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## "VALLEY FARM" IS GREAT SUCCESS

(Reported by LANK)

The play, "Valley Farm," staged at the High School auditorium last Friday evening, was a decided success, and good talent was shown by the characters, who acted more like professionals than amateurs. Coach Yonce deserves much credit for this and other plays which he has gotten up. Each one of the participating characters was well suited for his or her part.

Miss Zada White, who played the role of Alvirah Holcomb, sister of Silas Holcomb, was very well suited for the part she played, being one of the principal characters in the play.

Miss Evelyn Hinkle, in the role of Lily Ann Tucker, who never gossiped, carried out her part well. She proved that she was no gossip by knowing so much about everything. MAYBE she did not gossip!

Miss Edith Downs, as the hired girl on the farm, was perfectly ludicrous. If a person did not laugh at her dry, humorous remarks, then that person must assuredly had no sense of humor.

Everett Frisby, the young lawyer from New York, did his part well in straightening up the tangled affairs in the case, and played his part admirably.

Miss Daisy Worley, as Isabel Corney, niece of the young lawyer from N. Y., was a good selection for the part she played.

Everett Tweed, a son of the soil, was simply splendid in the execution of his role, this part being very true to life. Everett was another of the principal actors.

Miss June Tweed played her part unusually well. Miss Tweed is a splendid actress in every play in which she participates, but in this one she excelled herself.

N. B. McDevitt had a rather dramatic part to play, and he did this well. Ah! Such a romance there was! Billie Redmon, a deaf clock tinker, kept the audience in an uproar of laughter whenever he made his appearance on the stage. It takes a clever fellow to do this.

Who would have thought that Marshall had such a splendid, dignified, aristocratic, "high-and-mighty" actress such as Miss Beatrice McDaniel proved herself to be? Miss McDaniel's acting was splendid, indeed, and she cannot get too much credit for it.

Coach I. V. Yonce, who "worked the play up," was equally as good as usual, if not better, which is saying very much. Mr. Yonce is always good in a play, and for that matter, in other things.

And last, but not least, was R. N. Ramsey, in the role of a servant or butler. "R. N." made a splendid butler, being very tall, straight, and dignified.

In addition to the play, several musical numbers were rendered, among them being piano solos by Misses Merle Sams and Vanda Davis, and two vocal solos, one by Miss Grace Ramsey and one by Master Harry Jones. All these musical numbers were very good.

## REV. R. H. HIPPS FUNERAL SAT.

WAS BURIED AT GREEN HILL

Final rites for Rev. R. H. Hipps, 69-year-old Baptist minister, of Buncombe County, who died suddenly at the steering wheel of his automobile Thursday will be held from the First Baptist Church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. R. J. Bateman, pastor, and Rev. Fred F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, will officiate. Interment will be in Green Hill Cemetery.

The active pallbearers will be G. D. Carter, B. A. Patton, Roy F. Ebbs, J. P. Kitchin, J. W. Neely, and J. H. Grogg.

Honorary pallbearers will be Prof. E. L. Moore, Gallatin Roberts, C. H. Bartlett, G. F. Stradley, J. Q. McGuire, J. G. Stickleather, Owen Gudgett, Dr. H. G. Brookshire, D. A. Bright, Warren Davis, Matt Burlison, and J. T. Roberts.

Mr. Hipps is survived by his widow who was Miss Sara Cogdill, and three sons, Dr. A. T. Hipps, physician, W. H. Hipps, attorney, and Rev. J. B. Hipps, dean of the Shanghai College, a missionary institution in China. He is also survived by a brother, Jack Hipps, of Crabtree.

The deceased was born in the Spring Creek section of Madison County. His parents had removed there, from Leicester in Buncombe County before the Civil War.

He was a successful farmer as well as a minister. During the early years of his life he was a magistrate. His decisions were so well regarded that he served as trial magistrate for the entire Spring Creek section of Madison County.

Later he became interested in politics and for a number of years served as Chairman of the Board of Education of Madison County. It was under his administration that Prof. R. L. Moore was placed in charge of the school system of Madison County.

He was also the prime mover in the building of Spring Creek high school. Mr. Hipps entered the ministry when 40 years old. He was Moderator of the association for about 20 years. He had remarkable success as an evangelist, baptizing at some meetings more than 100 persons, and his conversions are numbered by the thousands.

## BANKS SHOW THEIR SENTIMENT

Marshall Banks to Promote Cream Industry in Madison County.

Realizing the importance of stimulating the cream production in our county, we the Bank of French Broad and the Citizens Bank of Marshall have decided to finance a car load of good cows for the farmers of the county who are already in the cream business and those who wish to begin the production of cream.

