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## HAYWOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL MAKES FINE RECORD FIRST YEAR

First In State To Be  
 Built By Vote Of  
 People

Service Is Attested By List Of  
 800 Names On Patient  
 Charts

By HILDA WAY GWYN

Of statewide interest is the splendid record of the first year of the Haywood County Hospital. It is the first County Hospital in North Carolina to be built by taxation by vote of the people for this purpose. It is the first county hospital to take advantage of the statewide law providing for this method of acquiring the same. It is a pioneer of its type. It is a noteworthy example of county cooperation. It is the realization of a community ideal of health work, based upon sound and practical ideas developed into a permanent form of service. It is the first hospital in North Carolina to receive aid from the Hospital section of the Duke Endowment Fund.

County officials from other parts of the state, contemplating the erection of similar institutions are observing not only its architectural advantage but also its various details of management. It is an inspiration to all rural counties of our state that face the same problems of inadequate hospital facilities that faced the people of Haywood prior to the building of the present institution.

Since it opened its doors to the public for inspection and service, on Dec. 31, 1927, approximately 800 names have been registered upon the charts as patients. This is the best possible proof that can be offered, not only to the citizens and taxpayers of the county, but also to outsiders, that a hospital was needed in Haywood. The large number of patients, in proportion to the population, is a further test of the high standard of efficiency upon which the hospital has been operated. During the first four months it was necessary to call on the funds set aside by the county for running expenses. This was to be expected for a brand new institution. However, during the remainder of the year, the management has not only paid expenses, but has been able to reimburse their own fund, which they drew on the first four months. This was more than could be expected, for a new institution, going through the ordeal of organization, establishing and building up a reputation. The record

has surpassed the anticipation of the most ardent of the hospital supporters.

Valued at \$118,000

The money value of the institution represents in total, a five-acre lot, good building, equipment and gifts; approximately \$118,000.

Several rooms have been furnished by public spirited citizens and organizations.

The following men have served on the Board, and under their supervision has the hospital been built and operated: Rufus Siler, Chairman, Dr. J. H. Smathers, Murray Ferguson, Will Hyatt, James M. Long, Dan Wild and J. H. Kirkpatrick of Canton, who succeeded W. G. Byers of Clyde, who resigned to become the County Welfare Officer. Each member of the Board was actively engaged in business with apparently no time to spare, yet they keenly felt their responsibility. They have given unstintedly of their time, enthusiasm and personal interest. From the beginning of their appointments they have thoroughly studied the task in hand and have at all times during the planning and operating of the Hospital, had the advice of experts. The Board of County Commissioners, consisting of W. P. Swift, Chairman, M. M. Noland and the late Clem Smathers, have often been congratulated on their wise selection of the members of the Board.

Public Service

It is generally conceded that the hospital represents the finest piece of public service ever rendered in the county. Experts from within and out of the state agree that it is the best outlay for the amount of money that they have ever seen in a hospital. Among the distinguished men who have inspected and paid high tribute to the institution, outside of North Carolina, are Dr. William Allen Pusey of Chicago, a past president of the American Medical Association and a student and authority of medical service. His observation of the hospital was made as a part of his recent study of rural medical service, which covered 233 representative rural counties, in which there were no towns with population in excess of 5,000, and the counties were distributed over 41 states. Mr. Frank Chapman, Superintendent of the Mount Sinai Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a recognized authority on Hospital arrangement and management. Numerous prominent authorities of North Carolina have stamped the institution with their approval.

The doctors of the county who have

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Spoff—He calls himself a human dynamo.  
 Piffle—No wonder; everything he has on is charged.  
 —The Pathfinder.

Slim—Strange, isn't it, that Scotty will drink out of a bottle?  
 Jim—Why, no, it isn't. You see he objects to tipping a bottle.  
 —The Pathfinder.

## FAVORS BONDS FOR HOSPITAL

Raleigh, N. C., March 5, 1929.  
 To the Citizens of Madison County:

I wish to address these few remarks to the fair minded people of Madison County, since there has been quite a lot said lately through our local paper in regard to a hospital for Madison County. I have taken it on myself, in regard to the matter, as this fund from Duke has only been available for a short period of time. Yet in every case, where I have asked for information, as regards taking advantage of this opportunity, the answer has invariably been, "you can make no mistake, as this is a most wonderful opportunity for the people of a county that do not have a hospital sufficient to take care of their needs to get such a hospital." Mr. A. G. Osborne, Clyde, N. C., came to me today to explain further, the conditions in regard to their hospital at Waynesville, but after introducing himself, he found that it was Senator from Madison that he had been talking to in regard to this matter. This conversation had taken place shortly after the Legislature convened in January of this year. This citizen of Haywood County feels that they could not get along without this hospital, that it is one of the greatest assets that any county could have, and that their hospital has been a success from every angle, and any county that fails to avail themselves of this opportunity, in his opinion will be making a serious mistake.

