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PREACHER POWERS OUT UNDER BOND OF \$500.00

The following letter should be of much interest to citizens of this County. This letter is reproduced exactly as Justice of the Peace Hufford sent it to C. M. Gage, J. P., of Marshall. The letter follows:

December 5th, 1927.
Mr. C. M. Gage, Justice of the Peace, Marshall, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of the 3rd instant relative to one Charles Powers, who is charged with non-support. Beg to advise that Mr. Powers was brought back here and tried before me on the same charge and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.00 and work on the County road for the space and period of twelve months. However, he appealed from my court to the Criminal Court of McDowell County and the case will be tried the second week in January, and he is now under a \$500.00 bond to answer said charge.

I have been advised by his attorney that he and his wife would probably go back together. This is a very bad case as this man left his wife and little children without any reason and deserves punishment.

Thanking you for your kindness to my officer and hoping to be of service to you at some time. I am
Very truly yours,
A. C. HUFFORD,
Justice of the Peace,
Welch, W. Va.

MARSHALL WINS DOUBLE-HEADER

COACH YONCE HANDLING FINE TEAM NOW, BELIEVES THEY HAVE GOOD CHANCE TO WIN TITLE

In a walk-away game Tuesday afternoon on the local basketball court, the Marshall teams (both boys and girls) chalked up another victory to their credit, the feminine six of Marshall winning easily over the Walnut ladies by a score of 14-4, and the Marshall boys bringing up their end of the double-header with a score of 37-7, which game they won without over-exerting themselves.

Coach Yonce's team is in top form now, and chances to acquire the pennant this year look good for the local boys. Mars Hill will enter the loop about January the first, after which time it is evident, that Mars Hill and Marshall will settle down for the long grind to determine which of the two deserves the pennant. Much credit and praise is due Coach Yonce for the excellent work he is doing, and for the splendid team which he has whipped into shape this season.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

Reports have reached us to the effect that the home of Garrison Roberts, well known farmer of the eastern section of the County, near the Buncombe County line in Red Oak community, was destroyed by fire recently. The home and contents were a total loss, there being no insurance.

WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL PRAISED

There are times when it behooves one to keep one's silence, but I feel that there are also times when one should speak. Therefore (though not an inmate of the school) I wish to try to express a few of my thoughts regarding the good, clean work that is being done by the Walnut High School.

To begin with I feel very safe in saying, for all the parents that never has Walnut had a principal who was liked and respected by the community any more than is Mr. Blankenship. The children and parents alike look up to him. My words when I say them are based on truth and experience, for since September I have been closely watching, unobserved, all the activities of the school. It can easily be discerned that Mr. Blankenship is deeply interested in the boys and girls, in their work and in their play.

The closing of the baseball season did not bring many victories to the boys here, but they bore every defeat with a smile. They went away smiling and came home smiling and no one ever said they did not play a clean game.

That the parents are backing the teachers and school up was shown on November 18th, at a box supper, given in the school auditorium, the purpose of which was to buy supplies for the school. Many boxes, cakes and pies and candy were sold and there was a generous "turn out" of the older people. The proceeds from this supper were \$71.68 which was thought to be very good. I might also mention that Miss Majory Blankenship was at this time voted to be the prettiest girl, although the race between her and Miss Lois Baker was a very hot one.

With the opening of the basketball season keen interest was shown by both boys and girls. The boys elected as their captain Mr. Hubert Davis. Perhaps more interest was shown by the girls, and they immediately entered practice with a will, with Miss Annie Hyde—the English teacher acting as coach. The girls elected as their captain Miss Lois Baker. They were constantly carrying home reports of how well they practiced and of what a good referee they had in Miss Hyde.

The first game played was with Hot Springs and was a very good one. Our boys were defeated. We cheerfully give Hot Springs credit for treating our players "square."

The second game for the boys and first for the girls was with Beech Glenn on our own premises. There was a spirit among the players that could easily be discerned by on-lookers of which I was one. The Walnut girls were nice in every way to their guests. No rough speeches or misunderstandings were heard from either side. Indeed a person turned to me and remarked, "Those Beech Glenn boys and girls seem like our own folks, don't they?" That is the spirit we are proud of in our boys and girls.

