

MARSHALL WOMAN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH ON ROAD

BODY FOUND BY MR. Wm. V. FARMER AS HE WAS GOING OUT WITH MAIL

Family Searched Night Before for Mrs. Stanton in Habit of Running Away

Mrs. Polly M. Stanton, mother of Mrs. Henry ("Cub") Shelton of Marshall, was found dead on the road Tuesday morning about eight or nine o'clock, after she had been missing from her home with her daughter since the evening before. The old lady, about 72 years of age, was in the habit of leaving her daughter's home without telling the family her intentions. Time and again they have searched and found her. The neighbors have from time to time, we understand, directed her back home when she was running away, her mind not being very clear. Last Monday evening she had gone away again, and the family searched in vain until after 12 o'clock at night and gave up hope of finding her. The next morning, as Mr. Wm. V. Farmer was going out with the mail he saw the body of the dead woman on a road not much used—the Pritchard road leading from Mr. W. B. Ramsey's to the Walnut creek road. It was quite evident that the woman had frozen to death. She had taken off one of her shoes and stockings. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church and interment followed in the Gentry cemetery on Laurel.

to the operation of automobiles upon the public streets and highways of the state.

FRANK BANKS—prayer for judgment continued for a term of two years on payment of cost. The defendant is required to give bond in the sum of \$400 for his appearance at each August and February term of court showing good behavior.

CLYDE McALISTER—prayer for judgment continued for two years on payment of cost and showing good behavior.

OLLIS EDMONDS—prayer for judgment continued until April term of court upon payment of cost.

PAUL GUTERIE—prayer for judgment continued until April term of court upon payment of cost.

H. M. JOHNSON—15 months on the roads of Henderson County. All convicts were sent to Henderson County instead of Buncombe as stated last week, due to a better arrangement having been made with Henderson County.

WALLACE RAY—imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than 25 years and not more than 30 years.

TROY ANGELL and **WALTER BANKS**—prayer for judgment continued for two years during good behavior upon payment of cost.

HARLEN SHELTON—who had been sent to the State prison some years ago for manslaughter, was by order of the court, restored to citizenship upon his showing that he had been of good behavior and a law abiding citizen since 1899, at which time he was pardoned by the Governor.

LINES FOR THE OLD YEAR

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

What was it that you brought to earth
Who seemed so lovely at your birth?
High hopes of fortune and delight,
Tinged with the knowledge that you might
Have hurt and sorrow in your train—
And now for you, death's final pain.

Old year, your course was that of ours,
May saw you dancing 'mid the flowers,
As once we danced our youth away,
What matter that we longer stay?
Not all the hopes which marked our birth
Have had fruition on the earth.

Some days were bleak and cold and gray,
Some deeds of ours have brought dismay,
Joy was not always ours to know,
Some of our hopes have fallen low
And now you join death's caravan,
Sharing the destiny of man.

Man at the closing of his years
Has known both happy smiles and tears.
Failure and conquest, good and bad,
Not always brave, not always glad,
And yet he passes with the prayer,
Something of merit marks him there.

Old year, some see you at your worst,
You broke the dream they held at first,
Some call you friendly, some may sneer
And say you brought but misery here,
Yet none who ever comes to earth
Achieves the dreams which mark his birth.

BUGS AND HUMBUGS

INFLUENZA

Some time ago we said that the "common cold" was caused by an infection. Following this it is logical to discuss influenza which in many ways is hard to differentiate in its mild form from a severe cold.

The bacterium which causes influenza (the French word is LaGrippe) was first isolated in 1892. It is a very small, rod shaped bug and can only be seen by a powerful microscope after being properly stained. The onset of influenza is marked by chilliness, flushes of heat and cold, sneezing, nasal discharge, intense headache in the forehead and back of the head, often severe muscular pains, cold perspiration, cough with expectoration of a whitish tenacious mucus, chest pains and a temperature from 101 to 103. Sometimes the symptoms are mostly those of a severe vomiting and perhaps diarrhea.

The fever remains usually for three or four days then gradually but rather rapidly subsides. In many cases the cough continues for an indefinite time and catarrhal pneumonia is a common sequel. Influenza is dangerous because of the serious complications which are so likely to occur.

The predisposing factors are anything that produces debility, such as unusual fatigue or exposure, sudden chilling of some part of the body, wet feet, a previous illness and old age.

There is no place where the old adage "Haste makes waste" is more true than in the beginning of influenza. Nothing is better treatment and nothing will save more time than to immediately go to bed in a cool well ventilated room with sufficient but not too much cover. There are many different things that should determine the medicine you most need. Go to bed and call your doctor. Two or three days entirely lost from work is much better than two or three weeks half lost and the danger of serious illness and even death. Influenza is serious and often treacherous. Don't play with dynamite.

