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## WILL MADISON COUNTY ACCEPT GIFT OF \$40,000

Will The County Of Madison  
 Accept As A Gift \$40,000  
 From The James B. Duke  
 Estate For The Erection  
 Of A Public County  
 Hospital?

James B. Duke was a native North Carolinian and accumulated the greatest fortune of any man whom the State of North Carolina has produced. He provided in his will a gift to Duke University at Durham, North Carolina of forty million or fifty million dollars. He endowed many other smaller colleges and schools. He provided a fund to take care of the old and worn-out preachers. He set apart a large amount of money for the purpose of erecting and maintaining hospitals in the different counties of the State intended especially to take care of people in their afflictions and to cure them of diseases who are not able to help themselves. It is authoritatively stated that the Duke estate will give Madison County \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a hospital in Madison County and after the hospital is built and put in operation the Duke estate will help maintain it, but in order to obtain this great gift for the benefit of the sick and diseased people of Madison County and for the benefit especially of those who are not financially able to help themselves, it is necessary according to the terms of the will, either for the County or some individual or individuals to meet the Duke estate half way and to duplicate or put up as much money as the Duke estate proposes to give the County for this purpose. The only practical way to do it is for the County to accept the \$40,000 above mentioned and bond the County for a like amount. The Constitution and the laws of the State provide that the only way bonds may be issued and sold for this purpose is by a majority of the qualified voters of the County. The Legislature of the State has no power to pass a law authorizing the issuing of the bonds without a vote of the people as above stated and the law is already in force authorizing the people of the county to vote on the proposition for the County to issue and sell the bonds in the same amount that the Duke estate will put up and give the County. Bonds of this class come under the Constitution of the State and there is no possible way of issuing and selling the bonds under the Constitution without a vote of the people. In order to call an election the law provides that a petition signed by two hundred resident free holders of the County and one hundred and fifty of the signers of the petition must reside out of the Town where the hospital is located.

Upon receiving such petition the Commissioners of the County may call an election after giving ninety days' notice thereof. The ticket to be voted shall provide that the tax to be levied to pay the bonds and interest shall not exceed a certain amount and in no event shall the tax exceed one-fifteenth of one cent on the dollar, and the bonds shall run not exceeding thirty years. If a majority of the qualified voters vote for the bonds and the bonds were sold in that event the County Commissioners shall proceed at once to appoint seven trustees chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness to such office, three of whom may be women, all residents of the County. The trustees shall hold their offices until the next following general election, when seven hospital trustees shall be elected and hold their offices, two for two years, two for four years, three for six years. At each subsequent general election the offices of the trustees whose terms of office are about to expire shall be filled by the nomination and election of hospital trustees in the same manner as other officers are elected, none of whom shall be practicing physicians. The trustees shall elect one of their number Chairman and the Treasurer of the County shall be the Treasurer of the hospital, which in our case would be the French Broad and Citizen banks. No trustee shall receive any compensation for his services performed. The Board of hospital trustees shall make

all rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the hospital.

The Board of Trustees shall have power to appoint a suitable Superintendent or matron and they shall meet and hold meetings at least once each month and shall keep a complete record of all the proceedings. One of the trustees shall visit and examine the hospital at least twice each month. Every hospital established under this law shall be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the County, and of any person falling sick or being injured or maimed within its limits its limits. Every person who is not a pauper shall pay such fees as the Board of Trustees may prescribe by resolution.

The Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina set out very fully all the details in regard to establishing and maintaining a County hospital. James B. Duke, the man who made it possible for Madison County to get this great gift of \$20,000, besides a fund to assist in maintaining the hospital was of humble origin, reared in Orange County, North Carolina, and made his vast fortune by his own energy and intellect and possessed the greatest spirit of philanthropy and sympathy for the needy and helpless, the sick and the afflicted of any man in the history of North Carolina. There is no graft in this proposition to anyone. It is purely a benevolent proposition and the question presented to the people of Madison County—will they accept this splendid gift from the estate of this great and good man?

