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ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

Should the people of Madison County bind themselves together

for the good of the county, or should county lines be disregarded and

the State be the unit, or should State lines be disregarded and the Na- \*

tion be the unit, or should national lines be disregarded and the whole \*

world be the unit, or shall we narrow is still more and make the indi-

vidual and the home the unit? How selfish should be our interests, or "

on the other hand, how broad? Take the matter of road building, for \*

example, are county commissioners elected to see that the section in \*

which they happen to live gets its portion at least of the plums, or are \*

they elected to serve to the best of their ability in the interest of the \*

whole county as a unit? Should a man elected to represent a county \*

in the legislature go with the sole purpose of passing laws for the bene- \*

fit of his county only, or should he be unselfish to the extent of denying "

his county some benefit if he thought that by so doing he could benefit \*

his state as a whole? Should a town or township pull for itself regard \*

less of the effect that such pulling might have on the county as a whole? \*

Should Asheville, for instance, be for Asheville first, Buncombe County \*

second, and the state of North Carolina third, or should every citizen \*

Haywood County, or McDowell County, or any other county, lead di-

rectly to Asheville? Does selfish interest or pride in local affairs \*

justify a citizen in bending every effort to better his community regard \*

less of whether or not it is for the benefit of the larger unit as a whole? \*

Should Asheville or Greensboro or Raleigh organize chambers of com- \*

If the county is the unit which should be considered first, then \*

ment of all parts of the county. If the community in which you live \*

prosperous, the other citizens of that community are usually indirectly \*

interests be pooled for the benefit of the whole? The same principle \*

is involved in the matter of a world court, which our schools are de- \*

root for themselves? How selfish should we be in public affairs? These \*

than to answer them. But why should such a thought enter our minds \*

When you see so many people trying to dodge their obligations, mak-

ing promises they never intend to fulfill, contracting debts they never \*

never letting a debt be forgotten, the tendency nowadays seems to be \*

so forth, causes many a merchant to wonder where he will get his pay \*

they not among the older people? Are our young people, generally \*

speaking, as reliable in keeping their promises as their parents were?

If not, is this not a matter that should have our attention? Are our

people losing their sense of honor? Our word should be our bond \*

whether the creditor can collect by law. An honest debt should be \*

We wonder if those people who are always finding fault with some one else have stopped to consider what they are getting out of

world, he should go for a walk, look out over the beauties of nature, \*

look and smell the flowers, listen at the birds, go fishing, or in some way

get away from his usual surroundings. It's a pitty for people to let

their worries spoil their lives. After all, there are many things in this

cannot stand, neither can a town or a community, or a church. Let's

bury the hatchet, forget our differences, and not allow ourselves to be rabbed of the good things in life by seeing only the bed. Rest annual there is bad in the best of us and good in the worst of us and the difference is not sogreat after all. Let's forget it and be gisd.

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DOES IT PAY TO BE DIVIDED?

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## MR. C. B. MASHBURN EXPLAINS ROAD MATTER

News- Record, Marshall, N. C.

Roads Fail as Board Reverses Position. Madison County Board of Commissioners in a Special Session callfor a road up Big Pine Creek.

this purpose are moneys due the of bonding county from the State Highway Commission.

"The decision not to build the roads in question or at least not at this time was reached when Chairman Claude Wilds changed his vote. At the meeting the first of the week he had voted for the building of the two roads.

After hearing the resolution adopted at the earlier meeting discussed by prominent Marshall citizens who opposedd it Chairman Wilds moved that the action on the earlier resolution be indefinitely postponed, The News-Record, Commissioner Silvers seconded the motion, John Ammons, a third mem-ber opposed the proposal."

I read another article in the Asheville Times, Monday, as follows: "Mars Hill Folks Start Boycott In Road Fight.'

'Circulate petition to end trade with Marshall merchants."
"Resent Loss of Road."

"Turn against the Hospital Bond Issue to be voted on Tuesday."

