

## FILES INJUNCTION TO STOP MARSHALL SCHOOL BUILDING

### N. B. McDEVITT FILES COMPLAINT AND CALLS ON COURT TO SHOW WHY WORK ON ISLAND WALL SHOULD NOT STOP

#### MARSHALL UP IN ARMS ON SCHOOL MATTER

A complaint covering several pages of typewritten copy has been filed with the Clerk of the Court in Marshall setting forth the views of N. B. McDevitt and those who agree with him as to why the school building should not be built in Marshall and calling on the court to give them a hearing in the matter. An order is signed by Judge P. A. McElroy for a hearing before the court in Asheville April 12. The town is almost up in arms as to this matter. The faction opposing the school and responsible for the injunction has employed Mr. John H. McElroy of Marshall and a law firm of three in Asheville. The other side will doubtless be represented by Mr. Guy V. Roberts, Mr. C. B. Mashburn and Mr. J. A. Hendricks.

The injunction is not such as to stop the work on school building or wall, but simply calls on the court to show why

it should not be stopped. Meanwhile the contractors to do the building, under contract to begin work April 1 are proceeding with building operations in the Island. Material has been ordered and actual work begun on the Island. Camp Sky-Hi has been removed to be used for tools, etc., for the builders. Those favoring the school say that the work will proceed and that soon a splendid school building will grace Blannahasset Island protected from the onrush of occasional floods, that the windows of the first floor of the school building will be on a level with the windows of the court house, that a flood that would wash the school building away would carry the whole town of Marshall anyhow, and that there is no sufficient reasons to stop the work on the new building in the Island. An article signed by N. B. McDevitt, published below, gives his reasons for filing the injunction. The outcome of this legal battle will be watched with interest.

### McDEVITT'S ARTICLE EXPLAINING INJUNCTION

News-Record: Your readers and the public may be interested to know why I, through my attorneys, have asked the court to pass on the school house or Island question for Marshall and Madison County.

As a member of the Board of Education when Walnut and Mars Hill wanted to borrow some money through the Board of Education and County Commissioners from the state—I stood for them to have just what it appeared at that time they could pay back and that is what they got. I am advised and believe that Hot Springs is on the same basis as Mars Hill and Walnut. After the two boards sign up for money from the state loan fund and a district is unable to pay it back, it falls on a county as a whole to pay it and the commissioners are forced to make a levy to pay same. They can do it of their own accord or approve the Budget in an amount sufficient to pay the deficit.

Walnut, Mars Hill and Hot Springs each have a fifty cent tax rate that they voted on themselves, while Marshall only has a 30c tax rate, that might solve the question why Marshall can't pay—and it appears that Marshall has spent as much money for buildings as either of the places mentioned above.

Last year the Board of Education borrowed \$65,000.00 from the state loan fund to build a house for Marshall—why didn't we build it? For the reason we had no way of paying back the interest and principal. The two banks took this money, \$65,000.00, as treasure of the Co. and agreed to pay the interest until such time as some district would use it—Hot Springs had an election and qualified to use it, and got the majority of the money. This district had an election and increased its tax a few hundred and also took on other schools and increased its expense and still we are unable to pay back the funds and run our school as usual.

Marshall district will now have a special tax around \$7,000.00 available with which to run schools after 5

months and pay back principal and interest. But the director of finance of the State Supt. dept. says that this district, Marshall, has had the funds upon which the principal and interest for this year will approximate \$9923.00, then with nearly \$3,000.00 shortage, and it appearing that we have spent in excess of \$4,000.00 to pay teachers salaries this year for Marshall over a six month term—outside of heavy repair, music teacher, janitor coal, new and old trucks and various other expenses. It can be seen that if we proceed, the county must take the burden, besides there is 3 1-2 per cent to the contract price to pay the Architect and four additional teachers to pay next year, outside of Marshall, then if we are not going to have more teachers why build twenty rooms?

I have heard that the county commissioners have asked the State to cancel the application for the loan of \$65,000.00 they signed for the reason they were satisfied the district could not repay the loan and interest and that they did not want the tax payers of the county to pay it.

Marshall is my home at present, but I insist that our school only have the same treatment that Mars Hill Walnut, Hot Springs have had. A school house would look good, but I stand for fair play and contend that Upper Laurel and Foster Creek and the Iveys and White Rock and Spring Creek need schoolhouses and should have consideration.

Will it pay to junk a thirty-five to forty thousand building in Marshall or practically give it to some private interest at a great loss to the county, in order to build a house in the river for the county to pay for? Will it also pay to build a great wall at a great cost in or around a part of the Island to endanger property and the lives of the school children, also the Railway and the county bridge which was washed away in 1916 and the town and Island left in a wreck?

