

MARSHALL TO HAVE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

ELECTION LAST SATURDAY CARRIED BY SAFE MAJORITY

The election last Saturday enlarging the Marshall school district and assuring Marshall of a new high school building was carried by a safe majority. The total number registered to vote was 384; voting for the school 224; voting against the school 108; total majority over all 32.

A music recital was given at the courthouse the night before the election by Mrs. W. H. Morrow, which was given in an effort to arouse enthusiasm. Those who favored the election feel that Marshall has taken a great step forward in the matter of education by carrying this election. If managed properly this will help the town in many ways.

From Lower BIG PINE

Our Sunday school was very good Sunday, but small in number. Prayer meeting was Sunday afternoon. James Fortner conducted the service. We were glad to have him with us. We need lots of prayer at this place. Our prayer meeting would be better if it wasn't for the way some do. We want all who pray to please remember us at this place.

We are sorry to say our faithful school teacher, Mr. Wesley Hunter, has gone home. His school was out Friday, January 22. We believe if there ever was a child of God he is one. We wish him the greatest of success. We also hated to see Misses Nina Hunter and Bonada Silver

FOUR PEOPLE INJURED IN WRECK NEAR HOT SPRINGS

Broken Rail Causes Southern Freight Engine to Turn Over

About one o'clock Thursday morning engine No. 5033, drawing a long freight train, turned over about two miles east of Hot Springs, injuring the entire crew of four men, the engineer, fireman, conductor and flagman. Not any of these are said to be injured seriously.

The train was going west when

suddenly and without warning the engine turned completely over clearing itself of the track. A broken rail is given as the cause of the accident. Traffic was interrupted very little, due to fact that the engine was clear of the track and another engine had soon pulled the train off the main line. Necessary repairs were soon made so that passenger train passing Marshall at 6:43 went through about on schedule time. In turning over the engine broke the wires thus cutting off communication.

CITIZENS BANK OF MARSHALL AND HOT SPRINGS SUPPORTS GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK PROJECT

The board of director of The Citizens Bank of Marshall met Tuesday and among other business, and in keeping with its policy of encouraging public projects looking toward the improvement of the community voted to encourage the Great Smoky Mountain Park project. Present beside the cashier were Messrs. J. B. McDevitt, W. R. Sams, J. C. Fisher, W. T. Davis and E. R. Tweed. It was voted that the bank subscribe \$100 to apply on Madison county's quota for this purpose.

Tennessee, and the remainder by the people of the nation at large.

MAINTENANCE

Once the park is created by Act of Congress, funds for the improvement of the park, building of roads, rest-camps, and other conveniences for the visitors will be made available by Congress. The park, when open to the public, will be administered by the National Park Service of the Interior, which directs the other 19 national parks of the country, and the entire cost of maintenance will be borne by the federal government.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

SIZE

At least 450,000 acres of mountain land and foot-hills.

LOCATION

Approximately half in Western North Carolina and half in Eastern Tennessee, lying within the counties of Swain, Haywood and Graham in North Carolina, and Sevier, Blount and Cocke in Tennessee, and including the range of the Great Smokies from the Pigeon River on the northeast to the Little Tennessee River on the southwest.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

High range of mountains, 40 miles long, in which are 18 peaks more than 6,000 feet above sea level, and in which many of the principal power-producing rivers of Tennessee and North Carolina have their source. Variety of trees, flowers and shrubs, said by botanists to be unexampled anywhere on earth. Greatest stand of deciduous trees in Eastern America, one-quarter of the park area being covered with virgin forests, many of whose trees are more than a thousand years old.

ACQUISITION

To be purchased from present owners by funds the first million of which are to be subscribed by the people of North Carolina and

ACCESSIBILITY

Both in North Carolina and Tennessee several state highways, already open to traffic or in course of construction, lead into the proposed confines of the park. These state roads will be linked up with other highways within the park, which will be built and maintained by the federal government, thus making the park easily accessible.

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.

leave, and we hope they will all come back and see us again.

Miss Annie Mae Worley left Sunday for Black Mountain where she will go to school. We hated to see her leave. She will be greatly missed in our Sunday school. We hope she will like her school fine. She will board with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Waldroup.

Mrs. Joe Worley, Mr. Alec Worley and Mr. W. H. Roberts, Jr., were the guests of Mr. Henry Worley for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Worley were the guests of Mr. S. C. Worley and family Saturday night.

Mr. C. A. Worley and Mr. Reagan Worley took dinner with their brother-in-law, Mr. Johnnie Randall, Sunday.

