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MRS. PLATO EBBS DIES IN ASHEVILLE

MRS. W. B. RAMSEY LOSES HUSBAND AND SISTER IN ONE WEEK

Mrs. Plato Ebbs, wife of Senator Ebbs of Asheville, was found dead in bed Monday morning. She was apparently in good health Sunday and in the afternoon, she and her husband and daughter were in Marshall to visit her sister, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey. She felt a little tired after the ride and went to bed about 9:30 or 10:00 P. M. The next morning she was dead and doubtless died the early part of the night from heart failure.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by her pastor from the Calvary Baptist Church, interment following in West Asheville. Mrs. Ebbs was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sprinkle of Weaverville.

She and Mr. Ebbs were married in 1903 and went to Asheville in 1919, after residing at Hot Springs and at Marshall. For many years she had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church, West Asheville.

Mrs. Ebbs was survived by her husband, her father, and a daughter, Lois Ebbs, 14 years old. She left also three sisters, Mrs. C. R. Allison, Marshall; Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, Marshall; and Mrs. W. C. Pope, Weaverville, and two brothers, Lee Sprinkle, Charlotte Court House, Va., and Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, of Weaverville.

The entire family, well known in Madison County, have our sympathy.

SOME SCATTERED THOUGHTS!

By JACK JOYCE

It has been quite a time since I wrote last for the News-Record. I thought I would again write a few lines, thinking perhaps that if the Editor is in the right notion this might escape his waste basket and find an odd corner in his paper.

I have been doing quite a bit of traveling in various parts of the old North State this summer and while traveling I have also been noticing different things. I can truthfully say that take the State as a whole, Madison County is about the best place to live in after all. I am not saying this with any thought of flattery. Of course I will admit they do have the roads quite a little better than we do but as for scenery, water and healthfulness, I would not give Madison County for all of them. You who live in Madison County ought to advertise though. There are some people in this State who do not know where Madison County is or anything about it at all. I tried in my feeble way to tell folks about it. We all ought to join together and let people know we are a county. Adopt a motto like, "Boost Madison County." Whenever you go tell folks about the County, and write them to visit us. When once they come, I don't think they'll be disappointed.

Are you a "KICKER" or are you a "PUSHER"? In almost all communities there are two factions, "kickers" and "pushers." One faction is progressive the other believes strongly in the doctrine of "staying where you are." The pushers are in favor of building a road, having good churches and good schools. The kickers against everything but loafing and backbiting, talking against the teachers and preachers and anything else that is for the uplift of a community.

Which one of these factions do you belong to? Would you rather live in a community where there are no good roads, good schools, good churches, or in a community where these things prevail? I believe the majority of citizens of Madison County will be in favor of these things. Can't we make things so hot for the kickers that they will either be converted into pushers or else get clean out of our county? We have plenty of room for pushers in Madison County but no room at all for kickers.

I wonder when the day is coming in Madison County when we will consolidate some of our schools. Around the community in which I am teaching, within a space of about 10 square miles we have four different schools, two of them being two-teacher schools. What a fine thing it would be if we could consolidate these schools into one central school where we could have better equipment, one teacher for each grade and also teach high school. There are 25 to 30 boys and girls in this section who ought to be in high school. These must go away off to school if they want to go on. Think about it folks. We are getting roads built through this community, why not have a consolidated school?

DEWEY DOCKERY SHOT

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Dewey Dockery, age about 25 years was shot and seriously injured Thursday morning about ten o'clock by Charlie Freeman at Freeman's home in the Bailey Branch settlement. Freeman is said to be a man about 50 years old and a good citizen of that community. Dockery is said to have been in trouble before. This trouble seems to have arisen over the shooting of a dog. Dockery is said to be originally of Cooke County, Tenn., and has been in the County 4 or 5 years. He was struck with about 20 shot from a shotgun. He was brought to Dr. Sams, who rendered first aid and rushed him on to a hospital at Asheville. It was hardly expected that he would live.

WALNUT CREEK

PROGRAM FOR PROMOTION DAY IN WALNUT CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Open at 10 o'clock.
2. Devotional—Cecil Reese.
3. Music.
4. Exercises by Beginners.
5. Exercises by Primary Department.
6. Singing by class.
7. Exercises by Junior Department (Boys).
8. Sermon—N. H. Griffin.
9. Dinner on Ground.
10. Opening—Singing.
11. Prayer—by J. A. Griffin.
12. Exercises by Junior Department (Girls).
13. Quartette—Young People's Department.
14. Exercise by Intermediate Department.
15. Special Music.
16. Speech—Rev. H. L. Smith.
17. Awarding of Certificates of Promotion et al.