The most recent game was with Marshall on Tuesday. Perhaps the old saying of "all is fair in love and war" is true; but we folks from Walnut don't count basketball as war. At least we hate to have to do so but it was a hard matter for the girls and boys to control tongues and tempers in this game. Though defeated in more games than they have won, our boys and girls still stick to the conclusion that they had rather play hard but fair and lose, and have the name of being gentlemen and ladies than otherwise. I for one am proud of our girls and boys. We are back of you, team, and don't forget that winning a game is not all that counts; but the supreme thing is to play fair. We all wish you success hereafter.

The first half of the year as a whole has been very good, with little trouble in the school so far as I can obtain information. We hope the second half will be just as successful.

Hope that all the teachers and pupils will have a very merry Christmas, and go back prepared to meet Walnut High to the limit and keep your standards high.

—AN INTERESTED OBSERVER—

MADISON BASKETBALL LEAGUE

By BOB ALLEN, Mars Hill Coach.

The High School Basketball League in Madison County is proving itself to be a fine thing for the athletic spirit of the schools. Much interest is being manifested by all the teams involved as well as by many spectators. The following gives the official standing of the teams:

| BOYS | | | |
|-------------|-----|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
| Marshall | 3 | 0 | 1000 |
| Beech Glen | 2 | 1 | 667 |
| Hot Springs | 1 | 2 | 334 |
| Walnut | 0 | 3 | 000 |

| GIRLS | | | |
|------------|-----|------|------|
| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
| Beech Glen | 3 | 0 | 1000 |
| Marshall | 2 | 1 | 667 |
| Walnut | 1 | 2 | 334 |

Hot Springs girls have not as yet placed a team on the court.

SOME SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

The Christmas season, that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness never be dimmed by accident or adversity, is now knocking at our doors and will be here almost before we are ready for it.

At this time, before we enter into the preparation for the holidays and before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christmas events it may be well for us to stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules for safety.

DO NOT use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use powdered mica or asbestos fibre.

DO NOT use candles, where electricity can be substituted. Even with the use of electric batteries they would be far safer than the use of candles. If candles are used let only the utmost caution prevail. DO NOT permit children to light or re-light the candles. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.

DO NOT allow trees to remain inside of building after the Holidays. The tree ignites readily when leaves and branches are dry. A large number of fires occur in January from this cause.

DO NOT use decorations near to gas jets or too near lights of any kind.

Examine the wiring which leads to lights used for decorative purposes. See to it that it is safe.

Let the home, church, school or store be warm but look out for overheated stoves and pipes.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG SINGERS FOUND IN HUNT FOR TALENT

Radio Audition Medal

Madam Louise Homer

Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley

A. Atwater Kent

Edward W. Bok

Atwater Kent National Radio Audition

MADISON SCHOOLS PUT ON ACCREDITED LIST

Marshall and Mars Hill high schools have been placed on the accredited list of elementary schools by Miss Susan Fulghum, supervisor of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, N. C., who has just completed an inspection tour of Madison's elementary schools. This makes three schools in the County which are on the accredited list, the other one being Walnut, which has been listed for some time. Miss Fulghum declared herself well pleased with the condition and the evidences at the schools she visited.

A. A. Rice Opens Asheville Office

A. A. Rice, former Hendersonville lawyer, has opened a suite of offices at 321-322 Legal Building in Asheville.

Mr. Rice is a graduate of the Jefferson School of Law of Louisville, Ky. Upon receiving his degree, he entered the University of North Carolina and took a postgraduate course in the spring of 1924, and stood the bar examination in August, 1924. Following his entry to the bar, he took up law practice with Judge O. V. F. Blythe of Hendersonville, and remained with him about a year. Since that time he has been practicing alone in Hendersonville.

Being a native of Madison County, Mr. Rice has been mindful of the advantages of not only being closer to his many friends from his home county, and likewise the greater advantages of being located in the Hub City of Western North Carolina, for which he predicts a great future.—Blue Ridge Republican.