This proposition is strictly a business one and open only to people engaged or expecting to engage in the production of cream.

Mr. Brintnall, the County Demonstrator will inspect the cows purchased together with a representative from each bank and all care possible will be taken to secure the best cows possible and at the very lowest price.

Any one interested in this matter may secure full particulars by applying to Mr. Brintnall or the undersigned banks.

BANK OF FRENCH BROAD.  
 BY C. E. Rector, Cashier.  
 CITIZENS BANK,  
 By A. W. Whitehurst, Cashier.

## PIE SUPPER AT MARS HILL

UNDER AUSPICES OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

For once at least, the men folks of Mars Hill have enough pie. Even the boys were permitted to take a second, third or fourth, slice with impunity.

The occasion for what perhaps will go down in the annals of Mars Hill as a record consumption of this favored sweet was a pie supper given Monday evening by the Parent-Teachers Association for the benefit of the high school library. The pies came from the kitchens of the ladies of the town and community, each expert contributing her favorite brand. And such an array of pies of such a tempting variety was never before seen by even the oldest citizens.

This event was one of the many held by or given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association recently, by which that organization has fostered some civic enterprise. One of the recent achievements of the association has been the improvement of the grounds of the grammar school and the high school and the purchase of standard playground equipment. Their present aim is to provide an adequate library for the schools of the town.

The organization is headed by Mrs. R. E. Elmore as president, and is the only federated parent-teachers' association in the county.

## HOW MADISON COUNTY LAND IS VALUED

Detailed Statement of The Full Valuation Put on Lands in This County By The Owners

The average price in dollars per acre for land in the various Townships and Wards of Madison county as per the tax records in J. Will Roberts office Register of Deeds, of Madison county for the year 1927 is as follows:

No. 1 Township, Ward 1	\$41.00
No. 1 Township, Ward 2	29.00
No. 1 Township, Ward 3	28.00
No. 1 Township, Ward 4	23.00
No. 2 Township, Ward 1	19.00
No. 2 Township, Ward 2	11.00
No. 3 Township	30
No. 4 Township	21.00
No. 5 Township	24.00
No. 6 Township	21.00
No. 7 Township	17.00
No. 8 Township, Ward 1	15.00
No. 8 Township, Ward 2	10.00
No. 9 Township	15.00
No. 10 Township	19.00
No. 11 Township	11.00
No. 12 Township	15.00
No. 13 Township	10.00
No. 14 Township	21.00
No. 15 Township	33.00
No. 16 Township	11.00

In the above average, the value of all buildings on farms is included but does not include town lots.

The average of town lots in the various towns in Madison county are as follows:

Marshall, per lot	\$2,125.00
Walnut, per lot	650.00
Hot Springs, per lot	885.00
Mars Hill, per lot	750.00

The average of the lots in Marshall does not include the Bank Buildings, Cotton Mill, Masonic Home Co., or the Chevrolet building as they are corporations and are valued for taxes by the Corporation Commission at Raleigh.

The Mountain Park Hotel property at Hot Springs, is not valued as town lots, but valued as acreage for taxes. This property contains 100 acres and is valued at \$75,000.

## REV. R. H. HIPPS DIES AT WHEEL

SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK NEAR HOT SPRINGS

The Rev. R. H. Hipps, well known Buncombe County minister, dropped dead shortly before 1 o'clock Thursday in the automobile he was driving from his farm in Spring Creek, Madison County, to Asheville. Mr. Hipps, accompanied by a school boy, Brown Coward, were driving along a narrow road on the Spring Creek highway, about five miles from Hot Springs. Coward said Mr. Hipps turned to him and remarked about the narrowness of the road and then slumped over dead. The boy stopped the car before it had a chance to run off its course. A heart attack was believed to be the cause of his death.

Mr. Hipps had been a Baptist minister in many churches throughout Buncombe county and western North Carolina. He was born on Spring Creek, and was 69 years old.

He is survived by his widow, and three sons, Dr. A. T. Hipps, and W. H. Hipps, an attorney, both of Asheville, and the Rev. J. B. Hipps, dean of Shanghai (China) College, a missionary institution.

## Asheville Claims A Population of 70,000

Asheville and its close-in suburbs have a population of approximately 70,100 persons, the 1928 city directory will show, Ernest H. Miller, who is compiling the directory for publication in February, has announced. The 1928 Asheville directory, he predicted, will show Asheville to be the second or third city in the state in population. The directory will contain approximately as many names as the Winston-Salem directory, and it will be exceeded by the Charlotte directory.