Respectfully,  
 JOHN A. HENDRICKS,  
 P. S. Under the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina the Legislature cannot authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners to issue and sell hospital bonds without a majority of the qualified voters of the County. J. A. H.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

FOUR TOWNSHIP MEETS TO BE HELD

The Township Sunday School Conventions will be held on Spring Creek next Sunday, one in the morning at the Sunday School hour at the Spring Creek Baptist church, and the other at the Meadow Fork Baptist church at two-thirty in the afternoon.

Sunday, October 21, two other Township Conventions will be held, one at the Foster's Creek Baptist church in the morning, at the Sunday School hour, and the other at the Faust Methodist church, Faust, at two-thirty in the afternoon.

The Conventions are being sponsored by the Madison County and North Carolina Sunday School Associations, Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, president of the former organization, has announced.

## ALLEN BUCKNER CELEBRATES

Allen Buckner, well-known farmer of the Laurel section and pioneer citizen of Madison county, celebrated his 108th birthday anniversary on Monday, October 8th. Mr. Buckner, known affectionately in his own community and other Madison sections as "Uncle Allen," is probably one of North Carolina's oldest residents, and it is not probable that there are many in the South very much, if any, older than the old settler who is spending his last days amid the peace and quiet of the beautiful and picturesque mountains.

A devoted Christian and for over fifty years, a staunch and active church member, "Uncle Allen," attributes his long life to the "willingness of my Master to let me live and do good in the world."

Last year a large number of children, grand-children, and great grand children, together with many friends and neighbors of the aged man, gathered at the mountain farm home, and helped "Uncle Allen" celebrate his 107th birthday, and this year another celebration was held.

## MADISON NEWS SPOTLIGHT

By GLENN W. NAVES

### MRS. WHITE APPOINTS CHAIRWOMEN

Mrs. Annie May White, Madison County Chairwoman of the National Women's Committee for Hoover, has announced the appointment of the following women as co-chairwomen in the twenty-four voting precincts of the County:

Mrs. E. R. Tweed, Mrs. J. C. Hutchins, Mrs. Olin Jarrett, Mrs. Fred R. Wilde, Mrs. M. H. Tweed, Mrs. Otis Chandley, Mrs. James Wallin, Mrs. J. C. Tilson, Mrs. O. S. Edmonds, Mrs. Tillman Metcalf, Mrs. Levi Buckner, Mrs. Luther Chandler, Mrs. M. D. Worley, Miss Mary Morris, Mrs. Willie V. Plemmons, Mrs. John Hipps, Miss Carrie Lunsford, Mrs. Ogle Plemmons, Mrs. Fannie E. Lance, Mrs. Joe Lawson, Misses Georgia and Sue Lance, Mrs. John Rice, Mrs. J. R. Leake, Mrs. E. E. Bryan, Mrs. Claude J. Wilde, Mrs. A. L. Buckner, Mrs. J. C. Rhinehardt, Mrs. T. A. Moore, Mrs. S. J. Peake, Mrs. A. L. Coates, Miss Ida Lee Hutchins, Mrs. C. W. Cody and Mrs. Miller Wilde.

Mrs. White was recently appointed County Chairwoman by Mrs. Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, N. C., 9th District Chairwoman of the Organization, whose husband, Charles A. Jonas, well-known Lincolnton attorney, is candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, in the 9th Congressional District. Mrs. Thomas S. Rollins, of Asheville, is State Chairwoman.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

A luncheon tendered the men members of the Marshall Presbyterian church, by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church, at noon last Thursday, was one of the most enjoyable features of an all-day meeting of the Society held at the church.

