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MARSHALL BOY'S BODY MANGLED ON RAILROAD

CALVIN DAVIS KILLED WHILE BEATING FREIGHT TRAIN

The mangled body of Calvin Davis, of Marshall, was found on the track of the Southern Railway near the station at Marshall last Friday night soon after the Southbound passenger train had passed—about 7:30 o'clock. The body was found by a colored woman, who said she saw the boy board the freight, which passed just before the passenger train. It is supposed that he was a crossing from one side of the train to the other between the freight cars and lost his foothold and dropped through to the track below, the wheels passing over the body, cutting it in two almost equal parts, the head part of the body being found some distance from the feet and legs. The fingers on one hand were also cut off. The body was taken to his home at Rollins by the crew of section men with whom Calvin worked.

Calvin, 19 years of age, is said to have been in the habit of beating freight trains from Marshall to his home at Rollins. He had left home less than an hour before he went to Marshall for a package of cigarettes. Calvin was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Davis of Marshall. These foster parents had him in their home since he was only one and a half years old, his mother having died when Calvin was only six months old. His real father, Fletcher Davis, is married again and living on Little Pine. His foster mother, Mrs. I. E. Davis, is heartbroken, he being their only son. They have only one daughter, Mrs. Flora Shelton, who lives with her parents. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Miss Lena Jarrett of Asheville and Miss May Davis of Virginia. He also leaves two half brothers, Henry Davis and Louis Davis on Little Pine.

Funeral service was Saturday at 3 o'clock at Rector's Chapel conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin, interment following in the Rector Chapel cemetery. The pallbearers were: Ervin Chandler, Frank Davis, Edward Candler, Swann Frisby, Charles Deaver and Aldin Payne.

Calvin was said to be a nice young man and liked by all who knew him.

WEAVERVILLE

"Durand of the Bad Lands," was this week's moving picture offering given at the High School under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher's Association.

Mr. J. V. Erskine was the host of a bridge party Thursday evening, January twenty-seventh. Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Love, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Weaver, Mrs. Carol Reagan, Mrs. M. E. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shope, Miss Nancy Blackstock, Mr. J. V. Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blackstock. Top score women's prize was won by Mrs. Robert Reagan. Top score men's won by Mr. Lynn Weaver. Low score prize was won by Mrs. Shope.

Weaver College's mid-year exams are over. Joy and gloom are following in their wake!

A play, "Mamma's Wild Rose," presented by some of the students of Mars Hill College will be put on at Weaver High School auditorium Friday evening, February the fourth. We are awaiting with keen interest the offering of these young people.

Mrs. J. V. Erskine and daughter, Josephine, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Annie Webb at Montreat Normal where Miss Webb is teaching.

Weaver College, by the raising of an additional fifty thousand dollars, has Duke's fifty thousand in its grasp. Great things are in store for this institution, renowned through many generations of true men and women, its purposes had outgrown its facilities in the demands of our rushing day and it is with heartfelt joy that we contemplate a means of retaining the best of the past, of grasping the most practical and spiritual of the present, of realizing a vision of the future.

Old Weaver, you who have so faithfully wrought your task through a long past, may the clatter of your looms will the sounds of less worthy enterprises and rise, a hymn of triumph, from our peaceful hills!

From WORLEY

We are having a good Sunday School at this place now, though there are lots that don't attend that could. Mrs. Henry Worley visited Mrs. Myrtle Sprinkle's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hansard Worley and Miss Nellie Price took dinner with their friend Miss Myrtle Worley Sunday.

Mr. Howard Worley is going to school at Walnut. We miss his presence on Big Pine.

Mr. Henry took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Alex Worley.

Mrs. Delia Caldwell is very ill at this writing.

Miss Myrtle Worley spent Sunday night with Misses Blanche Worley.

We are having some pretty weather at this place now.

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

Mr. Wayne Davis wasn't present at Lower Big Pine Sunday.

What has become of the writer from River Rouge. You must come again.

PRIDE AND FORMALITY

The old-time religion is scarce because pride and formality have taken on its place and it is almost gone from our nation.

Proverbs tells us "that the Lord hates a proud look," and people are not only looking proud, but are boasting of their pride. They are worshipping everything today but the true God, and have forgotten that they were created to honor and glorify Him.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—Proverbs 16:18. When a few more old-fashioned and Godly mothers and fathers parse out it will be alarming what the next generation will come to.

