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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.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET VERY SUCCESSFUL

A pronounced success in every way the annual Junior-Senior banquet at Marshall High School Friday night was acclaimed by both the Junior and Senior classes, and the members of the faculty and others attending, as being one of the most delightful and enjoyable social events of the season.

In addition to the delicious dinner consisting of four courses which was served by Miss Caddell, of the Home Economics Department, assisted by members of her class, a very entertaining and interesting program was given.

Grace was said by Professor Homer C. Henry, principal, followed by the welcome to the Junior class, and a toast to the Seniors by Nellie Crough. A quartet composed of Misses Mary Morrow and Vivian Sams, William Roberts and Woodrow Roberts, sang a selection: "Warrior Bold," which was followed by a recitation: "Johnny Reads the Newspaper," by Clara Merrell. A piano selection, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," by Mary West, was very much enjoyed.

Following a second piano selection, "The Spinning Wheel," which was given very beautifully by Miss June Tweed, a number of interesting talks were made by Prof. C. M. Blankenship, County Superintendent, members of the school board and the high school faculty.

One of the most attractive features of the evening was a flower stunt in which members of the Junior Class presented each member of the High School faculty with a bouquet of the flower which best represented each member's personality. A song to the Seniors by the Juniors came next.

The farewell address by Clara Ward was interesting and served to exercise the commendable talent of the speaker. "Auld Lang Syne," as the Scots sing it, came next on the program with everybody present taking part in the singing of the quaint old hymn.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The remainder of the commencement program for this year as announced recently by Homer C. Henry, principal, follows: Grammar grade program Friday night, April 20; musical recital, Friday night, April 27; April 28, Class Day exercises in afternoon at 3 o'clock, with reading and declamation contest at night; sermon to graduating class at 8 o'clock, Sunday night, April 29, by Rev. Dr. J. T. M. Knox, pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian church, in the High School auditorium. Services at other Marshall churches will be omitted. The commencement play will be given April 30. Graduating exercises will be held May 1.

The Class of '28 consists of 26 members.

Names Of 24 Jurors Drawn In Madison

A list of 24 jurors for service at the April term of civil court which is scheduled to convene here Monday, April 23, with Judge Walter E. Moore of Sylva, presiding, has been drawn by J. N. White, clerk pro tem.

The 24 veniremen are as follows: C. M. Burnett, H. E. Roberts, J. E. Carter, Bailey Cutshall, William B. Price, H. B. Brown, Anderson Metcalf, Frank Gibbs, O. E. Anderson, M. B. Worley, J. H. Redmon, Jeter Worley, W. D. Plemmons, K. Y. Norris, Jones Plemmons, George W. Chandler, J. J. Hensley, J. H. Fortner, J. C. Robinson, J. P. Sams, L. A. Bryan, J. K. Bailey, Mont Shook, and W. D. English.

Although the calendar for the term has not been completed several very important and interesting cases are expected to come before the court during the April session.

BILTMORE FARMS PRAISE BRINTNALL

Dear Sir:— Because I have heard that an effort is afoot to discontinue the office of County Agent in Madison and, more specifically, your present County Agent, Mr. Earl Brintnall, whom we at Biltmore Farms hold in very high esteem, I am taking the liberty of relating a few facts about that part of his work which has direct relation to the dairymen in your county and in the hope that it may aid in retaining this important office and its very able incumbent.

Satisfied that the prices and market conditions governing the product of the few herds in his county were neither profitable nor conducive to extension of dairying he persistently attempted negotiations with us until we agreed to buy all the cream he could produce, from tuberculin tested herds, at current New York prices: the high eastern market.

Having secured this agreement he has with equal persistence been earnestly endeavoring to increase the number of herds and the number of animals in herds already owned in the county. He has made innumerable visits to check up differences in tests and other details—in fact conducted the whole enterprise precisely as though it were his own: until now we have grown to share his wish that the product from Madison may be increased tenfold.

We should welcome sufficient product to require daily collection on a cream route many times greater than at present so long as it is in his charge; as we have become convinced that his work with his dairying relating to selection, feed, cropping, balancing are all of the highest order of skill and helpfulness to these dairymen and, as our interests are mutual, helpful to us.

