

BANK OF FRENCH BROAD TO GIVE STUDENTS PRIZES

To Be Awarded During Commencement Exercises

The Bank of French Broad of Marshall has announced, thru its proper officers, that it will give prizes to High School students, in each of the five high schools of Madison County. The prizes to be awarded during the regular commencement exercises of each of the schools.

There will be offered altogether ten prizes, or two for each high school in the County. The prizes will be \$5.00 gold pieces, and will be given to the winners of the Declamation Contests and the Recitation Contests. That is to say that \$5.00 in gold will be given to the boy in each high school that is pronounced the winner of the Declamation contest in his respective school, and likewise \$5.00 in gold will be given to the girl that is pronounced the winner of the Recitation contest in her respective school.

The Principal of each school will select either three or five judges, as he or she sees fit, who shall be well qualified to judge these contests on their merits.

The Bank of French Broad further announces that each winner of a prize that desires to do so may open a Savings Account with the prize money, and if it is left for a period of one year they will add an additional \$1.00 to each account so opened, in addition to the regular 4% that is paid regularly on such accounts.

For further details of this contest those interested may see the principal of their school, or Mr. C. E. Rector, Cashier of the Bank of French Broad, who will be glad to furnish full particulars.

POPULAR STUDENT DIES

Services Held For Popular Mars Hill College Student

Charles W. Roper, a Junior College Senior in Mars Hill College, died last Thursday night in French Broad Hospital, of complications following pneumonia. He was sick for two weeks.

Roper was one of the most popular students that ever attended Mars Hill College and had woven himself into the life of the community as well as the institution. At the time of his death, he was teaching a class of community young men in the Sunday School and through the forty young men in this class he was doing a fine work for the community.

Friday at eleven o'clock, all class work was suspended and a Memorial Service was held in the Mars Hill Church. The building was crowded by students and community people and one of the most impressive services ever attended by the writer was held. Those taking part in the services were: Glenn Whitt, representing the Young Men's Class; J. Smith, representing the Euthalian Society of which he was a member; E. F. Baker, spoke of Roper's faithfulness to the Ministerial Conference of which he was a member; Mrs. B. L. Stapleton spoke of his dormitory life; Dr. C. Roberts, who spoke of Roper's religious experiences; O. J. Murphy and W. L. Parker who were with him when the end came and Mr. R. L. Moore, who was the last speaker spoke along the line of Living True, Thinking Pure, Righting Wrong and Following the King. He pictured the life of Roper, who had been with us three years as one who tried to do these things.

A brief service was held at the Funeral Home in Asheville, at the same hour by a few Mars Hill friends and the mother and a brother, after which the body was carried to Hones Path, S. C., where the family lives and where burial took place Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. A faculty member and several students accompanied the body to Hones Path and stayed for the burial.

What ever became of the old-fashioned girl who used to spend Saturday mornings breathing into lamp chimneys and cleaning them with an old newspaper?

You can recognize a typical American anywhere. He is asking some body for a match.

FROM MARS HILL

Mrs. W. R. Davis had as her guests Sunday, Mr. Leonard Pickens, Miss Hattie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Davis, of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Geter C. Robinson and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hutchins of Mars Hill.

Mrs. J. C. Hutchins is visiting her son, Dr. Will Hutchins, at Kingsport, Tennessee. She is expected to return to her home the latter part of this week.

Dr. and Mrs. John Baird are occupying their new home on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hampton of Asheville, visited their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Peek, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, of Fayetteville, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gibbs during the Easter holidays.

Miss Ida Lee Hutchins was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Farr, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lippard are visiting friends and relatives at Mars Hill.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. M. Holcombe, father of Mr. F. H. Holcombe is ill at the time of this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Slack, of the College Pharmacy, had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Parks and daughter Catherine, and Mr. and Mrs. Compton, of Asheville.

Mrs. J. B. Peek, an 80 year old resident of Mars Hill, died last Friday morning after an illness of about 10 weeks. She is survived by the following sisters: Miss C. Merrill, Mrs. Vick McLain, Mrs. Fine Phillips. The following children also survive: Drs. E. D. and Will Peek, Fate Peek, of Montana, Miss Meda Peek and Wayne Peek of Mars Hill, Mrs. Doug Carter, of Chase City, Va., Mrs. J. T. Carter, of Pine Burn Park, Asheville, and a number of grandchildren.

The passing of Mrs. Peek marks the passing of one of Mars Hill's oldest and most beloved citizens.

Last Rites For Madison Man Killed In Mine

Funeral services for Leland Hall, 23, of Micaville, Madison County, who was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon when a big rock in the Gibbs mica mine in which he was working was dislodged and fell on him, were held at Micaville last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Famous Laughmakers In New Comedy at Our Theatre

"Life of Riley" Sees George Sidney And Charlie Murray As Fire Chief And Chief of Police

"The Life of Riley," a First National Pictures feature comedy that heads the entertainment bill at Our Theatre brings the funnier and bigger laugh makers to the local screen in the persons of George Sidney and Charlie Murray.

