

## JESUITS ACQUIRE HOTEL PROPERTY AT HOT SPRINGS

The Jesuits, a religious order of the Catholic Church, yesterday acquired possession of the Hot Springs Hotel property and several adjoining tracts of land, near Hot Springs, aggregating between 450 and 500 acres. The property, valued at \$250,000, was donated to the Jesuits by Mrs. Bessie M. Safford, of Hot Springs.

The transaction was formally approved Monday in Madison Superior Court by Judge Walter E. Moore.

**Spring To Be Leased**  
Under provisions of the compromise agreement, the hotel property and springs, comprising about 100 acres, will be leased or sold for commercial purposes. The Jesuits will use the remainder of the property for establishment of a seminary for training of its clerical students, and for parks.

The seminary will accommodate between 80 and 100 students. The Jesuits plan immediate development of the property, and construction of the necessary buildings will get under way in the near future.

Mrs. Safford retains a life estate in the home-place, consisting of the residence and 18 acres. Upon her death, the land goes to the Jesuits. The transfer of the property from Mrs. Safford to the Jesuits has been held up for some time, on account of litigation. A compromise agreement, entered into between Mrs. Safford, represented by Judge Frank Carter and James E. Rector, of Asheville, provides for the Hot Springs Hotel property and health giving springs to remain open to the general public.

Mrs. Rector, who held an option for purchase of the hotel property, agreed to the transfer of the property if this provision was made. The property could not be decided without the cancellation of this contract.

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. WILLIS PAYNE

(By MRS. GARLAN FARMER)

We extend deepest sympathy to the family and relatives. We feel that in the death of Mrs. Payne we sustain an irreparable loss. She was a woman that was loved and respected, and was ever ready to aid in sickness in her community. Her good deeds won for her a place in all our hearts. Our mind fails to find words with which to express esteem for her worthy deeds and the kindness she showed us.

We extend to the husband and children our tenderest feelings of love and sympathy. We commend them to the Great Physician who can comfort every heart and heal every wound.

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

Her place now empty here  
No one can ever fill;  
For she was very dear,  
And we shall love her still.

To husband and children,  
Let Carrie be your guiding star,  
To help guide and direct each of you,  
To that better land afar.

For Carrie will wake again,  
When sounds the trumpet's voice;  
We hope to meet her then  
And with her shall rejoice.

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### FOR SHERIFF

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

Being solicited by a number of the best citizens of Madison County to make the race for Sheriff, I have after duly considering the matter decided to place my name before you.

If nominated and elected I promise you that I will do the best that is in me to make you the best officer I can.

Yours very truly,  
ROBERT G. LANDERS  
Walnut, N. C.

## MADISON COUNTY G. O. P. GATHERS

DR. HUTCHINS NAMED NEW CHAIRMAN

Stressing party harmony and unity as the proper and essential basis on which to establish the 1928 political campaign, the Madison Republican Convention met in the County Court-house Saturday at 12 o'clock with a record attendance of coherents of the party, representing each of 16 townships in Madison and packing to capacity the courtroom where the convention met. The meeting was called to order by S. B. Roberts of Marshall, County Chairman, who surrendered the chair to A. W. Whitehurst, who served as temporary chairman. B. W. Gahagan was appointed to serve as temporary secretary, both Mr. Whitehurst and Mr. Gahagan being later elected permanently to serve during the meeting following a motion providing for this action made by Charles B. Mashburn, local attorney. Mentioning the record and State-wide reputation of the Republican party in Madison County and urging all the Republican voters to work for harmony and to support the party, Calvin R. Edney, Mars Hill attorney; J. Colman Ramsey, of Marshall, and former representative of Madison County in the State Senate; Charles B. Mashburn, of Marshall; John A. Honbricht, County attorney and former representative in the General Assembly; Paul Bruce, Mars Hill postmaster; Dr. J. H. Hutchins, of Marshall and others addressed the meeting.

Among the important business transacted at the meeting was the election of Dr. J. H. Hutchins, of Marshall to succeed S. B. Roberts, as chairman of the Madison County Republican Committee, while A. W. Whitehurst was elected secretary. Delegates to represent this County at the Congressional and Senatorial conventions were also appointed.

Although the endorsement of a part or complete Republican ticket at the G. O. P. meeting was expected by many, only one candidate was endorsed, the entry of John A. Hendricks receiving the unanimous endorsement of the convention.

—Asheville Citizen

## BAPTISTS TO HEAR JUDGE JOHNSON SUNDAY

Marshall Baptist church has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Judge T. L. Johnson to speak to us Sunday morning. Mr. Johnson is a fine speaker, and will explain to us the meaning of the Centennial Campaign. Every Baptist should hear him. He will present to us some fact that we should know about the nearly 100 years of Baptist History in N. C. The Board of Deacons and Pastor are expecting every member of our church to be present.

