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MARSHALL SCHOOL TO BE CLOSED ANOTHER WEEK

On account of the health conditions in Marshall and vicinity the opening of the Marshall school has been postponed another week. The opening Jan. 7, will depend upon health conditions at that time. As can be seen from our local column this week conditions in Marshall are far worse than when school closed. However, the right kind of weather conditions could bring about rapid changes and no one knows what another week will bring forth.

JONAS WRITES JETER P. RAMSEY

Revere, N. C., Dec. 20, 1928
The News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Sirs:—
I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Jonas which I think will be good to publish, because he expresses his deep appreciation to the Republican party for their loyal support in the past election.
Respectfully,
Jeter P. Ramsey.

VALUABLE INFORMATION

Editorial From The Durham Herald
of December 16, 1928.

Governor Gardner will be the first governor in the history of the State who will have before him when he takes office a complete report of the operation of the financial system of the State during the past four years, with a careful and detailed estimate on the expenditures and revenues for the coming biennium. Heretofore incoming governors have had a rather haphazard job of taking hold of the State's business, much of it being done on a basis of estimates and guess work. But the budget system which Governor McLean put into effect, when he became governor will be the means of giving Governor Gardner accurate information down to the smallest detail of the financial system of the State's government.

On January 9, retiring Governor McLean will formally turn over to incoming Governor Gardner the budget for the next two years. In it will be all items likely to be included in the appropriations measures and all items that are likely to produce revenue and the amount of that revenue. Having this information before him, Governor Gardner will be in a position to recommend to the legislature such things as he has in mind for the benefit of the State, and the legislators will have all available information on that subject before them so they may go about their business intelligently. Governor-elect Gardner has already conferred several times with the Budget Commission and has gone into the many phases of that important body's work. Now he has a complete report of the commission in hand, showing the cost of operating the many phases of the State's activities during the past four years; outlining the things that the Commission recommends for attention in the next two years. In that way he has expert advice as to what may be expected in the way of appropriations and revenues. Having that information before him Governor Gardner will be in a position to make definite recommendations to the legislature in his message to that body. He has the privilege of accepting the Budget Commission's report; he has the privilege of modifying it, or he can set it aside altogether and go on a new basis. Whatever he does, he will be able to do intelligently because of the information that he has in hand by reason of the Budget Commission's work. That alone almost justifies the existence of the Budget Commission.

While Governor McLean will take his place in history as a business governor, the big item in that will be his balanced budget program.

Liberal Education

Perhaps the principal reason why the people of the United States are the happiest and smartest of any race on earth is found in the fact that there are public schools, including high schools, in every nook and corner in the nation. It will surprise many people to know that there are a greater number of high schools in the country than in the city. The Federal Bureau of Education lists 21,700 high schools in the United States of which 22 per cent are urban high schools and 78 per cent are rural. But there is only 29 per cent of the high school enrollment in the rural high schools, while 71 per cent is to be found in the high schools of cities.

FORESTRY

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO
SEEK CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT

New Methods Of Taxing Forest Lands
Must Be Devised, Says Pratt

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 18. (Special)—The North Carolina Forestry Association will attempt to secure the approval of the next session of the General Assembly to a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the state authorizing the assembly to prescribe methods of taxing forest lands, farm woodlands and wild or waste lands that will conserve and develop the forest resources of the State, Col. Joseph H. Pratt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, announced today. If successful the Forestry Association will work to secure the adoption of the amendment at the next election, and at the proper time will offer proposed legislation designed to make timber growing attractive and to protect the interests of the state and counties.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to enable the adoption of a method of taxing forest lands that will encourage land owners to grow regular crops of timber on all lands not suited for, or not needed for, agriculture, Col. Pratt said. Under the present constitution lands devoted to timber growing must be taxed in the same way as all other lands and the value of the growing crops of timber is included with that of the land. As a result increasing taxes are collected yearly during the long period required to grow timber, although the owner gets no return with which to pay those taxes.

Other growing crops are taxed only when they are harvested, Col. Pratt pointed out, and there is no reason why there should be such discrimination against timber.

Under present methods the accumulation of taxes on a crop of growing timber quickly becomes a burden upon the owner and often forces him to cut the timber before it attains its full growth. This results in an economic loss to the State, in scarcity of the larger sizes of lumber, and in higher prices to the consumer. The State loses because lands that are not suitable to, or needed for, agricultural purpose, and that should be devoted to the production of regular crops of timber, are left idle and non-productive, and unable to pay even nominal taxes. They thus become a heavy burden to the counties in which they are located, whereas if they can be kept at work producing timber they would soon become valuable assets.

North Carolina has about 20,000,000 acres of land, or over one-third of its total area that should be devoted to timber growing. There is, however, little encouragement to owners of timber land and cut-over lands to reforest their holdings when they know that the tax collector will require them to pay yearly large sums before their crop is harvested, and that the accumulation of taxes over the 25 or 30 years minimum period required to grow a crop of timber will amount to as much as, if not more than, the amount they can expect to realize.