MARS HILL HIGH WINS WESTERN CAROLINA DECLAMATION CUP

In the annual Declamation Contest of W. N. C. High Schools at Mars Hill College Friday and Saturday of last week, Mr. Tilson Fleetwood of Mars Hill High won the silver loving cup as the best declaimer. Miss Betty Perrow, representing Asheville High, was the winner of the girls' trophy. Miss Sharon Buckner, also of Mars Hill High School did honor to herself and to her school in advancing to the final test of the meet.

A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN

LINOTYPE HAS BAD BREAKDOWN

Forced To Leave Out County Reports

We wish to explain to our readers just why the paper was forced to come out late this week. As some of you doubtless know, a certain amount of type must be set every week before we can go to press. The machine for setting this type (the Linotype) was the thing that caused trouble this week. It "broke down" Monday night, and the Linotype stood idle for two days—Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon we drove to Asheville and brought a Linotype machinist back with us. In addition to him we had to get another machinist and an expert electrician before our machinery again resumed its functioning.

On account of being so late, we were forced to leave out the County Reports this week, but these will be published next week.

"THERE IS NEVER ANY TROUBLE IN A PRINTSHOP—MAYBE."
—THE EDITOR.

Tom Tarheel says there is no need to grow a soap if it does not pay a profit and that is why he keeps books on each of his enterprises.

All the world loves to laugh with or at a lover.

He is indeed kingy who will not give you a smile.

Love is the real thing until the moment begins to wear off.

CITIZENSHIP DEFINED.

The obligations of citizenship do not rest solely or chiefly in the exercise of the privileges of voting, or in conducting campaigns, or in holding offices.

Important as are all these duties their performance will amount to nothing unless our citizens are imbued with the spirit of our institutions, which means respect for a government of law, a sincere desire to better in every practical way the conditions of human life, loyalty in all relations of life and the disposition to be kindly and fair in all dealings with one's fellow man.—Charles E. Hughes.

LEE SAMS HURT IN WRECK

Lee Sams, prominent farmer of the Middle Fork section, southeast of Mars Hill, nearly lost his life late Tuesday night, it is said, when the car in which he was riding left the highway, and plunged over the embankment, turning over three times, near Mars Hill. Mr. Sams escaped with minor injuries, and the car, though badly damaged, was not a total loss. Mr. Sams was imprisoned in the car when the doors became jammed and he was unable to open them. Neighbors were summoned by Mrs. Sams, who was near at the time of the accident, and they turned the car over, releasing the occupant.

STATEMENT

There has been some discussion as to the amount of money paid the undersigned for assisting the Solicitor in prosecuting the commissioners. In Mr. Buckner's article last week he seems to think that the amount was fabulous. I wish to state that I have received the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and no more for my services as above. This was paid me for my appearance in the preliminary hearing before Justice W. R. Sams. Dec. 15th, 1927.

Leonard Morgan Is Killed By Tree

On December 7th, a sad accident happened on route 2 when Frank W. Morgan was cutting a tree to make firewood, his lovely little 4-year old son Leonard who was his father's pet made his way to his father at the falling of the tree. When the father had discovered his boy the child had received the stroke that resulted in its death instantly. The accident created considerable excitement, in the community and much grief in the home. The little one was laid to rest near his home on December 8th and a large crowd of people were present at the funeral services. Services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Ponder of Mars Hill.

LOCAL MARINE GOES TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 16—Some of the interesting events taking place in Nicaragua, are likely to be witnessed by Jack M. Fairchild, of Buckner, near Marshall, N. C., who left the United States on the U.S.S. Argonne for the Central American republic, and arrived at Corinto, the principal sea port of Nicaragua, Nov. 25th.

The local boy was with a group of replacement troops, sent to relieve Marines on duty in Nicaragua, whose enlistments will expire shortly. It is not known just where he will be located as the Marines are scattered throughout the country serving at many outposts and performing an endless variety of duties while they help to restore peace to the country.

Jack is 24 years old, was born in Buckner, and is a son of Mrs. Mandy Fairchild, of Buckner. He joined the Marine Corps at Charlotte, last July, and in recent months has been stationed at Parris Island, S. C., leaving that place for Charleston, from which port the Argonne sailed for Nicaragua, Nov. 25.

A close friend is all right—until he declines to lend you money.