Then follows a long discussion of

the people of the rown of Marshall. voters. The people of Marshall Tuesday night and Wednesday morning were astonished to learn that at the end of the day on Tuesday when the board out into the open so that they can of Commissioners had finished all judge for themselves. Since I have not other business, and all the people allied myself with any party or faction, but have tried to be fair and impartial in seeking the best interests of the Commissioners, and the Clerk of the Board, one of the Commissioners, seemed to me that I was the one to Mr. John Ammons, as I am informed in lace the facts before your readers. Mr. John Ammons, as I am informed place the facts before your readers. and believe drew a resolution from But when I began to prepare such a his pocket and handed it to the at- statement I realized that I had not torney to read, which had been pre- yet had an opportunity to discuss pared elsewhere and been have than these matters fully and freely with the attorney for the Board, and over certain ones on both sides who are the protest of the said attorney and deeply concerned. Hence I hesitate to one Commissioner, T. A. Silvers, passed the resolution appropriating one I do them an injustice. I hope you hundred and fifty thousand for a will decline to publish anything from

This resolution was a great surprise to all those who were acquainted with the facts in the case.

First, Madison County has no road funds on hand or available to build roads at this time. A few years ago the Commission-

ers of the county borrowed six hundred and fifty thousand from various loaning banks, and executed short term notes for the repayment of this money, and have been paying interest on these notes, and loaned the said amount to the Highway Commission to build roads in Madison County under a contract that the Highway Commission would pay the principal sum of said amount back to the county for the purpose of paying off and discuarging those short term notes.

The Highway Commission has paid back all the amount borrowed except about one hundred and seventy thousand, and the amount so paid back has been used by the Commis-sioners to pay off the said short term lotes, and I am informed that in some cases the Highway Commission paid the amounts direct to the Banks holding the short term notes. The salance of the said short term notes representing about one hundred and seventy thousand will be due in the coming June, and if the amount is paid by the Highway Commission to the county, it will, or should be applied to pay off the balance of the short term notes, otherwise the county Commissioners will have to borrow money to pay interest on the said notes and continue to do so until the Highway Commission pays back to the County the amount. If the amount is not paid back before the said notes are due the county will have to borrow money at a high rate of interest to pay the interest on said notes, which will cost about ten thous and dollars a year.

If the county commissioners were to do so rash an act as to apply the one hundred and seventy thousand to any other number than to never the seventy thousand to any other number than to never the seventy thousand to any other number than to never the seventy thousand to any other number than to never the seventy thousand to any other number than to never the seventy thousand to apply other numbers than to never the seventy thousand to apply other numbers than the never the seventy thousand the seventy the se

to any other purpose than to pay off the short term notes and get by with it then the commissioners of the county would have to bond the county would have to bond the county, and they would have no right to do that without a vote of the people, to pay the one hundred and seventy thousand of short term notes, or in lieu thereof, levy a special tax of Ten Thousand Dollars to pay the interest on said notes, and a large amount to pay on the principal.

The money which the Highway Commission owes the County has been dedicated to pay off the short term notes which the county gave

ews-Record, Marshall, N. C. to get the money, and under the law I saw in the Sunday Times an ar-the County Commissioners have no ticle from the correspondent at Mar-shall as follows: "Plans for Madison ty to any other purpose than that to which it was set apart, or intended

for.
The County Commissioners cannot ed Friday reconsidered its action in issue bonds without a vote of the voting to spend one hundred and fifty people, and if they were to divert thousand dollars on a road from this one hundred and seventy thousand thousand dollars on a road from this one hundred and seventy thous-highway No. 69 to the Tennessee line and, necessitating a bond issue to pay via Mars Hill, and twenty thousand the said short term notes, they would the said short term notes, they would be doing indirectly that which they "The funds appropriated the earli- would not be allowed to do directly er part of this week by the Board for and might be liable for the offense f bonding the county without the (CONTINUED ON 8TH PAGE)

# **COMMITTEEMAN**

REV. JAMES L. HYDE GIVES HIS REASONS FOR RESIGNING SCHOOL WORK AT WALNUT

Mr. H. L. Story, Editor,

Dear Mr. Story: Although I am very deeply interested in the schools of our county, and in our Walnut School in particular, I have just resigned from the Walnut School Committee. The reasons which impelled me to resign are matters that have been keeping our community stirred up and hurting our school. They include one matter that I think should be brought before the Grand Jury, since it seems to involve not only the violation of law but the disregard of one of the most cherished I want to offer a few words in ex- principles of our American governplanation of the position of some of ment. I refer to the intimidation of

Your readers certainly are all deeply interested in our schools, and have a right to have all the facts brought road that leads up California Creek me or from anyone else that is not into No. 11 Township and to the fair and free from bitterness.

