

## BOY SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED ON WEDNESDAY

(SENT BY STOCKVILLE  
CORRESPONDENT)

On Wednesday morning at eight o'clock the 9-year-old son of Mr. McMahan of Grace was shot by his cousin, Harold Haynes, 7-year-old, at the home of Arthur Haynes, his father, who is living on W. H. Evins' farm on Gentry Branch. Mr. Arthur Haynes and his wife had gone to Asheville on business, leaving the children at home. The McMahan boy, cousin to the Haynes children, had been visiting his sister, Mrs. George Whitt for several days and had been allowed to go to Mr. Haynes' to spend the night Tuesday. While playing with an older one of the Haynes boys on a bed the small boy climbed on a bed in another room and removing a shotgun from a rack above the door, which had been loaded with buckshot for the purpose of killing a groundhog, the boy not knowing the gun was loaded, and meaning to scare the other boys, put the gun partly through the half closed door and fired. The entire load of buckshot entered the McMahan boy's back, passed through his chest and a good number of the shot entered the Haynes boy who was on the bed playing with him. Help arrived soon and a Dr. John Baird was called to attend the injured boy. It was found necessary to carry him to the hospital before all the shot could be removed from his thigh. McMahan is survived by his father and mother, several brothers and sisters. Interment will be at the Rock View Cemetery Thursday, July 22.

Some farmers in Ashe County are determined to have a pure breed all in the community that they are absorbing two years' service fees in advance.

The herd sire needs to be confined to his period of usefulness may be extended and breeding dates controlled.

## PIONEER COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS ON JULY 16, 1926

The Pioneer Community Club of Madison County met at the residence of Mr. Robert Tillery, Marshall, N. C., R. No. 3, July 16, 1926. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. G. G. Roberts. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. As there was no unfinished on record, new business was in order. A motion carried to request the County Commissioners to appropriate the county's part of the money to hire a home demonstrator agent for Madison County as the club believes it would be a great benefit to County.

4. The next place of meeting to be at the residence of Mr. G. G. Roberts on Thursday after the third Sunday in August at 2:30 P. M. Come on, folks, let's have a large turnout and learn something. Mr. Oliver, the State Poultry representative, will be with us to discuss the housing, feeding and care of poultry. 5. The Program Committee for next meeting, Mrs. Robert Tillery, Clarence Eller and G. G. Roberts. We will say that we certainly had a good social meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Tillery and family and we are sure that everybody enjoyed the cake and ice cream and nice apples served by the Tillery family and also the singing of Mrs. Brintnall and her group. Announced in regular order. G. G. ROBERTS, Pres. JOHN METCALF, Sec'y.

## J. A. STAMEY DIES FROM WOUNDS

J. A. Stamey, who was carried to Asheville several days ago suffering from gunshot wounds said to have been inflicted by himself during a fit of depression brought on by continued bad health, died Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at an Asheville hospital. The remains were taken to Stockville Thursday for the funeral services and interment. Mr. Stamey had been in bad health for several months, it was stated by members of his family. A delicate operation performed in an attempt to save his life was at first thought to have been highly successful but his condition was not strong enough to withstand the shock.

## MARS HILL MAN TRIES NITRATE OF SODA EQUIPMENT

With the aid of Farm Agent Earl Brintnall of Madison County, Roy Wall of Mars Hill section, is trying out an experiment in the use of nitrate of soda on an acre of corn. The acre has been divided into quarters; one quarter is to be left without soda; another is dressed with soda at the rate of 100 pounds per acre; a third is supplied with soda at the rate of 150 pounds per acre; and the fourth quarter has received an application at the rate of 200 per acre. The nitrate of soda is being supplied by dealers for the experiment. The different section of the acre will be harvested separately in order to determine the loss or gain as a result of the treatment. This is the second experiment in the use of nitrate of soda that has been undertaken in Madison this year, the other being on the farm of R. R. Ramsey of Walnut.

## MARKING TIMBER

The principles of timber marking, as followed by the forest rangers in our national forests, are outlined in a two-reel film, "Marking Timber," recently produced by the United States Department of Agriculture. Photography for this picture was made in the beautiful Black Hills, in western South Dakota, and while the marking shown is confined to the western yellow pine of that region, the methods illustrated are applicable in large measures to forests of other types. The picture portrays the progress of a ranger through a portion of the forest that has been budgeted for sale, and illustrates with detailed scenes the various types of trees to be cut, as well as those which, for various reasons, are to be left to perpetuate the forest. Over-mature trees, diseased trees, such as those infected with canker or witch's broom, "spike tops," forked trees, and trees deadened by lightning or girdled by porcupines, are among those marked with the "U. S." blaze. Stress is laid upon the necessity for leaving a healthy, hand-picked stand of young trees to provide for future cuttings, and enough seed trees to insure re-seeding.