WARDENS ACTIVE IN FIRE PREPARATIONS

New Appointments Made in Preparation for Spring Fire Season in the Forests; Cooperation Solicited

In preparation for the spring fire season the Wardens are very active. C. M. Gage, County Forest Warden, has reported the appointments of J. E. Gregory, Joe, in No. 13 Township, who will take the lead in preventing fires in that Township; W. G. Price in No. 9 Township, Ward 1, will take

charge in the upper end of No. 8 and Mr. Arthur Phoenix has been appointed Warden in No. 8 Township, Ward 2, in lower end. Mr. E. L. Tweed, White Rock, has been appointed Warden in the upper end of No. 2 Township.

Mr. Gage says that the spring is the worst fire season of the year and that the help of tourist, campers, hunters and farming people are asked by the Wardens of the county and that their help will save many thousands of dollars damage to the young and growing timber in this County.

Attention is called to the fact that every little smoke in the woods may be the beginning of a big fire and it should be reported immediately to the warden or deputy warden of the district. The co-operation of every good citizen in the prevention of Forest Fire is asked by all the wardens. Every time you see a smoke in the woods PLEASE report it to some Warden or a Deputy Warden.

MR. J. C. HUTCHINS OF MARS HILL DEAD

Father of Dr. J. H. Hutchins of Marshall Was Buried Thursday Afternoon

Mr. J. C. Hutchins of Mars Hill died at his home Wednesday morning after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia. Mr. Hutchins was 64 years old and is survived by his wife and seven children as follows:

Dr. Will Hutchins, of Kingsport, Tenn.; Dr. Jim Hutchins, of Marshall; Mrs. Hodnett of East Durham; Mrs. C. F. Harrell, of Forest City; Miss Ida Lee Hutchins, Garner Hutchins and Elijah Hutchins, of Mars Hill.

The funeral was from the Mars Hill Baptist church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Owen, assisted by Rev. J. H. Stansbury.

George Washington also did not have the usual number of excuses and alibis to offer if history is correct. When given a job, he did it, and, of all his many big jobs, he loved farming best.

TIME TO PREPARE FOR SPRING WORK

Heavy spring work will soon begin on the farms of North Carolina, therefore any preparations made now will lighten the burden later on. It's a very good idea to see that the plows are in shape, that the points are sharp and all bolts are tightened, states D. S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College. Mr. Weaver states that where the disc plow is to be used, the disk bearings need to be cleaned out, the grit washed out and new cup grease put in.

"Then, too, if we are to make some needed additions to the farm build-

ings, it is a good idea to get plans for these buildings as early as possible," says Mr. Weaver. "This is a better plan than to wait until we are ready to begin construction. By having a set of plans, costly mistakes can be avoided and last minute changes made unnecessary. Sometimes better prices for materials can be secured by buying slowly in advance and not on the moment, pressed for time."

Another important matter is to clean up about the farm home. Mr. Weaver states that at the end of winter there is an accumulation of trash in and about the average farm yard. At odd times, this may be cleared away and plans made for beautifying the yard. This results in making the farm home a more pleasant place in which to live and gives the owner a pride in owning a neat appearing place.

A FINE TRIP FOR MARCH

In this issue read the advertisement of "The Land of the Sky Special." The Asheville Chamber of Commerce is putting on some fine sight seeing tours. You will miss a great opportunity if you fail to go on this trip.

J. W. WILLIS OF MARS HILL DEAD

J. W. Willis, 50, of 96 Rankin avenue, died Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Mars Hill after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Ellen Willis; one son, George Willis, of Asheville; and two daughters, Mrs. Maud Head, of the Grace section, and Mrs. T. H. Gordon, of Asheville.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Middle Fork Baptist church, near Mars Hill. Interment was in the church cemetery.

SPRING

(By LOUISE COATS, 8th grade pupil, 11 years old)

Springtime is coming
Winter will go,
The bees will be humming
And the flowers will grow.

Winter is going.
The bluebirds are here,
The jonquils are blooming,
And springtime is near.

The snow is still flying;
The March winds will blow,
But we know that when April comes
It will banish the snow.

So let's be thankful
To our Father above,
For the blessings He gives us
Through His wonderful love.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Edited by O. S. DILLARD

The Board of Education has set March 22nd as the date for opening of bids for the new high school at Marshall. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Frank B. Simpson, architect of Raleigh. The plans call for a seventeen room building, with offices, two large library and reading rooms, a large basement to be used as a play room, and an auditorium. The building will be of brick construction and modern in all details. The contract calls for the finishing of the building by September 1st.