Tennessee line, and twenty thous- I am convinced, and feel sure that and to the road up Big Pine Creek. your readers are convinced, that we shall never have the harmony and efficiency in our schools that we need until we have a board of education and school committees that will put all political considerations behind them, and administer the schools without reference to partisanship or to personal animosities.

I may add that since writing my resignation I have had a talk with the Chairman of the Board and am glad to say tht he had no intention whatever of disregarding the wishes of the community. It was simply a case of the facts not having been and thating. Should America enter the World Court, or shall America con-

Following is my resignation: Walnut, North Carolina, April 5, 1929.

To the Board of Education of Madison County, President R. L. Moore, Chairman, Dear Sirs: It is with regret but no hesitation

that I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee of the Walnut Special School District.

We who put the good of our school and the welfare of our community above all partisan and personal considerations hoped much from your Board. We looked to you to give us a School Committee which fairly and impartially represent the various elements in the community instead of being "packed" to represent only one.

I make no criticism of the gentleman whom you have just appointed, taken by himself, but taken as an addition to an already "packed" mittee the appointment constitutes nothing less than an outrage to the impartial and nonpartisan elements of the community.

I have not allie dmyself with any

faction nor with any political party.

The gentlemen on the committee, including the last appointee, are all my personal friends and I would take up the cudgels for them just as readily if the committee were being "packed", against them and they were not remainly disconsideration. ceiving due consideration. As it is however I see no prospect for my usefulness on the Committee and with very many calls upon my time and attention I ask to be relieved at old world that we can enjoy if we will stop trying to find fault and once.

#### SEVEN TRIED FOR INTOXICATION

Wayne Tweed, Jeter Tweed, Ellis Wallin, Ed Davis, and Ed Payne were arrainged and tried before Mr. Lee Bryan, Justice of the Peace for public drunkeness Monday. Two of these paid fines of \$5.00 and costs while the other four were put under sentence of 30 days in jail and the sentence suspended for a period of two years on condition that they were

to remain sober, otherwise they will have to serve sentence as passed. Grover Robinson from No. 4 Township was brought in on the same charge and fined \$25.00 and costs.

#### STILL CAPTURED

Mr. Mitchell Gentry, one of the deputies under Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, captured an 80 gallon capacity copper still complete on last Sunday morning n the Shelton-Laurel section in No. 2 Township. He destroyed about 350 gallons of mash. No one was around the still when taken.

#### PRITCHARD REFUSES OFFICE NEAR NEGRO'S

Congressman-elect George M. Prit-chardchard, of the tenth North Carograolina, telegraphed to Washington last Saturday, his refusal to accept office quarters next to those of Oscar dePriest, new negro congressman from Chicago.

Representative Pritchard, questioned concerning the matter, said he believed he should be assigned anoall-white congressional district."

Congressman Zebulon Weaver, who police of that city. Sheriff R. R. had represented the district for 12 Ramsey went to Asheville to investi-Weaver is a Democrat. He seceived another assignment. -Asheville Times.

#### MARSHALL HI DEFEATS **HOT SPRINGS 13 TO 8**

Marshall Hi won their first ball game they have played this year with Hot Springs. The score was 13 to 8. Hot Springs. The score was 13 to 8. toes from growers in the mountains Reid pitched a splendid game. Errors of Ashe and Avery counties. were very costly to Hot Springs.