Already the amount of our purchases from Madison has aroused much interest outside your county and whenever spoken about, this surprising development has invariably called forth the highest praise for Mr. Brintnall, praise in which I join without qualification. In fact I have found him to possess so much superior information on all farm problems that whenever we seek reliable opinion to assist us in decision here I invariably endeavor to consult with him.

Such being the facts I cannot refrain from intruding them upon you with the hope that having this evidence of the great and growing value of the work he has so well started you will aid in opposing any attempt to have it stopped.

Frankly if Madison elects to lose him Biltmore Farms will endeavor to secure him.

Faithfully,
BILTMORE FARMS
Frank A. Daly.

NEW ROAD LINK TO BE BUILT BY STATE

The improvement and maintenance work which was begun on the Walnut Gap-Little Laurel River section of the Asheville-Knoxville highway route, about eight miles northwest of Marshall, was completed the first of last week by the State Highway Commission force, and the equipment has been moved to the Highway at the Madison County Home, where it is now ready for use on the construction of the approximately two and one-half miles section of new road which will be built by the State in the relocation of State Highway No. 20, north of Marshall.

According to a statement made several weeks ago, work on the route is expected to begin the latter part of this month or the first of May. However, since the road equipment has been moved to the scene of the work, it is probable that construction will begin at an earlier date, provided that suitable working weather prevails. About two and one-half months will be necessary for the completion of the road, it is said. During the construction period, the Asheville-Knoxville route traffic will continue to be sent over the Roberts Gap section.

REGISTRARS AND JUDGES OF ELECTIONS MADISON COUNTY

No. 1 Township, Ward 1—
Lee Bryan, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C.
Moody Chandler, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C.
A. B. McDaniel, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C.

Ward 2—
S. Brigman, D. & Reg., Walnut, N. C.
James F. Deaver, Rep. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. No. 4.
Vance Ramsey, D. & Judge, Walnut, N. C.

Ward 3—
George Robinson, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. No. 1.
Ernest Robinson, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C.
Elihu Rector, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 1.

Ward 4—
George Bryan, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
Hugo Wild, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
Orin Rice, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.

No. 2 Township, Ward 1.
Don Haynie, R. & Reg., White Rock, N. C.
Banner Chandley, R. & Judge, Druid, N. C.
McKinley Shelton, R. & Judge, Druid, N. C.

No. 2 Township, Ward 2.
Bennie Gunter, R. & Reg., Big Laurel, N. C.
Charlie Gunter, R. & Judge, Big Laurel, N. C.

Richard Franklin, R. & Judge, Big Laurel, N. C.
No. 3 Township.
Lee Wyatt, D. & Reg., Marshall, R. 3.
Fuller Stines, R. & Judge, Marshall, R. 3.

A. Z. Whitt, D. & Judge, Marshall, R. 3.
No. 4 Township, Ward 1.
Clyde Brown, D. & Reg., Waverly, N. C.

Tilden Metcalf, R. & Judge, Waverly, N. C.
Lee Brigman, D. & Judge, Ivy, N. C.
No. 4 Township, Ward 2.
D. L. Duck, D. & Reg., Buckner, N. C.
W. E. Briggs, R. & Judge, Buckner, N. C.

W. E. Metcalf, D. & Judge, Buckner, N. C.
No. 5 Township.
Grady Wallin, D. & Reg., Mars Hill, N. C., R. 2.
Luther Chandler, R. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C., R. 2.

Lee Carter, D. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C., R. 2.
No. 6 Township.
G. H. Roberts, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. 1.
Frank Randall, R. & Judge, Canto, N. C.

John Cassada, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 1.
No. 7 Township.
Back Ledford, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. 5.
D. F. Sluder, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 5.

Willis Payne, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 5.
No. 8 Township, Ward 1.
Roy Wood, D. & Reg., Spring Creek, N. C.
Willie V. Plemmons, R. & Judge, Trust, N. C.

Pink J. Plemmons, D. & Judge, Trust, N. C.
No. 8 Township, Ward 2.
H. E. Martin, D. & Reg., Bluff, N. C.
S. R. Coward, R. & Judge, Bluff, N. C.

Arthur Phoenix, D. & Judge, Bluff, N. C.
No. 9 Township.
C. C. Brown, D. & Reg., Hot Springs, N. C.