Each of the famous stage and film comics is more brilliant and sparkling and ludicrous for the presence of the other in "The Life of Riley." They play Chief of Police and Fire Chief respectively of a rustic village. Myrtle Stedman takes the role of the village widow for whose hand the comedians wage war, and Sam Hardy is the villain who tries to take her from them. This four-cornered love affair is a comedy scream from beginning to end, but sweetly wistful and pleasant Junior romance goes with it.

June Marlowe and Stephen Carr enact this love story, and Edwards Davis appears in an effective role. The film was produced for First National by E. M. Asher and directed by William Beaudine. In addition to natural comedy facilities afforded by rustic atmosphere, a huge circus carnival, a Fourth of July gala event and a fire add excitement and color.

PARTY AT RECTOR HOTEL

A party was given at the Rector Hotel Wednesday night celebrating the birthday of little Miss Martha Yonce, the party being given by Prof. and Mrs. Yonce in honor of the Senior class of the Marshall High School. Several were invited besides members of the Senior class, about twenty-five in all attending. Games were played and refreshments were served and all had a delightful time.

Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays
Nature's Creed

The Modernists with their clever tricks
Are reconstructing God,
Yet God is here when the sun is clear
And the dew is on the sod.
The pulpits sound with the stubborn pound
Of the Fundamentalists,
And yet in spite of the petty fight
God's majesty persists.

Beyond the ken of the minds of men
Is the power of sun and cloud
That moves the corn blades in the morn
The farmer calls it God.
So this is wrought it matters not
If factions never meet,
For the God of his salvation is
The God of corn and wheat.

God's in the rain and the yellow grain
And in the fruited soil;
The country's grace reveals His face
To all who sing and toil.
When birds rejoice we hear His voice
Whatever be our creed;
We know that God renews the seed
And stirs the planted seed.



A WORD FROM

THE PUBLISHER

The questions put up to the candidates for the Legislature by Mr. Ira Plemmons this week may seem at first reading rather personal, especially to one who knows Mr. Plemmon's own views on these matters. But on the assumption that the average reader does not know the preferences of Mr. Plemmons and, as the questions can be answered either in the affirmative or negative, we are passing them on to our readers. We wish to say that a sensible discussion of any or all these questions will be accepted for publication free of charge, provided all bitterness or personal feeling is left out, and so long as the discussion is of interest to the people of Madison County. Our one request is that your articles be made as short as possible to cover the subject.

GEORGIA BRANCH NEWS

LAST WEEK FALSE

Someone on Spring Creek wrote for this paper under the head of Georgia Branch news last week several items which a number of people in that section have said were false and offensive. The news was properly signed by a person of that community. We have no way of proving that it was written by that person as there are some people who are low-down, mean, contemptible, hateful, or cowardly enough to write an article and sign the name of some respectable person to the article. The person who will do a thing like that deserves 99 years at hard labor on the County road, with a repeating rifle staring him or her in the face.

Very few acts are more despicable than rushing into print such lies and underwriting them with some innocent person's name. If an honest person writes or says something false, he will correct it as soon as possible. If you read the Georgia Branch news last week, don't believe any of it until you know it is true.

The first cooperative car lot of lime to be ordered by farmers of Caldwell County in 1928 was unloaded last week. Fifteen farmers in the county are planting sweet clover for the first time this spring.

In one section of Lincoln over 90 per cent of the fertilizer used is bought cooperatively and mixed at home.

Farmers of Alexander County are having their first experience with sweet clover this year. 2,000 pounds of seed has been planted as a beginning.

Nearly all the home orchards of Gaston County are well pruned and have been carefully sprayed, observes county agent, L. B. Altman.

E. S. Ashew of Bertie County recently planted 125 pecan trees which he bought through the North Carolina Pecan Growers' Society.

The Farmers Club of Craven County recently held a "Ladies Night" meeting at which their wives were invited to a turkey supper.

County Agents in North Carolina have begun their hog shipping work early this season. Two cars moved from Beaufort county last week and seven others are ready for this week. Those hogs sold last week topped the market at Richmond.

Bertie County farmers vaccinated 291 head of hogs last week in an attempt to control an outbreak of cholera.

Now that the cooperative car lot sales of poultry are being held by the county agents, it is a good time to cull out the boarder hens and sell them for cash.

Prospects are that wool prices will vary from 40 to 45 cents a pound this spring where the product has been well handled.

You have learned everything essential about the youth if you know whether he calls himself a college student or a college man.

Tom Tansel says there is one good thing about eggs being cheap; the family gets more to eat at home.

POLITICS AND TAXES, HERE AND THERE!

(By IRA PLEMMONS)

When Mr. Blake made his audit, all of us thought that his statement of the deficit in the school fund was right, but now it occurs that the amount owing by the school board was not taken into consideration, and that the deficit is \$7,135.08 more, or \$58,915.95. The amount of outstanding bills was \$4,800.24 and the amount due the special tax districts was \$2,334.84 or a total of \$7,135.34. Why Dillard and that crowd should have used any of the special tax districts funds is beyond me. For the amounts named above is why the bonds of \$58,000.00 had to be issued.