## THERE ARE FEWER LAWS

Every now and then some one feeling the hand of the law on gambling, drinking or extortion, cry out that the trouble with the country is that there are too many laws. Undoubtedly they are right, but what laws would they repeal? Asked that question they make a wholesale indictment of "too many laws." In nine cases out of ten they mean they hate the laws against the whiskey evil or gambling or usury, but know these laws are here to stay.

As a matter of fact people are less bound by law as to personal affairs than in former centuries. In the year 1770 this law was in force in England:

Whoever shall entice into matrimony any male subject of Her Majesty, by means of rouge, white paint, Spanish cotton, steel corsets, crinolines, high-heeled shoes or false hips shall be prosecuted for witchcraft, and the marriage be declared null and void.

Suppose that law were in force this 1928, and it a Leap Year, too!

—News & Observer.

## NEW ROAD NOT TO MISS MARSHALL

HIGHWAY OFFICIAL TELLS CITIZENS THAT ROAD 20 WILL TOUCH TOWN

Marshall, N. C., Jan. 6.—The probability of the town of Marshall being left off the future route of State Highway No. 20, provided that the road is constructed through the Mashburn Gap section north of here, was revealed by a statement made by Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission here Tuesday.

Several months ago it is said that a survey beginning at a point some distance east of Marshall and following a line north of the town, the line in question being separated from Marshall by a large mountain, and intersecting with the surveyed Mashburn Gap route at a point north or northwest of here, was made by a surveyor. Whether or not the surveyor running this line was employed by the State Highway Commission, which at that time, had a force of men stationed here, is not known, but the fear of Marshall citizens relative to the possibility of their town being eliminated from the State Highway route, were quelled by Mr. Page, when the question was reached during the hearing of the Sweetwater Gap, the Roberts Gap, and Mashburn Gap factions here Tuesday afternoon at the courthouse. "We know nothing about such a survey and it certainly was not authorized by us," Mr. Page emphatically stated to the citizens gathered in the courtroom.

He stated that it absolutely was not the intentions nor plans of his department to carry the future route of the State Highway No. 20, over any course, other than through the town of Marshall. Several citizens have expressed an opinion that the route might possibly follow the survey in question, thus leaving Marshall at some time in the future off the main highway route. However, there is now no foundation on which to base such anxiety, according to the statement of Mr. Page.

—Asheville Citizen.

It came out in the evidence before the State Highway Commission at Marshall, N. C. on the 2nd instant that the opposition to the location of the highway leading from Walnut through the Mashburn Gap was principally caused by the fear that if the highway came through the Mashburn Gap it would not come through the town of Marshall. Mr. Paige, chairman of the Highway Commission, then and there stated that if the road were located through the Mashburn Gap, it would come through the town of Marshall, just the same as it would through any other route.

## REDUCING RATES ON ELECTRICITY

J. A. HENDRICKS AND OTHERS APPEAR BEFORE STATE CORPORATION IN REGARD TO NEW SCALE OF RATES

Mr. John A. Hendricks returned from Raleigh Wednesday afternoon with Mayor Grover C. Redmon and Mr. F. E. Freeman, where they had been to appear before the State Corporation Commission in regard to the new scale of rates put on for electric current by the Company which recently bought out the Madison Light & Power Company. The users of electricity realize from their last bills rendered that they were from 50 to 100 percent more than they had formerly been. It appears that Marshall heretofore had lowest rate for electricity of any town in the state and the high rates seem to be rather exorbitant to what has been heretofore paid.

Mr. Hendricks reports that a reduction was procured on current used for stoves and frigidaires and such like uses where separate meter is used from 10c to 4c. The rate heretofore was 3c straight. For industrial purposes where persons furnish their own transformers and fixtures the rate was reduced to \$1.25 per horsepower per month. All other requests for reduction were denied.

It is understood that the new company is putting in an electric line from Burnsville to Marshall and Marshall will be supplied, if this is true, with its electric current from Burnsville. Electricity being produced at Burnsville by gasoline engine and a small water power. The Carolina Power & Light Company has recently put in a line at great expense from Marshall through Yancey County to Spruce Pine in Mitchell County. It will be seen that the current is sent from Marshall over to Spruce Pine from the big plant on the French Broad River and the current that Marshall uses transmitted from Burnsville produced by the methods above mentioned. It is stated that an inventory showed that the assets of the Madison Light & Power Company, exclusive of the franchise when sold to the present owners was actually worth about \$15,000. If this is true they paid \$40,000 for the franchise granted the Madison Light & Power Company by the Town of Marshall. It is now claimed by the present operators that they must make some profit on their investment. In the meantime the people of Marshall and the other towns and patrons in Madison County must pay the bills. Of course the rates must necessarily be increased to pay the present owners a profit of any kind on their investment. \$40,000 for franchise, an invisible creature and for forty miles of transmission line, gasoline engines, etc.

