

### COMPROMISE BY COUNTY BOARD

The highway question in Madison County, which has been the subject of much controversy for some months, apparently was settled late last Friday when the county commissioners unanimously requested State Highway Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather to build and maintain two highways, one via Mars Hill to the l'ennessee line, and the other from Marshall across Doggett Mountain and into Sandy Mush township. The commissioners offered the

The commissioners offered State Highway commission \$25,000 toward the building of these two roads, and Mr. Stikeleather agreed to the proposal. The request was considered here

Saturday as representing a compromise that is likely to prove generally satisfactory. It gives Mars Hill an outlet into Asheville, placates Mar-shall by giving it a road into the Sandy Mush section, and provides that part of the county, which sought to secede and join Buncombe at the last legislature, an outlet to Marshall, the county seat, and to Asheville.

First Action Rescinded

The Mars Hill road, to go from the Forks of Ivy via Mars Hill to the state line, was at one time decided upon by the commissioners, but they rescinded their action when Marshall citizens protested. Mars Hill busi-ness men, thereupon, threatened a boycott of Marshall.

The Sandy Mush township got a bill offered in the last legislature which would have cut that township off from Madison and made it a part of Buncombe. As a compromise, it was agreed that the township should be given better road and school advantages. The decision of Friday was seen as a means of carrying into effect the road provision of that compromise.

#### Give State \$25,000

Originally the county expected to secure the road via Mars Hill by turning over to the state \$150,000 due the county by the State Highway commission, but this proposal met a storm of protest when citizens insisted this sum should be used to pay off county road bonds.

Under the terms of the agreement reached Friday, the county will turn over to the highway commission only \$25,000, which is estimated as Madison county's share of the revenue to be derived from the extra one-cent tax on gasoline.

The request of the commissioners, addressed to Chairman Doughton and

lowing is a text of the letter.

### **Rank In Education**

How North Carolina ranks in public education is always a matter of great public interest. All available data show that we have made a great deal of progress, but that our rank is still too low to justify resting on our oars. Tables compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board give North Carolina the following rank for the years indicated. Rank Year Year Rank

1890	44	1900	
1910	47	1918	
1922	41	1924	
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in 1926 was thirty-ninth. Dur-ing the period from 1910 to 1926, only five states increased their rank among the states faster than North Carolina.

Our per inhabitant wealth and income considered, North Carolina is spending fairly liberally on public education. The chief criticism of our school system lies in the inequality of educational opportunities.

### MADISON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Following is an article taken con plete from The Burley Tobacco Bul-letin, published at Greeneville, Tenn., and which we are pleased to forward on to our valued readers:

Madison County, North Carolina is very happily situated. It is up in the land of the Sky, bordered on the one side by Buncombe and Yancey counties of the same state, and on the other side by the state of Tennessee. Madison County is favored with that "ALL THE YEAR" climate that the Western North Carolina country is so renowned for. This climate is not extreme in any season; does not have severe cold in the winter nor intense heat in the summer. It is a county that is attractive to the tourist, the summer visitor, and to the home seeker alike.

The capital of Madison County is Marshall. This is a progressive and stirring town of about 1200 people, situated 23 miles from the center of addressed to Chairman Doughton and Commissioner Stikeleather, of the highway commission, was signed by all three members of the county board, C. J. Wild, T. A. Silver, and Asheville and about 100 miles from rection an all-the-year road leads to the Tennessee line where it connects Madison county, at a special meeting Knoxville. Marshall was established in 1853 on a town site deeded to the county by Zebulon Vance and Sam Chunn. Vance, who deeded twothirds of the site was an ardent Whig and it was he who gave the town its name after Chief Justice Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. Marshall is unique among towns, It is built on a narrow strip of land on the shore of the French Broad with the residential portion occupying a commanding site on the bluff which rises several hundred feet above main street. It also boasts of a hundred thousand dollar high school building which stands on Blannahassett Island in the center of the French Broad. Three and a half miles of paved streets make all parts of the city readily available at any season of the year. There are in the town a cotton mill, two flour and feed mills, a Standard Oil Company plant, Whole-sale establishments, four hotels, the Monarch Manufacturing Company, two banks whose combined deposits amount to over\$1,5000,000, and many up-to-date mercantile and grocery stores. A gravity water system supplies the residents of the town with pure mountain water carried from the mu nicipal owned water shed located on t nicipal owned water shed located on the crest of the mountains seven miles from the city. Judge Harding, of the State Court, and Judge Allen, now deceased, each pronounced Marshall "the prettiest town he ever saw." However this may be, Marshall, with its paved streets, its pure mountain water, a modern sewarage system, its modern school system, with Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches, its unsurpassed mountain scenery, its convenient location with reference to Asheville, is an ideal home city. Lees than twelve miles from Mar-shall is Mars Hill. This is primarily a college town. Its citizens seem to put the college first and are always ready to support it. Courtesy and kindness seem to be natural to the residents of this "beautiful college town" and always, they give a stranger a warm welcome. We will let Dr. B. L. Moore, president of the college tell the story of Mars Hill..."Dr. Moore writes as follows: "Mare Hill is a pleasant school village of some five hundred people. All interests center is the school. The people are here the crest of the mountains seven miles in th