All other Sunday School are invited.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Marshall was held at the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. As this was the election of officers, Mrs. E. R. Tweed, who served so faithfully and well as president last session, called Dr. Sams to the chair and the Association proceeded to elect officers, it being the rule to change officers every year. Mrs. W. A. Sams was elected president and Mrs. Homer Henry vice-president.

Miss Mamie Tweed was elected secretary and Mrs. C. M. Gage, Treasurer. Several matters of interest were discussed but no action was taken. It is hoped that the people will feel and show great interest in this organization this session.

REGISTER OF DEEDS SAYS

The Register of Deeds, Mr. J. Will Roberts, says he would have the tax book ready for the tax collector by October 1, but on account of the failure of the Corporation Commission at Raleigh to certify to the Register of Deeds, the corporations of the County the delivery of the tax book to the tax collector will be delayed. The corporations of the County amount to a third of the taxable property of the County.

REVIVAL AT PINEY GROVE

Considerable interest has been manifested in a revival now going on at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Madison County. Last Sunday it was the intention of those in charge to bring the meeting to a close. The baptismal service was held last Sunday morning, at which about 20 were baptized, many adults. Following this so much interest was shown that it was decided to continue the meeting for at least another week. The attendance has been more than the house would seat. Rev. Wiley Graham is being assisted by a minister from Asheville.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MADISON CO. COMPARATIVE CURRENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1925, 1926 & 1927

ALBERT H. BLAKE
 Public Accountant and Auditor
 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
 200 Castanea Building, September 7, 1927
 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MADISON COUNTY, MARSHALL, NORTH CAROLINA.

Gentlemen:
 In accordance with your request I have compiled from the books and records of your County Superintendent and attached hereto a Comparative Current Fund Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1925, 1926, and 1927 also a statement showing the differences between the Actual Expenses and the Budget for the School Year 1926-1927 which resulted in a deficit for that year of \$38,397.71.

As shown by the Balance Sheet the Current Fund Deficit at June 30, 1927 amounts to \$51,780.87. This deficit represents the accumulative deficits for only two years as shown by the following summary:
 Deficit for the School Year 1925-1926 15,453.37
 Less: Surplus at June 30, 1925 2,070.21
 DEFICIT AT JUNE 30, 1926 13,383.16
 Deficit for the School Year 1926-1927 as shown by the attached statement 38,397.71
 DEFICIT AT JUNE 30, 1927 51,780.87

	JUNE 30, 1925	JUNE 30, 1926	JUNE 30, 1927
ASSETS AND DEFICIT			
Cash	\$ 4,402.66	2,705.48	146.26
Uncollected Taxes	10,448.24	10,427.30	5,207.95
Deficit	NONE	13,383.16	51,780.87
TOTAL Assets and Deficit	14,850.90	26,515.94	57,135.08
LIABILITIES and SURPLUS			
Notes Payable	NONE	20,000.00	50,000.00
Accounts Payable	104.57	61.70	4,800.24
Due Special Tax Districts—Net	12,676.12	6,454.24	2,334.84
Surplus	2,070.21	NONE	NONE
Total Liabilities and Surplus	14,850.90	26,515.94	57,135.08

SUMMARY SHOWING INCREASE IN DEFICIT BY YEARS		
Deficit for School Year 1925-1926	15,453.37	
Less: Surplus at June 30, 1925	2,070.21	
DEFICIT AT JUNE 30, 1926	13,383.16	
Deficit for School Year 1926-1927 as shown by attached statement		38,397.71
DEFICIT AT JUNE 30, 1927		51,780.87

STATEMENT SHOWING EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1926-1927 WHICH RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN THE DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR OF \$38,397.71