## MRS. MARTHA RAMSEY BURIED IN RAMSEY CEMETERY ON LAST SUNDAY

Funeral service for Mrs. Martha Ramsey, of Asheville, who passed away at her home in Beverly Hills Saturday night, following a brief illness, was conducted at the Ramsey cemetery, near the old home of the deceased, and a short distance south of here, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. O. Cox, pastor of the Marshall M. E. Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Horace L. Smith, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church.

Mrs. Ramsey, who was 84 years of age was one of Madison County's and Marshall's best known and oldest residents. She had lived near here practically all her life until a short time ago, when she went to Asheville to be with Mrs. Jeter Wilson, who also formerly lived here.

Her only son, Henry Ramsey, who was one of Marshall's most prominent farmers and best known citizens, passed away after a brief illness several years ago. Surviving are several grand children and other distant relatives.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

We regret to state that we were forced to leave out the auditor's report this week, but, owing to Linotype trouble, we had to do so. This will be published next week.

## SCHEDULE OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETINGS, MADISON COUNTY, January 16-20, 1928

The meetings of the Hot Springs Girls' Sewing Club, and of the Hot Springs Woman's Home Demonstration Club, which were scheduled at the last meeting, to be held on Monday, January 16th, have been changed to Monday, January 30th.

All of the other meetings of the County are to be held as follows:

Tuesday, January 17, 1928—

1:00-2:30. Walnut Girls' Club.  
 2:30. Walnut Women's Club-Subject—"Some Finishes and Short Cuts in Dressmaking."

Wednesday, January 18, 1928

1:00-2:30. White Rock Girls' Club.  
 2:30. White Rock Women's Club-Subject—"Bound Buttonholes and Set-in Pockets."

Thursday, January 19, 1928—

10:00. Pioneer Women's Club-Laurel Branch Church-Subject—"Making of Kimona Sleeve Dress Pattern."

2:30. Enon Women's Club-Subject—"Ways of Cooking Eggs."

Friday, January 20, 1928—

1:00-2:30. Beech Glenn Girls' Club.  
 2:30. Beech Glenn Women's Club at Beech Glenn School-Subject—"Style in Clothes and Some Ways of Gaining It."

All women and girls of Madison County are invited to attend these Club meetings. Come to the one nearest to you!

SARAH PORTER ELLIS, District Home Demonstration Agent

## ORPHANAGES ARE LEFT \$10,000 EACH BY LEXINGTON MAN

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage and the Methodist Children's Home, Winston-Salem, each will receive \$10,000 from the estate of James A. Elliott, Thomasville merchant, who died recently. The bequests are made payable upon the death of Mrs. M. J. Elliott, mother of the deceased, and Mrs. A. S. Dobson, a sister.

Two hundred and forty black bass for brood stock will be obtained from Currituck Sound for the new hatchery that is being developed at Lake James in Burke County. All of the fingerlings that are propagated at the hatchery will be released in the waters of Lake James.

## PLANTING OF FOREST SEEDLINGS GROWS IN POPULARITY LATELY

Reforestation by artificial planting is experiencing a momentous start in North Carolina this year, the second during which the Forest Service has had provisions by which it could extend concrete assistance.

The present is the second year in which there has been a distribution of seedlings from the Department nursery, and already though the planting season has just started, the demand for the young trees has reached almost half of the available supply.

There are applications on file with F. H. Claridge, Assistant Forester, and nursery manager, for more than 100,000 plants of the 237,000 that will be available for farm planting. At the same rate of requests the supply will not nearly be sufficient to supply all of those who wish to engage in forest planting activities, and it will be necessary for the Department to fill the applications in the order in which they are received. Under these conditions, it is desirable that all applications be sent into the Department as early as possible.

Realizing the steady rise in demand for seedlings for reforestation, the Department is making plans to enlarge the capacity of the State Forest Nursery, and it is probable that the number of available plants for next year will be around half a million. In many of the States where nurseries have been maintained over a long period, the demand for planting has gone into the millions annually, and it is considered likely that there will be fully as large a need in North Carolina.

The small charge of \$3.00 per thousand is made for the seedlings to bear the cost of packing and shipping. This sum is considerably below the cost of growing as an inducement to encourage reforestation activities.