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## THREE GAME SERIES AT MARS HILL NEXT WEEK

On Sept. 5, 6, and 7, there will be a three-game series of baseball at Mars Hill between Mars Hill of the Madison County League, and Ellensboro, N. C., winners in the Rutherford County League. Ellensboro has the reputation of having a very strong team and some excellent baseball is expected. Ralph Carver, of Marshall, a star pitcher of the Madison County League, will twirl one of the games. These games are to be played on the college park at Mars Hill, starting promptly at 3:30 P. M. Admission—25c.

## SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

School at Marshall will open Monday morning at nine o'clock. The faculty this year will be as follows:

Mr. Homer Henry, principal; Miss Anne May Caddell, Home Economics; Miss Margaret E. Smith, English; Miss Lois Susom Hixon, Science; Mrs. C. M. Blankenship, History; Besseye J. Brown, Latin and French; Mr. R. R. Cole, teacher seventh grade; Miss Evelyn McPeters, sixth grade; Miss Ethel Redmon, sixth grade; Miss Marie Tweed, fifth grade; Miss Norma Ramsey, fourth grade; third grade teachers—Miss Besseye Ramsey, Miss Julia Blauvelt; Miss Ora Lee Waldrup second grade; and first grade teachers—Miss Margaret Ward, and Miss Martha Bryant.

## NEW TALC COMPANY IN MARSHALL

Although mining and manufacturing talc in Marshall is no new thing, it will, perhaps, be news to many that it is now being manufactured here, especially since the old talc plant of the Georgia Talc Company near the railroad station has been removed. The company operating is composed of Messrs. Wade H. Redmon and A. B. Silver of Marshall and Mr. Welch of Waynesville. Their talc mine is said to be a fine one on Walnut Creek, from which they have been mining for about six months.

## MARS HILL COLLEGE OPENS NEXT WEEK

Mars Hill College will open next week. Registration days will be Sept. 6 and 7. All dormitories have been filled for a month. Several changes in the faculty have been made. As usual for the last year or two, an orientation course will be given the first week. In this course the students are given a lecture each day by various members of the faculty as to the various activities of the college.

## FLYING NOT SO DANGEROUS

The danger in being an aviator is not nearly so great as it was a few years ago. A statistician in a large insurance company says the present risk, taking the air mail service as a basis, is only one death in a million flights. Of course, in the Army and Navy air services the risk is greater. There it is one death in half a million. The common impression is erroneous that every man who flies sooner or later will "get his." Orville Wright, one of the first men to go up in an airplane, is still living, hale and hearty.

A fellow bemoans that personal liberty went out when the prohibition law came in. A fellow like that is not going to have any liberty long. But his sentence will not be short.

## WATER LINE TO MARS HILL MAKING FINE PROGRESS

An abundant supply of fine, clear, sparkling, pure water is expected to be flowing into Mars Hill in less than 90 days. The contract for putting in the line was let to Kelly Wilson of Asheville. The ditch in which the pipe is to be laid has already been dug a distance of about three miles. Of course some finishing touches will be necessary before the pipe is laid, but the preliminary ditching is going forward at the rate of about 1,600 feet a day on an average. Mr. J. W. Holcombe of the California Creek

## BELIEF

Since laughter comes and laughter goes  
And all the winds of summer pass,  
When underneath drifted snows  
There sleep the violet and the rose,  
The scarlet poppy and the grass,  
Doubt you beside your window pane,  
That summertime will come again?

So cold the wind, so bleak the sky,  
So cruel is the sting of frost  
That everything which charmed the eye  
But yesterday as you walked by  
From life now seems forever lost;  
Yet do you doubt on such a day  
That there will be another May?  
When out of life the laughter goes,  
And sorrow's winds blow bleak and cold,  
And steal from lovely cheeks the rose,  
And with death's seal fair eyelids close,  
Then to your faith can you not hold?  
Have you no courage and belief  
To brave your winter-time of grief?