	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	EXCESS OF BUDGET
Salary of Teachers and Supervisors	87,026.48	86,112.12	
Salary of County Superintendent	3,500.00	3,467.00	
Per Diem of County Board	600.00	861.55	261.55
Traveling Expenses of County Superintendent	600.00	923.24	323.24
Clerical	400.00	400.00	
Office Expenses	300.00	464.31	164.31
Fuel and Janitors	4,000.00	4,766.60	766.60
School Supplies	500.00	1,376.22	876.22
Rent and Insurance	1,500.00	2,121.76	621.76
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00	3,501.54	1,001.54
Transportation of Pupils	6,000.00	8,418.53	2,418.53
New Buildings in Excess of State Loans	5,975.00	18,632.59	12,657.59
Furniture and Apparatus	1,800.00	15,226.77	13,426.77
Repairs	2,000.00	1,208.36	
Libraries	50.00	1,042.81	992.81
Trucks	2,000.00	3,426.20	1,426.20
Repayments of State Loans and Interest	19,302.15	21,818.65	2,516.50
Miscellaneous	200.00	1,450.78	1,250.78
Special Districts	37,899.30	45,346.33	7,447.03
SUB-TOTALS	176,052.93	220,545.36	44,492.43
Less: Charges to Special Districts for Repayments of State Loans and Interest	16,050.00	18,842.50	2,792.50
ACTUAL TOTALS	159,992.93	201,702.86	41,709.93

BUDGET IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	
Salary of teachers and supervisors	\$ 914.36
Salary of County superintendent	33.00
Repairs	791.64
TOTAL	1,739.00

RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE IN DEFICIT	
Total Actual Expenses	201,702.86
Budget	159,992.93
ACTUAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET	41,709.93
Add: Actual Revenue, less than Budget Expectation	807.18
EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL REVENUE	42,517.11
Less: Reduction in Balances due Special Districts	4,119.40
INCREASE IN DEFICIT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1926-1927	38,397.71

Having been requested by so many citizens from various sections of the county, the Board of Education felt that it was their duty to the people, to make a statement concerning the financial condition of the county school fund. There have been various statements made and published, but this is the first public statement we have made.

The Board not being satisfied with the previous audit and statement, decided to employ a disinterested auditor to make out a financial statement of the school fund to June 30, 1927. According to this report, which you will find in this issue of the News-Record, Prof. Henry left a surplus of \$2,070.21 when his term of office expired. The deficit at June 30, 1927, being \$51,780.87.

Feeling the burden of taxation ourselves, it is the intention of the Board of Education to be as economical as possible in spending school funds of Madison County. We are going to furnish everything that is necessary to make a good school system, at the least possible cost to the taxpayers.

WILEY M. ROBERTS, Chairman; C. M. BLANKENSHIP, LEE RAMSEY, FRED HOLOMBE.

MARSHALL'S NEW FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES

A new Graham Bros. fire truck costing about \$3750 is now at Henderson Motor Co.'s garage ready to be delivered to the Town of Marshall. This truck is one of the latest in fire-fighting equipment, provided with hose, ladder, chemical extinguishers, etc. While Marshall does not seem to have many fires the wisdom of the town having such equipment is shown in the big saving in fire insurance rates.

PARKING SPACES MARKED

The town is having Main Street marked off, showing how cars may be parked so as to provide more parking space without blocking traffic.

MARSHALL SUE D FOR OVER \$5,000

Mr. A. B. Copenhagen, representing the Foster Copenhagen Co., who have had the contract for paving streets in Marshall, has been in Marshall this week and has filed a suit against the Town of Marshall for damages amounting to some more than \$5,000. As we understand it, the claim is based on the Town refusing to pay for some work that was improperly done. Mr. Copenhagen claims that this was the fault of the engineer and not the fault of his company. The plaintiff will be represented by Messrs. John McElroy and Guy V. Roberts, while the Town will be represented by Mr. J. A. Hendricks. The case may come up in October.

EUGENE RECTOR ELECTED CASHIER

At a called meeting Wednesday of the directors of the Bank of French Broad, Mr. Eugene Rector was elected cashier of said bank to succeed the late W. B. Ramsey. Mr. Rector has held the position as assistant cashier for the past two years and has been closely associated with the working of the institution for a longer period than that. Mr. Jack Ramsey, son of the late W. B. Ramsey, was elected assistant cashier, he having assisted in the bank for some time. These promotions are well deserved and we congratulate these young men on the confidence reposed in them by the directors of the bank.

FROM WALNUT

Mr. Lawton Thomas was a pleasant caller at Miss Bernice Fortner's Friday afternoon.

Mr. Bertie Fortner is the owner of a new Chevrolet sedan.

The Sunday Schools of Walnut are getting along fine.

Mr. Albert Fortner is in Weaverville College this year.

Miss Myrtle Fortner is teaching school at Highland.

Miss Bernice Payne has returned to Walnut to go to school this year.

