

BUSINESS CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN MARSHALL NOW

Marshall is taking a change for better or worse in business. This week the Madison Hardware Company, owned by Mr. J. C. Redmon, has sold out to Mr. O. C. Rector. The hardware business will be moved from the present stand of O. C. Rector Hardware Co., to the site of the Madison Hardware Co.

FROM MARS HILL

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow and daughter, Mary, of Marshall, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ralph Morgan and niece, Dorothy Carpenter, a re visiting friends and relatives in Tryon, N. C., Landrum, Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C., for two weeks.

Miss Matha Sullinger of Fruitland Institute was the guest of Mrs. Stapleton at Melrose Dormitory last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baker and children were in Marshall Tuesday.

Rev. Ralph Morgan has been working on Enon church for some time. There are four new Sunday School rooms being added. Mr. Morgan has been pastor of this church for several years.

Miss Edith Roberts has returned to her home in Shelby after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts, the former her brother.

Ms. W. C. Anderson has returned from Winston-Salem. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Hugh A. Edwards, and small son, who will visit her for a month.

Mrs. I. N. Carr has returned from Louisville, Ky., where she attended the Southern Baptist Convention. She also visited Mammoth Cave and other points of interest in Ky.

Mrs. E. R. Elmore spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Hattie Edwards, who is working in the interest of the Mothers Aid Fund of the Baptist Orphanage, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards for a few days.

George Patrick of Asheville spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Patrick.

Mr. N. P. Anderson and son, of Wayneville, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Pete Rogers had children of Weaverville are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Leona Baid.

Born May 10 to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tilson of Sylva, a daughter, Ruby Annette.

Mrs. Tilson was before her marriage, Miss Annie Ruth Cooper.

The Mothers Club of the Sunday School met Monday afternoon, May 16, with Mrs. J. W. Huff, with the President, Mrs. B. A. Fleetwood, in charge. The devotional was led by Mrs. W. N. Johnson and Mrs. Fred Sams made an interesting talk on "Child Welfare," and then some problems of childhood were discussed by the members. Mrs. Huff served tea and cakes to the following members: Mrs. B. A. Fleetwood, Mrs. Frank Gibbs, Mrs. Fred Sams, Mrs. A. C. Hamby, Mrs. W. N. Johnson, Mrs. P. P. Harris, Mrs. E. F. Baker, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. E. C. Coates, Mrs. Lee Carter.

DANCING AGAIN

In last week's issue, a young lady, Miss Geneva Riddle by name, gave quite a lengthy article on this subject and asks some questions which it seems some should answer, on the question, "Is Dancing the Greater Sin?" It is certainly praiseworthy to ask for Bible proof as that is our guide and not the opinion of men.

The question is asked in plain terms "Is Dancing a Sin?" Jesus says "By their fruits ye shall know them," and judging by the fruits of dancing, in my fifty-five years of life, having labored as an evangelist in eighteen states; and traveled extensively over most of the United States and taught school in nine states, I have come in contact with the evil in all its phases, and believe I can speak from observation and not from guess work, as well as from a Bible standpoint.

In the Old Testament times dancing was observed as a religious exercise, men and women danced alone. In no case, together. It is safe to say if our modern dances the men and women were forced by the rules of propriety to dance alone that nothing need be said or written about the subject, as few would care to dance and dancing would die out of itself.

If we wish to see what the Bible says in regard to the evil, please read Ex. 15:20-21, 2nd Samuel 6:15, 2nd Chron. 15:25-29, Job 20:11-15, Mark 6:18-26. We find dancing used in the connection of the death of John the Baptist, and the above scriptures we learn that dancing as here mentioned was either observed as

a religious exercise in which the men and women danced alone or in classed among the sinful heathen practices or ceremonial customs, see Job 20:11-15, as to music in connection with it, music was sometimes used in the old testament times but no mention is made of it in the New Testament in any way with Christian worship. In all churches called Christians, dancing was condemned as carnal and inconsistent with the Christian profession, even the sacred books of the heathen do the same. Pagan moralist like Cicero called it indecent. Dancing was the means by which Nero corrupted Rome.

The best and most devout Christian does not want to dance, and the unconverted and backsliders are fond of dancing it is not a favorite amusement with conscientious worldly people, much less Christians. Dancing dissipates the mind corrupts the heart and sears the heart and conscience. Men do not choose to dance with themselves or even their wives or sisters. Did you ever read of Jesus attending a dance? Or do you believe he would have done so? No, indeed. The liberties taken and allowed in dancing are not and would not be allowed elsewhere and if taken under other circumstances would furnish a ground for a divorce.