The luncheon was given at the home of Miss Mayme Morrow, Mrs. James Redmon, Jr., receiving the guests at the home. The serving was in charge of Mrs. James Redmon, Sr., Miss Morrow, Mrs. J. C. Walton, Mrs. Oliver M. Shelton, and Mrs. Jack Ramsey. Other members of the Society attending were Mrs. H. C. Reeder, president, Mrs. Maggie Ramsey, secretary, Mrs. Earl Brintnall, Mrs. Herschel Sprinkle, Mrs. J. N. West, Mrs. J. Coleman Ramsey, Mrs. E. R. Tweed, Mrs. Nell Sprinkle, Mrs. J. T. M. Knox, and Miss June Tweed.

The following gentlemen were present: the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. T. M. Knox, Dr. Frank Roberts, E. R. Tweed, Oliver M. Shelton, Craig L. Rudisill, Earle Brintnall, Ralph Fisher, J. Coleman Ramsey, and James Redmon, Jr.

### SERIES OF SERMONS BEGUN

Basing his sermon on the subject, "The World's First Man," the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. T. M. Knox, delivered the first of a series of twenty sermons to be given at the Couper Memorial Presbyterian church here, Sunday evening. A large congregation heard the minister, whose discourse was very interesting and helpful, and much interest is being shown in the coming sermons.

The lives of the Bible's ten greatest men and ten most famous women are to be discussed alternately, ending Sunday evening, February 17.

### MEN, STILL, WHISKEY TAKEN

Clarence Sams was arrested in the Worley Cove section of Sandy Mush Saturday afternoon by members of Sheriff R. R. Ramsey's department and brought to Marshall where he is being held in the County jail on a charge of violation of the prohibition law. A 40-gallon capacity still, said to have been the property of Sams, when taken, was warm.

Pearson Marler, also of the same section was taken on a charge of having whiskey in his possession, a quantity of the "mountain beverage" having been found hidden near his home, officers said. He is being held in jail pending a preliminary hearing.

### MORGAN FILES APPEAL

Frank Morgan, farmer of the Bull Creek section, who was tried at the September criminal term of court of

## Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays

### The Ocean

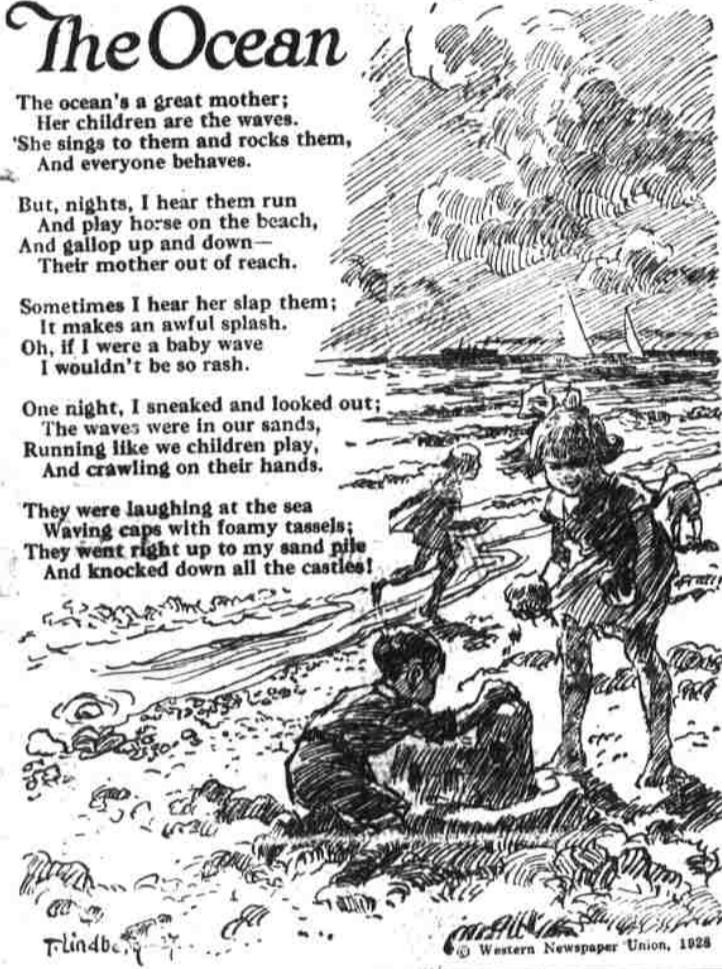
The ocean's a great mother;  
 Her children are the waves.  
 She sings to them and rocks them,  
 And everyone behaves.

