

## A VISIT TO WHITE ROCK AND THE LAUREL SECTION OF MADISON COUNTY

**Laurel Hospital A Wonderful Institution—Its Purpose and Personnel (EDITORIAL)**

As opportunity presents itself the editor of The News-Record is making a personal canvass of Madison County—meeting the people, studying conditions and becoming better acquainted with its institutions and the County as a whole. The past week we had the pleasure of visiting a part of the Laurel section, especially that part in and around White Rock and Big Laurel. We were specially impressed with fine crops of tobacco and corn and an abundance of fruit. Nature has greatly smiled on this section of the county and promises to make good in part at least, the loss sustained last year caused by the drought. The trees hang heavy with apples and the porches of many of the homes are fringed with grapevines from which hang clusters of delicious grapes, now ripe and too tempting for the writer to resist. Hospitality to strangers is a delightful characteristic of these people. They hardly feel it necessary to invite one to take grapes as they hang so plentifully as to be an invitation within themselves. We spent one night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shad Franklin, near White Rock and enjoyed the stay there very much. The next day we visited White Rock postoffice, where Mrs. M. H. Tweed is postmistress and Miss Ollie Tweed, well known in Marshall, attends to the store. From there we made a visit to the hospital at that place and found that the half had never yet been told about this institution.

**Laurel Hospital**  
We were shown over the institution by Mrs. Eva M. Locke, M. D., the physician in charge, who spared no time or trouble in showing us every nook and corner in and around the institution. Dr. Lock has been there less than a year—since November, 1925. She introduced Umdenstock, one of the nurses who has done such fine welfare work in the community. We also had the pleasure of meeting Miss Margaret Miller, also a nurse, who is a graduate of Washington State College as well as a hospital graduate. Mr. Mason Banks was also presented as a most important member of the institution, he having been farmer and orderly since 1921. Mr. Mason is a native of Madison County and has a family living there. Quite a nice farm belonging to the institution is tended by Mr. Mason. He is also electrician and general utility man.

with an immense Delta lighting system furnishing light and refrigeration.

The building is steam heated and has every convenience of the modern hospital, hot and cold water, baths on both floors, operating room with modern lighting equipment, twenty rooms including two wards, drug department and closets filled with bandages and other hospital equipment. An elevator runs from the basement to the third floor, and so far as we can see, is the last word in hospital equipment.

After seeing every part of the hospital including the farm, the kitchen, the basement and the garage, we were accompanied over to the parsonage, where we met Rev. John Wright, pastor of the Presbyterian church there, and his wife and three attractive young daughters. There we learned that this family will leave about the 15th of September to return to Nebraska, from which State they came about two years ago. The friends of this family will regret to see them leave, but they go to seek better educational advantages for the daughters, one who has graduated from the Dorland-Bell at Hot Springs.

Laurel Hospital is conducted by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

Its foundation was largely the influence of Frances L. Goodrich who was made treasurer. Dr. George H. Packard is also a well known figure as superintendent of the hospital.

From a pamphlet printed in 1920 (or soon after it was built) on which is given a picture of the buildings and their setting in the beautiful mountain scenery, we quote the following:

The Laurel Hospital was planned and built not for the usual kind of hospital work alone, but as a center of medical service for the Laurel County and for such parts of Madison and adjacent counties as its work and influence might reach.

The building was begun in the spring of 1917 and completed in 1919. The first patient was received in May, 1919.

The hospital includes under one roof dwelling quarters for a physician and his family; the same provision for four nurses; a dispensary consisting of office with a general treatment room, pharmacy, and special room for eye and ear work; a general dining room and kitchen; diet kitchen; laundry, a ward for men; one for women; one for children; private rooms; operating room with adjuncts; isolation rooms; amputation room; sun porch; a public bath and bath for alcohol therapy. The compactness of the building insures a minimum of expense in maintenance

while the unit plan provides for distinct and separate service.

Two physicians are occupied constantly with a wide territory to cover in a country where cars can be used only on the main road and where buggy and saddle are called into daily use.

The nurses work in the hospital and out on the district on alternate service; all having a share in the direct care of the sick and in the public health work of the hospital. They accompany the doctors when necessary for clinic work at distant points, for accident and confinement cases, as going alone give bedside care, prenatal instruction and make follow-up visits on discharged hospital patients and mothers and their little ones.