Most certainly quarreling, talking about our neighbors, attending to other peoples business all belong to the same category of sin, and Christians should refrain from all of them as well as dancing. Certainly there are other sins as bad as dancing, but that does not make dancing any less a sin.

Certainly God never authorized anyone to praise Him with musical instruments, and what we do at home in the way of harmless amusement and entertainment by music in no way gives us a right to do the same thing in the house of God as an act of worship.

To judge dancing by its fruits, it can never be anything but evil, for its fruits are always evil in the end. In regard to the square dance little need be said as it has passed out, being now entirely out of date and superseded by the round dance.

Setting up exercises, our physical training exercises, as used in our schools, social games furnish ample, harmless amusement for both young and old and should be more in use than they are, without resort to dancing.

In regard to ministers preaching for a salary, "Jesus says the laborer is worthy of his hire." Paul says, "No man goeth at warfare at his own charges." See 1st Cor. 16:2; Phil. 4:10-17; 1 Cor. 9:11.

Dancing has captivated our public to our young people it is a leap in the dark. They have not the slightest idea that it is a fascinating delusion, whose end may be disastrous, spiritual and intellectual progress.

It is notable that those who become thoroughly infatuated and intoxicated with dancing in the end may lose respect for men, the sick, dead, and dying. Other forms of social gatherings may stop for a time, but dancing never! When the young or old people in any community become crazed over it, it is almost useless to attempt anything else, so paralyzing in its effects and so paralyzing in its results that the church, school and all beneficial activities must take a back seat.

Let us make no compromise with sin in any of its forms even though it may be clothed in the cloak of refinement and culture under the name of a well regulated modern dance.

SELDON C. BURNETT,
Revere, N. C.

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Dr. D. F. Seay of Englewood, Tenn., passed through Hot Springs Tuesday.

Mr. Tom Friabee motored to Asheville Wednesday.

Mr. J. E. Rector of Asheville was in Hot Springs Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buquo of Black Mountain were Hot Springs' visitors last week.

Mrs. Tom Friabee spent the week-end in Newport, Tenn.

Mr. J. M. Brown of Bluff visited Mr. Lon Brooks Saturday.

Miss Daisy Caldwell visited Mrs. C. C. Brown one day last week.

Dr. George L. Ross of Asheville was in Hot Springs Sunday.

Ell Flemmons of Fletcher passed through Hot Springs Sunday en route to Spring Creek to visit his father, T. L. Flemmons.

Mr. G. V. Russell and son, Ted, of Bluff, were in town Monday.

J. R. Gentry of Luck were in town Tuesday.

Funeral services for Mr. Dave Robertson were held Friday, the 18th, at 8 o'clock in the Hot Springs Methodist church by Rev. J. J. Gray and Rev. C. B. Newton.

The active palbearers were Ira Flemmons, O. W. Grubb, J. D. Hensley, W. T. Davis, and Joby Paris. The honorary palbearers were I. H. Garenfio, Henry Flemmons, S. W. Brown, Lon Brooks, Charles Burgin, T. B. Bufty, C. L. Stamey and J. A. Brooks.

A GOOD MAN HEARD FROM

Numerous friends will find interest in the following announcement: Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shelton, 3317 Pearl Street, P. O. Box 3135, Jacksonville, Florida, announce the arrival of a son, Monday, May 9th, 1927. The little man has been named John C. Shelton, Jr. Mrs. Shelton and little son are home now from the Hospital and doing nicely. Mr. Shelton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shelton, Sr., of Athens, Tenn., (formerly of Shelton Laurel) and is Manager of Sands & Company, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida.

BILLS PASSED BY REPRESENTATIVE McDEVITT

Copies of Bills passed in the last General Assembly by Representative McDevitt. Others will appear weekly until they are all printed in full in this newspaper.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SALE OF SHORT RATE PACKAGES OF MEAL AND FLOUR IN MADISON COUNTY AND MAKE A LAW IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAWS OF ADJOINING TERRITORY

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Chapter four hundred and thirty-six of Public Local laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three be amended in Section nine, line four, by striking out the word "and" between Gaston and Graham and inserting the words "and Madison."

Section 2. That this act shall apply only to Madison County.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with provisions of this act are hereby repealed insofar as they shall apply to Madison County.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS AND BONDS OF THE TOWN OF MARSHALL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of the town of Marshall adopted December seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, January eleventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and February eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, authorizing and selling sixty-five thousand dollars street bonds of said town and levying a special tax therefor are hereby validated and said bonds may be issued and said tax levied accordingly.