## REVIVAL AT NEW-BRIDGE CHURCH

Rev. J. A. Martin, of Marshall, R. F. D. No. 1, pastor of the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church, and Rev. E. S. Woodson, formerly of Marshall, R. F. D. No. 5, now of Asheville, are conducting a revival at New-Bridge church, about 3 or 4 miles this side of Asheville and about 1 mile from Beaver Lake. Mr. Martin reports a wonderful meeting, many souls receiving spiritual blessings. Top dress cotton and corn with quick acting nitrogen fertilizers before it is too late and win back the growth lost during the drought, say agronomy workers at State College.

## WHAT IS IT?

When your fly you cast in the river,  
Or slowly let it drift downstream;  
What is it that sets you a-quiver?  
Makes things seem unreal, as in a dream?  
Expectantly waiting, hoping, praying  
That a trout or bass will seize the fly;  
What does the river seem to be saying,  
Murmuring strange things as it rushes by?  
No one can tell what these strange things are;  
No one, neither he, nor you, nor I;  
We stay entranced, as if from afar  
Strange voices, striving to tell us, cry.  
There must be some cause for all of this;  
Something that makes trees grow, flowers nod;  
Something had to create and make all this;  
There is only one answer, and that is—God.  
—By Lankford Story.

## MANY PARENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY OF- FERED BY TONSIL ADENOID CLINIC

The Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic which opened in the Marshall High School building on Tuesday morning of this week promises to furnish plenty of work for those in charge as many parents are taking advantage of the opportunity to have their children's adenoids and diseased or enlarged tonsils removed at a reasonable cost. On Tuesday there were twenty-five patients and the same number on Wednesday, making a total of fifty for the first two days. The clinic will continue through Friday. A specialist, Dr. G. R. Wilson of Asheville, is performing the operations and Dr. Lois Boyd Gaw is giving the anesthetic. The following nurses are assisting in the operations and caring for the patients, all of whom, so far, are doing nicely: Miss Cora Beam, Miss Flora Ray, Miss Birdie Dunn, Miss Lucille Pegrem, Miss Fay Memory, Miss Lillie Breeze, Miss Katherine Livingstone and Miss Idell Buchan.

## SOME OF THE AD- VANTAGES OF BE- ING A SOLDIER

1. The soldier's paymaster never fails in business, or fails to pay the wages of his employees.
2. The "factory" does not shut down and lay off its employees when times are dull.
3. He never has to quit work and go "on strike."
4. He doesn't have to worry about "getting a job."
5. He doesn't lose any time because of bad weather or sickness—the pay goes on just the same.
6. He doesn't worry about the cost of clothing or of beefsteaks or of rent. No matter what the cost he gets his clothing, his three square meals a day, and a comfortable, heatful home to live in, just the same.
7. Neither does he worry about doctor's bills—Uncle Sam pays them.
8. If he wants to see the world he will sooner or later have the opportunity, on full pay and with travel expenses paid by Uncle Sam.
9. If he wants to return to civil life at the end of an enlistment, he may prepare for it by learning a trade, without loss of time or pay. With this and the discharge that testifies to good character and faithful service, his earning capacity and a ability to get a job will be greatly increased.
10. He may also expect to return a much stronger and more capable man, physically and mentally.
11. His service will take the humps out of his back, broaden his shoulders, deepen his chest, develop and train his muscles and his mind; in brief, it will make him a more capable and useful man.
12. If he desires to remain in the service, there is room at the top for

## MR. MARVIN SILVER BARELY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN COLLISION

While on his way home for dinner Monday of this week, Marvin Silver barely escaped being seriously or perhaps fatally injured when his car, a Dodge roadster, ran into a large Cadillac driven by a lady whose name we could not learn, on a sharp curve near Mr. Dewey Lisenbee's garage. It seems that owing to the extreme sharpness of the curve, neither Mr. Silver nor the driver of the other car saw each other until it was too late to avoid a collision. Ac-

## FROM WALNUT

Miss Lillie Drumheller returned to Lynchburg, Va., to take up her training course at the hospital there.

Mr. M. M. Ramsey, of Rutherfordton and Carl and Arthur Ramsey of Asheville were home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan T. Haynie and family, of Asheville, were in Walnut over the week-end visiting friends.

A large party of young folks surprised Mr. and Mrs. Sanky Brigmon and family last Monday evening and everybody enjoyed a couple of hours games and music.

Tom McDevitt and P. V. Go-forth drove to Asheville Saturday on business.

Fred Thomas spent Sunday with relatives, returning to Asheville Sunday evening. He was accompanied on his return by Miss Queen McDevitt, Miss Violet Chandler, M. r. Geo. Drumheller, Miss Lucy Fortner and Miss Myrtle Fortner.

Miss Margret McCoy of Knoxville is visiting Mrs. Ed Ramsey this week.

Miss Martha Kate and Miss Edna McFee returned today to their home in Rutherfordton, after several weeks visit with their grandmother, Mrs. M. M. Ramsey.

Ted Allen of Asheville spent his parents.