Come to Sunday School Sunday morning and stay for the church service.

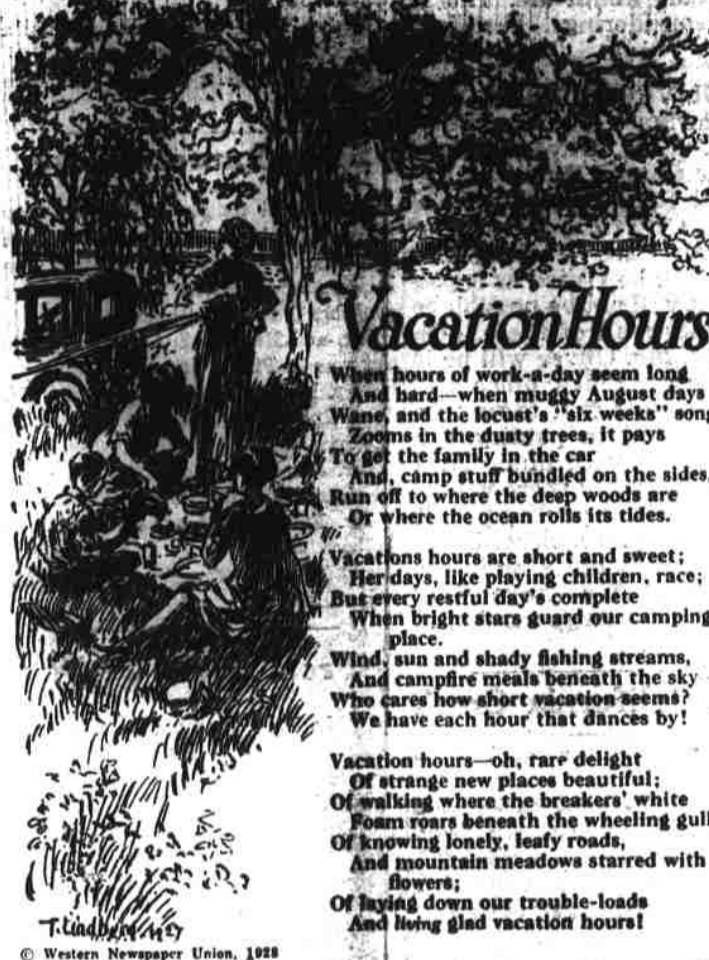
## MONEY MADE AVAILABLE

Chicago, March 29—More than a million dollars was made available today for expansion and property betterment purposes by the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., at Marshall, Bursville, Bakersville and adjacent communities.

Other properties of the East Coast Utilities Company which will shape in the expansion program are located in that part of the Tidewater section of Virginia and Maryland which contain some of the most productive farm lands in the entire south. According to announcement of President W. F. Stevens, G. B. Woody of Bursville, will be in active charge of all the company's properties in North Carolina.

## Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays



### Vacation Hours

When hours of work-a-day seem long  
And hard—when muggy August days  
Wane, and the locust's "six weeks" song  
Zooms in the dusty trees, it pays  
To get the family in the car  
And, camp stuff bundled on the sides,  
Run off to where the deep woods are  
Or where the ocean rolls its tides.

Vacation hours are short and sweet;  
Herdays, like playing children, race;  
But every restful day's complete  
When bright stars guard our camping place.

Wind, sun and shady fishing streams,  
And campfire meals beneath the sky  
Who cares how short vacation seems?  
We have each hour that dances by!

Vacation hours—oh, rare delight  
Of strange new places beautiful;  
Of walking where the breakers' white  
Foam roars beneath the wheeling gull;  
Of knowing lonely, leafy roads,  
And mountain meadows starred with  
flowers;  
Of laying down our trouble-loads  
And living glad vacation hours!

## BODY OF YOUNG DAVIS FLOATS UP AT MARSHALL

IN RIVER SINCE DECEMBER 3rd, 1927

Great excitement was created in Marshall Wednesday when the body of J. L. Davis, so long sought, and almost given up as hopeless, after being in the river since Dec. 4, 1927, was discovered about ten o'clock by Noah Rice and Otis Taylor, two Marshall youths. Hundreds of people visited the place where the body was seen.

Davis, young Asheville man, leaped into the swollen stream, December 4, to evade Madison County officers who gave chase to his automobile because it was said to have contained liquor when the machine passed through Marshall en route to Asheville.

The pursuing officers saw the man jump into the river while a companion whose identity is still unknown ran up a mountain and eluded the law. The officers stated they found 16 gallons of liquor in the car following a search. They also found a suit of clothes which led to the identification of the car owner.