Miss Blanche Worley has gone back to stay a while longer with Mrs. Johnnie Randall. We are proud to say Mrs. Randall is improving some now. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. Winston Worley spent Sunday night with his cousin, Mr. Hansard Worley.

R. V. Sprinkle's little boy, Charles, is very ill at this writing. We hope he will soon get well.

Miss Grace Rector is on Big Pine

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.

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A delightful banquet last Friday evening at the Rector hotel was served the business men of Madison county so that the matter of the Great Smoky Mountain Park could be presented and discussed. Plates had been prepared for 35 but not all were taken. Other attractions in town preventing some from attending. Three of Hot Springs' leading citizens were present and added a great deal to the success of the meeting. Mr. Bird, of the Chamber of Commerce of Asheville, was introduced by Mr. Guy Roberts, local chairman of the park campaign. Mr. Bird proved to be a very entertaining speaker and aroused considerable enthusiasm in the matter. The Asheville paper the next day

again.

Mr. S. C. Worley, Homer Worley and Mr. Killie Worley all went to Black Mountain Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Worley, Mrs. Bonnie Willis, Mrs. Vannie Worley, Mrs. Everett Worley, Mr. and Mrs. John Price and several other visited Mrs. Myrtle Sprinkles Sunday.

Mr. Edward Randle was the guest of Mr. Hansard Worley for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Kellie Worley was the guest of Mrs. Myrtle Sprinkles Sunday night.

Miss Myrtle Worley who is going to school at Walnut spent the week-end at her home.

With best wishes to the News-Record and all its readers.

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carried the following:

\$2,000 SUBSCRIBED IN MADISON CO. TO NAT'L PARK FUND

(Taken from Asheville Citizen)

Madison County has opened its campaign for raising a quota of \$2,500.00 for the establishment of a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains by securing subscriptions amounting to \$2,000 last night.

Marshall subscribed \$1,250 and Hot Springs \$750.

The remainder is to be raised over the county at large, at least \$100 of which County Superintendent O. S. Dillard hopes will be contributed by the public school children.

A matter of \$2,500 is a small amount for a whole county to pay in three years and if all would help the burden would not be hard on anybody.

MATTERS OF INTEREST ABOUT MARS HILL COLLEGE

The Trustees of Mars Hill College met in Mid-Winter Session on January 19 and spent the day in faithful study and planning as to the needs of the present and the future of the institution. Several decisions were reached while Committees will report on other matters to the Annual Meeting in May.

Professor I. N. Carr of the Department of History was elected Director of the Summer School which will be twelve weeks in length this year. The first term of six weeks will begin June 9 and close July 20, the second term extending from July 30 to September 4. Between the two summer terms The Baptist Mountain Assembly which draws hundreds from this and other states will be held, July 20-30. The purpose of the summer terms is to help high school and college students who have deficiencies to make up or who want to do advanced study with a view to completing their courses in less time. Last summer 150 earnest students attended the Summer School at Mars Hill and found it a delightful place for doing vigorous study. (The enrollment this year will doubtless be much larger.)

The trustees voted their approval of a faculty recommendation that the session of 1926-1927 open and close some three weeks later than has been the

custom for many years, conforming more nearly to the practice of other colleges in this respect.

A doctrinal statement was adopted unanimously. This statement expresses what Mars Hill believes as to the authority of the Bible and its great fundamental teachings. It is a safe and sane presentation of the beliefs of the founders, and of those now in charge, and must be acceptable to those who will manage its affairs in the future.

Plans were laid for a gradual increase of the endowment of the College. Professor A. N. Corpening being asked to give such time as he could in getting subscriptions, cash, or insurance payable to the College, no pledge or payment to be secured at the expense of the 1926 Co-operative Program. A committee was also appointed to keep the matter of needed equipment and buildings before our people.

Resolutions of appreciation of the lives and gifts of two great benefactors of the school—Jacob F. Alexander, who died in St. Petersburg, Fla., December 17, and Milo C. Treat, who died two days later in Pasadena, Cal.—were drawn by Dr. R. J. Bateman, Chairman of the Board, Dr. J. W. O'Hara of Asheville, and Mr. E. F. Watson of Burnsville.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

The special school election held at Marshall on the 23rd was carried by a large majority. There were 224 votes cast for the proposition and 108 against it. This fairly represents the sentiment of the people for better schools.

The carrying of this election will mean, we think, a great deal to the outlying districts. It will give them the advantage of an eight months' term. This will enable the districts to secure better teachers because the best teachers are going to work where the term is the longest so that they may be properly remunerated for the expenses they have incurred in preparing themselves to teach. The eight months' term will enable the children to complete the work as is planned in the state course of study. Instead of losing two months each year the child will be able to finish the elementary school and enter high school at the proper age. It will give the children in these districts the advantage of the high school at Marshall without any additional cost in the way of tuition or transportation fees.