The barren fields shall green again  
In silent trees the birds shall nest;  
Then shall life desolate remain,  
Bleak with eternal gloom and pain?  
Are roses more than mortals blest?  
Nay so! For us who feel death's sting  
God keeps a lovelier, ampler Spring!  
—Edgar A. Guest

## WILL BREAK MODERN BRIDGE

In 1921 the North Carolina commission built several concrete bridges. The first was across the Yadkin River at Swift Island. A power and light company afterwards obtained permission to build a dam below the bridge. When this dam is completed the level of the water will be raised so high that the Swift Island bridge will be useless.

Here is a situation which appeals to engineers—a chance to test the strength of a modern concrete bridge. The bridge will be destroyed anyhow, why not let it be destroyed under the supervision of experts in order to test the strength of such a structure? Therefore it has been decided to load the bridge until it breaks. Concrete is a new bridge-building material and little is known about its actual strength in large arches. Engineers throughout the country are interested in this proposed test. Even the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads will cooperate in the undertaking.

## THE BIBLE

President Woodrow Wilson  
In this day of unrest, uncertainty, suspicion and hatreds among the peoples of the world, and the one hand; and the magnificent accomplishments being wrought in so many ways for the good of humanity through the many Christian organizations of the world, on the other hand; it is refreshing and encouraging to find the following tribute to the Bible in Woodrow Wilson's letter to the Soldiers and Sailors of the United States in 1917 from the Congressional Record, Vol. 55, Page 6041.

"The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves. Read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it. You will find it full of real men and women not only, but also of the things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always. And the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what not."

"What things make men happy—loyalty, right dealings, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think is their duty, and most of all, the wish that they might have the approval of Christ, who gave everything for them. And the things that are guaranteed to cowardice, greed and everything that is low and mean. When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God. Because you will have found it the key to your own happiness and your own duty."

Tom Tarheel says he never knew there were so many good people in the world until he went on a farm tour.

Now is the time to select your disease free Irish potato seed for next year's planting.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S PROGRESS

(The Long Beach Calif. Sun.)

The following article was sent us by Mr. Van B. Rector, son of Mr. Geo. Rector of Marshall. It appeared as an editorial in the Long Beach, Calif. Sun, and should be of interest to our readers.

North Carolina is wiping out its stigma of illiteracy. The mountain people, no longer in their proud sense of freedom and isolation resisting contacts with the inhabitants of the plains, are asking for more schools and better schools, and adults are rejoicing in their new-found ability to read and write.

In Buncombe county during the last six years more than 4,000 mature persons have received the rudiments of an education, and the county, together with the board of education of Asheville, is appropriating annually schools for old and young in the mountains.

The change was brought about by a community school director, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, who in 1919 interested herself in the problem of illiteracy among the mountaineers. Her shrewd observation and good sense taught her that education could not be thrust upon these people, but that they must be induced to seek it. Accordingly, by a cautious exercise of neighborliness, she won the confidence of a mountain community and through sympathetic suggestion persuaded them to make use of evening schools.

The work thus established has changed the entire attitude of large numbers of the mountain dwellers. Educators express the hope that illiteracy largely will disappear and the sturdy people of the mountain regions whose many fine qualities are undoubted, will form one of the most valuable elements of the state's population.

## LOCATION OF HIGHWAY NO. 20

Relocation Of Route West Of Marshall By Way Of Walnut, Important Thing For Marshall And Vicinity

The Highway Commission has made two surveys leading from the main street of the town of Marshall and intersecting with the highway beyond Walnut Creek, and near the Lee Henderson Home Place.

One of the surveys goes through the Roberts Gap, and the other survey through the Mashburn Gap, by way of the County Home, and both intersect with the highway beyond Walnut Creek near the Lee Henderson Home Place.

The survey through the Mashburn Gap is said to be about 1100 feet shorter than the survey through the Roberts Gap, and is said to be a much straighter and a much better grade than through the Roberts Gap.

And the cost of constructing the road through the Mashburn Gap is said to be much less than through the Roberts Gap.

There has been a measurement of a route leading from the main street of the town of Marshall through the Sweetwater Gap, and intersecting with the highway at or near the Lee Henderson Home Place, but there has been no survey of the road over this route, and it is said the distance is much greater, and the cost of the construction of the road would be considerably more than either of the two surveyed routes.