Now folks, I don't care to influence any citizen to vote, Yes or No on this question. I want you to be your own judge, think it out for yourself and vote the way you feel you should vote. I think it would be wise for each and every one of us to know approximately what it will cost us each year, as taxpayers, to support this hospital. I would suggest that the Auditor of Madison County make a list and cause same to be printed in the local paper, just what it would cost each taxpayer, say paying a tax on \$500, \$1,500, \$2,500, \$4,000 worth of property and so on, this would give the people some idea of just what it would cost them each year or a given number of years.

I believe you will be surprised as to how little it will cost you as a tax

payer. After you have done this, think of the good an institution of this nature might do for your county, think of your neighbor, who probably is unfortunate, and would be unable to pay the price and go to a hospital, but if we had a hospital of this kind this person could get the proper treatment without cost, otherwise they could not get at all.

Friends, I believe that we as citizens of our great county, of which we all are so proud, should be able to look just a little beyond our door step, and be willing to sacrifice a little

## MISS MURRAY GIVES GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ROADS IN NO. 5 AND NO. 11 TOWNSHIPS

Pleads For Better Condition And Progress

Mars Hill, N. C.  
 March 11, 1929.

Mr. H. L. Story  
 Editor News-Record  
 Marshall, N. C.  
 Dear Mr. Story:

I am writing this letter under rather unusual circumstances. I hope you may have room to print it in an early issue of your paper.

I am at this moment on my way to the French Broad hospital to have an operation for appendicitis. It is my wish to express my feelings towards Mr. Ira Plemons before my brain is numbed by an anesthetic and while I have physical strength to write this letter.

About January 18th, I became very ill and had to give up my work as teacher in Buncombe County. My people brought me to Mars Hill and for four weeks I could not be taken to my home on California Creek, just eight miles away, on account of the miserable condition of the road. At last when I could go I felt as if I were isolated from the whole world by the almost impossibility of travel.

Last week I suffered an attack of appendicitis. The rain was pouring, and the mud was so deep that all travel practically ceased. My brother walked to Mars Hill to see a doctor for me. For three days I suffered the terrible dread of having to be carried on a litter over a road that was once a State highway. After I gained strength enough to walk one half a mile I got to where a car could travel—only with the most wretched progress.

Some one is responsible for this unreasonable handicap of the people of Nos. 5 and 11 Townships of Madison County. Yesterday's paper bore the news that Mr. Plemons had killed the bill in the Senate which would have brought relief to us. Judging from Mr. Plemons' past record, I am sure this is true. I notice he is opposed to every progressive movement in our county. However I do notice and am proud to say there are enough fine intelligent men, such as Mr. Coleman Ramsey, R. L. Moore, Mr. Story and others that stand up for the right and make Mr. Plemons appear to be the goat he has shown himself to be.

I appeal to the thinking people of Madison County to hereafter select a man of reasonable intelligence to represent us in the Legislative Assembly of North Carolina—one we are not ashamed to own as Madison County's son.

Thanking the Editor of the News-Record for the splendid stand he takes for the progress of our county,

I am, very sincerely yours,  
 FLOSSIE MURRAY

as free to cast your vote as I do to cast mine, so I beg you again to think it over, and be your own judge in casting your vote.

If you are an average tax payer with an average family depending on you, then don't you think it would be a good business proposition to have a hospital available that might suit your pocketbook?

As I have said before, I will not be a party to placing upon the people that I represent, any more burdens of taxation. Yet as a citizen, I claim the right to vote the way that my conscience dictates that I should vote, and I concede to every other citizen the same privileges. I believe that when this Legislature convenes, now, in a few days, the people will find that the burdens have been lightened to some extent, as regards the state-wide affairs. I don't claim the credit for this, however I have tried to vote and work for every bill that I felt would help my people. So, folks, let's go forward in everything that seems to be for the uplifting of our county, face our burdens as they confront us from day to day, and I believe that things will come out all right in the end.

Respectfully,  
 J. H. HUTCHINS.

## Tusculum Glee Club To Be In Marshall Next Tuesday Night

CONCERT SPONSORED BY THE  
 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Tusculum Glee Club will be in Marshall next Tuesday night at the school auditorium. They will give a concert at 7:30 o'clock, the 19th. This concert is being sponsored by the women of the Presbyterian church. Admission will be 20c and 35c.