Our nation doesn't need more education, wealth, and worldly things invented in these modern days, for we have gone wild over these things. But we need to go back 40 or 50 years, when they had old-time splendor, religion and shouted the praises of God, and lived devoted, humble Christian lives.

"Let the women dress in modest apparel with shamefacedness" but they must keep up with society and the ungodly fashions of the day, and they also dress in men's clothing, and some do not hardly dress at all and are seen in the most public places both day and night. The Lord said through Moses, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."—Deut. 22:5.

All people, especially those who study the Bible, believe that we are living in the last days, and in Paul's writing we find these words: "This know also, that in the last days there shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves; covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the powers thereof. From such turn away."—2 Tim. 3:16.

I dare say that nine-tenths of the so-called worship today is formal, and not approved by the true God.

MALEY RICE,
Marshall, N. C.

SURPRISE WEDDING IN MARSHALL

JARVIS—REESE

Mr. Edgar H. Jarvis, of Mars Hill and Miss Gladys Reese of Mars Hill, were married in Marshall Thursday, Feb. 3, 1927, at 4 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. L. Smith of Marshall at the church. The couple left for Knoxville on the night train.

"Ethel is taking violin lessons."
"Is she? Why, the poor girl hasn't the slightest ear for music."
"I know. But she has such beautiful elbows."

SCHOOL ITEMS

By O. S. DILLARD

In last week's issue of the News-Record, we stated that we would present figures this week showing how an eight months' school term for the entire county can be financed next year without any material increase in taxes if State Superintendent Allen's recommendations are written into law. As was stated in these columns, this recommendation proposes to set aside \$200,000 out of the Equalization Fund to be used as a Stimulating Fund. His recommendation to Governor McLean is as follows:

"\$200,000 should be set aside as a stimulating fund to encourage the counties to go ahead of the standard now fixed by the State. For instance, suppose a county should now receive \$30,000 from this fund on the six months basis. If that county by a vote of the

people should go to an eight months term as a county-wide basis, add \$10,000 to the six months allotment—or follow the county up through eight months term in the same ratio that it participates in the six months fund."

Next year, this county will in all probability receive between \$35,000 and \$40,000 from the State Equalization Fund. This will be an increase of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Then if we would increase the term over the entire county from six to eight months we would receive an additional sum running between \$12,000 and \$14,000. This then would make the total that we could receive from the state approximately \$48,000 or \$50,000.

Now how may we then receive the eight months term without any great increase in taxes?

The valuation of all the property in the county is now \$10,200,000. This yields on a ninety-five cent rate net \$92,500.00. Our local tax districts net \$30,500. The two combined make \$123,000. In addition to this we will receive approximately \$26,000 from the State Equalization Fund. This makes a grand total of \$149,000 from taxes and the State. From other sources we will receive about \$10,000, making our total school funds approximately \$159,000 for the year.

Our special tax districts

District	Present Levy	Present Length Term	Proposed Levy	Term Proposed
Marshall	30c	160 days	30c	160 days
Seminary	30c	140 days	30c	160 days
White Rock	30c	145 days	30c	160 days
Bull Creek	30c	145 days	30c	160 days
Walnut	50c	160 days	30c	160 days
Beech Glen	50c	160 days	30c	160 days
California	50c	160 days	30c	160 days
Piney Grove	30c	150 days	30c	160 days
Little Pine	30c	160 days	30c	160 days
Spring Creek	30c	145 days	30c	160 days
Hot Springs	50c	160 days	30c	160 days
Doe Branch	30c	150 days	30c	160 days
Paint Rock	30c	160 days	30c	160 days
Revere	30c	140 days	30c	160 days
Ebbs Graded	30c	135 days	30c	160 days
Meadow Fork	30c	155 days	30c	160 days
Roaring Fork	30c	160 days	30c	160 days
Poplar Gap	30c	150 days	30c	160 days
Mars Hill	50c	160 days	30c	160 days
Foster Creek	30c	140 days	30c	160 days

From the above it will be seen that several of the larger districts would have a decreased tax rate, while a large number of the others would have an increased term ranging from 5 to 25 days.

All the present non-local districts would have an increased rate of 30c but would have a term two months longer. These districts contain approximately one-third of the children in the county, but only a slight margin over a fifth of the wealth. As stated above these districts cannot hope to have an eight months term of school by themselves without a rate a good larger than the proposed rate.