of Madison County. Mitchell's peak try location over that of a city or is twenty-five miles distant; while a railroad town, for a boarding school, few hours ride takes one to the Bald The place is one of peculiar charm Mountains, on the Tennessee line. and healthfulness.

community and all the social pleas-Free scope is given for full and sym- grees and marks of literary distincmetrical growth in all that is best in ion as are usually conferred in colstudent life. Experience has taught leges and seminaries of learning.

the wisdom and excellence of a coun-

Mountains, on the Tennessee line. Our elevation is 2,330 feet. "Mars Hill is eighteen miles from Asheville, twelve miles from Marshall, and is on State Highway 213. The location is fortunate. Apart in the hills, it is quite free from the dis-tractions, temptations, and vices of points on the railroad, while it has all the literary advantages of a school ing here from the dis-school in the railroad, while it has all the literary advantages of a school ing here from the grant of the school ing here from the dis-school ing here from the dis-school in the railroad the school began its tractions, temptations, and vices of points on the railroad, while it has all the literary advantages of a school ing here from the dis-ters of the school began its the school began its the school began its the school began its fork-ing here from the school ing here from the dis-ters of the school began its the school began its the school began its the school began its fork-ing here from the school began its the school began its forkall the literary advantages of a school ing here from a wide range of territory. In 1859 the first charter of ures and means of recreation that the school was secured, and the name can be safely thrown around young changed to Mars Hill College, with men and women during school days. the power of conferring all such de-

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# THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

#### AN EFFORT TO ECONOMIZE IN EDUCATION

The last session of the North Carolina legislature showed a desire to cut expenses in many matters, even in the matter of education. The cry of high taxes had been heard all over the State until our representatives were compelled to look toward the matter of economy in the expenditure of public funds and this feeling seeped down even into the running of our public school system. This caused quite a stir among the heads of our school systems and teachers. Many of our teachers were already complaining that they were overworked, or rather, that they had more pupils in their classes than they could well teach. To cut expenses, they claimed, would be to even further reduce the number of teachers and continue to make efficient teaching impossible. As in all questions, there are two sides to this. From the taxpayer's point of view, there is already plenty of money going into the running of our schools. From the teacher's point of view, the amount will have to be increased indefinitely before the ideal can be reached in teaching. Something must be done. If our taxpayers have all they can afford to pay, then some cutting must be done somewhere. North Carolina has been dotted in the last few years with fine school buildings, and from outward appearances, our state has made wonderful progress in educational lines, but who will claim that our schools are what they ought to be? We believe that some adjustments should be made at both ends, on top and on the bottom. We see no need for money to be spent to provide schools for boys and girls who have no desire to go to school and who refuse to be taught when compelled to attend. The old saying that you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink applies to there so called pupils. Why cumber our schools and trouble our teachers with a bunch of dull half-wits who would not study or learn under any or cumstances? Why should parents spend money sending their children off to college when the children have no desire to go, and will not amount to anything after they go except to be greater parasites on society than they were before they went? They ought to be taught some useful occupation, at which they can at least make a living, and then compelled to go to work. If they later develop an appetite for higher education, let them seek it themselves. It will then be worth something to them. We believe that indulgent parents who are able are doing more to spoil their children by furnishing them plenty of money and sending them to college than they would be keeping them out of college and urging them to work. Cutting off from our public schools and colleges and universities the undesirables would give the deserving a better opportunity and the general expense of education reduced. This would be cutting off the bottom. An example of cutting off expense at the top is given by a recent action of the Buncombe County Board of Education when the salary of the county superintendent was reduced from \$6000 to \$4000 a year with \$1200 for expenses. In all lines we are gradually experiencing a decline in values since the World War and our public officials should have their salaries cut to conform to the changing condtiions. We admire Governor Gardner in refusing to allow the salary of the Governor of North Carolina to be increased during his administration. We are having no trouble to get gubernatorial candidates and why increase the salary? We're under no obligation to do like some other state. That's our trouble now, we are trying to keep pace with someone else until we are running crazy and dishonest. Let's be ourselves and keep within the bounds of reason, in public expenditures in'educational as well as in governmental and other affairs.

