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\$37,500 NOW READY FOR MADISON COUNTY HOSPITAL

The following Resolution No. 2 will be of interest to our readers:

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners and other representative citizens of Madison County, North Carolina, have proposed to provide a sum of not less than \$80,000 for the building of a county hospital, the title to which shall be held by a board of trustees which shall operate the hospital for the benefit of the community and not for private gain, and

Whereas, the aforesaid citizens have submitted to the Trustees of The Duke Endowment a complete and detailed statement (Application No. 34) of the need of a hospital and have requested the Trustees to contribute \$40,000, or 50 per cent of the proposed expenditure, and

Whereas, the Trustees of The Duke Endowment, in the furtherance of the purposes of the said trust, are desirous of aiding the applicants in obtaining the hospital facilities as proposed, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of The Duke Endowment that the sum of Thirty-seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500) be set aside on January 1, 1929, and held for a period not exceeding six (6) months, the aforesaid sum to be paid the French Broad Bank and the Citizens Bank, Marshall, North Carolina, Treasurer jointly of Madison County, for the building of a county hospital, when the lot, plans and specifications for the aforesaid hospital have been approved by the Trustees of The Duke Endowment, or their duly authorized agent or agents, and as follows: Sixty (60) per cent of the funds set aside to be paid when a certificate executed in due form has been filed with the Trustees of The Duke Endowment certifying that Twenty-two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) has been applied to the proposed expenditure or is deposited with the aforesaid county treasurer to the credit of the hospital building fund; the remainder forty (40) per cent of the funds herein set aside to be paid in the same proportion and as the remainder of the funds anticipated from other sources, to-wit, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) is duly certified as having been applied to the proposed expenditure or is deposited with the aforesaid treasurer to the credit of the hospital building fund.

WANTS HOSPITAL

J. M. BAILEY APPROVES WHITE-HURST'S ARTICLE

February 11, 1929.

Mr. A. W. Whitehurst,
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Arthur:

I always thought your heart was in the right place and since reading your letter in the last News-Record, I know it is in the right place.

I wish I were financially able to cover the \$1000.00 you propose to donate to the hospital.

I know of nothing that would be of greater good to the ones who are not able to pay a hospital bill.

I still have a little property in Madison County and will be glad to pay my part of the extra tax for the support of a hospital.

Best wishes, I am
Your friend,
J. M. BAILEY.

BASKETBALL

We have been requested to announce that on Friday night, February 15, 1929, at Alexander, there will be played a double-header basketball game (both girls and boys). The opposing teams are Oakley School—Biltmore vs. Red Oak school at Alexander. The admission charge will be 10c and 25c. Everybody come.

STORE BLOWN UP AT MARS HILL

News reached us Thursday morning that the store operated by Holcombe and Tilson at Mars Hill was blown up Wednesday night about 1:30 o'clock. The front of the building was wrecked by those who saw it to be badly wrecked, thought to have been done with something stronger than dynamite, possibly nitro-glycerine. No motive for the explosion has been advanced, but it is thought that the purpose of the crime was hardly robbery, as it would have been done in a quieter manner. The explosion was of sufficient force to break out the windows in the rear of the building and some of the glass about the bank and drug store. This store was being operated by Messrs. Fred Holcombe and Robert Tilson. A reward was being raised to try to locate the guilty party.

Colonel Moudy To Give Address Here

Col. Alfred L. Moudy of Waterloo, Indiana, will be in this city Friday, February 22, at 7:15 P. M., at which time he will give his address on "The Rock of Liberty" in the Methodist church. Col. Moudy has been an educator in the schools of his native state for a number of years, and found time to distinguish himself in the services of the country, having won an enviable record for military service on the Mexican Border and in the World War. He served for a time as Educational Director of the American Army in France and Germany.

Col. Moudy has been on the lecture platform for a number of years, and his educational lectures have met with continuous praise from the press, public and pulpit. He has delivered more than 2000 addresses before high schools, colleges, churches and civic organizations. Criticisms from the press are, "that no true American can afford to miss this educational lecture."

The public is invited to hear the speaker.

MARSHALL TO HAVE WHITE WAY

The contract has been signed by the town authorities permitting the power company to install a white way system in the town of Marshall. Work on this improvement will begin at an early date. The posts will be placed on either side of the main street and at the intersection of intersecting streets all the way from the Free Will Baptist church to the Southern Railway track crossing near the station.

