But with face ever upward it has climbed from place to place from eminence to eminence, until it has reached the zenith, the orchestras of the theatres. And that by its magic has joined hands of God and man.

But O! What a pity that some benighted souls will spurn the truth and insist that after all, jazz has but struck its level. That through all its wanderings up and down through the earth, from the squalid haunts of the cities' slums to the mansions of the ballrooms of the opulent there has been no change in the character of its devotees, no change in moods, no change in hearts, and no change in their attitude toward God.

Down toward the foot of this same editorial column occurs this statement: "Bishop Manning is quoted as saying that a well-played game of football on Sunday is as pleasing to God as a service in a cathedral."

Just how well pleased God is with a service in a cathedral I know not. Neither does Bishop Manning. Just how well is He pleased or displeased with a game of football on Sunday I know not. Neither does Bishop Manning. I do know, however, that the Bible teaches us to usual excellence was maintained this year in the exercises which were varied, entertaining and attended by large numbers. The Euthalian program which was rendered Saturday evening included two declamations by B. C. Steele of Florida and H. C. Hopkins of Asheville County; two orations by W. H. Plemmons of Buncombe County and Raymond Long of Gaston County; and a debate on the query: "Resolved, That Congress should have the power to nullify decisions of the Supreme Court, constitutionally conceded."

There comes along a man of the world—lost in sin. One washed and he is immersed and he, the author, declares the only and true way is "Keep the old or enter into Peace." Another finances of the church of God, says "Select a nice piece of feet washing, the Lord's Supper, and just wait right up in, and baptism by immersion, to the kingdom of Heaven."

INDIAN SUMMER

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

Sometimes when loud the laughter rings,
And love and mirth light every glance,
A dainty, old grandmother springs
Upon the floor to share the dance;
Lifting her petticoats she shows
That once she tripped on nimble toes,
While all her children's children see
How beautiful she used to be.

Or strangely in an old man's eyes
A twinkle flashes now and then
Which causes him erect to rise
To show his skill to younger men:
A ring is made, and small and big
Applaud while Grandpa does a jig.
Giving a brave, but brief display
Of splendor that has passed away.

Thus in the proper time and place
Age oft relieves its earlier days,
Youth comes once more to light the face,
And set the tired-old eyes ablaze.
A brave brief spell of joy is flung
From one who is no longer young.
An old man jigs upon the mat,
And Indian Summer seems like that!

his old commandments.

The first says that I am offering you an old LANDMARK for a WATER route into the kingdom. The second says "I am offering you a new and better way. Learn jazz and dance your way into the kingdom. My way is so broad and grand. Why, even the Devil could get back into the glory land if he were not so obstinate. If he would only lay down his malice and select one of his old choice jigs, he need not repent and all that other old-fashioned stuff, but dress it up in the latest jazz and hit the "Charleston" down by the Beautiful Gate. St. Peter would swing wide its portals and say "Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom."

Do you wonder why the world stays lost?

C. H. R.

YEAR BOOK FREE

January 15, 1926

Mr. H. L. Story,
Marshall News-Record,
Marshall, North Carolina.
My dear Mr. Story:

I have for free distribution a number of copies of the 1924 edition of the Agricultural Yearbook, published annually by the Department of Agriculture. This publication contains quite a bit of information which is useful to farmers and others interested in farm products, and upon request, I will be glad to send a copy to anyone who desires it.

I will appreciate it if you will make this announcement in your paper.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
A. L. BULWINKLE.

MARS HILL

Near the opening of the spring semester each year the two Literary Societies for men and women at Mars Hill College give their anniversary programs. The annual excellence was maintained this year in the exercises which were varied, entertaining and attended by large numbers. The Euthalian program which was rendered Saturday evening included two declamations by B. C. Steele of Florida and H. C. Hopkins of Asheville County; two orations by W. H. Plemmons of Buncombe County and Raymond Long of Gaston County; and a debate on the query: "Resolved, That Congress should have the power to nullify decisions of the Supreme Court, constitutionally conceded."

Wade Bostic of China and Tom Belcher of South Carolina upholding the affirmative, and Clarence King of Yancey County and E. F. Baker of Wake County taking the negative. Music was furnished by M. L. Keeler, Jr. of Thomasville, E. N. C. Andrews of Mt. Holly and S. C. Burgess of Statesville.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

One of the most interesting teachers meetings of the year was held at Marshall Saturday, January 16th. The Walnut High School Orchestra furnished music which was very much enjoyed. The three high schools of the county that have made music a part of the course are finding it very satisfactory and profitable this year. After the general discussions of the problems of reading in the elementary schools, and of high school problems by the high school teachers, Professor W. E. Bird, Dean of Cullowhee State Normal School addressed the teachers. In his address he pointed out many of the wonderful things that the state has done within the past decade for schools, and told of the wonderful progress the state had made. "But in spite of the gains that have been made," he stated, "we are still ranked around fortieth among the states of the Union in what we are doing for education."