Section 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, SECTION 3794, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF ROADS, BY MAKING SAME APPLICABLE TO MADISON COUNTY

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Consolidated Statutes, Section 3794, be amended by adding the word "Madison" after the word "Macon" and before the word "Pasquotank" in line three thereof.

Section 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE, CHAPTER 243, PUBLIC-LOCAL LAWS, 1925, RELATING TO SALE OF FIREWORKS IN MADISON COUNTY

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section one, chapter two hundred and forty-three, Public-Local Laws, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "Madison" in line four of said section.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TOWN OF MARSHALL TO SELL \$25,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE TOWN OF MARSHALL

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That for the purpose of allowing the Board of Aldermen or the governing body of the town of Marshall to do certain street and road work in the said town, the said Aldermen or governing body are authorized and directed to sell not exceeding Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars of serial bonds of said town provided the sale of the said bonds is made on or before the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-

TRIAL OF BOYS POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

WHAT IS LIFE?

By Mrs. S. L. McIntosh

Human life is a subject which we all like to think on, it is to be feared that few of us sum the matter up right. Life is full of great responsibilities. No one ever yet lived to himself alone. The influences which we exert day by day over the lives of others will endure throughout eternity. We may make life what we please, and give it as much worth to others, as for ourselves, but this isn't life. The mere lapse of years is not life, it is simply existence. To eat, drink and sleep, and enjoy pleasures of this world? Life is knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, and faith. These alone awaken the full chords of life, the music that brings childhood back, the prayer that brings the future near, death which startles us with mystery, the hardships which force us to struggle, the anxiety that ends in trust—these make up the many elements of life. Life is not entirely made up of great evils, or heavy trials, but presents us with small evils, petty vexations in the due performance of which the true qualities of manhood and womanhood are brought to perfection, also to bear with the failings of those about us, with their bad judgment, their ill breeding, their perverse tempers; to endure neglect when we feel we deserve attention; these are exercises of patience and self denial, all the better because not chosen by ourselves. The great art of life is to make the best of the present whether good or bad; life has been compared with many things, perhaps a river; down the stream we voyage in a boat; it hurries us on. Our joys and griefs are left behind. We may be shipwrecked; we can not be delayed, whether rough or smooth, the river hastens to its home. At length the roar of the ocean is in our ears and our further voyage no mortal knows, and no boat ever returns. Or we may say life is a battle going on between good and evil, and how to cultivate the good side of nature is the greatest lesson to be learned in the school of human life. We lead two lives, the life within and the life without. The inside must be pure in the sight of God, whether the outside seems pure to the outside world or not. We must keep a watch against foes that never sleep. We are beset by many temptations and we must resist, and put them down or to overcome and destroyed ourselves. We have a great work to do, and it will be a dreadful failure if we come to the close of life with our work undone. We are liable at any time to be called out of time to eternity. Our life has been given us for noble deeds. How then shall we best improve it.

Section 2. That the Board of Aldermen or the governing body of the said town of Marshall, in order to proceed with the work hereinabove mentioned, may borrow money on short-time notes of said town of Marshall in anticipation of the sale of the said Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars of bonds of said town, not to exceed the amount of the said bond issue and interest.

Section 3. That this act shall in no wise conflict with the provisions of H. B. 1143, General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Section 4. If the bonds hereinbefore specified are sold before the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, a vote of the people of the town of Marshall shall not be required to validate or authorize the sale of the said bonds.

Section 5. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Section 6. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE KILLING, SELLING AND SHIPPING OF CALVES FOR VEAL IN MADISON COUNTY

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to kill, buy, sell or ship, to engage in the business of killing, buying, selling or shipping calves for veal in Madison County, under the age of twelve months, dead or alive; and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to transport, ship, or cause to be carried any calves, under the age of twelve months, out of the county of Madison, knowing that said calf or calves are being shipped or transported for the purpose of slaughtering the same for veal; except, however, this act shall not apply to Jersey cattle or other milk stock.

Section 2. That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, in the discretion of the court, for each and every offense.

Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

MARS HILL COMMENCEMENT MAY 22-27

O. MAX GARDNER AND DR. POOLE OF FURMAN TO SPEAK

May 22 to 27 will mark the commencement period for Mars Hill College, and an imposing array of speakers and elaborate exercises have been planned.

Dr. F. K. Poole, professor of Bible in Furman University, will preach the annual sermon on next Sunday. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, spoken of as the "next governor of North Carolina," will deliver the literary address on Thursday, May 26. The Rev. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lakeland, Fla., will deliver the alumni address on Friday, May 27.