MORE ABOUT TAXES

Editor News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Since we are having a discussion of "Taxes Here and There" and economy, you may publish this scrawl if you desire. I am surprised that our Senator is against keeping a Demonstration. Personally I would be better pleased if he would compel us to keep one, but if possible not for two years, but for an indefinite period, for we all need to ask ourselves what the next few generations are going to do, with a worn-away soil. We are in the wilderness and the way out is not by following men who want to deprive us of advanced ideas but by following men who can visualize a prosperous farming county. Our lands will set to a mixed sod of grasses, and stocked with the best bred live stock, using the manure, and growing legume crops, selling the sheep, cattle, milk, butter, cream, vegetables, and tobacco, etc, thereby becoming a prosperous and independent farming people. This method and others are advocated by our agent and he stands ready to assist any farmer who asks advice or intimates he would like help in any form. The way out is not by cutting off all expenditures and helpful ideas by our agent, but to spend less foolishly, such as cars and gas, snuff, etc., and spent more for pure seeds, better live stock, and learning more how the other fellow is making a success of farming will help miraculously. Then the tax problem will be no more a problem with the farmers.

ED ENGLISH.

STAR STUDENTS

LOUISE CLARK AND JAMES BAILEY HAVE RECORD OF "A" IN WORK

(Courtesy of Asheville Citizen)
MARS HILL, Feb. 7.—According to the registrar's records three students out of more than four hundred maintained a class standing of A, on all subjects taken during the first semester at Mars Hill College. Of these three, two, Miss Louise Clark and James M. Bailey, Jr., are from Asheville and vicinity and are both graduates of Hall Fletcher high school.

James Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bailey, 83 Beverly Road, is the youngest member of the senior class and has carried eighteen hours of college work. He has likewise been active in campus life. The following are among the honors which he has received: winner of the commencement debaters' medal, 1928; winner of the society debaters' medal 1928; intercollegiate debater, 1929; anniversary debater, 1928; secretary of the Philomathian Literary society, 1928; president of the Society Club 1929; president of the International relations club, 1929; managing editor of "Herald," the college newspaper, 1929; athletic editor of "Herald,"

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

SENATOR PLEMMONS AGAIN

The communication this week from Senator Plemons we are publishing in full, notwithstanding the fact that in the article are some statements that should be expurgated. We use it in full so that he and those who agree with him may not accuse this paper of being unfair to him. The statement that this publisher said "That the 'Mob' is favoring the bills to remove these offices from our pay rolls" is not only misleading but is false. The publisher did not say anything of the kind and we ask Senator Plemons to prove his statement. Our editorial, to which Senator Plemons is replying, was written with the best of feeling toward Senator Plemons and all who agree with him. We are aware of the fact that there are some good citizens in the country against these offices as those who favor it and we believe that any fair-minded person who would read my editorial would say that it was free from all aspersions, otherwise it would not have had the approval of such men as Dr. R. L. Moore. But when it comes to giving vent to one's feelings and revealing under-lying purposes, who could word it more bitterly than Senator Plemons has done in the last paragraph of his article this week? "Insofar as it is possible I shall drive the knife into their greedy stomachs. I cannot do it all now, but later I hope to help complete the job." What is the meaning of this language? Is Senator Plemons already announcing himself for office in the future? In what way is "private interest" being served by the County keeping demonstration agents?

Well, we have matters more urgently demanding our attention just now than these matters. One is the matter of a hospital for Madison County. This publisher is earnestly seeking information as to this matter. In a former communication Senator Plemons stated that he had talked with a number of representatives at Raleigh, in whose counties the Duke hospital had become a burden. We have written Senator Plemons twice to furnish us names of counties and people he has talked with about this matter. In a personal letter to the writer this week, dated February 11, Senator Plemons says: "Just as soon as I can find time, I will try to get you in touch with some folk who have had real experience with the County hospitals. I am most worked to death and time will not permit me to be as prompt in this matter as I should like to be."

We are certainly sorry Senator Plemons cannot find time to sit down and write just a few names, so that we can begin to investigate. This County hospital matter is one that perhaps means more to Madison County just now than any matter we have considered for some time. And the time between now and April 9, the date for the election, is rapidly passing, and much discussion is necessary so as to get the matter properly presented to the people. It is not a matter of politics and every partisan feeling should be eliminated. It should be studied carefully with reference to the welfare of the county as a whole. Certainly the people who are not able to pay hospital bills should not oppose it, as we understand that charity cases will be taken care of as well as pay patients. The matter of maintenance will depend largely upon the proportion of pay to charity patients. If the profit from pay patients will offset the loss from charity patients, it will be self-sustaining. One of the advantages it will be to pay patients, granting that the expense will be the same as at other hospitals, will be the saving of expense to the patient's family going back and forth or staying with the patient while at the hospital.

