

## SCHOOL AT MARSHALL HAS FINE OPENING

### AUDITORIUM ALMOST FILLED WITH PUPILS

The Marshall school started off in fine shape Monday morning with pupils enrolled. The auditorium, which seats about one thousand, was to a large extent filled with pupils. Some 25 or 30 parents were present to witness the opening. Prof. Henry, the principal, called on Rev. C. B. Newton to conduct the devotional exercises. After some timely remarks to the people by Prof. Henry, the lower grades were dismissed, while the higher grades were asked to go forward and meet with the visitors. Prof. Henry then called on various ones to speak. Mrs. E. R. Tweed spoke in favor of the P. T. A. Mr. A. W. Whitehurst spoke about athletics. The Editor spoke on the cooperation of the school and the newspaper, and after some further remarks by Supt. Henry, the school settled down to work.

## PLEMMONS FAMILY REUNION

### TWO BROTHERS HAVE FORTY-FIVE CHILDREN

The largest family reunion the publisher of this paper ever attended was that Sunday, September 4, 1927, on the road leading through Spring Creek from Hot Springs to Lake Junaluska.

The gathering was on the mountain about two miles above the Luck postoffice at Hamah Spring, one that would be hard to create such an abundant supply of almost ice-cold water. As announced in the papers, the people gathered about eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Every family was supposed to bring dinner and at the right time there was spread on cloths on the side of the mountain, an abundance of food consisting of fried chicken, lamb, beef, bread, rolls, slaw, salad, cakes, pies, custards, pickles, water melons, lemonade, etc. We had expected to see 25 or 30 people, possibly 50, but to our surprise the side of the mountain was partly covered with people. We would estimate the crowd to number about three or four hundred. At about eleven o'clock quite a number were seated on the grass while as many more stood around, while various members of the family and others spoke. The first speaker was Esquire Jasper Ebbs, who was connected with the Plemmons family. He spoke for some time, going into the history of the Plemmons family from the time the great-grandfather of some of the older ones there first settled in that part of the County. He told of the hardships they underwent, their poor opportunities for an education, and how they struggled on to bring up their families always standing for the best interests of the community. It was brought out by more than one speaker that not any of the Plemmons family had ever been convicted of serious crime in the County and one speaker offered ten dollars if someone would name a Plemmons who had ever served on the chain gang. And this fact is not due to barrenness on the part of the Plemmons family. On the other hand they have obeyed the injunction, "Be fruitful and replenish the earth." When one looked at the crowd present and understood that at least three-fourths of the number were either Plemmons or connected in some way either by blood or marriage to the Plemmons family. The productivity of the family was further emphasized when Mr. Joe Plemmons, postmaster at Luck for 32 years, stood part of his sons in a row and announced that he was the father of 21 children, having been married twice, and that his brother was the father of 24 children making a total of 45 children for the two men.

When Mr. Ebbs had finished speaking, he called on Editor Story of the News-Record, who had been invited to attend. After expatiating on the beauties of the mountains especially in that section of Madison County and felicitating with the Plemmons family on their road as record as related by Mr. Ebbs and demonstrated by the attendance, a few remarks were made on the value and making of a name in the world, the meaning of a home and family and three words closely akin to these—Love, Courtship, Marriage, stressing particularly the importance of care and wisdom and deliberation in entering the marriage relationship—the beginning of a home and family—the bulwark of society. Following this, different members of the Plemmons family were called on to speak and it was soon found that the Plemmons people are justly proud of their name and that they are not embarrassed when called on to speak in public. Good speeches were made by Messrs. Malley Plemmons, T. L. Plemmons, Joe Plemmons, John P. Plemmons, W. B. Plemmons, J. C. Cogdill (connected by marriage) Solomon Plemmons, and J. T. Plemmons. One of the important matters mentioned by the speakers is the building of a road across Doggett Mountain. This seems to be an assured road at some time in the future, but the people are anxious to see it hastened.