Allowing a 10 per cent increase in our teachers' salaries for next year in order that we may secure better teachers and more high school teachers and take care of the extra high schools that will be established, our school budget would run something like this next year:

RECEIPTS:	DISBURSEMENTS:
Six months tax \$ 93,000.00	Teachers' Salaries, 8 months \$ 132,000.00
Special 30c levy 30,500.00	Building Fund Payment 30,000.00
State six months 37,500.00	Operation and Maintenance 20,000.00
State two months 12,500.00	
Fines forfeit 3,500.00	
State Aid High School 2,000.00	
State Aid Trans. 2,500.00	
Miscellaneous 1,000.00	
	TOTAL \$182,000.00

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Under this plan we would not pay any more taxes than we are paying, but we would have a term of school of eight months and then would be able to organize our schools much better.

We hope that all school committees and others interested will give this matter study, and give us your views either through the papers or by interviews.

MARS HILL DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS FINE PLAY

MARSHALL PEOPLE DELIGHTED WITH ENTERTAINMENT

The play, "Mamma's Wild Rose," presented by the Mars Hill Dramatic Club at the Marshall School auditorium last Friday evening was a decided success. Every part was well

done and it would hardly be fair to single out one character who did the part better than another. The playing was more like that of professionals than amateurs.

This play is to be given at Weaverville tonight, Friday, Feb. 4. Don't miss it.

MARSHALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOMMENDS LOAN MARS HILL ROAD

INVITE MARS HILL AND OTHER CITIZENS TO MEETING

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the town of Marshall on the 3rd day of February, 1927, a resolution was offered favoring and recommending to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Madison, and the Road Board of the said county, to loan a sufficient fund to the Highway Commission to build and construct a Highway leading from the town of Marshall by way of Mars Hill to Coxes Bridge intersecting there with the highway leading from Asheville to Burnsville.

The resolution was unanimously adopted with the further proviso that a committee be appointed to invite the citizens of Mars Hill, commissioner Stikeleather and Surveyor Walker to meet with the Road Board of the County of Madison at their regular meeting on Tuesday after the first Monday in February in order that permanent arrangements may be made for the building and construction of said road.

The resolution included an invitation to all other citizens of the county who are interested in this road to be present at said meeting.

This resolution is not in any way to affect the order that the Board of Commissioners has heretofore made providing money and funds to build said road, but simply to endorse what has already been done and complete the arrangements.

Chairman Committee: MR. A. W. WHITEHURST, Chairman. MEMBERS: C. E. MASHBURN and W. B. RAMSEY, Committee.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

In Madison County, as in other sections of the country, there are families in needy circumstances. Some of these are cases that deserve consideration and assistance. Appeals are frequently made either by these needy ones or people interested in them. In addition to these cases there are a good many others who are in extreme impoverished conditions but who hesitate to tell this to the public.

Due to these facts and conditions, I suggest that a County Charity Commission be formed composed of three members and appointed by the Chairman of County Board of Commissioners. The work of this Commission should be voluntary. People in the County who have clothes, hats, food or money that they could do without might turn this over to the Commission. Thus, those in extreme need could apply to the Commission and said Commission should investigate the necessity and worthiness of assistance. It would then be fitting that the G. W. Fowler be appointed as the way of assistance for those who are not able to help themselves.

I should like for the public to voice their opinion or approval of this suggestion. Put yourself in the other person's place and see if you would be in position to appreciate a thing of this nature. If you think of something better, come on with your suggestion. There might be a little trouble in getting a Commission that would be interested enough in this to do the work but I am satisfied that there are several who should be glad to do it.

Yours in His service,
C. B. NEWTON

From MARION

We have been having some cold, rainy weather at this place.

The Sunday School is getting a long fine for the weather.

Messrs. J. D. Allison, Melvin Fowler Bryn-Russell went walking Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allison Jan. 28, a baby girl.

Mr. G. W. Fowler is proud of his new home on "Windy Curve."

Mrs. Dora Russell and children visited Mrs. Jone Allison.

Mrs. Helen Allison, Mrs. Flora J. Fowler visited Mrs. Mary Fowler Sunday.

Mr. Willie Allison is a proud owner of a Ford.