We have it on good authority that the Duke fund now available for Madison County is by no means seeking a place for expenditure. We are reliably informed that if Madison County fails to do her part to get this amount, our hope for it will cease, as they have more applications for help than they can fill. Madison County is fortunate in being one county that can get this fund if it acts at once. It will be noticed from the resolution appearing elsewhere in this paper that the offer will be withdrawn after six months.

The question as to a location for the hospital is not yet set out other than that it is to be in the corporate limits of the Town of Marshall. The exact spot, we understand, is to be selected by the board of trustees. What are you going to do about it? Let's talk it and find out all we can about it and be ready to cast an intelligent vote April 9.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE FOR MARSHALL

Almost every year, as we see hundreds and hundreds of loads of tobacco pass through Marshall, we begin to talk about the need of a tobacco warehouse at Marshall. And steps have been taken in the past to have one, but it seems that up to the present time, we have nothing definite along this line. If the money this tobacco represents could be seen as it passes through, we wonder if we wouldn't make a greater effort to stop it.

They Head Their Classes



JAMES BAILEY, JR.
Mr. Bailey and Miss Clark, graduates of Hall Fletcher High School, West Asheville, are two of three out of 400 students at Mars Hill college, who rated an "A" on all their work during the first semester of the current year.



LOUISE CLARK
Miss Clark and Mr. Bailey, graduates of Hall Fletcher High School, West Asheville, are two of three out of 400 students at Mars Hill college, who rated an "A" on all their work during the first semester of the current year.

during the first semester was C. L. Weston of Mars Hill.
James Bailey is well known in Marshall, where his parents lived until they moved to Asheville about three years ago.

SENATOR PLEMMONS WRITES AGAIN ABOUT OUSTING DEM. AGENTS

Raleigh, N. C.
Feb. 3, 1929.

News-Record,

I have read with a good deal of interest your four column editorial in reference to my position on the Farm and Home demonstrators. I note that you frankly admit that my position was well known by the people and that a very great majority felt that my position to stop their cost to the taxpayers of their services was right, and also, that my election was more or less predicated on this issue. In this I agree with you and I feel that with more than four thousand out of about forty-eight hundred that voted in Madison County, voting for me, certainly shows that the very great majority of the people of Madison County approved of my views.

Now I feel with this great approval of my course before and during the campaign that I should use every honorable means to write into law the wishes of this great majority. I am pleased to note that you never made the charge that I had misled or that I am insincere.

If the people of Madison County had by their votes said I was wrong or even in the minority, then I would have yielded to their wishes, and would not have undertaken to have followed up the Senator or the representative and by means fair and foul to have tried to prevent them from carrying into effect the wishes of the majority, whether the measure is wise or unwise. Our principles of government are, as I understand, based on the will of the majority and that is as it should be. Of course I do not contend that the majority is always correct, but at least they are more apt to be than the minority.

In this case I do not think that those who are hopelessly in the minority have any monopoly on thought or brains, yet it does seem that they have undertaken to make me believe that way.

There is perhaps only one term that you used that you may have used inadvertently and that is, "That the 'Mob' is favoring the bills to remove these offices from our pay rolls." Those opposing the Farm and Home Demonstrator are not a mob—they are good people as ever drank water from the clear springs of our hills. While there are only a very few that want the officers retained, I know most of them and they are fine gentlemen and ladies, but happen in this case to be in a hopeless minority.

If this thing had been turned around and I had understood that the folks wanted to keep these officers or hire more, I as their representative would have undertaken to have given them what they wanted, although I might personally think it unwise to do so. I was not sent here to do what I wanted done except to serve all insofar as the people approved of my position. I am here to serve all insofar as I can but certainly I must listen to what I positively know is the great wish of the majority. There are a few that have in the past dictated to our representatives, or at least tried to do it, whose private interests were to be served. That crowd has no strings on me and shall not have. I am free to act for what I believe to be right and to the very best of my ability represent the wishes of the majority.

