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WARNING TO POST-MASTERS AND MAIL CARRIERS OF NEWS-RECORD

Correspondence Between The News-Record and Postoffice Department at Washington

The publisher of the News-Record has had numerous complaints with reference to delay in delivery of the News-Record. He is doing all he can to find the cause of such delay. The following letters will give our readers some idea of what has been going on. If you live in Madison or Buncombe County, and do not get your News-Record before Sunday, please write The News-Record, Marshall, N. C., telling when you did get it. If the fault is with your postmaster or mail carrier, we may be able to trace it. We are anxious for our readers to have the News-Record as soon as possible after it comes from the press. If it is delayed you can help us to locate the cause of the delay by writing us and saying when you did receive the paper.

A postmaster or mail carrier who gets drunk or is careless in handling mail should be reported to the Department and his office taken from him and given to someone who will give it proper attention. And the way to get this done is for the patrons to complain. We wish to say we do not believe any of this delay originates at Marshall. We have never seen a postmaster more accommodating than Mr. Rector. He works the mail sometimes when he would not be required to do so in order that this paper may go without delay. This warning is not intended for any particular person, but simply given so as to put on the alert any who may be careless.

LETTERS AND REPLIES

May 11, 1927.
 3rd Assistant Postmaster,
 Post Office Department,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
 If this is not addressed to the proper authority, we trust that you will see that it is given proper attention. We are in need of some improvements of mail in Madison County. I am quite sure that the Postmaster here will verify what I say. This newspaper, mailed at Marshall Thursday night reaches some of the subscribers in Madison County the following Monday or Tuesday—particularly those who receive their mail via Flag Pond, Tennessee, and some of the other offices in the remote parts of the County. There is a regular bus line running from Marshall to Erwin, Tenn., which passes near Flag Pond. We are asking that you look into this matter and speed the delivery of mail from Marshall via Flag Pond.

Another change needed change is a direct mail route from Marshall to Mars Hill, a distance of only 15 miles. At present it is routed by way of Asheville where it is usually delayed. The Marshall-Mars Hill RFD routes practically join. There is also a regular bus line running from Marshall to Asheville via Mars Hill. We would like to see a direct star route from Marshall to Mars Hill, thus speeding the delivery of mail from Marshall to Mars Hill, Ivy, Waverly, Paint Fork, Faust, English, Buckner, etc. As it is now, mail leaving Marshall Friday is seldom delivered the patrons of the offices before the first of the following week. We ask that you give these matters careful consideration and investigation and advise us as soon as possible what can be done.

Very truly yours,
 The News-Record.
 May 19, 1927.
 Mr. H. L. Story,
 Editor, The News-Record,
 Marshall, North Carolina.
 My dear Sir:
 I have your letter of the 11th in-

stant setting forth that there are bus lines operating between Marshall, No. 10 Carolina, and Erwin, Tennessee and from Marshall to Mars Hill North Carolina, and suggesting that mail service be performed on such bus line in order that more direct connection may be made between Marshall and other postoffices in Madison County.

In reply I have to state that all of the offices mentioned in your communication appear to have ample mail facilities by railroad and existing star routes, and the establishment of mail service on the bus lines mentioned appears to be unnecessary.

However, if you will state definitely just what postoffice it is desired to afford additional mail facilities, the benefit which would be provided by any route you may recommend and the schedule, or schedules by which such service should be operated I shall be pleased to give careful consideration to the matter.

Respectfully yours,
 H. H. Billany,
 Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

May 21, 1927.
 Mr. H. H. Billany,
 4th Assistant Postmaster General,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
 In reply to yours of May 19, 1927, I am not concerned as to present railroad and Star Routes, but I am concerned as to the delivery of this paper to its subscribers. It is unreasonable that mail leaving Marshall Thursday night or Friday morning should be delivered the first of the following week to people in Madison County. If you have "Ample mail facilities" as you say, then we ask that your postoffice inspector investigate these matters and see why it is that the mail is so long delayed. We refer especially to mail going by way of Flag Pond, Tenn., and all around through Asheville, back into our territory via Stockville, Ivy, etc. We ask that you either have the mail delivered promptly or let us know why you cannot.

Very truly yours,
 The News-Record.
 May 26, 1927.

Mr. H. L. Story,
 Editor, The News-Record,
 Marshall, North Carolina.

My dear Sir:
 Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant with further reference to the question of establishing mail service on "bus lines operating between Marshall, North Carolina, and Erwin, Tennessee, and between Marshall and Mars Hill, North Carolina," for the purpose of affording more direct connections with postoffices in Madison County, especially in order that your paper may reach its subscribers promptly.

In reply I have to state that this matter has been given very careful consideration, but it does not appear that the Department would be warranted in incurring the additional expense which would be involved in entering into contract with the bus lines referred to for the sole purpose of somewhat advancing the comparatively small amount of local mail between the post offices in question, in view of the fact that all of such offices appear to have ample mail facilities by railroad and existing star routes.

However, as stated in my previous letter, if you will state definitely just what post offices it is desired to afford more additional mail facilities, and the postal benefit which would be provided by any route you may recommend I shall be pleased to give further careful consideration to the matter.