PARENT-TEACHERS MET TUESDAY

The Parent-Teachers Association of Marshall met at the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Quite a number of parents and some teachers were present. The first part of the program was in charge of the first grade, of which Miss Elliott is teacher. The first number was a piano selection by Elizabeth Flemmons. The second was a reading by Blanche Tweed, accompanied at the piano by Miss Bayless. A folk dance by 16 little girls, accompanied by the music teacher, Mrs. W. H. Morrow, was the next number.

The meeting was then presided over by the president, Mrs. E. E. Tweed. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Bayless.

Report from the budget committee,

was made by Mr. Guy V. Roberts. Miss Denney reported for the needs of the library.

Ways and Means Committee reported through Mrs. Earle Brintnall. It was suggested that a box supper be held four weeks from Tuesday at about 6:30 so business men will come from their work and eat at the school. Coffee and regular supper will be served.

Miss Parker will have coffee for sale. Miss Parker will also be chairman of a committee to work out a voting contest, boxes to be placed in the drug stores to receive the votes.

Miss Denney, chairman of the committee on beautifying the grounds, reported for the committee that an effort would be made to put out a little shrubbery such as laurel and rhododendron. Mr. J. A. Hendricks spoke on the value of the natural shrubbery—plenty of rhododendron. This brought on quite a discussion as to what kind of trees or shrubbery should be planted. Those joining in the discussion were Mr. Guy Roberts, Mrs. O. S. Dillard, Mrs. Wade Redmon, Mrs. R. S. Ramsey, Mr. J. A. Hendricks and others.

Mrs. Clarence Gage made a motion that lights be placed by the town authorities on the street near the approach of the bridge and on the school ground. Motion was carried. A drinking fountain for the school ground was also to be asked of the town authorities.

Votes on attendance resulted in the ninth grade winning.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Morgan Ramsey, Mrs. A. L. Plommons, Miss Bernice Ammons.

Every member of the Parent-Teacher Association is requested by the president to furnish a plate, spoon, fork, and cup—ordinary white china is all that is asked.

REFLECTIONS OF A MOUNTAIN SCHOOL TEACHER

(By JACK V. JOYCE)

I am sure most of us have now read or heard about the sickness of Prof. R. L. Moore of Mars Hill College, and I am sure that we are all distressed about it and are earnestly praying that God will restore him soon to his accustomed strength and vigor. May I be allowed to pay a small tribute to this great man of God. Have we ever stopped to think what a life of unselfishness and devotion to his work he has spent. I am not sure just how long he has been at the head of Mars Hill College but it must be about twenty-eight or twenty-nine years. He has brought Mars Hill College from an insignificant little school up to its present greatness. I think that take it all the way round I can safely say it is the leading Junior College in North Carolina and one of the leading if not the leading Junior College in the South.

Men and women have gone from Mars Hill out from under the influence of Prof. Moore into the wide world to do their share in blessing humanity. Sometimes people wonder why Mars Hill has turned out such great men and women. As one who used to attend the college may I be allowed to express my little humble opinion as to the reason. It is, I believe, the influence exercised over the student body by the man at its head, Professor R. L. Moore. If you could see him stand in front of the student body and hear him as he makes one of his quiet but nevertheless stirring chapel talks you would not hesitate long in finding an answer to the question. Why does Mars Hill College turn out such great men and women. God's blessings rest upon Prof. Moore. May he be spared a long time to guide the destinies of that great institution, Mars Hill College.

I see that there does not seem to be much chance of North Carolina getting an eight months school in every district yet a while. It seems as if certain people have the idea in their heads that the great North State is not rich enough to afford this. I think it's about time that we quit boasting about the Great North State and boasting of the fact that we are the fifth richest state in the Union. Some statisticians evidently miscalculated when they compiled their statistics about the order of the different states in material wealth. How can we harmonize the statement that we are not rich enough to afford an eight months school in every district. It is a serious charge to lay against a State, but it is one which will be laid against North Carolina some day that this State thinks more of its material wealth than it does of its intellectual wealth. I notice that the University of North Carolina is making a big fight for a lot of money. That is fine. I have nothing against the U. S. C. It is a wonderful institution, but I am interested also in the Elementary schools of the State. There is where the child lays its foundation for an intellectual structure. Are we rich enough to afford to give a heap of money to the big institution and yet not rich enough to give every child a chance to get at least an elementary education of at least eight months in the year. This is something we as citizens ought to think about. Our elementary schools practically every child in the State while the elementary schools.