During the two years that this deficit was accumulating the Chairman of the Board of Education drew \$10.00 per day and mileage. This was five dollars per day more than the law provided for. It's true that on Aug. 24, 1925, the board of education passed an order that the chairman should have \$5.00 per month for extra services rendered the board. By what authority of law they had a right to make such an order I do not know, but I did believe that order was in violation of the law. The chairman did not draw only five a month for these two years but five dollars per day extra of what the law sets out as salary that he should have drawn. Not only is this instance noticeable, but many others enter into the items that go to make up this enormous deficit.

I really think that such business as that should stop, and I hope that who ever goes to the legislature will pass some law that will stop such extravagance.

I think we should stop long enough to take stock of our candidate and find out what they propose to do, for a candidate that has no views is certainly unfit, and one who has views and is afraid to express them is worse than unsafe. I am asking the candidates for the State Senate and the House, with no intention of embarrassing them, the following questions, and I hope they will be perfectly frank and state their position.

- 1st. Will you pass a bill abolishing the office of County Farm Demonstrator?
- 2nd. Will you pass any bill or bills to bond the County for any purpose?
- 3rd. Will you pass a bill limiting the tax rate to not more than \$1.75 for all purposes?
- 4th. Will you pass a bill making a criminal offense for the board of County Commissioners or the board of education to spend or contract for any amount above the budget?
- 5th. Will you pass a bill requiring the clerk of the court to mail out check to witness and officers for costs collected by the clerk that is due them?
- 6th. Will you pass a bill prohibiting borrowing on short term notes?
- 7th. Will you pass any bill or bills to raise the salaries of any officer of the County?
- 8th. Will you pass any bill or bills creating any new offices?
- 9th. Will you pass a bill removing two members from the board of education?
- 10th. Will you pass a bill that will remove Jasper Ebbs from the Board of Education?
- 11th. Will you pass a bill giving the county commissioners power to correct any exorbitant valuation of real and personal property?
- 12th. What else have you in mind to put into law should you be successful in being nominated and elected?

I can see no good reason why the candidates cannot express themselves on these questions. Even if it should mean defeat they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have acted honestly with the taxpayers.

As a taxpayer myself I should like to know how and for whom to vote, and I believe every taxpayer in the County wants to know.

I warn the taxpayers that if we fail this year to get the proper men with the right kind of taxes, and who have the backbone to express themselves, and to undertake with all their powers to put laws upon the statute books that will relieve the taxpayers of some of the burdens which they now suffer, then we are staring the sale of more homes in the face. If

the voters cannot see, I remind them that they will FEEL when tax paying time comes around again.

One other question comes to me that I think would be pertinent, and that is, Would you vote for any man who was on the Board of Education when the deficit occurred?

AMERICAN FOREST WEEK

APRIL 22-28, 1928

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Internal Revenue Bureau

News-Record
Marshall, N. C.

Gentlemen:
There is transmitted herewith part copy of the Proclamation of the President of the United States declaring the week of April 22-28, 1928, as AMERICAN FOREST WEEK.

This Proclamation should be brought to the attention of all officials and employees in your respective service.

Respectfully,
A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury

By the Secretary:

D. H. BLAIR,
Commissioner Internal Revenue
"NOW, THEREFORE, I, CALVIN COOLIDGE, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate and set aside as American Forest Week the week beginning April 22 and ending April 28, in this year of 1928.

I recommend to the Governors of the various States that they also designate this week for special observance by all our people; and that where practicable and not in conflict with law and custom, Arbor Day be observed during the course of the same week.

I urge that during the week all citizens and appropriate organizations—including public officials, legislators, business organizations, educators, editors, clergymen, landowners and others—give thought to the preservation and wise use of our forest, to the end that energetic forest policies will be adopted in all communities. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty second."

—CALVIN COOLIDGE

By the President:
Frank B. Kellogg
Secretary of State

Dear Sir:

We ask that this be brought to the attention of the citizens with whom you come in contact to the end that the Proclamation of President Coolidge may be observed to the advantage of our Country and all who dwell therein.

Cordially yours always,
William Grissom
United States Collector

GOVERNOR SMITH IN ASHEVILLE TODAY

It is expected that quite a number of Madison County people will go to Asheville this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock to see Governor Smith of New York, who is expected to speak a few minutes before going to Biltmore Forest where he is to spend about two weeks vacation. Governor Smith is a prominent candidate for the Presidency.

LIQUOR AND MEN CAPTURED LAST WEEK

Seven men and nine stills were captured by the Sheriff's department last week. Sheriff Ramsey reports the largest single capture of beer yet, being estimated at 5000 cans. 75 gallon cans of liquor were taken and 12 bushels of malt. The captures were made in various parts of the County, some on Shelton Laurel, near Paint Rock, and some on Bull Creek.