Respectfully yours,
 H. H. Billany,
 Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

May 28, 1927.
 H. H. Billany,
 4th Assistant Postmaster General,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
 Yours of May 26—CRL—evades the point of my letter to you of May 21. I am not interested in additional mail routes or in anything except SERVICE. Let your reply be with reference to prompt delivery of mail from Marshall through these various points.

My subscribers are continually complaining about not getting their paper promptly, and it is my purpose to publish my letters to you and your replies in order to let the people know why they do not get their papers as they should.

I do not care to take undue advantage of you and will give you ample time to investigate and report the reason why the mail is not promptly delivered. I merely suggested that these delays might be overcome by Star Routes or Bus Lines, but I am not interested at all except in SERVICE.

I ask again why it is that papers leaving Marshall Thursday night or Friday morning are not delivered to Flag Pond RFDs before the first of the following week. I am anxious to let my patrons know why.

Very truly yours,
 The News-Record.

May 19, 1927.
 Mr. H. L. Story,
 Editor, The News-Record,
 Marshall, North Carolina.
 My dear Sir:
 The receipt is acknowledged of

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MARSHALL

(By REV. SAMUEL T. HENSLEY)

I know of no town that is more highly favored than the town of Marshall, nestled in the hills of N. C. near the State line between N. C. and Tenn., eighteen miles below Asheville. No town in N. C. has greater advantages in natural resources. It is surrounded with a fine farming section, where almost anything in the way of grain, vegetables, cattle, sheep, hogs, etc., can be raised; in fact anything that is needed for food in the home can be raised. Marshall is the county seat, and naturally many people from the country come here daily, bringing with them such things as they have raised on their farms, and purchase from the business firms of the town, such things as they need in the home which they cannot raise from the farm. Naturally most of the people raise from the farm such things as they need for the support of the family, or such things as they can dispose of to purchase same. Perhaps there is no town in N. C. of its size that is more prosperous in a business line. Since the flood of 1916, many large business houses have been erected, which is a great credit to the town.

THE MARSHALL NEWS-RECORD

The writer feels that Madison County as a whole is fortunate in having as editor and publisher of the Marshall News-Record, Mr. Story who is now running the paper. I have not found many men who are editing weekly and daily papers today who are interested in every phase of the life of the community and county, but I find that he is not only interested in the editing of the paper, but I find him interested in the greatest of all the works of man, the religious life not only of his church and town but the entire county. I very greatly enjoyed having the privilege Sunday of listening to him as he taught the older women's Bible Class of his church at the Baptist Church Sunday morning. He also has a family that are interested in every department of the work. I feel that a Church, a Town, a County, is fortunate in having at the head of its paper, a man of his caliber, and I feel that if he does not already have it that he should have the most loyal support of every citizen in the county, and the publication and distribution of the paper which he publishes.

APPRECIATION

I desire to take this method to show my appreciation to the people of the town of Marshall, of all denominations, the business men of the town for closing their doors and co-operating with us in such a worthy way, while in your town in the revival meeting at the Baptist church. I have assisted a number of pastors in revivals. I desire to make this statement concerning this meeting. I have never been in a meeting where the work was better organized, for the entertainment of the pastor and where people have been more cordial than in this. I shall not forget you. Mr. J. D. Holmes of Mars Hill, N. C., led the singing in the meeting. He did it in a very fine way. He is very fine with children. He had a very fine group of children in his Junior choir in this meeting. The writer can heartily recommend him to any pastor or evangelist who may need a singer. He is not only a good congregationalist singer. He is also a fine soloist. It has been a great joy to have the privilege of coming back and laboring with you after an absence of nine years, in the revival. While it has not been what we would have liked to have seen it, I feel that it has been a blessing to have had the privilege to labor with you. I have not found a pastor who is more interested in his people, and who has had a greater yearning for the lost of the town as a whole. He is not only interested in his own people, but in all. He is worthy of the loyal support of every one of his members. We feel that the church is fortunate in having a young, energetic, conscientious man as he for its pastor, and that the town is also fortunate in having a man of his caliber located in its midst. May the blessings of the Lord dwell with every pastor and church, and member of his church, and every man and woman in the Town, and the country at large. Remember me daily in your devotions to the Lord. May God bless you all.

ANNUAL CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN MARSHALL

It is announced by officers of Madison County Sunday School Association that the annual County Sunday School Convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, in the Baptist Church, Marshall, N. C. Taking part on the program will be the following well known Sunday School workers: Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association; and Mr. W. J. Vaughn, Ashland, Ky., Former Field Secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Association. In addition to these outside speakers, several of the best known Sunday School workers in the county will have parts on the program. The convention is to be interdenominational, and workers from all Sunday Schools in the county are invited to participate in the work. The Madison County Sunday School Association under whose direction the convention is being held, is one of the units of the North Carolina S. School Association. Each of the 100 counties in the State is now organized into a County Sunday School Association. In charge of the arrangements for the convention are Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey and Miss Della Huggins, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. Those officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

Following a custom inaugurated several years ago the officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday Schools of the county.