Joe Lawson, R. & Judge, Hot Springs, N. C.
C. L. Stamey, D. & Judge, Hot Springs, N. C.
No. 10 Township, Ward 1.
Hubert Wallin, D. & Reg., Big Laurel, N. C.

Charlie Rice, R. & Judge, Big Laurel, N. C.
J. R. Wallin, D. & Judge, Big Laurel, N. C.
No. 10 Township, Ward 2.
H. E. Wallin, R. & Reg., Revere, N. C.
J. R. Leake, R. & Judge, Revere, N. C.
Patterson Ray, R. & Judge, Revere, N. C.

No. 11 Township.
E. Honeycutt, D. & Reg., Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
John Hall, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
Tom Yelton, D. & Judge, English, N. C.

No. 12 Township.
Joe Worley, D. & Reg., Worley, N. C.
Lee Davis, R. & Judge, Worley, N. C.
Henry Worley, D. & Judge, Worley, N. C.

No. 13 Township.
H. J. Flemming, D. & Reg., Joe, N. C.
J. E. Gregory, D. & Judge, Joe, N. C.
E. L. Forester, R. & Judge, Joe, N. C.

No. 14 Township.
J. K. Wilson, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
S. J. Peck, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
A. C. Peck, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.

No. 15 Township.
K. B. Murray, D. & Reg., Mars Hill, N. C.
E. R. Riddle, R. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C.
Ed Huff, D. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C.

No. 16 Township.
C. C. Peck, R. & Reg., Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
T. M. Hoyle, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
Joe D. Johnson, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.

No. 17 Township.
E. H. Honeycutt, D. & Reg., Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
John Hall, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
Tom Yelton, D. & Judge, English, N. C.

No. 18 Township.
Joe Worley, D. & Reg., Worley, N. C.
Lee Davis, R. & Judge, Worley, N. C.
Henry Worley, D. & Judge, Worley, N. C.

No. 19 Township.
H. J. Flemming, D. & Reg., Joe, N. C.
J. E. Gregory, D. & Judge, Joe, N. C.
E. L. Forester, R. & Judge, Joe, N. C.

No. 20 Township.
J. K. Wilson, D. & Reg., Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
S. J. Peck, R. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.
A. C. Peck, D. & Judge, Marshall, N. C., R. 2.

No. 21 Township.
K. B. Murray, D. & Reg., Mars Hill, N. C.
E. R. Riddle, R. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C.
Ed Huff, D. & Judge, Mars Hill, N. C.

No. 22 Township.
C. C. Peck, R. & Reg., Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
T. M. Hoyle, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.
Joe D. Johnson, R. & Judge, Flag Pond, Tenn., R. 1.

KEEP THE RECORDS STRAIGHT ANSWERS ALL PLEMMONS' QUESTIONS

Editor, News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.

My attention has been called to a letter published in the News-Record of April 6, signed by Lloyd B. Crane. I personally know Lloyd B. Crane and he is a good man, but the matters stated in his article are misleading and very erroneous. Mr. Crane might be excused for the error stated in his letter, from the fact that I understand that he resides somewhere in the State of Minnesota and someone furnished him the erroneous statements contained in his letter. If Lloyd had been here himself and examined the records which he and everyone else has the perfect right to do, I know that the statements which appear would not have been made. I had the personal supervision of assessing the land for taxes in Township Number 1, Ward 2. Of course the whole Board passed on all of these values. In the statement made in the letter by Mr. Crane, it states that the Lieb place consisting of 231 acres is assessed for taxes at \$5,422. As a matter of fact this tract is assessed at \$11,220, as the record will show. Mr. Crane states in his letter that the place owned by him, consisting of 215 acres, is assessed for taxes at \$8,521.50. The record shows that this tract of land, owned by Crane, is assessed at \$6,850.00. He says the tract of land owned by J. F. Redmon, consisting of 610 acres, is assessed at \$13,130.00. The former assessment of the Lieb place was \$2,423.00 and the tax assessors increased it to \$11,220.00 as stated above. The former assessment on Crane's tract was \$6,267.00, which was increased by us to \$6,850.00. The J. F. Redmon tract, mentioned by Crane, was formerly assessed at \$15,357.00. We thought this assessment was too high, there being three or four hundred acres of the land rough and mountainous, impracticable to cultivate and without any suggestion on the part of Mr. Redmon, we reduced the assessed valuation to \$13,130.00. The Beard-McDevitt tract of land, adjoining the Crane tract, consisting of 340 acres was formerly assessed at \$10,360.00 and we raised the assessed value to \$11,350.00. We thought this was a fair and just increase. Mr. Crane's tract of land, as shown by the figures herein given, was not increased in value by us as much in proportion as the Lieb tract and the Beard-McDevitt tract. We did not intend to either favor or discriminate against any of the parties herein mentioned or any other landowners in Madison County, but Mr. Crane certainly has no just cause of complaint.