The people of the town of Marshall and the public generally are not interested in the development of the property along either route contemplated, but they are greatly interested in having the highway leading west from the town of Marshall located on the best and most suitable route and the route that will be permanent that will insure the town of Marshall, N. C. to be directly on the highway.

This paper is not advocating any special route, but favors the best location for the highway leading west from the town of Marshall, and is trusting the State Highway Commission to give the road the most suitable location, so as to connect the main street of the town of Marshall with the highway.

## PLEMMONS REUNION TO BE HELD AT HANNAH SPRING

On Sept. 4, 1927, there will be a Plemmons reunion at Hannah Spring, on the head of Spring Creek. All the Plemmons from different parts of the country will unite on that day, and each one will bring a basket filled with lunch.

There will be some prominent speakers from Asheville and other places at this reunion and some very good speaking is expected on that occasion.

All the relatives of the Plemmons are invited and any others whom they may desire to attend, everyone who attends to bring dinner, of course.

The time of meeting will be about 11 o'clock and dinner will be served from about 12:30 to 1:00 o'clock.

Hannah Spring is noted for its cold water and it is said that there is no colder spring in the State. The spring lacks about three degrees being as cold as ice itself, according to reports. It is also a noted spring to tourists all over the country.

## HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart, and whether uttered or unexpressed God who knows the hearts of all men knows just what we desire with all of our heart. He that knows our thoughts afar off, He who formed the sea and the dry land, He who weighs the mountains great and high, meets the waters in His hand, and spans the lofty starlit sky, He hears and will answer prayer. Peter tells us that the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open to their prayers. So when we stand and pray Jesus says be not as the heathen for they think that they are heard for their much speaking. Let us not be this way, neither as those prophets of Baal who cut themselves with stones. I have seen folks who when they would pray, pound the bench, and stomp and make a terrible noise as if God were a God afar off, or were a God who had to be awakened, or one who was hard of hearing. God still answers prayer in the good old-fashioned way when we come to Him in the right way. First we when coming to God must believe He is, and is a reward of them that seek Him, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. Our God is an intelligent God and let us remember that He is, and let us approach Him as such in an intelligent manner. Jesus said, Have faith in God. James said for us not to waver, for he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea driven and tossed, and says let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord. I wish to briefly call your attention to my text which is found in Mark 11:24. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Do you believe this? When it is rightly divided and rightly applied we must believe it. If we didn't rightly divide this scripture and apply it right, of course we would get in a hobble trying to give it the proper meaning, and be at loss to know just what was the real meaning of this scripture as well as all the other scriptures. I believe we can get the proper interpretation of this text by comparing it with another found in first John 5:14. And this is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; we must not only be conformed to His will only when praying but at all times, and when we pray only desire those things and ask for those things that are according to his will. Then the 15th verse says, And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. We may always assure ourselves that God hears and answers our prayers when we ask according to his will, and have faith to believe that God will do just what we ask of him. Our prayer may not be answered just then, as in many cases, in God's word we see that God answered in his own good time, so then let us wait patiently for the promise. Real confidence in God will cause us to do this. God's word tells us that if we regard iniquity in our hearts God will not hear us. We must be clear before God. For if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. First John 3:20-22. Just remember when you go to pray that it is not a multitude of words well framed up which may sound well to the people who hear you pray, that they may say that you are able in prayer, but prayer is the sincere desire of the heart uttered or unexpressed, and that is all that God will answer. And in conclusion, that the man who is able in prayer is the man who asks God for what he needs, and what others need in faith believing God will give him what he is asking for. And not as the Pharisee that thanked God that he was not like other men, especially that poor Pharisee.

Yours in Him,  
W. E. McFALL  
Box 86,  
Hot Springs, N. C.

## TAXES, HERE AND THERE!

Written by Ira Plemmons.

I was more than surprised at the statement of our county auditor as to the financial condition of our county as appears in the News-Record Aug. 12th. His statement shows that we are in debt the enormous sum of \$1,246,561.25 with the other two items added to this making a total of \$1,507,411.25. Really I cannot see how this can be, since our present assessment is slightly over ten millions of dollars and the Constitutional limit is supposed to be not more than ten per cent. of this limit. It is to be noted that we are now in debt more than fifteen per cent of our assessed valuation. It looks like our County boards have exceeded the speed limit, and that without authority.