Very truly,  
N. B. McDEVITT.

### CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SHOWN IN COUNTY COMMENCEMENT HELD IN MARSHALL LAST FRIDAY

#### TEN SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY COMPETE FOR HONORS

Quite a number of people from o-

ver the county were in Marshall to attend the County Commencement exercises. It seems that the contests were between schools rather than individuals and in many instances we were unable to get the names of the pupils who represented the schools. It appears that of the 113 schools in

### THE OLD COLLEGE BELL

(These lines were penned by Dr. O. E. Sams, now President of Carson-Newman College, one cold December night thirty years after his school days on the Hill, and were inspired by the familiar old voice that rang out on the cold winter air. It is the prayer of the old students that the old bell may never be supplanting by a new modern electric apparatus that has neither music nor sentiment.)

Oh, the bell, the bell, the old college bell,  
What a medley of memories its velvet tones tell;  
Of days long gone when youth was bold,  
And boys and girls ne'er dreamed of being old.  
How they'd hurry and scurry and run pell-mell  
At the clarion call of the cruel old bell.

There was Fuller and Ed, Luther and Lew,  
Jerome, Jeter, and Jim Clouse, too;  
Yates, Jud, Harry, and Lee,  
Emmett, Carl, and old I. E.  
All left their games and came with a yell,  
At the ringing and swinging of the pesky old bell.

Houtokan, Ethel, Lizzie, and Sue,  
Were steady and studious with much to do;  
Zetta, Ida, Daisy and Pearl,  
Every one of whom an exceptional girl.  
How they came skipping and tripping from wood and dell,  
At the chiming and rhyming of the faithful old bell.

Oh, the bell, the bell, the dear old college bell,  
Its voice still lures with a magical spell.  
How we wish it could be when our work here is done,  
And old Gabriel comes to call us all home,  
He'd put aside his trumpet for a brief little spell,  
And sound out the summons by the tolling of the bell, the old college bell.

—OSCAR E. SAMs.

Carson-Newman College  
Jefferson City, Tenn.

Madison County, all but ten were eliminated in the group contests. The ten competing last Friday were Bull Creek, Bethel, California Creek, Hot Springs, Marshall, Mars Hill, Spring Creek, Seminary, Walnut and White Rock.

Superintendent Dillard, who was to have given us the facts as to what happened last Friday, had important business in Raleigh and we were unable to get the names of the people who entered the contests. From the numerous papers on his desk, we

with the assistance of Miss Eastman, his stenographer, are giving what seems to have been the report of the judges:

SINGING—  
1st PLACE—MARS HILL  
2nd PLACE—MARSHALL  
3rd PLACE—HOT SPRINGS  
STORY TELLING—  
1st PLACE—MARS HILL  
2nd PLACE—SEMINARY  
(Hard to decide)  
(Carried to last page)

### TO MY FRIENDS OF MADISON COUNTY

To those of my friends who have solicited me to make the race for sheriff of Madison County, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you one and all for the very encouraging support volunteered in my behalf but on account of my private affairs I feel that I cannot make the race at this time.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am,  
Yours very respectfully,  
J. B. McDEVITT.

## FOR SHERIFF

### TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Madison County, subject to the Republican primary to be held June 5th, 1926. If nominated and elected I will endeavor, by the help and cooperation of the good people of the county, to enforce the laws and execute the duties of this office in a fair and impartial manner. Thanking you for your support in the past and asking for your vote and influence in the coming Primary.

## WILLARD C. RECTOR

### MADISON LIGHT AND POWER OFF CONSTANTLY

#### No Relief In Sight

For the last four weeks, consecutively, the people in Marshall who use day current to operate their machinery have been deprived of such power for about a day a week on an average. Prior to this time, no record has been made of the time, but it is so uncertain that it keeps one guessing as to whether he can fulfil promises made on the assumption that current will be supplied.

For the last two weeks it has been necessary for the News-Record force to work nearly all night in order to get the paper out on time and last week it was late in spite of all we could do.

A talk with those in charge of the power at Marshall does not assure us any better service in the future and we wish to let our readers know the difficulties under which we are laboring to give them this paper. But if the News-Record were the only one affected, we might make some other arrangement or move away, but quite a number of people in Marshall use

#### MUST PAY TO TRAVEL

Six Elements of Cost in All Transportation

Whether you travel on horseback, a bicycle, a street car, in an automobile or a buggy, your transportation must include:

The purchase price, or invested capital, that provides the means of transportation.

The interest on that money.

The depreciation—nothing last forever—some day it will have to be replaced.