But, nights, I hear them run  
 And play horse on the beach,  
 And gallop up and down—  
 Their mother out of reach.

Sometimes I hear her slap them;  
 It makes an awful splash.  
 Oh, if I were a baby wave  
 I wouldn't be so rash.

One night, I sneaked and looked out;  
 The waves were in our sands,  
 Running like we children play,  
 And crawling on their hands.

They were laughing at the sea  
 Waving caps with foamy tassels;  
 They went right up to my sand pile  
 And knocked down all the castles!



Madison County on four charges, all growing out of alleged violations of the prohibition law, being found guilty on two of the charges, and given a road sentence of six months by Judge P. A. McElroy, has filed notice of appeal to Supreme Court through his attorney, it has been announced.

The verdict ended in a closely contested trial in court, and indications are that Morgan will fight the charges preferred against him strenuously, since he contends that evidence produced by the State was circumstantial.

### CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE SPEAKS

Charles A. Jonas, well-known Lincolnton attorney, and 9th Congressional District candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, launched his campaign in Madison County with a trio of political addresses during the past week.

Monday night, Mr. Jonas spoke at Hot Springs, followed by an appearance at Marshall at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, his final appearance listed on his itinerary for Madison having been at White Rock on Tuesday night.

### FOSTER LOCATES HERE

Deputy Sheriff Dewey Foster, of Spring Creek, has succeeded former deputy E. M. Randall, who resigned recently as local assistant of Sheriff R. R. Ramsey. Mr. Foster has served four years as deputy, while Mr. Randall had quite a long period of service to his credit. The former assumed his duties last week and will be located here in the future.

### TO SPEAK HERE

Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, Republican nominee for governor of North Carolina and Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, attorney, will speak in Marshall, October 31.

Mr. Seawell, who a few weeks ago underwent a serious operation, is being assisted in his campaign by Mr. Newell, who will carry the major portion of the burden of an extended speaking tour through more than half the counties of the State.

At each engagement, Mr. Seawell plans to speak not more than fifteen minutes giving way to Mr. Newell who will then expound on the ideas which Mr. Seawell expressed in his short address. It is only at the almost curt command of Mr. Seawell's physician that the nominee has decided to carry on his campaign in this manner. At one time it was thought that he would not be able to make more than four speeches in the state, it was explained at State Republican Headquarters at Charlotte. During his campaign over the State Mr. Seawell will visit towns in the Coastal mid-Central Piedmont and Western section of the State, after he opens his campaign in Lumberton October 8

## Memorial Services For Dr. Geo. H. Packard

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, the people of Laurel held a memorial service for Dr. Geo. H. Packard at White Rock. All sections of Laurel were represented and for two hours tributes to the memory of the late physician were voiced by the people whom he had served in his ministry. From 1914 to 1923, Dr. Packard lived in this section, and the night was not too dark, nor the storm too bad for the devoted doctor to hurry to the aid of the sick or dying.

Short addresses were made by the participants. The services opened with the singing of songs he loved: "Rock of Ages", "Nearer My God to Thee," and a most feeling prayer by Rev. Wesley M. Hyde, Sr. An account of his death and burial was read and then the sorrow and feeling of loss was voiced. Rev. James L. Hyde, Rev. L. A. Zimmerman, Rev. V. C. Ditty told of his value to the Christian church and pointed out his self-sacrificing Christian life and its result in his death.