Special examinations and regular weighing is given school children of the nearby schools.

Public clinics are held for preventive work at suitable times and the public health officers welcome the use of the hospital for that work.

The Laurel Hospital is the only hospital in a large county where there are not cities or towns, but

many widely scattered communities, isolated mountain farms and remote coves, which only the individual service which the hospital provides could reach. Already the efficiency of this service is being recognized and people are coming long distances for treatment, often finding lodgings in the neighborhood with kinsfolk till a measure of health is assured.

### White Rock Public School Now In Session

We also visited the public school at this place, which opened its fall session August 2.

There we found a four-room building with a faculty as follows:

Mrs. Mamie Wallin of the Community, Principal, Mrs. Belle Tweed and Miss Lela Tillery of Mars Hill and Miss Geneva Byrd of Black Mountain.

We secured a regular writer of the news of this community and in the future we hope to keep our readers in touch with White Rock.

## THE DAY, THE LADY & THE TARTS

(By EDGAR A. GUEST)

One story was my father's stock of laugh provoking wit,  
One little tale he loved the best and made his favorite:  
He told it first, I now recall, when I was five years old  
And on my birthday next I know the self-same tale he told;  
I've heard it many times since then, but never with such arts  
As when he'd tell about the boy, the lady and the tarts.

The lady ran a little shop where always she displayed  
The cakes and pies and tarts and rolls which she that day had made;  
One morning to her window came a sad-faced, hungry boy,  
A lovely face where sorrow reigned instead of roguish joy;  
And there he stood and fixed those orbs where every tear drop starts,  
Like one held fast by loveliness, upon her plate of tarts.

The lady saw the eager child, and like a shot of pain  
There came the memory of a boy she'd never see again.  
So to that urchin of the streets she hurried out and said:  
"Oh, could you eat a tart, my lad?" the rascal raised his head,  
His eyes stretched wide as eyes must do when pleasure from them darts,  
"Could I eat a tart?" said he, "Yes, forty blooming tarts!"

I've heard that tale a hundred times, aye, that and many more,  
With it my father used to set the table in a roar,  
He'd chuckle as he'd roll it out, that yarn he loved so well.  
We knew as soon as he began just what it was he'd tell  
But like the love we had for him, 'tis 'graved upon our hearts,  
And memory links him with the boy, the lady and the tarts.

### WAR ON ALL TOBACCO TO BEGIN IN AUTUMN

A campaign against the sale or use of tobacco in any form is to begin in the autumn by the Anti-Cigarette League. The league plans to seek state laws prohibiting the sale and use of tobacco and advertising tobacco on billboards.

### HOW MANY STORES DO WE NEED?

The multiplicity of stores, many of which are not needed and sooner or later join the ranks of the business failures whose demise is marked by the "to let" sign, is one of the problems with which, according to the Civic Development Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, many cities are now struggling. It arises as a phase of

portion of the street frontage in a given area should be allocated to business. The problem is the same as that of the retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers who are concerned over ignorant competition and business failures. But the different angle from which it is approached should provide a valuable means of checking results.

"In one large city of the northwest, for example, it is believed that sub-business centers, outside of the downtown area, should have not more than two per cent of the street frontage of a given area. Studies made in the Los Angeles metropolitan district indicate that retail business will occupy only about five per cent of an area though from eleven to eighteen per cent has been allocated to it by the zoning regulations."

"The basic question is, of course, how many families it takes to support a store. The answer, naturally, varies with the kind of store."

## MARS HILL COLLEGE OPENS WITH CAPACITY REGISTRATION

**Dr. Livingston Johnson Delivers Opening Address**

### SOCIAL ITEMS OF THE HILL

Mars Hill College formally opened Thursday morning with a record breaking attendance. Students were registering for two or three days prior to the opening and though the registration has not been completed it was estimated that 450 students were present at the opening exercises Thursday morning. With the student body and some patrons seated, the faculty on the rostrum, the exercises began with a hymn announced by one of the twin Misses Fleetwood. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. L. Elliott, after which Prof. Moore made some announcements, for warning them of homesickness and the need to overcome such feelings, and to adjust themselves to their new surroundings and conditions. He emphasized the fact that no hazing would be tolerated.