By this time it was considerably past one o'clock and the dinner was spread, which all enjoyed. One of the attractive features of the dinner was a beautifully ornamental cake on which were the words: "Plemmons Reunion, Sept. 5, 1927," which was designed and made by Mrs. Millard Plemmons of Asheville. Following the dinner several selections were rendered by the Spring Creek male quartette, composed of Messrs. Vanson Plemmons, Monroe Webb, Edgar Justice, and Ballard Webb. Other selections were rendered by the Luck Chapel choir, Mr. Solomon Plemmons leading. A brother and two sisters of Mr. Joe Plemmons of Luck, who attended were Mr. John P. Plemmons of Marion, N. C., Mrs. Laura Haney, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Cynthia Reese of Greenville, S. C. About three o'clock the crowd broke up and left for their various homes, having had a most delightful reunion.

## LEICESTER ITEMS

A large number of Leicester boys and girls will enter various colleges and schools within the next few days. Messrs. Wade Roberts, Harold Ford, Homer Davis, John and Bill Weaver, and James Reeves will enter the University of N. C.; Misses Ruby Reynolds, Mattie Ella Wells, Alberta Roberts and Evelyn Reeves will enter the N. C. C. W. at Greensboro; Misses Mae Rogers, Mildred and Edith Hayes, Bonnie Rogers, Glenn Davis and Bill Reeves will enter Mars Hill; Misses Merkle Sluder and Edna Gillespie will enter the Asheville Normal, and Miss Della Brown, Cullowhee State Normal.

Miss Mayme Garrett of Sandy Mush was in Leicester this week-end. Misses Ruth Gillespie and Wynna Carver spent last Monday night as the guest of Miss Edna Gillespie of Turkey Creek.

Miss Ruby Kuykendall, a member of the Leicester faculty, spent last week-end with her parents at Grace. Miss Ethel Cassada and Miss Merkle Sluder spent the week-end in Asheville.

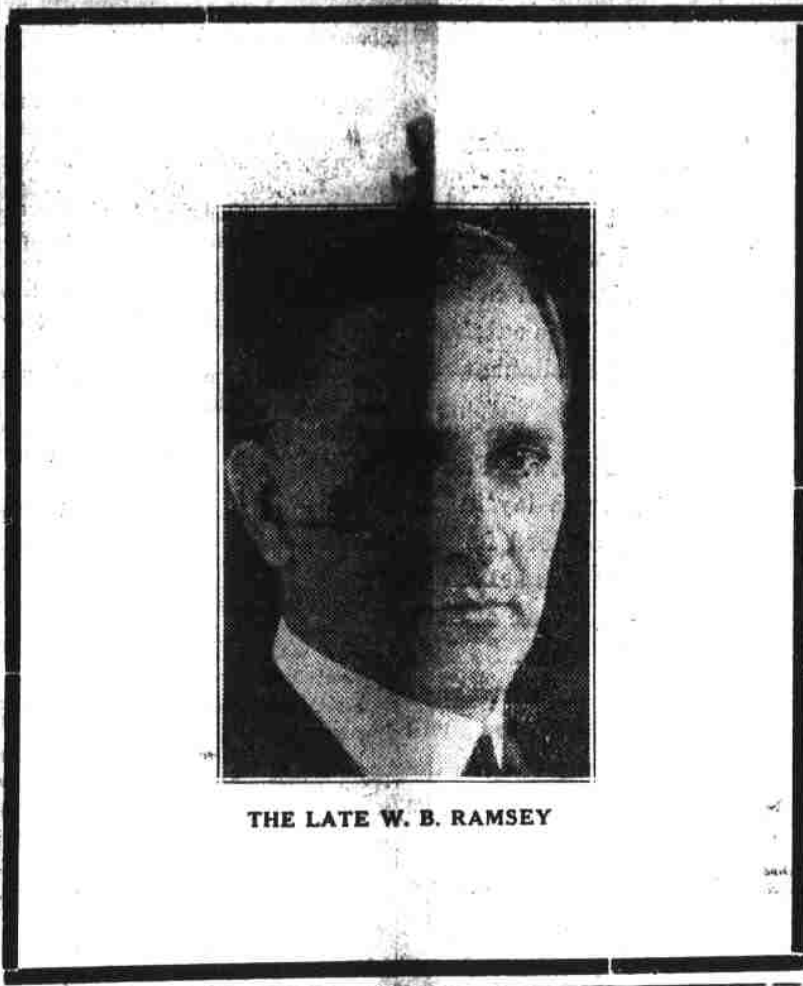
Miss Elizabeth Bostain spent the week-end at Asheville. Mrs. Wendell Brown returned home Monday from the Merriweather Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation.