The French Broad River has been continually searched ever since the event in an effort to solve the mystery of Davis' disappearance and it had finally been decided that the man had successfully crossed the stream which was badly swollen by heavy rains and had gained the other bank.

The aged father of the youth, however, never gave up hope that the body would be found, saying he felt sure that his son had been drowned. The bulkhead dam of the Marshall Mill and Power Company had been drained in order to locate the body there, if possible, but this was unavailing.

About 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Noah Rice and Otis Taylor, two Marshall youths, saw the body floating partly out of the water at the edge of a large pile of driftwood and trash. A younger brother, Mack Davis, was located, and assisted in rescuing the body.

Deputy Sheriff Charlie H. Ramsey, Zack Ramsey, Glenn Ramsey, Noah Rice, and Bill Haney fastened two boats together, rowed out to the body and lifted it by aid of an improvised stretcher of sheeting.

The inquest was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The body was badly decomposed but was identified by a bill-fold containing the name of "J. L. Davis, 354 Patton Avenue, Asheville." Dr. Harry B. Dittmore, Marshall physician, examined the body and stated that there were no evidences of bullet wounds, and that death was due to drowning.

In the bill-fold was found \$31.82. The body was prepared for burial at the O. C. Rector funeral establishment and taken to the home near Asheville for interment.

## PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, scheduled to be held next Tuesday night, will be held Tuesday afternoon instead. Important business will be transacted at this meeting, and all mothers and fathers are urged to be present. Remember the date—next Tuesday afternoon, April the 3rd.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

French Broad Baptist Association  
to be held with—  
PEEK'S CHAPEL CHURCH  
APRIL 28-29, 1928

Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

1. Devotional exercises, Wayne Peek, thirty minutes.
2. Reports from churches present, 20 minutes.
3. Introductory sermon, Jesse Corn, 30 minutes.
4. The Worth of a Baptist Church in a Community—L. C. Roberts, 30 minutes.
5. The Marks of An Efficient Church—R. D. Ponder, 30 minutes.
6. Intermission, 1 hour—Dinner on grounds.

Afternoon Session, 1 P. M.

1. Devotional Exercises—Jesse Watt, 30 minutes.
2. Indifference, A Danger Signal in Kingdom Development—J. R. Owen, 30 minutes.
3. Are We Loyal to the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible—E. F. Baker, 30 minutes.
4. Business Session—Adjournment at will.

Sunday, 10:00 A. M.

1. Sunday School Mass Meeting, Lessons taught by F. H. Leatherwood, 30 minutes.
  2. The Work and Needs of the Denominational Sunday School—R. M. Lee, 30 minutes.
  3. Sermon—H. L. Smith.
- NOTE:—Peek's Chapel Choir will furnish music for the meeting.

## SEWING-CIRCLE BAZAAR

The Sewing Circle, of the Baptist Church, will have a Bazaar Saturday week, the Saturday before Easter, April 7. Aprons, fancy work, cakes, candy and Easter Eggs will be sold.

## SUCCESS IN WOMANLESS WEDDING AT MARS HILL

### SING. CONVENTION WELL ATTENDED

The Madison County Singing Convention in Marshall Sunday was attended by more than could be comfortable in the court house. It was the opinion of some attending the Convention that the school auditorium should have been opened for this convention and the real reason why it was not so apparent, and it is hoped that future conventions can be given a better auditorium than the court-house.

No prizes were given at the Convention Sunday, but three classes and three quartettes rivaled one another in singing. The classes were Grape Vine, Big Pine and Walnut Creek. The quartettes were Little Creek, Walnut Creek, and Wallin's.

Mr. L. F. Tweed was elected president of the Convention succeeding Dr. W. A. Sams, and Mr. Roy L. Gudger was elected secretary, succeeding Mr. Sanky Brigman.

The next convention will be held in Marshall the third Sunday in May, and it is hoped the school auditorium may be used.

## PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM JAIL HERE

OWEN BRIGMAN, ONE OF THE PRISONERS, CAPTURED AT ALEXANDER

Owen Brigman, member of a trio of prisoners escaping from the Madison County jail last Friday, was arrested by a resident at Alexander, on the Asheville-Marshall highway, Saturday. Sheriff Ramsey went after Brigman Saturday afternoon and brought him back to Marshall.

Sheriff Ramsey, aided by a posse, scoured the hills east of here and in other sections of the county Saturday in an effort to capture the other two prisoners.

### Escape Through Hole

The three prisoners made their escape by improvised rope ladders made from two blankets, through a hole torn in the brick wall on the east side of the building adjoining a blacksmith shop. All three were locked in the same cell, it is said, and the outside locks were broken and bent with an iron bar.