Miss Bobbie Martin returned last week from several weeks spent in Detroit. She was met in Knoxville by Mr. Claudia Taylor of Marshall, who drove her to Walnut in his fine big Willys-Knight coupe.

Mr. Ed McDermit and wife left for Baltimore Tuesday. They expect to return to Walnut in a few weeks to make their home here. Mr. McDermit is a brother of Mrs. Arthur McDevitt.

Fain Johnson is visiting his sister in Sevierville, Tenn., and will not return until just before school starts.

Saturday a double header ball game will be held in Walnut between the home team and Tusculum. The first game will be played at 10:00 A. M. and the second game at 3:00 P. M. Robert Chandler will pitch and Marvin McClure will catch for the local boys.

The County Sunday School Convention will be held in Walnut this year and the first session will be held Saturday evening.

## This news had to be omitted because of the electricity go- ing off

The man who owns as many as twelve cows should have a silo. Free building plans will be furnished by the agricultural extension service of State College.

Tom Tarkel says the only well watered stock he needs is the livestock on his own place.

This summer may be a good time to plant some Sudan grass for forage and hay, think livestock workers of State College. It appears that a drought may permanently injure the corn crop.

## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

—by—  
C. B. NEWTON  
(Continued from last week)

Various phases of the moral situation demand our attention at this time. We hear a great deal today about morals. What is morality? It is described by Locke as "the proper science and business of mankind in general." It is the universal and characteristic element in human activity. The contents which it embraces are most varied. It is that in presence of which all differences of age and country, rank and occupation, disappear, and the man himself stands forth in the true significance of his human nature. The intellectual life cannot be separated from the moral life. The whole of life is conduct and the full moral tide runs through the whole of life.

In recent articles, I have endeavored to point out some of the dangers that confront the American people today. I have no desire to deal, at all times, with the negative side of these vital problems, but I do want to present the kernel of facts in a fair and truthful manner. Prevailing moral dangers have produced an acute situation that is drawing comment from all sections of the United States. In many sections of the country, jails are overflowing. Crime is rampant. Judges are making inquiries concerning the influence of the church upon society. They are asking, What is Christianity doing to reach and convert the criminal? This is a very pertinent question. The answer does not only concern the interest of the churches but demands the attention of every person who believes in a high moral standard of living.

The manner in which the prohibition laws are being violated is notorious and disgraceful. Without discussing this at length I assert that my honest conviction is that there is too much laxity in the law. I have grave fears that we have a good many offenders who are in sympathy with the criminal and the criminal's work. The officer who knowingly refuses or fails to execute the duties of his office is a moral parasite and a menace to society.

Few people realize the extent of our peril from drugs and narcotics. The startling statement is made by Frederic A. Wallis, Commissioner of Correction of New York, that "The United States is the largest user of drugs of any nation in the world." Mr. Wallis continues: "The survey made under the direction of the United States Treasury and recently published showed that there were more than 1,000,000 addicts in this country. Some estimates go as high as 4,000,000. The annual per capita consumption of opium in Italy is one grain; in Germany, two grains; in England, three grains; in France, 4 grains; in the United States, which does not grow one poppy or coca leaf, the enormous amount of thirty-six grains per capita per annum—practically four times the combined use of these leading European nations. Even India, with its long opium antecedents, uses only twenty-seven grains per capita. It is stated that if the morphine which is derived from these thirty-six grains of opium were dispensed in the usual medical doses, of one-eighth of a grain each, it would be sufficient to keep every person in the United States under the influence of an opiate for twenty-nine consecutive days.

The moral order is afflicted with dangerous maladies. Many spots of infection are poisoning our civilization. Moral dangers due to crime and lawlessness, a million drug addicts, two hundred thousand prostitutes, eight million victims of venereal diseases, sordid commercialized amusements, the growth of obscene literature, the increase in divorce, are some of the perilous spots of infection that threaten our civilization. The problem is national and the crisis is profound. The buzz of speculation is heard both far and near. Many of our people are bound with shackles which depress them. Our moral capacities challenge us to meet these vital issues bravely and courageously. Our moral stamina forbids us to be silent until we have met our spiritual obligations and discharged our duties. When we have this done, we can be well assured of our own goal and be conscious of the fact that we have contributed in raising the morale of our civilization.

## A CORRECTION

Last week an article was published in this paper concerning the death of Mrs. Vertie Silvers. We wish to call attention to the fact that the funeral was not conducted by Rev. J. M. Pickens, as stated, but by Rev. Jesse Carr, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pickens.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during our husband and father's long illness, especially Mrs. W. T. Davis, Mrs. Floyd Harrison, Miss Mary Robertson.

MRS. ROBT. SMITH,  
CHARLIE SMITH  
MRS. C. G. PARIS.

With timely showers, spring-planted pastures will still furnish as much grazing as if there had been no drought, states S. J. Kirby, pasture specialist. He urges farmers not to plow up their pastures.