In announcing another study for the students, it was said that a new book would soon come from the press by Dr. Walt N. Johnson, along the line that Dr. Johnson will teach—"The Economics of the Bible" or Stewardship. Dr. Johnson, whose home is now at Mars Hill, will spend only a part of his time teaching and will spend the larger portion of his time in the field, which reaches from Norfolk to Nashville.

Following several announcements from members of the faculty, Miss Thelma Fleetwood sang "Come Unto Me," accompanied at the piano by Miss Martha Biggers, head of the department of music.

### Dr. Johnson Speaks

Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, for a number of years editor of the Biblical Recorder, was then introduced and delivered a fine address, choosing a message of encouragement rather than one of exhortation or the need of education and the possibilities of this present time. As a basis of the discourse, the story as related in the 23rd Chapter of II Samuel was cited. From this and other Bible characters and experiences, Dr. Johnson spoke particularly of "Overcoming Difficulties." He mentioned as examples a few present day characters including Helen Keller. He referred to the present tendency to avoid the difficult in studies referring to the recent attitude of higher officers to eliminate from high school courses higher mathematics and Latin. He declared difficulties to be the best kind of discipline. Overcoming difficulties, physical, mental, and moral, were effectively discussed and his message was one which should be very helpful

to all who heard.

## REVIVAL AT MARS HILL TO BEGIN SEPT. 19, 1926

**DR. ZENO WALL OF SHELBY TO ASSIST THE PASTOR, REV. J. R. OWEN**

A revival is scheduled to begin at Mars Hill September 19. Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the Baptist church at Shelby, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. R. Owen.

### MARS HILL SOCIAL ITEMS

Miss Nadine Johnson from Raleigh is visiting her brother, Dr. W. N. Johnson, this week. They were also in Marshall Wednesday on business.

Miss Gladys Johnson, who graduated at Coker College in S. C. last year, is teaching in Burnsville High School this year.

Miss Louise Wilkins has returned from New York, where she has been supervisor of a girls' camp for six weeks. She is to leave Monday for Coker College, Hartsville, S. C.

The revival meeting conducted by Rev. J. H. Stansberry began Monday night at California Creek church. Large crowds have been getting to hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood, daughters, Hannah and Katherine, and son Wilson, from Hertford, N. C., have been visiting Mr. B. A. Fleetwood for the past week. On their way back they are stopping at Blowing Rock with friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tillery and daughter, Golda, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ensley and daughter, Eva, spent last Sunday in Hendersonville, N. C., with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Reese.

Messrs. L. Z. Eller, James Landers, and N. J. Runion motored to Waynesville Wednesday to attend a district Masonic meeting.

Mr. Fred Roberts and family have moved from Hot Springs over in the Smith house in order that his children may be in school at Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Joyner and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson and family have moved to Wingate, N. C., where they will be in school.

Mr. Bob Tilson and Misses Hannah and Katherine Fleetwood attended the Sparks Circus in Asheville Monday night.

Misses Katheline, Tully and Rosalee Estridge from Six Mile, S. C., are occupying a part of the Holcombe house. They will be in school this year.

All will be glad to know that Miss Katheline Elmore has returned from French Broad Hospital, after undergoing an operation.

Miss Julia Buckner has returned since having an operation for appendicitis. She is expected to be able to take up her work as teacher in a few weeks.

Miss Grace M. Riddle, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Schilling in Meridian, Miss. for the past three weeks, has returned to take up her school work.

Mrs. R. R. Riddle has been sick for the last week, but is improving slowly.

Mr. Plato Reese, who has been working for Cox engineers in Asheville, is home for a few days.

Mr. Harry Sams is home for a few days after spending the summer in Himserville, Ky. He will leave for Carson-Newman College, in a few days.

Miss Bertha Landers has gone to Jefferson City, Tenn., where she will be in school at Carson-Newman College.

Mr. Douglas Robinson left Monday to take up his work as teacher in the Burnsville High School.

Mrs. J. C. Patrick, who has been away for the summer in Alabama, returned to her home this week. Her son, Clarence, and daughter, Miss Fannie Louise, are in college here, while her younger daughter, Emily, while the younger daughter, Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Barid Burnett went to Asheville Monday.

Miss Hazel Biggerstaff has returned and is with her aunt, Mrs. Preston Stringfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood and two daughters, Miss Hannah May and Catherine, and son, Wilson, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Fleetwood, returned to their home in Hertford Wednesday.