Among those escaping was Sam Phillips, of Yancey County, who was being held here following the filing of an appeal by his attorney from a sentence of from nine to ten years in state's prison imposed at the February term of court here by Judge Walter E. Moore, of Sylva, following his conviction on a robbery charge. Phillips, and a young couple, Mrs. Homer Moss, age 40, and her husband age 18 were tried on a charge of taking a trunk containing a sum of money and checks aggregating approximately \$750 from the home of Wiley Metcalf, aged farmer of the Paint Fork section of Madison County, in May, 1927. Moss was given from eight to nine years, while Mrs. Moss was found not guilty, following one of the most lengthy and hardest fought trials in a Madison court. However, a few days after the adjournment of court, John H. McElroy, of Marshall, attorney for Moss, and J. Coleman Ramsey attorney for Phillips, filed an appeal for their clients, basing the same on a purported error in the charge made by Judge Moore to the jury sitting on the case. Moss was released on bond of \$5,000 while Phillips could not make bond. The hearing of the appeal was expected in May.

Guy George and John Pittard were fine ushers. The groomsmen, Dan Carter, G. C. Cox, Plato Reece, and Nathan Runnion were in their natural places as groomsmen, and Mr. T. J. Murray was quite dignified as he performed the ceremony under the arched altar. Those who had the burden of staging this play doubtless feel repaid for their effort and anxiety.

The entertainment put on at the public school auditorium at Mars Hill last Friday night by the Parent-Teacher Association of Mars Hill, in which the Womanless Wedding was the principal feature, was quite a success in every way. Every seat was taken, the side aisles filled with chairs, and a great deal of standing room taken. More than a hundred dollars was cleared for the Association.

The entertainment, after some announcements by Mr. N. S. Whitaker, was begun with musical numbers. Preceding the wedding the Bachelor's Dream was beautifully done. Miss Bess Ramsey, a member of the faculty, did well a difficult part in describing in verse each character as it passed over the stage. Miss Ethel English could not take her part on account of illness, and some other changes were made in the wedding characters substituting for some printed on the program. For instance, Mr. C. O. Crowder acted as groom instead of Clyde Holcombe as printed. Mr. E. R. Elmore made a very pretty little bride and her train was effectively borne by Mr. Bryson Thison. Rev. J. R. Owen as the grandfather of the bride, suggests that he might do well on the stage if he were not a minister, so well did he act his part, and Mr. Jason Briggs as his "old lady" was most effective.

Mr. W. L. George as father of the bride and Mr. Max Ammons, as mother of the bride, were also quite entertaining. Mr. S. L. Carter as uncle of the bride was natural, while Mr. R. S. Gibbs, as aunt of the bride was quite a good-looking woman. The twins, Messrs. Garner Hutchins and J. A. Paige, were so mischievous that they and Edward Smith as the baby sister of the bride, almost broke up the wedding, but L. D. Edwards as the colored nurse took care of the situation very effectively. Just imagine Dr. W. F. Robinson as the little ring-bearer. The jilted sweetheart, acted by Mr. A. E. Carter, almost made the audience weep in sympathy. She was pitiful and pathetic. Mr. E. Y. Ammons made a good father of the groom, and Floyd Holcombe as mother of the groom was quite amusing. Kenneth Murray, as sister of the groom and H. L. Anderson, as brother of the groom, were quite distinguished looking and we are sure the bride was glad to have them in the family. Mr. N. S. Whitaker is good any time, anywhere, but in this he was the best man. Mr. R. M. Lee as the maid of honor was quite stunning. Mr. D. E. Poole, soloist, could sing both high and low, and Mrs. Knowall was well done by Mr. J. A. McCleod. Mr. J. P. Smith was also a delightful wedding guest. Think of William Runnion as little flower girl and such fellows as John George, Paul Bruce, Bob Tilson, and Calvin Edney as bridesmaids.

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## PARAMOUNT NEWS

Beginning April 2nd, 1928, the Paramount News Reel will be shown every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and Friday nights of each week at "Our Theatre."

Mr. Ozmer, the owner and manager of "Our Theatre," is to be commended on this step which he has taken, and movie-goers will note this change with interest.

The latest news from all over the world in pictures—all news of importance—right before your eyes—isn't that good? Our local theatre is certainly putting on some mighty good pictures now. It is your own fault if you do not see them.

## JOHN DEAVER'S HOME BURNS

The home of John Deaver, well-known Marshall resident, was burned to the ground Saturday night, with practically nothing of value being saved and no insurance. Mr. Deaver's home was located at Rollins, near the residence of Mayor Grover C. Redman.

## ROBERT LANDERS OUT FOR SHERIFF

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the announcement of Mr. Robert Landers of Walnut for Sheriff. This announcement should have been in this paper last week, but by an error in the printing office, it was left out. We regret very much the error, but appreciate the fine spirit in which Mr. Landers accepted our explanation and apology.