Askum—Hello, Bazcom, what are you doing now?  
 Bazcom—I'm a specialized humorist.  
 Askum—What do you mean, "specialized"?  
 Bazcom—I write only the first line for two line jokes.

## THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

THIS PAPER NON-PARTISAN

The first issue of The News-Record that came out under the present management tried to make it clearly understood that this paper would be non-partisan, non-sectarian, and devoted to the best interests of the county. That meant that it would not be either democratic or republican in politics, but would endeavor to give the facts of each party. To be non-sectarian it would endeavor to give as much from one denomination as another. That does not mean that the publisher would not be affiliated with one of the denominations, or that he would not vote a ticket having one of the political parties printed at the top. Our opinion of a non-partisan paper would be that articles on either side would not be shut out or given preference. The publisher can do this and still have very decided views about matters, though at times it is exceedingly difficult not to appear biased or partial. But in making the statement that this paper is non-partisan, we would not like to have anyone think that we are shutting our columns up from any editorial expression. The publisher of the paper is a citizen of the county and a taxpayer and has the same right to express his views as any other citizen. In fact, he is expected, as a newspaper publisher, to express his views and interpret events, and those who disagree with him should not become offended because they do not agree with the publisher's views about matters, especially if he gives them an opportunity to express their own views in the same paper.

But Madison County seems to be split not altogether with reference to party lines, but we say in factions; for on either side you will find men and women of different political affiliations. One faction calls the other the ring, and the other faction calls the other the ring. The members of one faction almost always oppose what the other faction sponsors and vice versa. But even this is not always true. There are some exceptions, at times and on some questions. For instance, on the matter of the board of education, one faction thinks there should be a change, the other thinks the old board should be retained. Some of each of these factions on this matter will oppose the hospital and some will support it. Still others in each of the two factions will fight the demonstration agents. In other words, the alignment is not the same on different questions. Consequently, it would not be right to say that either faction is right or is wrong about any given matter, but every matter has two sides to it, and the publisher of this paper is seeking information on each side on every question so as to know as nearly as possible what opinion to form. It has always been rather strange to this writer how some people know instantly which side of a matter they are on without ever considering and weighing the facts on either side. With some they oppose a matter because their friends oppose it, or because their enemy favors it. They do not stop to weigh the merits or demerits in the matter. To oppose a matter simply because some one else favors it, is not only simple, but it is unfair to the question at issue and not only kindles but tends to fan the flames of hatred and distrust and instead of working together for community interest and upbuilding, the tendency is to tear down and destroy, and the consequence is that the community gets nowhere.

It is time for factions in Madison County to come to an end. No one expects everybody to agree on any one matter, but their differences should be ironed out in a friendly manner, and such a scene as Madison County has created in Raleigh during the present session of the legislature should never be known again. Recently there was a start made to organize a Kiwanis club in Marshall. The expense of the organization would cause quite a number to stop and consider for a while before signing up, but if we knew that such an organization would get our people together and enable them to thrash out matters in a friendly, fraternal spirit, it would well be worth all it would cost. Isn't it the tendency of human nature to think too much about, to magnify, to exaggerate the faults rather than the good qualities or virtues of our fellow beings? Everybody has faults and plenty of them, and it is possible to exaggerate the faults of any person until that person is believed to be a bad character. A good rule, but one exceedingly hard for some people to follow, is never to say anything about another unless you can say something good.