Miss Lillie Goldsmith spent Saturday night with Miss Bernice Payne.

Miss Queen Payne and Vonalee McDarris walked home from school Friday afternoon.

Walnut and Hot Springs high schools are going to play baseball at Walnut Monday.

FROM CRAGGY

We had a good meeting Sunday at Craggy Hill; also a large attendance.

West Buncombe High School started Monday, Sept. 12. We all hope for a good and successful school term.

Mrs. J. G. Ford, a well-known merchant of Craggy, has moved into his new store building.

Mr. Johnson has also completed a new store building and is trading very much, too.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Smith, a big baby girl.

Mr. Berry Redmon was visiting relatives at Craggy Friday and Saturday.

Hope everyone enjoyed the circus Saturday; also watching the balloon parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redmon and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redmon motored down to the baptizing Sunday at Piney Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks have gone to Tennessee.

HARD ROBERTS DEAD

Mr. Hard Roberts of the Spring Creek section died Sept. 8, 1927. He was taken to the French Broad Hospital in Asheville, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was taken from the hospital Aug. 25 to his home. He leaves 6 brothers and 5 sisters, his father and mother.

E. W. RIDDLE'S HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The house in which Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Riddle and family were living caught on fire last Sunday while the family was attending church at Piney Grove. In spite of the fact that the neighbors did all they could to extinguish it, the entire building was destroyed and all the furniture and food, including a good supply of fruit canned last year was a total loss.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BERNARD RAMSEY

The Madison Seminary church and Sunday School extends deepest sympathy to the family and relatives. We feel that in the death of Mr. Ramsey we sustain an irreparable loss. It has been declared by men in our church community, that Mr. Ramsey had been to them a father in many business transactions. He devoted his life largely in aiding his friends and neighbors. He was a citizen loved and respected.

Mr. Ramsey was not a member of our church, but showed great interest in helping us build our house of worship. The helpful deeds, accompanied by a great Christian spirit, that ruled his life, won for him a place in all our hearts. Our minds fail to find words with which to express esteem for his worthy efforts. Will we miss him? "How can we do without him?" is the question asked by community, church and home.

We do respectfully declare our love and appreciation for the noble character he exemplified, and the faithful Christian service rendered while among us. We extend to the wife and children, and the dear mother and brother, our tenderest feelings of love and sympathy. We commend them to the great Physician, who can comfort every heart and heal every wound.

"Dearest brother, thou hast left us,
 And thy loss we deeply feel;
 But it is God that hath bereft us;
 Heaven all our sorrows heal."

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
 When the day of life is fled,
 And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
 Where no farewell tear is shed."
 —The Pastor, S. M. STROUPE

RESOLUTIONS

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BERNARD RAMSEY

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Bank of French Broad held Wednesday, September 14th, in the Directors Room at Marshall, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God has called from our midst our beloved and honored Cashier, William Bernard Ramsey, We, the members of the French Broad Bank resolve:

First: That we express our profound respect for Mr. Ramsey as a Christian gentleman, as a noble and useful citizen and as an officer of pronounced ability combining the rare qualification of intellect, personality, sincerity and unusual executive ability. The loss of his unselfish service will be felt, not only in his church and community but throughout the Banking Circles of the entire State of North Carolina, who recognized and appreciated his noble character and fine business qualifications.

Second: That we express our appreciation for his useful life and for his influence in our community. Mr. Ramsey's life was a gentle, and at the same time a forceful one. In social intercourse he was always affable, considerate and just. His affectionate solicitude for the happiness of his family and loved ones was beautiful in its tenderness. He was scrupulously honest and fair in his dealings with men, and his life and character is a priceless heritage left to his family. His influence will live on through the years. He died as he would have wished to die, struggling, endeavoring and accomplishing.

"Twilight and Evening Star
 And one clear call for me.
 And may there be no moaning of the bar
 When I put out to see.
 Twilight and Evening Bells
 And after that the dark;
 And may there be no sadness or farewell
 When I embark."

Third: That we express our deepest sympathy to his wife and companion and to his family we express our love and sympathy and we ask our Heavenly Father to bring comfort to their bereaved hearts.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Bank of French Broad, to his family, the local newspaper, to the Asheville Citizen, to the Asheville Times, to the Tarheel Banker at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. KATIE H. GUDGER,
 Chairman of Committee.
 DR. F. ROBERTS,
 R. S. GIBBS,
 J. S. BROWN