Mr. James N. Tweed told of his reliance on Divine help in his ministry and his kindness and skill in treating his patients. Mr. William Spencer Rice spoke with tears of the close friendship and the warm feeling of brotherhood. "He entered our houses, and we felt he was one of us," said Mr. Rice. Mr. Sol. Shelton told of the intimacy in his home and said he was one of us. Then came testimonies from many in the house. Mr. Mason Banks told of driving him, and that in rain and snow, he had gone twenty four hours at a stretch without the harness from the horses. Mr. Major Tweed, Mr. Chapel Tweed, Mrs. Cantree and others spoke of outstanding characteristics of the man. Others testified of his standing in their communities. The last was from one who said that she was sick and the doctor was not well. She lived on a hill and he could not climb because of injury in an accident, but he came and came twice in one day and climbed on hands and knees to my home, but he came.

It was a wonderful testimonial meeting and in all there was the feeling that a wonderful Christian life had ended, but the service he rendered was worth while. Such was his service to the people that his name will be a household word in Laurel for many years to come.

### Hoover in Hearts of People

"In my opinion, Mr. Hoover stands in the hearts of the American people equal to any man in the United States. I am sure that there is no member of the Senate who, if he ran for President against Hoover, would be able to poll as many votes as he would poll."—Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska, in 1915.

## WELCOME, FALL!

A TINGE of cold in the air, overcast skies, falling leaves, top coats and felt hats announce that Fall is here. Vacations are over, the fishing rod has been carefully put away, and one attacks with renewed zest the accumulated work.

The season also offers many sports for those who have the time to participate in them. Football fans may again plead with hoarse shouts for their team to "Hold 'em!" "Hold 'em!" as the pigskin is carried to their three-yard line. Huntsmen take an added interest in their dogs and clean up the old gun in expectation of the time when they can tramp the fields and hills in quest of quail, wait patiently in blinds for the whor of ducks' wings, or listen to the baying of the hounds and silently pray that fortune will bring the deer in range.

Thus man lives on, eating, sleeping, working, playing, and hardly pausing for thought or thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe who has so arranged the seasons that each differs in practically every respect. The scheme provides a variety of temperatures, numerous and different activities, all of which add to the interest of life and break the monotony of time.

Then welcome, Fall, for you are the announcer of winter, which is the forerunner of spring, the predecessor of summer. H.

## LUCKY DAY FOR JIM SHELTON

Last Saturday was a fortunate day for Jim Shelton of near Barnard. He came to Marshall on other business, but was casually asking about who won the Edison Phonograph offered in E. R. Tweed's contest. When told that the lucky number had not been turned in, he looked through his coupons, little thinking that he really had the right one, and when he was told that he did have the right number, he was so excited that he almost forgot his name.

Shelton is not a subscriber to the News-Record, hence did not know that he had the lucky number, and came very near losing this nice machine, for if he had not happened to come to Marshall before Monday another number would have been drawn and he would have been the loser.

The Moral is that it pays to take the News-Record and it pays to read the ads which the home merchants have in it. Of course all the ads. in it should be read.

## MRS. LILLIE KING, 23, DIES AT LAUREL

News of the recent death of Mrs. Lillie King, 23, at the Laurel Community hospital, following an illness of about three weeks, has been received here. Blood poisoning was the cause of her death.

Mrs. King was a devoted Christian worker and a member of the Carmen Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, Roscoe King and two children; also her father, mother, and five brothers.

## ANSWERS

We are in receipt of two articles in answer to Mrs. Harry Hill's article which appeared in this paper last week, but these two articles could not be set this week; however, they will be printed next week, and it might pay you to read them. They are both good.

### Marse Henry's Idea

Colonel Henry Watterson wrote an editorial in his newspaper, the Louisville Courier Journal, in which he remarked that the observant and thoughtful onlookers had long been of the opinion that "the people of New York are incapable of self-government."—M. R. Werner in Tammany Hall.

Critic: "You'll never have your name inscribed in the Hall of Fame."  
 Author: "Maybe not, but I'd sooner have people asking why it isn't there than asking why it is."