## SANDY MUSH AND UPPER LAUREL R OAD PROPOSITION

### Store Robbed At Forks Editor, News-Record: Of Ivy

Friday night of last week a store was robbed at the Forks of Ivy and a quantity of knives, watches, and ther office because he "represents an dry goods was taken. Four young men were captured in Asheville on Pritchard last November defeated a charge of store breaking by the Ramsey went to Asheville to investigate and found that a good bit of the goods had been recovered from the boys. Two of the boys gave the names of Stanley of Asheville, one Rice and the fourth one we were unable to get his name.

> Farmers of piedmont North Carolina are buying their seed Irish pota-

Last Monday, April 8th, the Asheville Times carried a front page article with the following heading, "MARS HILL FOLK START BOY-COTT IN ROAD FIGHT. CIRCU-LATE PETITION TO END TRADE WITH MARSHALL MERCHANTS. RESENT LOSS OF ROAD. TURN AGAINST HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE TO BE VOTED ON TUESDAY." It is hoped that this is an exag-

gerated statement of the feeling and acts of the people of Mars Hill. least, it cannot represent the sober judgment of so fine a community.

If the citizens of any section have

been wronged, and that wrong can be shown, the people as a whole will right it.

But what are the facts over which a great many people have become unexcited and possibly said and duly done things, that in their more sober moments they would not have said and done.

in Euncombe County, including Asheville boosters, think first of the \*county as a whole? If Asheville had the authority to do so, would it \*be morally justified in making every road through Madison County, or \* The County of Madison in the last few years has loaned to the State of North Carolina sums of money to carry on road work in the county. This money was loaned to the State with the express understanding that it was to be returned to the county. The County Commissioners in open session pledged that they would see

merce or boards of trade to boost these cities, when such boosting \* that this was done. might result in sapping the life of some weaker community? Should \* The County borrowed this money that it loaned the state and gave its State Highway System, the said milea man in a position to do so, grow rich at the expense of his neighbors? \* note for it. The state has returned age to be such mileage as shall be Should our roads lead to Asheville or should they lead to Knoxville, or \* to the County all sums borrowed ex-Should Madison County contribute toward the enrichment of Asheville? \* should our roads lead to Asheville or should they lead to Khoxville, or should they lead to Marshall? If by driving to Asheville we can satisfy our desires as individuals better than we could in Marshall, should and will have to pay it off when due. We stop to consider Marshall's interest or think first of our own? Do The county has no money to meet to shall have the same authority, under this note except the money due it shall have the same authority, under \* we ever stop to ask ourselves these questions, or are we too selfish to \* has no way to meet its obligation. grade or alignment of said road, as the people of the county as a whole should feel a pride in the develop- \* If this money is ordered placed on a road on Big Pine Creek and Upper Laurel section, how is the county to is first and foremost, let that be built up. But we have come to an age \* meet its obligation when due? It is when we cannot live unto ourselves. If a family in a community is \* the duty of our commissioners to see that all obligations are cared for. Would you suggest that the county benefitted. If they are not, they should be. Should our individual \* issue bonds to cover this amount? No. This cannot be done except by a vote of the people.

In the face of these facts what sider this matter selfishly-America first and let the other nations \* happened? Commissioners John Ammons and C. J. Wild voting for and Anderson Silvers against a resolu-tion giving a \$150,000.00 for an are questions which crowd in upon us at times. Who will answer them? \* Asheville-Johnson City road through the upper end of the county and \$20,000.00 to Big Pine Creek road. Perhaps our readers will begin to think that this writer is full of \* These two items covering the amount the State owed the county of Madiquestions this week. Well, you know it is much easier to ask questions \* son. They took this action behind as to ask such a question? Really, there seems to be a reason for it. \* closed and locked doors, and without giving notice to any one in the county that such action was to be taken. intend to pay, one begins to wonder where the end will be. Instead of \* They did this without making any provision to take care of the debt due by the county for said money.

to get all you can and pay for only what you are forced to pay. It is \* When the facts became generally known that the action of the Board deplorable how many people would live beyond their income and let the \* creditor suffer. The craze for automobiles, gasoline to ride with, and \* meant bonding the County in the sum of \$170,000.00, and that such action had been taken in secrecy and for necessities. Are we coming to an age when we cannot be credited \* without knowledge of any of the vowith anything?, Cf course there are yet many honest people, but are \* ters of Madison County the people became indignant and asked that the action be revoked.