Miss Ruth Gillespie and Miss Wynna Carver, Mr. R. A. Lewis and Mr. E. S. Sams motored to Old Fort Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Alexander have returned from a motor trip to Detroit, Mich., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Evarette Smith.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Dennis are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Butler and triplet daughters, Mary, Altha, and Nell, of Fletcher, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gillespie at their home on Church St. Miss Pearl Rogers and Miss Emma Lou Walker motored to Asheville Saturday.



THE LATE W. B. RAMSEY

## W. BERNARD RAMSEY DEAD

About ten o'clock Tuesday morning, September 6, 1927, passed away the spirit of Mr. William Bernard Ramsey, age 51. He had been ill about ten days suffering from hemorrhages caused by an ulcerated stomach. His physicians held out very little hope for him from the first attack. He was taken to the French Broad hospital in Asheville Friday and everything possible was done to restore him, a transfusion of blood being used. So many of his friends and loved ones prayed so earnestly for his recovery that when he lived three days after he seemed to be dying, there was hope especially as he took a little nourishment Monday. During his illness the people of the entire town and community were exceedingly anxious about him and so many of his friends called up at the hospital and visited him there that it created comment at the hospital, more concern being manifested than usual.

Mr. Ramsey was well known in business circles. He was cashier of the Bank of French Broad from the time of its organization and helped to organize it. He was half owner of the Builders Supply Co. and had interest in other business concerns in Madison and Buncombe counties. He had been honored at Bankers' Conventions and was held in high esteem by business men everywhere who knew him.

Mr. Ramsey was also a Christian gentleman. Prominent in his church work, he personally financed and promoted many of its objects. He was an elder, a member of the choir, and taught a Sunday School class of boys. He also assisted other church choirs when possible. He befriended many a person in need and was a devoted son, husband, and father.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Minnie Sprinkle, daughter of Mr. W. C. Sprinkle of Weaverville. He leaves four children, Miss Norma Ramsey, Miss Anna Kate Ramsey, Mr. Jack Ramsey, and Will B. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Clara Ramsey and one brother, Mr. Jack Ramsey of Marshall.

Funeral services were from the Presbyterian church in Marshall Thursday at eleven o'clock conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. T. M. Knox, assisted by Rev. H. L. Smith, Rev. C. E. Newton of Marshall, Rev. J. R. Owen of Mars Hill, Dr. W. E. Finley, Rev. James L. Hyde and father, Rev. Mr. Hyde of Walnut, and interment was at the Sprinkle Cemetery near Madison Seminary. The pall-bearers were: Active—G. L. McKinney, P. V. Rector, Roy Gudger, Guy V. Roberts, S. B. Roberts, W. H. Redmon, O. C. Rector, and E. R. Tweed. Honorary—J. C. Redmon, Dr. J. N. Moore, Dr. Frank Roberts, D. J. Weaver, Asheville, N. C., Roy F. Ebbs Asheville, N. C., H. E. Roberts, A. W. Whitehurst, G. C. Redmon, Z. V. Fisher, C. A. Wallin, S. A. Hubbard, Asheville, N. C., Wallace B. Davis, Asheville, N. C., J. H. McElroy, J.

Will Roberts, N. B. McDevitt, W. A. West, A. L. Plemmons, W. H. Morrow, J. N. White, Troy Rector, R. S. Ramsey, J. C. Ramsey, W. C. Rector, S. B. Ferguson, C. A. Redmon, E. T. Worley, Wiley M. Roberts, R. S. Gibbs, Mars Hill, N. C., Joe Brown, Waverly, N. C., A. Stackhouse, Stackhouse, N. C., R. M. Whitt, C. A. Raysor, Asheville, N. C.