He stated that the future of educational progress in the state depended largely upon the teachers of the state in making the system more clearly meet the needs of this era, and giving the children such training as will make possible the future progress of the state.

Transylvania County recently voted a tax to increase the school term of the county to at least eight months. Mr. Henderson, the county superintendent thinks that it will take a special rate of about 45c to give this length of term. This is in addition to the general rate of 65 or 70 cents. Transylvania is one of the first counties in the state to adopt by vote a county wide tax for schools. It is the first county in the western part of the state to vote such a tax. Transylvania has long been noted for its excellent school system, ranking among the leading counties in the state in its progressiveness. If Transylvania county thinks its children are entitled to the benefits of an eight month term, it seems that all the county and state ought to think likewise. The children of this county and of all the state for that matter ought to have an increased length of term. Only by such can we expect them to keep pace with the children of other sections that have the advantages of such a term.

One of the most important measures to come before the next session of the general assembly will be the proposal for a constitutional amendment giving the state a minimum school term of eight months. The measure ought to be submitted to the people for ratification. All candidates for seats in the next session of the general assembly ought to be men with vision and backbone enough to allow this matter to go to the people for a vote. The greater the vision and backbone the people can get a vote and the proposition, it will pass.

The only argument that is offered to such a proposal is that the state is too poor to finance it! It is estimated that it would take about \$3,000,000 to give all the state an eight months' term. That is \$3,000,000.00 additional to what is already being given by the state. This is a big sum of money, but when we consider that North Carolina ranks about fourth or fifth in the amount of taxes paid the Federal Government, paying a total amount of around \$165,000,000 annually this small sum sinks into insignificance. Among the agricultural states North Carolina takes about sixth place in the value of her farm crops. Yet in her crop of children it is giving them.

It is estimated that the Federal reduction of taxes this year in North Carolina will amount

to approximately \$6,000,000.00. Therefore if the state would increase its income tax rate to just one-half of this amount, it would be able to finance the two extra months of school. If the two months of school beyond the six months' term, it would enable a great many of the districts of the state to decrease the special rate voted, or enable them to provide better buildings and equipment and render better service from this standpoint.

There is no doubt but that the matter of financing the term can be done without any extra burden. It will be a matter of distributing the burden, and equalizing the opportunity.

The question "What will you do about it?" should be proposed to every candidate who aspires to represent his county or district in the next session of the General Assembly. But most of all, those who go to Raleigh from the poorer counties of the West, and the sand hills and dunes of the East should be those who will go there and fight that the children of their counties, the children of the by-ways and out of way places shall have opened to them the doors of a greater opportunity. They should be men who will have courage enough to put the burden the training the future citizens of the state upon the state as a whole, with guaranteed equality in the length of school term.

Mr. Aspirant to the Legislature, let's have your answer.

MISS EXTELLE WRIGHT GROWS STRONGER DAILY

Miracle of Recovery Is Still a
Marvel to the People of Asheville
and the Mountains

(From Charlotte Observer)
ASHEVILLE, Jan. 18.—Miss Estelle Wright of Candler, who has been an invalid for the past two years, and who suddenly recovered last Sunday night at 9 o'clock, is reported to be growing stronger each day. It was reported last Monday and caused quite a bit of interest and was hailed by some as a miracle of the olden days.

Miss Wright, who is the daughter of A. E. Wright, of Candler, and a sister of Mrs. Will Cathey, of West Asheville, had been practically helpless for over two years until last Sunday night at 9 o'clock, at which time she suddenly got up from the bed that had claimed her for two years, commenced dressing and awakened the family. The family had retired after attending to Miss Wright's wants, and their surprise bordered onto fright at seeing her walk about the house rejoicing in her recovered health.

It was reported last night that her cure was brought about by earnest and constant prayer, and that she finally brought her faith up to the point that her rejuvenation was effected. Miss Wright is a member of the Methodist church at Candler and is well known in that community as well as in parts of Asheville, and since the time of her recovery it has been the wonder of the community and has aroused quite a bit of interest in other parts of the country, and none of her friends seem to doubt her explanation it is said.

It was reported last night that Miss Wright expected to move to Asheville in the near future and commence work here. She is said to now be engaged in the housework at home, and to have been engaged since the night of her marvelous recovery from what was thought to be permanent invalidity.

Teacher—"Sammie, name the four seasons."
Sammie—"Salt, mustard, vinegar, and pepper."—Progressive Green.