At a later meeting Mr. Claude Wild and Anderson Silvers over the protest of John Ammons revoked said when it comes to matters of business. It should not be a matter of \*

Before any of the citizens of Madison get unduly excited about this order being revoked they might look the question fairly in the face and see what is right about the matter. Where would Madison County have gotten the money to have replaced this \$170,000.00? Do you say bond the county for the amount? If so, shall it be bonded by the acts of the Commissioners in overlanding or the life. A person can brood over his imaginary wrongs and hardships \* until he really has them. When he gets to feeling all wrong with the \* shall it be bonded by the acts of the Commissioners in secret session or by a vote of the people as the law provides? Why did the commissioners when they passed this order close and fastes the doors of the commissioners room and act in secrecy?

Commissioner Wild has corrected.

The following is a copy of the Bill introduced in the State Senate of the recent legislature, providing the people of Sandy Mush, and the people of No. 5 and No. 11 Townships, known as the Upper Laurel country, with dependable roads.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN MADISON COUNTY. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That for the first two years, and longer if it shall be deemed advisable, the Board of Commissioners of Madison County are directed to authorize the State Highway Commission to expend the funds allocated to Madison County under the provisions of a bill creating a "County Aid Road Fund" passed at this session of the General Assembly under the provision of Sub-section (c) of Section 6 of said Act.

Section 2. That the State Highway Commission is authorized to sup-plement the "County Aid Road Fund" allocated to Madison County during the next biennium, not exceeding \$25,000 of the fund as may be due Madison County under the terms of existing contracts for the re-payment of county loans heretofore made to the State Highway Commission by Madison County to such extent as may be necessary in the opinion of the State Highway Commission to place in condition suitable for maintenance under the provisions of Section (1) of this Act the following roads:

(a) From Marshall in a southwesterly direction a portion of old State Highway No. 20 to Freeman's Gap thence via Teague's Bridge to the Forks of Sandy Mush Creek connecting with State Highway No. 63.

(b) A road connecting with State Highway No. 31 between Mars Hill and Cox's Bridge thence up California Creek through Upper Laurel Township, to the State line, and any expenditures thus made by the State Highway Commission shall be deemed and treated as a re-payment to

Madison County.

Section 3. This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification. The following is a copy of Subsecion (c) of Section 6, of the State Highway law passed by the recent

legislature: (c) "By taking over and maintaining as a Secondary State Highway System a part of the county roads, connected with the present from the state. If it is not paid to the power of eminent domain, to acthe county by the state the county quire local material, or to change the it now has with respect to State Highways. In such counties as a Secondary State Highway System is set up under this subsection, any additions to the State Highway System shall be taken from such Secondary State Highway System.'

The Bill above mentioned grew

out of the Bill which was introduced in the State Senate to cut off Sandy Mush Township and annex it to Buncombe County. Quite a large delegation came to Raleigh, urging that Sandy Mush Township be cut off. The delegation was represented by Mr. Andy Hipps, attorney from Asheville, and Mr. Albert Teague, formerly of Sandy Mush Township, now residing in Buncombe. The Sandy Mush people represented to the Committee on counties, cities and towns, that they were bottled up, and in anything like wet weather it was almost impossible for them to get out, and they made a pretty strong story. The Committee suggested that the proponents of the Bill and those opposing it get together and see if some arrangement could not be made by which Sandy Mush might have a road A meeting was held that night at the Sir Walter hotel, and a large number of persons were present. Some of the parties became rather heated in the discussion. I stated to the committee and at the meeting at the Sir Walter hotel, that an effort had been made for the last two or three years to have the State take over the road from Marshall, by way of Freeman's Gap to the Forks of Sandy Mush, and that I thought that the Commissioners of Madison County and the people generally would be glad to cooperate in bringing about this result. I also stated to the committee and at this meeting, that the mittee and at this meeting, that the people in the Upper Laurel section of the County were bottled up for the want of a road as bad or worse than the Sandy Mush people, and if an agreement was entered into to provide Sandy Mush with a dependable road, that Upper Laurel must be included.