\$5,000 SUBSCRIBED IN BAPTIST DRIVE

According to reports made here Friday night by workers in the Baptist Centennial Campaign in the French Broad Baptist Association, which covers the Madison County territory over \$5,000 has been subscribed, and indications are that within the next two weeks the Association's designated quota of \$15,000 will be realized.

Through appeals from the pulpit and other methods of personal contact, active workers in the campaign throughout the County have reached the membership of practically every Baptist church and responses to the solicitations for contributions and pledges have been good, although workers realize that there yet remains quite a great deal of work to be done before the goal is reached.

At Mars Hill last Friday night a meeting of workers was held which was well-attended by prominent Baptist workers. Reports of progress were made, and plans for the remainder of the work were discussed.

The quota of the Marshall Baptist Church has been set at \$1,250.

Veterinarian Reaches 10,000 Cattle Mark

While working in the Spring Creek section last Monday morning, Dr. J. G. McKee, County veterinarian, reached the 10,000 mark in his task of testing the beef and dairy cattle of the county for tuberculosis, he stated Saturday. Since that time the number of cattle tested has been increased, and, according to Dr. McKee, when the work is completed over 12,000 cattle in Madison will have been given the tuberculin test.

Out of over 10,000 cattle given the test, only 33 have reacted. This speaks very highly for the quality and healthy condition of the cattle in the county.

Three months, or possibly longer, will be required for the completion of this work.

Tax Listers Named By Madison Board

Fifteen Madison citizens for service as tax listers and assessors in the 16 Madison County townships have been appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. C. B. Briggs of Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn., has been appointed to serve in No. 16 township, according to the list of appointees published by J. Will Roberts, Register of Deeds and Clerk to the Board.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The commencement exercises of the Mars Hill Public school will be as follows:
Sunday, April 29, 8 P. M.—Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. O. Van Meter.
April 30, 10:00 A. M.—Declamation contest, 2:00 P. M.—Readers contest, 8:00 P. M.—Senior Play—"Daddy Long Legs."
May 1, 10:00 A. M.—Senior Class exercises.
11:00 A. M.—Address by Mayor Gallatin Roberts of Asheville.
8:00 P. M.—Faculty play—"The Path Across the Hill."

And nothing remains of the foot ball season except trying to get the other fellow's coach.

ANSWERS PLEMMONS QUESTIONS ABOUT FARM DEMONSTRATOR

Editor, News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.

In regard to Ira Plemmons' questions to the candidates I wish to make some remarks on question No. 1. I have seen articles in the paper from time to time from Mr. Plemmons wanting to discontinue the Farm Demonstration work. I am ready to admit that, personally, I do not need a Farm Demonstrator, as he is a merchant. But I will not admit that his customers do not need a farm demonstrator or the farming part of his customers. The main reason the Farm Demonstrator is not as popular as he should be is the fact that such men as Ira Plemmons and some other merchants in the county have talked and used their influence with their customers against him instead of for him. These merchants are short-sighted. If they had advised their customers from the beginning to work with and through the County Agent every single one of their former customers with as much as 40 acres of land could have had and would have by working with and through the County Agent, more than \$500 per year more money than he has had or will have. This \$500 more money added to their former customers would have been profitable to them as well as to their customers. This is no idle talk. The County Agent can prove this to anyone's satisfaction. Now as I understand it the County pays one-half the Agent's salary and the State and the National Governments the other half. He lives here with us and spends it all here. I think we have lost nothing.

Now I have been told that the people in the County claim that the two banks in Marshall had no more to do with employing the agent than any individual. I will admit that the two banks in Marshall want to keep the agent from the fact that they have several customers here that are banking from \$50 to \$100 every month and have been for the last two years by working with and through the agent. Your customers, Mr. Plemmons, will do the same thing if you will advise them and get down with them and work with and through the agent.