All legal authorities are agreed that the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment is necessary before the present situation can be remedied. If approved by the General Assembly the North Carolina Forestry Association will carry on a vigorous campaign for its adoption by the voters of the State, and will be prepared also to suggest legislation along lines of that found satisfactory by other states, that will protect alike the interests of the State, the counties and the owners.

CANCER CURES

Radio Talk From Station WPTF,
Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday After-
noon, December 11, 5:50
O'clock, by Dr. H. B.
Ivey, Goldsboro, N. C.

My talk tonight will be an attempt to deal with some of the fads, fancies and fallacies now existing in connection with the treatment of Cancer.

Cancer, as statistics show us, is on the increase in our midst, and is fast becoming one of the captains of death. Just glance at your vital statistics reports, they will startle you. Still this grave problem is being handled

in an extremely careless manner by hundreds of thousands of people suffering from Cancer. I speak particularly of those with beginning Cancer. They are allowing the golden opportunity for relief to slip from them while they patronize the purveyor of witchcraft to satisfy that inherent superstition handed down to us from the darkest ages.

Now allow me a few minutes to describe one or two of these methods being used to combat this death dealing disease.

These treatments are divided under two main heads:

(1) Those charlatans of the modern times bred and born of the modern ologies and isms. They have offices lavishly equipped and claim to hold some deep secret or have some special serum known only to them. They will give written guarantees to cure, charge enormous sums, which they are careful to collect in advance. The guarantee is not worth the paper upon which it is written. The treatment is usually without a semblance of scientific foundation. The whole scheme is purely and simply a money trap, most of the time without benefit to the sufferer, and actually harmful in loss of valuable time if in no other way.

(2) Under number two comes numerous remedies ranging from actual use of medicines, to the rankest witchery. I will attempt to describe a few.

(A) The plaster made of some strong caustic which will cause wide and deep destruction. These are applied without slightest idea of whether or not they are endangering some vital organ which might cause death.

(B) Various kinds of caustics are applied in liquids, ointments, powders and other ways. These may consist of anything from concentrated Red Devil Lye, to the strongest acid obtainable in the drug stores. Think of these being used by some one without the slightest knowledge of where the most important nerves and blood vessels are in your body. You can see the dangers without further argument. In passing I must say some of these things have given splendid service in trained hands in the past but most of these have gone the way of the horse and buggy, long skirts and other things you may faintly remember. They have been replaced with remedies tried and proven to be superior from every standpoint.

(C) The mystic or conjuration type of treatment. Under this heading I will give a few concrete examples.

There is a place in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, where after consultation, a coin is placed in the mouth of the patient, allowed to remain until it turns black, then removed painted with tincture of iron, then applied to Cancer wherever it may be, and allowed to remain for a few minutes. It is then removed, the coating scraped off the coin and whatever comes off the coin is carried in the orchard and buried beneath the bark of a tree. This completes the treatment. Ten dollars please, and if this does not cure you may return as often as you see fit.

There is one in Eastern North Carolina where the patient goes into consultation with the healer whenever he happens to find him. After thorough examination, which thorough examination consist in a look at the cancer and saying uh huh, he asked to wait while some substance is gathered from a dead stump in the woods and applied to the cancer. This is allowed to remain a certain length of time, then removed. The patient is told to return in a short while for further treatment. Of course no charge but the last patient made a gift of fifty or a hundred dollars, but if you give nothing that will be all right.

Another treatment consists of a magic stone to be tied to the cancer for a few hours then removed, and talked to in some unknown tongue, and the fee for the stone which is very precious, is high.

There are many other methods of treatment by laying on of hands, another by simply having faith, and there is a man in Eastern North Carolina who has said so strong it will cure any cancer by spitting on it and rubbing it into the sore.

I could go on for some time giving you examples of this black magic, dating back to the age of the Pharaohs. The friends of these dispensers of these cures will tell you that they never fail in a single case. Think of treating all kinds of cancers in all stages of the disease and never fail-

ing in a single case. Oh! you say to them, Mrs. 'so and so' took the treatment and she died. Well, who could cure a patient when they refused to continue to take the magical medicine? What can you do with an argument like that?

The subject of cancer is a serious one and one eighth of all people over 40 years of age listening in to-night are destined to die with this disease, so it certainly must be worth serious consideration by all of us both old and young.

It seems to me we have gone on about long enough with the present manner of handling it. In this age of frankness, education and enlightenment, lets leave out the mystic and the magical and settle down to consider the bare facts as they present themselves to us. Would you consult a magician concerning your business affairs? Would you drive fifty miles, pay a large fee to get the advice of some illiterate, uneducated person to help you solve your financial problems? If you had an important legal case pending in the high courts of the land, which meant independence or ruin to you, would you employ some old woman to take a Brief of your case and mumble a few unintelligible words over it and then stick it in the hollow of a tree. Then tell you to go back home the case would come out all right. No! No! you say, but the two things are entirely different. Yes, slightly, because the legal case would probably give you a chance to begin all over again, but in case of cancer would only have a second chance in an unknown land from which no traveler has yet returned.