The upkeep—even a horse must eat, and all machinery needs a certain amount of tinkering now and then.

Insurance—it is a heedless man nowadays who does not let an insurance company take the chance instead of himself.

Taxes—nobody can dodge them.

If you will take your pencil and paper and figure out which means of transportation gives you the most for your money in dependability, convenience, comfort, safety and speed you will wonder what your city would be like without your electric railway system.

#### —PUBLIC SERVICE

#### SELLS CORN PROFITABLY BY FEEDING TO PIGS

After paying for all other feed given them, a lot of pigs under the direction of Prof. Earl H. Hostetler at the Blackland Experiment Station near Weona paid \$2.24 for all the corn eaten by them.

This corn was charged to the hogs at the local market price of 13.35 per bushel. The hogs therefore paid an actual profit of 89 cents per bushel. If the farmer who sold this corn to the Experiment Station had produced it at 75 cents per bushel, he would have made a profit of 60 cents which is 29 cents per bushel less than that made by Prof. Hostetler. The cost of feeding the hogs was less than that of handling and marketing the corn since the grain was fed to the hogs through self-feeders.

There is another fact of still greater importance to the farmers of this State, says Mr. Shay. "If the man who raised this corn had, himself, fed it to hogs as efficiently as Prof. Hostetler did, his profit per bushel would have been \$1.49 instead of 60 cents."

Many farmers are planning on speeding up their returns and increasing the profits from their surplus corn this year by hogging it down early and selling the hogs which harvest this corn during September. During that month, the price for hogs is usually at or near the highest point of the year. For this purpose, the growers will use hogs weighing from 100 to 125 pounds in late July when raised on the early maturing, early planted corn.

day current and it is to be hoped that something can be done to improve the service.

### REPUBLICANS OF MADISON COUNTY ENDORSE JACKSON

(From ASHEVILLE TIMES)  
Republicans of Madison County who held their district convention at Marshall recently, endorsed Brownlow Jackson, United States marshal, for state chairman of the Republican party; R. Kenneth Smathers, Asheville attorney, for United States Representative in Congress and Henry Robertson for State Senator, according to word received here by Dan Hill, postmaster. A motion that the convention endorse the Butler plan of representation was overwhelmingly defeated, there being only one vote cast in its favor, it was reported.

### MADISON COUNTY TO RAISE \$2750.00 FOR PARK

From The Great Smoky Mountains National Park Campaign Headquarters

Marshall, March 29, Special—The total contribution of the people of Madison County to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was raised to \$2,750 on Saturday when at a conference of the county court house here \$1,750 was pledged by a group of local men. Previously \$1,000 had been reported from Hot Springs.

The conference here was arranged by State Senator Plato D. Ebbs, of Asheville, who is district chairman of the campaign in Western North Carolina. Senator Ebbs is a native of Madison County and has many friends there.

It is expected that the county total will amount to at \$3,500 when final reports are received from Hot Springs, and when the canvass of this place is completed.

#### MAGAZINE TO DESCRIBE PARK

Asheville, March 29—Special—After more than a year's work a comprehensive article on North Carolina, stressing the beauty of Western North Carolina and the Great Smoky Mountains, will appear in the May number of the National Geographic Magazine. Information to this effect was received today at the offices of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park campaign committee.

The article has been written by Melville Chater, and will be profusely illustrated by a series of photographs that the National Geographic photographers have obtained in this section.

In view of the character of this publication, and its readers, who number among them the scientific leaders of this country and the world, the appearance of this article will be one of the outstanding accomplishments of the campaign in connection with the effort to obtain the proposed national park in the mountains of this section.

#### ONE COMPANY GIVES \$10,000.00

Knoxville, March 29—Special—The largest gift to date in the Tennessee campaign for the Great Smoky Mountains Park fund was received on Saturday from the Alex McMillan Company, local realtors, when the company's earlier pledge of \$2,500 was raised to \$10,000. The company had previously agreed to give this amount, provided that nine other persons or firms would do likewise, but when it was seen that this condition could not be met, the gift made the gift unconditional.

This gift will bring the total in Tennessee up to approximately \$515,000. Every effort is being made by the people of this state and the neighboring communities to bring the total up to \$600,000 by the end of the present week, when the final report on the campaign which this gift is making in conjunction with North Carolina must be presented to the Federal Park Commission at Washington.

Returns of \$5,000 and \$6,000 have been contributed by the school children of Knoxville, which is regarded as a remarkable tribute to the interest of the younger generation in the park project.

The latest report from the outlying districts of Eastern Tennessee, come from Sevierville, where it was announced that \$2,000 had been raised in addition to the \$1,000 previously raised in that town.