It was one of the most largely attended funerals ever held in Marshall. The school turned out in a body but could not get into the church. Hardly more than half the people could get into the church though all standing space was occupied. Beautiful tributes were paid the deceased by Dr. W. E. Finley, Rev. J. R. Owen, and Rev. Mr. Knox.

The high esteem in which the deceased was held was shown by an unusually beautiful profusion of flowers sent by his church organizations, business concerns, including banks in Asheville, the Marshall High School, and by his loved ones and numerous friends.

## FROM MARS HILL

Miss Louise Wilkins is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Wilkin, before she takes up her work again at Coker College.

Miss Mary Francis Biggers is the guest of her mother, Mrs. C. J. Biggers at the Girl Dormitory for a few days.

Miss Bertha Landers left Monday for Carson-Newman College, where she will be a senior this year.

Mrs. J. E. Owen and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gibbs.

Misses Hattie and Ada Edwards are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edward for a few days.

Miss Ida Lee Hutchins has returned to her home here, after visiting her brother, Dr. J. H. Hutchins, at Walnut.

Mr. W. W. Marshbanks and daughters, Misses Fuschia and Flossie, of Raleigh, spent several days here. They will visit Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin in Waynesville before returning to Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pinner of Weworth, N. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pinner this week.

Mr. Arthur Hayes, a former student at the college, is here for the opening of school.

Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, Jr., and small daughter have been visiting Mrs. Wilkin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gibbs, for several days. Mr. Wilkins joined them here, and will remain for some time.

Mr. Harry Lee Anderson came Monday, and will be here some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anderson.

Miss Cleota Davis and Mr. Garner Hutchins were married Sunday at the home of Rev. P. C. Stringfield, only a few friends being present. They left right after the ceremony to visit Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutchins, at Walnut.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Stines are expected home this week, after an ex-

tended wedding trip.

Mrs. A. B. Freeman and daughter, Miss Alma, arrived Monday from Hendersonville to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Coates this week. Miss Nona Lee Ponder of South Carolina, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Yancey County, has arrived to take up her school work at the College.

Mars Hill High School opened Monday morning with a splendid attendance. Several of the parents were present at the opening exercise, which was conducted by Rev. J. R. Owen. His talk on "A Little Child in Midst" was helpful and interesting; then he led in prayer.

The school sang "America" and then Miss English, the principal, gave to the student body the plans and aims for the year's work. She said she hoped that this was to be the best year in the history of the school, by being the cleanest morally and physically, and by beautifying the grounds. The High School faculty consists of: Miss Ethel English, principal, Mrs. J. R. Owen Public School Music, Mrs. G. C. Cox, Piano, Mr. Bob Allne, Coach, Mr. G. C. Cox, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. S. O. Trantham, Mr. John Pittard, Mr. Edgie Pool.

Grammar grade teachers are: Miss Bex Ramsey and Miss Bonnie Ammons, first grade; Miss Jones, second grade; Mrs. Fred Sam, third grade; Mr. Morton, fourth grade; Miss Flossie Murray, fifth grade; Miss Lizzie Jarvis, sixth grade; and Miss Pearl Tweed, seventh grade.

Seed corn selected from stalks in the field will produce 20 per cent more corn the first year than the same seed selected from the crib at planting time.

Forty per cent of the cotton fields in the lower tier of counties near the South Carolina line are heavily infested with boll weevil. The weevil continues to do heavy damage.

## MEDICAL DOCTOR IN MARSHALL

Dr. Harry Ditmore of Asheville, original home at Bryson City, N. C., came Wednesday to succeed Dr. Rouark. Dr. Ditmore is a graduate of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and had two years' internship at Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, and passed the N. C. State Board in 1925.

### GOD AND ETERNITY.

Remember that God is working for eternity, and has eternity to work in. It takes centuries to make an oak tree things without worth complete their life course in a day or a week or a year. As for yourself, for you are building up a character which shall have eternal worth, have patience with God in the working out of His purpose, for He is making a kingdom with other people, and out of the patient expectation try to help them.—James Ivetch in Richmond Christian Advocate.