HENDERSON MOTOR CO. SOLD-\$7,700

The Henderson Motor Co. was sold at auction here Friday, June 17, at 11 o'clock to Messrs. Oliver M. Shelton and Robt. Tweed, who will continue to operate the business at the same location. The bidding for the property was rather lively, and a good crowd attended the sale despite the rainy weather. The highest bid was \$7,700, which covered the entire stock of the company and the lease on the building in which the business is located, which will expire in 1930.

The Henderson Motor Company, one of the largest in town, has been in business for several years under the management of Clarence and Clement G. Henderson. However, the latter died last year, and his brother, who was appointed administrator of the estate, sold the property in order to settle the estate.

Mr. Shelton is connected with the Shelton-Tweed Wholesale Company, and the Coal, Feed and Lumber Co., both of this town.

The Dodge agency, which was formerly held by the Henderson Motor Co., was not sold with the other property.

Mr. Shelton has had much automobile experience, having been connected with his father, the late Fowler Shelton, of this city, in the firm of F. Shelton and Son, which was later purchased by the Service Motor Company here.

24-HOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE IN MARSHALL

Mr. J. V. Erskine and Mr. John Fox of Weaverville were in Marshall this week perfecting arrangements for all night service for the central telephone office here. Heretofore the service has been from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. This all-time service will be a great and much needed improvement. Miss May Worley has accepted the position as night operator.

For Tarheel says he is getting his "made" market ready for the summer trade.

A sentence using the word moron: "Pats said sister couldn't go out 'til she put moron."—Rice Owl.

NO MORE DANCING ARTICLES

Those who have been writing articles on dancing for the News-Record are requested not to write any more. There has been much confusion about these articles, and no more of them will be published. Please do not take the time to write any more about dancing, as it is only a waste of time.

INFLUENCE

By Mrs. S. L. McIntosh

The influence which one person has over another is oftentimes very great. We all exercise some influence. Every man or woman, however humble or feeble their power, exerts some influence over those around them either for good or evil. If this influence were all for good, how much happiness there would soon be in the world. No human being can come into the world without increasing or diminishing human happiness. Influence is exerted in varied relations of life. The influence of man and wife, of parents and child, brother and sister, teacher and pupil harmoniously blended, constitutes the home influence. It commences at our birth, and goes with us through life, clings to us in death, and reaches into the eternal world. How great! Like a deep flowing stream, it moves on in silent, but overwhelming power. It roots deep in the human heart, and spreads its branches wide. It passes down the current of life from one generation to another. The influence of home is felt as soon as the little child is able to take notice of objects around it. It does not take it long to tell its mother's face from all the rest. The impression which she is able to produce never dies. The influence of the home is very important because it is woven with childhood, and is not easily erased. Our look, our words, our actions, even our silence, speak our character. We are impressing ourselves upon others. We are breathing a silent but strong influence into many a soul which goes direct from our character. We are impressing ourselves upon others. We are breathing a silent but strong influence into many a soul which goes direct from our character. Think how many with whom we meet from year to year, then sum up the amount of influence we exert upon the world, how important it is that we should always exert good influence and shun the very appearance of evil. Where there is not any good there must surely be evil hid away back. Many a home has had its influence ruined by card parties, card games, dance parlors, or the dance hall. Parents have been blinded on the influence that goes out from their homes, and many a boy or girl has gone down to ruin on account of such influence that goes out from the home. Oh, if we could all realize how much our life means in the world, we would exert better influence. As we are the Lord's temples, we should follow the footsteps of our Saviour, then our influence and character would always be good. Christ's life was so pure and so beautiful, and he cautioned us to choose our associates. There is one class of associates we should avoid, and they are the ones that are God's enemies. We will never be benefitted by them, though we should not be his or her enemy. We should speak kindly in passing by, and pray for them, but be not misled by his rank or his wealth, his wit, or his influence. A woman's influence is the chief anchor of society, and should be a godly type purifying the world. No costly marble can build a more enduring monument to her memory than the impression she makes on her own household. Parents cannot be too careful to see that good influences are thrown around the child entrusted to their care. Parents may do all they can to develop an upright and virtuous character, and apparently in vain, and yet sometimes happens long after the parents have gone to rest, the good examples that were set before them spring up and bear fruit, so let us not be discouraged.

SPORT COLUMN

Mars Hill Takes Close One From Walnut

Wednesday afternoon marked one of the closest struggles and hardest fought battles in baseball in the Madison County League, so far. The scene was pitched with Mars Hill fighting desperately against Walnut for victory.

In the first inning Walnut invaded the camp of Mars Hill with blood in its eye, and as a result held the heretofore hard-hitting Mars Hill team to a 2-1 score.

For Walnut O. McDevitt was the big man with the willow. He hit Roberts, pitcher for Mars Hill, for three singles out of four trips to the plate.

J. Ramsey for Mars Hill singled in the 9th, thus ending the game.

The batteries for the game were: For Walnut—McDevitt & McDevitt. For Mars Hill—Roberts & Miller.

Sixty Albemarle farmers came to see the wonderful results with lime as soil fertilizer on the farm of P. H. Stevens near Liberty.