The statement in regard to the school books of the Board of Education is another jolt to the solar plexus. This statement that they have deficit of an even \$50,000.00 seems impossible. The whole thing appears to me is an apology for what looks like extravagance or to say the least of it, very bad judgment; it seems to say, Now, my dear taxpayers, the thing happened and we are sorry, but please do not take it to heart or say much about it, but Dear Tax Payers, you will have to go 'way down into your pockets and furnish the long Green Back to pay this sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

View this statement as we will, it's hard to understand. It says that at the end of Mr. Henry's administration that there was only a deficit for a \$5,000.00 note and a further deficit of \$10,800.00 in the special tax districts or a sum as I add of \$15,800.00. That statement then says "That with the \$5,000.00 note which the County Commissioners assumed, there was still a deficit of \$16,000.00 dollars." I do not reconcile these two statements by an even \$200.00, but the saddest thing about the whole matter is the statement that "Insolvent land sales, etc., amounted to \$6,700.00 even. This means as I understand that this amount of taxes could not be paid by the farmers and that their land was sold and is now owned by the County, and that these farmers have given up their homes or have to rent their own homes from the County."

I want every taxpayer to study the statement of our auditor, and that of the special auditor. I noted the other day that Mayor Roberts of Asheville said to his people that they could depend on it that the budget made out would be strictly adhered to, and that any deviation from the budget would render the officials unfit to be trusted, and I agree with him. There cannot be any really good excuse to spend more than the budget calls for. Please read the last sentence of that statement and the last seven words, "And now has to make a Reckoning." The whole thing to my mind, even every dollar was spent for some good purpose, is bad, very bad judgment. This is only a partial analysis of this statement, and perhaps some time again I may say some more.

Now let us turn to conditions in the State. In the speech of Mr. A. J. Maxwell, head of the State tax commission at Lake Lure, Aug. 11, we find these astounding figures, that outside the state indebtedness the other taxing units are in debt the enormous sum of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS of dollars, and the newspapers reported added about what the state indebtedness is to this, making a total of very close to six hundred million dollars. Mr. Maxwell in analyzing says "Of this large volume of indebtedness \$1,219,174 bears interest at a rate of 4 per cent; \$1,500,000, at four and one-quarter per cent \$24,329,438 at 4 1-2; \$36,388,533 at 4 3-4; \$68,824,922 at 5; \$18,908,500 at 5 1-4; \$87,223,391 at 5 1-2; \$5,462,900 at 5 3-4; \$85,947,540 at 6 per cent. Average interest of 5.32. These figures do not include taxes for interest of \$50,000,000 of indebtedness withdrawn by notes."

Mr. Maxwell says that quite a sizable number of millions of dollars in bonds have been issued since the time he made out his figures and further says that the stream of issue and rebate is fairly constant.

It looks like now that when all the figures are finally gotten together that my estimate of a billion of dollars, is not going to be far from right, and at the average rate the yearly interest charge reaches the enormous sum fifty three million, two hundred thousand dollars. This means that it will take the value of ten counties at the same valuation as ours each year to pay the interest charges.

In other words if a close up should come in the next two years without our producing any more valuation than we at present have the bond holders would have the whole state bought and paid for.

In view of these conditions it appears to me that the stopping place of contracting debts is many millions of dollars over-reached. Can the taxpayers save their homes and pay. If we do have it one thing very certain for one class of people and that is the farmer. He is compelled to produce a very great amount more and that calls for extra sweat and blood. Lined, I just forgot to say that the amounts above quoted does not include tax grabbers that is in-

festing the public on every hand. It appears that we must get rid of about six to eight thousand office holders and economize in every way possible if we are to live and pay what we already owe.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. E. S. Morgan, president of the Sunday School Convention announces that there will be a call meeting of the S. S. group leaders, at Laurel Branch, the 2nd Sunday in September, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The group leaders are as follows:  
Group 1. Fred Jervis.  
Group 2. J. M. Ammons.  
Group 3. Robert Tweed.  
Group 4. Shad Franklin.  
Group 5. S. A. Bradley.  
Every member is urged to be present.