## FREE DENTAL CLINIC

The free dental clinic that will be held in Madison County for the white school children is a part of the work that is being done by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

It will consist of the examination and treatment of as many children as it is possible to see in that time, together with the work that will be done in trying to have the children realize what Oral Hygiene (that branch of Hygiene that treats of the health of the mouth and its preservation) means.

The primary object of the work is to try to have every child to thoroughly understand that in order for them to enjoy the best of health they must keep their mouths in a sanitary condition.

To have good health we must have pure food, pure water and pure air. How are we to have pure food, water and air taken into the stomachs thru foul, unsanitary mouths? It can't be done. If the mouth is unsanitary the food will be unsanitary.

If you have decayed teeth in your mouth you cannot thoroughly chew your food and the food cannot be

properly digested, and the result is that your body does not receive proper nourishment, and on account of this, the body is in such a weakened condition that disease germs can easily obtain a foothold and in a short time what is the result? Sickness; simply because the body cannot resist and throw off these disease germs.

What do we require in order to sustain life? (Food, Water and Air.) What would be the result if the body did not receive food? We could not live just upon air and water. Disease germs, too, must have food in order to live. They grow rapidly upon the decaying food material together with the warmth and moisture of the mouth. These conditions we have present in an unclean mouth.

Medical authorities state that approximately 75 per cent of sickness is contracted through unhealthy, unsanitary conditions of the mouth and teeth, and when you consider this I think you will agree that it is of the utmost importance to keep your teeth and mouth absolutely clean.

### HOW MUCH DO YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH?

The examination of the children of the public Schools show that the majority of them do not spend the time they should in brushing their teeth. This is true, also, with many grown people.

The most important time to brush the teeth and give the mouth a thorough cleansing is before breakfast. It is said by authorities that this means more towards safeguarding the individual than all other means of oral hygiene combined. After we have been asleep during the night there is a period of undisturbed rest in the mouth with practically no change in the temperature or any other disturbance, and it is for this reason that the bacteria can grow more rapidly at this time.

We can note the difference in the way our mouths feel early in the morning when we first awake, and this, of course, is the result of the germs present in the mouth. We should spend a long time brushing our teeth, and then after the teeth are clean we should not fail to think about the gum tissues. This must be adhered closely about the neck of the tooth. In a mouth where the gums are not brushed and stimulated, they bleed very quickly and the gum tissue does not have a healthy "pink" color as it should have. The gum tissue will be soft and have an inflamed reddened appearance.

On the inside of the lower front teeth, will be found more tartar than in any other part of the mouth. This hard deposit which forms on the teeth can be kept off if the proper amount of effort and time is spent in brushing. When this collection of tartar is allowed to form and remain on the teeth, it will cause a recessing of the gum tissue, and, too, we might say now, that this is one of the most common beginning points of "so-called" pyorrhea.

Proper method of brushing the teeth: Use a rapid, light, circular stroke. Let the brush run as high upward and as low downward as the tissue will permit. Place the front teeth end to end. Begin at the right corner of the mouth (if you are right handed) and brush with this stroke to the third molar, or wisdom tooth, reverse motion and brush back. Turn the brush around and go to the opposite side. In brushing the surfaces of the teeth next to the tongue let the bristles strike the back teeth at right angles and on the front teeth in a slanting manner, about 45 degrees angle. You should use dental floss in cleaning the mouth. It is absolutely necessary in order to keep the spaces between the teeth clean. The wide, flat type of floss should be used, allowing it to pass gently between the teeth, and in a way so that it would not injure the gum tissue.

Again let us repeat, that the greatest safeguard towards good health is a thorough cleaning of the teeth and mouth before breakfast. This does not mean that this one "brushing" is sufficient for the entire day. After each meal, you should see that all food particles have been removed.

The tongue should be given some attention, too, since we know that on the rough, pitted surface of the tongue is a good lodging place for food and consequently bacteria.

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