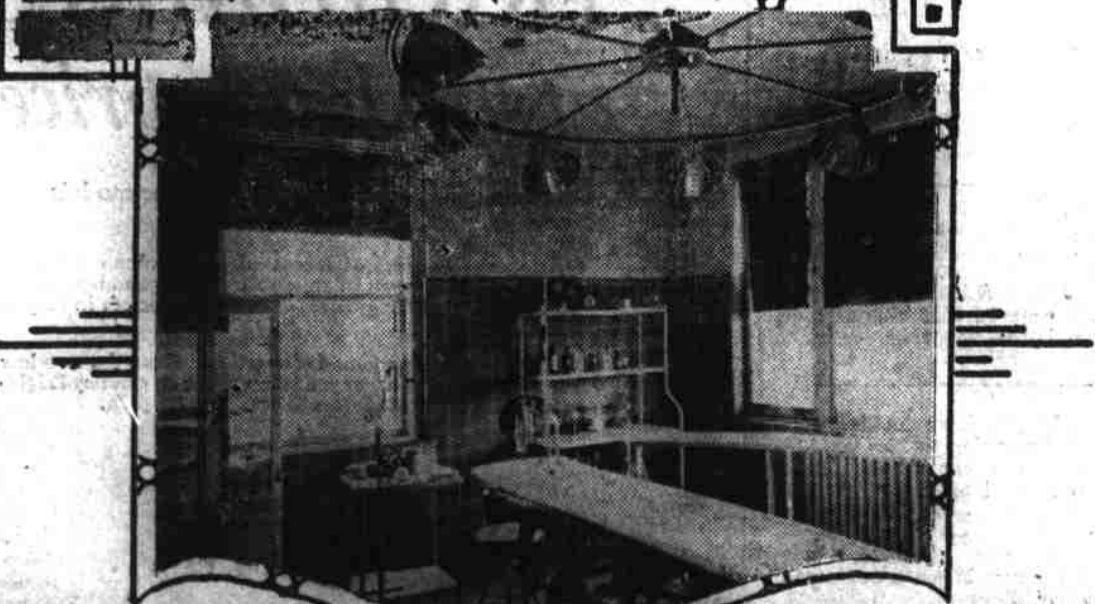
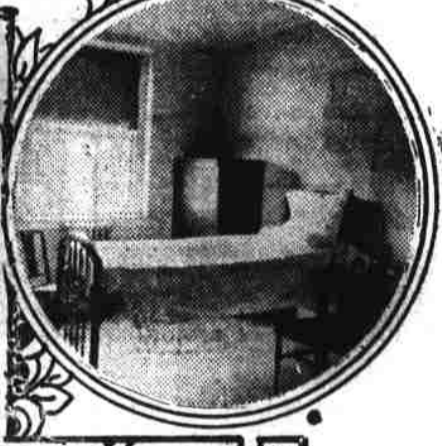
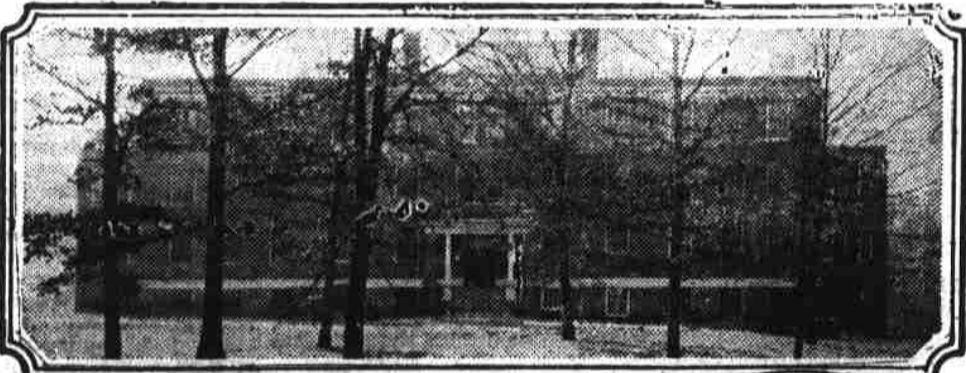
## LEGISLATURE TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

We understand the present session of the legislature will come to a close not later than next Tuesday. Until the last day is over and the bills ratified, it will be hard to say what has been done for almost every day, conflicting reports come out from Raleigh. Perhaps a few state-wide measures have been passed that were worth while, such as the additional one cent on gasoline for roads, the secret ballot law and maybe a few others, but, my! see what it has cost North Carolina to pass those laws! With the laws multiplying every two years, we have too many. And see what Congress costs our country and what it amounts to! Half the number of people well qualified could meet once in five years and give us the laws we need and better ones. Let's do away with so much legislating and devote our attention to other matters.

## ANSWERING MRS. WYATT

For our own satisfaction and for the satisfaction of others who may feel about it as Mrs. Wyatt feels, we have taken the time to look up in the tax records and get some idea what the proposed hospital in Madison County would cost Mrs. Wyatt, who has an article in this paper opposing the hospital. We find that if we allow \$3000 a year for maintenance of the hospital and pay off \$1000 of the bonded indebtedness every year and keep up the interest, the hospital would cost Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt about 15c a year. If they have no sickness in their family and have no use for the hospital they could have the satisfaction of knowing that they had contributed fifteen cents toward helping some unfortunate person have the benefits of a hospital. If, on the other hand, they should need the hospital for one of the family and were not able to pay the bill at the hospital, how many years at the rate of 15c a year would it take them to pay the hospital bill?

This publisher's tax under the same conditions would be about \$3.30 a year. If the maintenance cost were less than \$3000 a year these amounts would be reduced that much. We would much rather pay it and know we would never be benefited from it than to know we were going to need the services of the hospital.



Top, front view of hospital. Left one of the solariums in the hospital. Right, private room in the building. Bottom, view of the splendidly equipped operating room.