Now, about the agent. He has a contract under which he has to stay in the office Monday and Saturday. That leaves 4 days a week for work in the county. As there are 16 Townships in the County—that is one day for each Township in the county per month. If your Township will not use him and there is nothing to do in the Township, what is the use of his going there when there are Townships that will and can use him?

I know that the Farm Agent has been of value to certain farmers in the County up to this date and I also know that all the farmers could profit by this work if they would work with him. It would be a pity to stop the work at this time. All the money invested in the work thus far would be lost if the work were discontinued now. I believe that the Farm Demonstration work should be continued in Madison County.

Very truly yours,
J. F. BRYAN.

Editor, News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Sir:— The questionnaire appearing in Mr. Ira Plemmons' letter in your last week's issue has attracted my attention, and while I am no longer a citizen of your good county, I venture to answer Mr. Plemmons' questions as I would answer them were I a citizen and a candidate for public office.

1. Q. Will you pass a bill abolishing the office of County Farm Demonstrator?
A. No. I would not only extend this valuable public service but I would establish a Home Demonstration service, also.

2. Q. Will you pass any bill or bills to bond the County for any purpose?
A. If necessary, yes; if not, no.

3. Q. Will you pass a bill limiting the tax rate to not more than \$1.75 for all purposes?
A. No. Legislature cannot deal with tax rate as intelligently as the County Commissioners. Such limit, or any limit not providing sufficient revenue to cover running expenses and discharge County's obligations, would probably be held unconstitutional.

4. Q. Will you pass a bill making it a criminal offense for the Board of County Commissioners or the Board of Education to spend or contract for any amount above the budget?
A. No.

5. Q. Will you pass a bill requiring the Clerk of the Court to mail out checks to witnesses and officers for costs collected by the Clerk that is due them?
A. Yes. And I would also increase his salary, making it in keeping with the duties and responsibilities of this important office.

6. Q. Will you pass a bill prohibiting borrowing on short term notes?
A. No. Legislature not competent to deal with such matters, which must always remain for the sound judgment of the County Commissioners, who must act to meet conditions and emergencies as they arise.

7. Will you pass any bill or bills to raise the salaries of any officer of the County?
A. Yes. It is a reflection on the good people of Madison County that its officers are so poorly paid.

8. Will you pass any bill or bills creating any new offices?
A. Yes, if needed to adequately serve the people of the County; otherwise, No.

9. Q. Will you pass a bill removing two members from the Board of Education?
A. Yes, at expiration of terms of present members.

10. Q. Will you pass a bill that will remove Jasper Ebbs from the Board of Education?
A. No. Any attempt at this would probably meet with defeat. The educational system is now statewide and under absolute control of the dominant political party, which is solely responsible to the people for the school system and the personnel that administers it. One State unit, however imperfect, is probably to be preferred to 100 separate county units, and the rapid progress of our public free school system during the past few years, argues well for a continuance of the present system, which however, may be further improved from time to time.

11. Q. Will you pass a bill giving the County Commissioners power to correct any exorbitant valuation of real and personal property?
A. No. The Board of Commissioners have ample power to do this at present.

12. Q. Would you vote for any man who was on the Board of Education when the deficit occurred?
A. Yes, if investigation proved him to be honest and capable; otherwise, No.

Mr. Editor, I have followed with considerable interest the series of articles contributed by Mr. Plemmons on the ever-interesting and vexatious question of taxes, and while I do not now recall any constructive suggestions made by him, it may be that his criticism will result in some good. This troublesome tax question will solve itself when, if ever, a way can be discovered to place all property, real and personal, on the tax books at "its true value in money," as required by our constitution. The greatest leak comes from personal property not being listed. Were our tax payers as rich on the tax books as they are in their financial statements furnished their bankers, or in the values they place on their property when insuring against loss by fire, the assessed values would be so great that the tax rate could be divided and still yield sufficient revenue to cover running expenses of the county government and soon pay off the public debt. The person who can devise ways and means of discovering the unlisted personal property, solvent credits, etc., will be a genius, and will deserve and doubtless receive the sincere thanks and the lasting gratitude of our people.

Very respectfully,
JAMES E. RECTOR.

If knighthood were yet in flower, certain young men would check their shoes before dancing.