Be not deceived! The medical profession is making a study of cancer as it is all of the many physical ailments of mankind. They know the intimated workings of the physiological mechanisms of your bodies, closely scrutinizing any abnormal changes which might cause you discomfort which you term sickness. The physician is able to distinguish wheat from the chaff in your condition. Certainly with long years of training, the benefit of the accumulated experience of trained observers for centuries, he should be best qualified to pass judgment on your human ailments. Do not believe in deep mysteries advanced by people only looking to their own selfish gain. Do not believe the story, that the medical profession would be glad to get this marvelous remedy, owned by Dr. so and so, because any man holding a real remedy that never fails, as they tell you, can get millions for it any minute he proves his claims are true. Then do you believe he would hold it to through sentiment or for the few thousands he will get out of it? Does that appeal to your reason? No, these remedies are like Belshazzar in the days of old, they are weighed in the scales and found wanting. Let me plead with you to avoid these people that would term themselves superior, and go back to that old true and trusted friend, the family doctor, or if you choose more modern terminology, your medical advisor. This man will give you honest conscientious advice. If he can handle your case he will do it. If he cannot, then he knows some one well qualified to give you the very best treatment available for your case. He will give you the best chance to live and enjoy your family and the good gifts of this life. I thank you.

Mrs. Ebbs Appreciates Write-Up

Mrs. Ebbs, author of "Carolina Mountain Breezes," appreciated the write-up we gave her last week and we are publishing part of her letter, which we trust she will pardon us for printing without her knowledge of our doing so. The letter follows:

62 Westwood Place
West Asheville, N. C.
Dec. 25th, 1928

Mr. H. L. Story,
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Mr. Story:

I wish to thank you most kindly for the write-up in your paper last week with regard to the little book. In all conditions of life writers have found material from which to write stories. But of our best class of Southern Mountaineers, no one has ever written, so far as I know. For almost half a century I have been looking for one book or one short story which would make predominant our best type, but so far I have failed to find one. Often, as in John Fox, Jr.'s books, a splendid character develops, but always they come from the very rough, uncouth, and uncultured. This I believe is unfair to our splendid people of the mountain country. And while I realize fully my own little story's faults and its limitations, yet, in spite of these, I have decided to get it out, hoping for nothing more from it than that it may point the way, and that others who are capable of doing full justice to the subject, may see and write about these people. The little story, with all of its limitations, is my small donation toward trying to right what I fully believe to be a wrong.

Again thanking you, I am,
Yours very truly,
EUBBS B. EBBS

STUDENT DAY PROGRAM

As in many other places, Student Day will be observed at the Baptist church in Marshall Sunday, Dec. 30, 1928, at 7:15 o'clock. The public is invited. The following program has been arranged:

Dec. 30, at 7:15 o'clock.
Duet — Grace Ramsey and Hazel Edwards, Asheville Normal
What Influences I Have Felt at College That Have Affected My Faith — Gladys Farmer, Mars Hill College
The Strongest Christian Characters That I Have Met at College and Their Influence — Everett Frisby, University of N. C.
Why I Joined the College Church — Hal West, Mars Hill College
Trio — Vivian Sams, Mary Morrow, & Annie Worley
Why We Should Have an Aim in College — Everett Tweed, Jr., Davidson College
Why I Attend the Religious Gatherings at My College — Evelyn Hinkle, Carson-Newman College
What It Means To Live For Christ On the Campus — Hubert Worley, University of N. C.
Piano Solo — Vanda Davis, Tusculum College
The Opportunity of The Christian College — N. B. McDevitt, Jr., Mars Hill College
Things Then and Now at My College — H. L. Story
Erroneous Ideas of College Education — Guy V. Roberts
Hymn by Congregation & Closing Prayer

THE SMILE BOX

If I knew the box where the smiles are kept,
No matter how large the key
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard—
'Twould open, I know for me.
Then over the land and the sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smites to play,
So that care-worn people might hold them fast
For many and many a day.
If I knew a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would like to gather them every one
From nursery, school and street.
Then folding and holding, I'd pack them in,
And turning the monster key,
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depth of the deep, deep sea.
—Evangelical Messenger.

SUGAR AND CIGARETTES

American sugar refiners are entitled to credit, even though they are acting in defense of their industry. For nothing the lie that appears in cigarette advertising, that it is better for a woman or a girl to smoke a cigarette than to yield to the temptation of getting too fat by consuming sugared sweets. The Sugar Institute contends that the public has been eating sugar out of its diet to a dangerous extent as a result of publicity that has been sent through all parts of the country, advising those who seek the "boyish figure" to avoid sugar and sweets. Undoubtedly if they try hard enough, the Sugar Institute will be able to convince the public that sugar is more essential to the human system than cigarettes, and that sugar is still an important article of food, while cigarettes are still "coffin nails."