It is planned to have several other special taxing districts formed by the board, and special taxes voted in them to equalize the educational opportunities within them. By working out over a large area this way, much can be accomplished in the way of offering better opportunities to many children who do not have them. Sentiment is favorable in the Walnut District to lay off a large boundary so as to include all the territory now served by the Walnut high school, and to equalize educational opportunities within that boundary. By such a course of procedure, much greater advantages can be offered to a larger part of the children in the county.

Group and county commencements are being planned in the group centers of the county. These contests in the group centers will be held at Mars Hill, Feb. 12th, at White Rock on Feb. 13th, Marshall on Feb. 20th.

Various contests will be held at these group center schools. Among these will be recitations, declamations, spelling, oral and silent reading, composition, dramatization, story telling, singing and athletic contests.

The winners from these groups will contest in a county commencement to be held at Marshall about the middle of March. It is hoped that as many of the schools as possible will enter their school in these contests. It will do much toward fostering school spirit throughout the county.

Indications point to an increase in attendance over last year of from 5 to 10 per cent. This in spite of the fact that the last month of school has been extremely bad on account of cold, mud, snow and rain. It is hoped that the county can make an average comparable with the state as a whole this year. To do this it will take an average of around 73 or 74 per cent. The short term schools that are closing now point to an increase of about five per cent. The larger terms show a higher per cent of increase. A good school will show an average daily attendance of at least 80 per cent.

Hot Springs boasts of the best building in the county now. This building though, not as large as some of the other buildings, is better arranged, better built, and is equipped throughout with new equipment. The people of Hot Springs have a just right to be proud of their school this year. It is hoped that this school will soon become a standard high school. It is now a school of seven teachers, six in the elementary and one in the high school department. Within two or three years there ought to be enough children in the

high school department to meet the attendance requirement for accredited rating.

Madison county cannot make a better investment right now than that of investing about \$200,000 in school plants. Such an outlay will bring untold dividends to the future county. It will give all parts of the county a chance to develop. When you see a large flourishing school in a locality, you can safely say that that section is a coming one. But whenever you run across a dilapidated school building with no school interest, you will find a community that has no prospects of development. The most progressive counties of the state today are those counties that have put most into the schools. The most backward counties are those which have spent least. Therefore, a county that hopes to make progress cannot expect to make it without educating its children. With modern high schools in every section of the county, farming would take on new life. Home life will improve. People will come in and buy homes because we have a climate that is unsurpassed. We are close to market. Our roads will improve for good roads around where we have good schools. Land values will increase. Church and social conditions will improve 100 per cent.

This has been the history of education in North Carolina during the past twenty five years. North Carolina has stepped from the bottom of the ladder in material progress to the top rungs. People twenty five years ago said that North Carolina was too poor to educate its people. But it was not. The money that has been spent in education in North Carolina has paid a 1000 per cent dividend. What it has done for the state, it will do for the county.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

"Unkle Mose, what do you do for a living?"
"Well sah, I'se connected with laundry work."
"How do you mean, connected?"
"Connected by marriage. My ole woman takes in washing."

MADISON COUNTY CLUB MET MONDAY

Visitors Invited And All Favor Community Organization

Meeting of the Madison County Club in its rooms over the Bank of French Broad last Monday evening at seven o'clock. Present were Dr. W. A. Sams, Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, Mr. John McElroy, Mr. O. S. Dillard, Rev. H. L. Smith, Mr. Jack Ramsey, J. C. Sprinkle, Mr. Earl Brintall, Mr. W. B. Ramsey, Mr. Guy Roberts, Mr. A. L. Rector, Mr. O. M. Shelton, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Fred E. Freeman, Mr. J. Cecil Ramsey, Mr. C. E. Rector and H. L. Story.

The value of such an organization to a community was discussed by Mr. H. L. Story. Mr. O. S. Dillard, Mr. Earl Brintall and Rev. H. L. Smith for the visitors and speeches along the same line were made by the following members of the club: Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, Mr. Guy Roberts, Mr. John McElroy, Mr. W. B. Ramsey, Mr. John McElroy and Mr. Eugene Rector, after which an informal discussion led to the motion that the combined club—partly a social club and partly a board of trade, be dissolved and the property now belonging to the club be sold and the proceeds after paying off indebtedness, be divided to the members of the club. It is hoped that while this is being done a chamber of commerce will be organized and that the new organization will purchase such of the furniture of the present club as it may need.