School elections will be held in the Walnut, Madison Seminary and Number Four Townships during the early spring. Sentiment seems to be largely in favor of extending the Walnut school district. There are a great number of children who must necessarily attend these schools, yet they do not live within the special taxing districts. Therefore at the end of the six months' term of school provided by the county, the children must pay tuition and transportation charges, or stop school. If they stop school it is impossible for them to finish the work of the grade in which they have been enrolled. Some perchance are unable to pay these transportation and tuition charges, consequently they must suffer loss.

It is one of the fundamental principles of our school board that all the wealth of the county and state ought to be taxed for the benefit of all the children of the county, irrespective of their location. The matter of tuition, and other charges, is a nuisance, and ought not to be tolerated longer than elections can be held to enlarge and make uniform all our high school districts.

The people of Number Four township are very anxious to have an election called to vote funds sufficient to build a modern school in that township. Number Four township is one of the best in the county. It has the best system of roads, perhaps, of any in the county. The people are progressive, being among our best farmers and business men. Therefore, there is no reason why this township should longer put up with the school facilities that it now has. There are 550 children in this township. This is a sufficient number to run a large high school. It would be only a course of two or three years when this township would boast of as good a school as any section in the county. The people of Number Four may be counted upon to do their part when the time comes for action.

As soon as road conditions will warrant, high school facilities will be worked out for Spring Creek section of the county and White Rock. With the completion of these projects the large majority of the children of the county will be within easy reach of standard high school facilities. This will give the county seven standard high schools, each serving a large area of territory, with a sufficient number of children to give at least three full time high school teachers, and one teacher for each of the elementary grades.

The county commencement will be held at Marshall on the 26th of March. At this time all the winners of the group commencements will meet here for the final contests. More than a dozen schools will compete in these finals for the honor of being called the best school in the county. Certificates will be awarded on that date, also to all pupils in the county who have completed the work of the seventh grade. It is hoped that we will have a large crowd to see these schools take part in the various exercises.

The six months' term of all county schools has closed, possibly with two exceptions. One of the most tragic scenes being enacted in the history is that of seeing the door of the schools close at the end of a six months' term and thousand of the finest children in the world thrown out into idleness for a six months' period before the schools open again. There are two or three months during this season of the year that children cannot be of any economic use in the home. There is nothing that can be done on the farm. When will our people wake up to the great loss that is being sustained by this six months' school term? When will they see that a six months' term is not sufficient to prepare our children for life?

FROM MARS HILL

Mr. J. P. Hopkirk of New York City spoke at the morning service last Sunday. Mr. Hopkirk is Secretary of the Association of Institutions caring for Dependent and Neglected Children and is on a tour of inspection of southern orphanages. He spoke of the need of women who would take the place of mothers in these orphan homes, and paid deserved tribute to the management of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage and to Dr. M. L. Kesler, General Manager. Mr. Hopkirk also spoke of the danger and cruelty of trying to control children by fear of the dark, hobgoblins, policemen, etc. Love and confidence and trust should be awakened.

At the Sunday evening service Mr. J. R. Saunders of the Hakka Mission Field in South China spoke on the work throughout China. He used effectively many lantern slides to illustrate the work being done in schools and hospitals, and the transformation in the homes and lives of those who have accepted Christianity. The picture of one Chinese who had given more than \$200,000 to Baptist Missions in South China was shown. The Chinese make generous, self-sacrificing, and capable Christian leaders when they accept Christianity.

On invitation of the College to have part in a basketball tournament twenty-six high schools from a dozen counties sent their teams. This was held February 24 to 27, and all teams were entertained by the college.

During the first day ten teams were eliminated, some of them by the closest possible margins, as follows: Brevard High School, Spruce Pine, Mars Hill High School, Marshall, Walnut, Biltmore, Clyde, Alexander Schools, Edneyville and Barnardsville.

On Thursday and Friday the following fell short when the score was counted: Spruce Pine, Stanley-McCormick, Brevard Institute, Fruitland Institute, East Flat Rock, Sylva Collegiate Institute, Swannanoa, Waynesville, Bald Creek, and Old Fort.

Four schools remained for the semifinals: Forest City against Marion, and Sylva against Green Creek. Marion defeated Forest City 16-12; and Sylva turned back Green Creek, 35-20.

In the final game on Saturday Sylva won over Marion, 16-10, and carried home the trophy which was a silver basketball mounted on a black base, the gift of the Spaulding Company. Marion received a new basketball.

The interest in the 1927 tournament assures a great gathering next year of football enthusiasts.

For Tax Collector TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Collector, subject to the action of the Republican Primary of June 5, 1926.

Mrs. Annie Mae White