I have had no part in the fuss between Dr. Hutchins and Mr. McDevitt and do not expect to have. I could not see that the taxes would be reduced any by doing away with the prohibition officers or electing the police at Marshall by a vote of the people. I am not interested in these petty things, but I am vitally interested in doing all within my power to relieve the taxpayers of Madison County of some of their burdens. This I expect to accomplish in some measure by the acts that are now before the legislature, and then after what can be done here to relieve these burdens on my people, then the balance of what they could be relieved on taxation depends on the wise administration of our county commissioner. I feel that we could have a better administration with two more good men on the board, and that the saving would perhaps be many thousands of dollars. Now is the time that Madison must have a wise administration if we are to have a chance to keep our homes. The Tax Collector is hard on our heels and it will positively not do for us to make any more mistakes. We do not want any more burdens and we must have lower taxation.

I do not have the private interests to serve and if they do not like it, then it will take less of it for them. The private interests have lived fat for many, very many, years, at the expense of the hard-earned money of the taxpayers. Now it has come time for them to stop. Insofar as it is possible I shall drive the knife into their greedy stomachs. I cannot do it all now, but later I hope to help complete the job.

IRA PLEMMONS.

Lula—Blanche is the most treacherous woman I know.
Lula—Why so?
Lula—She shot two of her husband's hands from ambush.

HENDRICKS SAVES \$5000 FOR MADI- SON COUNTY

February 11, 1929.

Editor, News-Record:

I herewith hand you a letter which I received from Mr. Charles Ross, Attorney for the State Highway Commission. This letter explains itself. It will be recalled that the County of Madison, for the purpose of getting certain road improvements made by the State Highway Commission, the County of Madison borrowed, all told, \$650,000.00 and loaned to the State Highway Commission for Highway purposes in Madison County. If the County had not done this, Madison, in all probability, would have been very short on the Highway proposition. A question arose in regard to refunding Madison County \$5,000 which the County had paid on a certain road note, and it was claimed by the legal department that the State could not refund to Madison this \$5,000. I went to Raleigh and took the matter up with Mr. Charles Ross, Attorney for State Highway Commission, the State Treasurer and the Auditor and we got the matter straightened out, and State will pay to Madison County the \$5,000.00. It will be seen from Mr. Ross' letter that of the \$650,000 loaned by Madison County to the State Highway Commission, that the State owes Madison \$170,812.05. I think we have been very favorably to get the amount down to this sum. It is expected the State will make another allocation of money to the County some time in July and will take up a portion or all of the \$170,812.05. To loan this money to the State has cost the County something, but it has been a good investment to the County. I do not know the exact figures that the State has spent in Madison County under the State Highway law that was passed in 1921, but I think it would run close to \$1,500,000.00, and one of the great things about it is that the State will continue to perpetually maintain these roads and all the time make them better. The State is now surfacing the road up Little Laurel from Belva to the Tennessee line, working on the road from Marshall to Mars Hill, and finishing up the road between Hot Springs and Bluff, and in addition to this, the State has crews on all of the State roads in Madison County at work all the time. And all of this has been accomplished by a tax on gasoline and automobile license, except the interest the County has paid on the money above mentioned loaned to the State. The State is now coming around to take care of the County roads and in a few years no doubt all roads in the County of any consequence will be maintained by the State. With it all we have a great State and there is no time to get up little petty fights trying to go backward instead of forward.

Respectfully,
JOHN A. HENDRICKS.

Jan. 21, 1929.

Mr. John A. Hendricks,
Marshall, N. C.
IN RE: MADISON COUNTY LOAN

Dear Sir:

Confirming our conversation of this morning, and in order that we may have a record of the facts discussed, I am making, for your information, the following memorandum: Paid to Sinking Fund Commission, May, 1927 \$230,000.00 Paid to Madison County, September, 1927 44,087.95 Paid to Sinking Fund Commission April, 1928 115,100.00 Paid to Madison County, September, 1928 100,000.00 Total repayments \$489,187.95

You will note from this statement that two of the items of repayment were made to the Sinking Fund Commission, one being for \$230,000.00, and one for \$115,100.00, making a total of \$445,100.00. I understand that this fund has been applied to the indebtedness of the County, as follows: Paid on \$235,000.00-note \$230,000.00 Paid on \$100,000.00-note, and interest, July, 1928 102,500.00 Balance in State Sinking Fund Commission 12,600.00 Total \$345,100.00

The State Sinking Fund Commission accumulated some interest to your credit, amounting to something more than \$1,000.00 so that they now have on hand your original balance of \$12,600.00, with an accumulation of interest that will make the total run close to \$14,000.00, and your County can secure this, to be applied on County indebtedness, at any time you will write State Treasurer Lacy for it.

This leaves the State Highway Commission due you on the original loan, \$170,812.05, to be paid from time to time, out of any balance that (CONTINUED ON 5TH PAGE)