Mars Hill, N. C.  
August 29, 1927.  
The executive committee of the French Broad Association met at Mars Hill, Monday, August 29, at 3:00 o'clock. Among the important business transacted was the grouping of the Sunday Schools, with a leader for each group. The groups with their leaders are as follows:

- Group 1. Mars Hill, Mars Hill (Mission), Little Ivy, Middle Fork, Bethel, Paint Fork, Paint Gap, California—Leader, Fred Jervis.
- Group 2. Piney Mountain, Locust Grove, Grand View, Gabriel's Creek, Bull Creek, Laurel Branch, Long Branch—Leader, J. M. Ammons.
- Group 3. Marshall, Madison Seminary, Enon, Walnut Creek Mt. Pleasant, Caney Fork, Davis Chapel, Walnut, Hot Springs—Leader, Robert Tweed.
- Group 4. Peek's Chapel, Grape Vine, Big Laurel, Union Valley, Chapel Hill, Hopewell, Grape Vine (Mission)—Leader, Shad Franklin.
- Group 5. Ivy Ridge, Little Creek, Foster Creek, Upper Laurel, Laurel Valley, Rice Creek—Leader, S. A. Bradley.

## CHAIN GANG ARTICLE FALSE

The article in last week's News-Record, headed "MADISON COUNTY TO DISCUSS 'CHAIN GANG,'" is absolutely false. This article was taken from and credited to The Asheville Citizen, as can be seen by reading the article. Mr. J. Hubert Davis telephoned us last Friday stating that the article was false, that he had not heard it discussed at all in court, and that it was not a matter for the court to decide at all, that it was up to the County Commissioners to decide this question.

We are sorry this article was false, but are glad that it was not the fault of the News-Record, but of the Marshall reporter to the Asheville Citizen.

## ATTENDS REVIVAL

"Professor" P. C. Crawford, age 70 years, wishes us to say to our readers that he has attended the following revivals in the past year: Georgetown, 2 weeks; Caney Fork, 2 weeks; Sliding Knob, 2 weeks; Robertson Chapel, 2 weeks; Arnell Plains, 3 weeks; North Canton, 2 weeks; East Canton, 2 weeks; West Canton, 1 week; Liberty, 2 weeks; Richland Waynesville, 2 weeks; Barberville, 2 weeks; Sonook, 2 weeks; Balsam Gap, 2 weeks; Silva, 1 week; Piney Grove, 2 weeks; River Side, West Asheville, 2 weeks; Hendersonville, 3 weeks; Locust Grove, 2 weeks.

## COMING!

FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY, SEPT. 2nd there will be shown at the PRINCESS THEATRE, Marshall, N. C.—  
"FLASHES OF ACTION"  
OFFICIAL U. S. GOVERNMENT FILM OF THE WORLD WAR.  
Uncle Sam's camera story of the great conflict from training camp to the trenches and "Over the Top."

Taken while the battles were raging. Actually showing our boys in five big battles including Chateau-Thierry, the turning point of the war, to the Hindenburg Line and the watch on the Rhine.

There is not one foot of false film, no actors, no directors, no scenario-writers were used. Just the real war itself as it was fought on the battle fields of France.

This official movie film shows in action every death dealing instrument of war used by the Yanks and you will see tanks in action, submarine attacks, German planes brought down, long range guns in action, capturing German prisoners, and old glory waving over the Kaiser's headquarters. See the true story of the World's War that Uncle Sam's boys made for you!

In addition to the War Film a Good Comedy Will Be Shown. Don't forget—the Princess Theatre Friday night, Sept. 2nd.

B. F. Worley of Cerro Gordo says he would not take \$1,000.00 an acre for his permanent pasture if he could not get another.

## WANTED!

ALL OLD-TIME FIDDLERS IN MADISON COUNTY, TO SEE THE MANAGER OF THE THEATRE AT MARSHALL ONCE, FOR A BIG PRIZE!!  
COME IN TO SEE THE MANAGER SATURDAY.

Now is the time to cull out those "boarder" hens and keep only the best layers for winter eggs and breeding, advise poultry specialists at State College.