The annual meeting of the alumni association, of which Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, is president, will hold its annual meeting and dinner on Thursday May 26. A large attendance is anticipated of alumni from all parts of North Carolina and from several other states.

The first session of summer school at Mars Hill will begin June 7. It will last for six weeks and the date is so fixed as to allow those attending the regular session and desiring also to attend the summer school a brief period of relaxation.

The piano recital by Gage Morrow, Moselle Wall, and Sallie Warren, of the Class of 1927, will be given at the College Auditorium, Friday, May 20th, 1927, at 8:00 o'clock. The Marshalls of this occasion are Festus Welch, Audrey Byrd, Pauline Sitton, Charles Maddy, J. E. Brown, and Ruth Barra.

Papa was deep in a book, when his wife called. "Dan, baby has swallowed the ink. Whatever shall I do?" "Write with a pencil," was the reply.

SOLICITOR BUSY WITH MURDER CASES IN ASHEVILLE

The case of the State vs two Rice boys and one King boy, charged with rape, an account of which appeared in this paper last week, has been postponed from last Wednesday until one o'clock Saturday, May 21, due to the fact that Solicitor Robert M. Wells could not be in Marshall last Wednesday. The Solicitor is having his hands full these days, Asheville having suddenly become notorious for murders and other crimes. The trial Saturday is supposed to be the completion of the preliminary hearing, begun before C. M. Gage, J. P., Wednesday of last week.

ELEVEN-CENT COTTON; FORTY-CENT MEAT

"Eleven-cent cotton and forty-cent meat"— How in the world can a poor man eat? Flour up high, cotton down low, How in the world can we raise the dough? Our clothes worn out, shoes run down Old slouch hat with a hole in the crown; Back nearly broken, fingers all sore, Cotton going down to rise no more.

Eleven-cent cotton and ten-dollar pants, Who in the devil has got a chance? We can't buy clothes, we can't buy meat, Got too much cotton and not enough to eat. Can't help each other, so what shall we do? I can't solve the problem, so it's up to you.

Eleven-cent cotton and a carload of tax, The load's too heavy for our poor backs. We've a good set of farmers, we all know well, But there's something wrong as sure as h-l. We all worked hard, we all groaned and sweat, Now we're a plum ruined and blowed-up set. No use talking, any man's beat With eleven-cent cotton and forty-cent meat.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED

"When cotton's low and eats are high The thing to do is to diversify; 'Twould be a sane and easy way To bring about a better day. With butter at 50c a pound, And cream at forty the whole year 'round Is enough to kindle a great desire To be a farm diversifier; To raise more chicks and a little less h-l. In a land where opportunities dwell; If we'd give more time to the dairy cow, And a better feed to the old brood sow We'd not worry about the price of meat. For we'd have plenty ourselves to eat, With 50c eggs and a six-bit hen, Why, oh why, will the children of men Ruin the finger and break the back Pickin' 11c cotton and dragging a sack? With corn in the crib and chicks in the yard, Meat in the smokehouse, and tubful of lard, Cream in the pitcher, honey in the mug, Butter on the table and 'lasses in the jug. Things to eat won't seem so high, For YOU'D be selling an' nothing to buy— Now kwitcher kickin', for the fault's your own, You jes' can't reap where you haven't sown."

FROM WHITE ROCK

Mr. and Mrs. George Norton made a pleasant trip to Revere Sunday to visit their daughter, Miss Carrie Norton.

Mr. Bonny Rice is the pleasant caller at Miss Siltas Franklin's.

There will be a decoration at the Elbridge Shelton graveyard on May 29th at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Luke Skiens filled his regular appointment at Middle Laurel Saturday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Mollie Britt and Miss Elvira Ramsey were visiting their sister, Mrs. Edd Stanton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baney Cantrell visited Mrs. John Griffin Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Skyles Shelton were visiting their homefolks Mr. and Mrs. Bevier Landers last week.

Mr. James Freeman is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Sophie Shelton and daughter have been visiting Mr. Jemson Tweed

FROM WALNUT (SPECIAL)

Miss Stella Dockery spent the week-end at Walnut with home folks.

Miss Grace Emasey, of Marshall, is spending a few days with Miss Pansy Chandler.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Myrtle Fortner is sick at this writing.

Miss Laura Ramsey made a business trip to Marshall.

Mr. Emmitt Ramsey, Mr. John Redmon and Mr. Banks were seen in Walnut Sunday.

Miss Edna Nae has returned home from a short visit to Hot Springs.

Mr. Frank Reid was seen in Walnut on business Sunday afternoon.