The town election at Mars Hill reulted as follows: Mayor, W. O. Connor, succeeding

F. J. Murray. Board of Aldermen, N. S. Whit-aker, Ned Anderson, R. Y. Tilson (reelected) succeeding R. L. Moore, R. Y. Tilson and P. C. Stringfield.

In charge of the election were K. B. Murray, registrar J. P. Sams, and Guy George, judges.

Cross Job

Another Red

Hundreds of people have been left destitute as a result of the cyclone which struck twelve counties in Alabama, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia and W. Virginia on May 2nd and an even larger number are in need of help in the eight counties of Georgia and South Carolina which were swept by a tornado on April 25th. In the former disaster 24 persons were killed and 89 injured and in the latter the death list was 64 with 332 injured. The property loss in both areas was heavy and the Red Cross is raising a relief fund of from \$150,000 to \$200,-Contributions to this fund will be gladly received by the local chapter of the Red Cross and promptly forwarded to national headquarters. The Red Cross workers will see that the money goes where it is needed and will do the most good.

### CARL R. STUART **ELECTED MAYOR**

The election held Tuesday for the Town of Marshall resulted in the eleation of Carl R. Stuart for Mayor of Marshall, J. Herschell Sprinkle, E. R. Tweed, and F. E. Freeman, aldermen. and W. C. Rector, for policeman. The votes cast were as fol-

FOR MAYOR-	25 5
Carl R. Stuart	
M. A. Godfrey	
W. J. Russell	7
FOR ALDERMEN-	
J. H. Sprinkle	
E. R. Tweed	
F. E. Freeman	
FOR POLICEMAN-	
J. C. Redmon	
J. M. Robinson	
W. C. Rector	
C. L. Henderson	141

### BLANKENSHIP

## SANDY BOTTOM

### BILL TYSON OF MARSHALL KNOCKED BEFORE DROWNING

As we go to press Thursday, evidence was being heard in the case in which Bill Tyson is alleged to have been knocked before drowning near Sandy Bottom Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock. Miss Cora An-derson, a material witness in the case is said to have been the only woman present. It is alleged that members of the party had been drinking and a quarrel followed, which resulted in Tyson being slapped or knocked about the face or head, following which blow he fell into the river and was seen once or twice but the swift-ly moving current made rescue im-possible. The Sheriff and his department had been searching up to the time we went to press for the body, but no trace of it had been found. Mr. C. H. Ramsey who was with the Sheriff's department in searching for the body, was inter-

view by this paper's reporter. Bill Tyson was the son of Bod Tyson of Marshall, living on the south side of the river. He is survived by his father and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Roy Davis of Marshall, Mrs. Ralph Sorrell, of Asheville, Mrs. Fred Morrow of Marshall, Sherman Tyson, Pauline Ty-son, and Robert Tuson of Marshall, besides several half brothers and half sisters. Bill had until about four weeks ago, been working in Knox-ville, Tenn., but was at home for a while when the accident occurred.

#### A Tramp's Lecture

A tramp asked for a drink in a saloon. The request was granted, and when in the act of drinking the proffered beverage, one of the young men present said: "Make us a speech. It is poor liquor that does not loosen a man's tongue." The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink. As the liquor coursed through his blood, he straightened and stood before them with a grace and dig-nity that all of his rags and dirt

could not obscure. "Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at myself, and it seems to me I look upon the picture of my blighted manhood. This bloated face was once as handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, for I was a man in the world of men. too, once had a home and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, but I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect into a cup of wine. I had children as sweet and pure as the flowers of spring and saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, but I put out the holy fire and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, but I broke and bruised their beautiful forms and strangled them that I might hear them no more. Today, I am a husband without a child, a tramp without a home, and a man in whom every impulse is dead. All have been swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink."-The Chronicle.

"We, the county commissioners of of the board, make the following request of the State Highway commis-sion, through Mr. J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district commissioner.

First: We request that your honorable body put on the State system, and for maintenance, the road from Mars Hill to the Tennessee line, via California Creek, etc., meeting the State Highway Commission at a point agreeable to Tennessee. "Second: We request that you put

on the State highway system, and for maintenance, the road from Marsh all, via old Route No. 20, to a point near Freeman's Gap, thence to the Forks of Sandy Mush and across Dog-gett Mountain to Highway No. 209, near Trust, N. C.

"We pledge ourselves to furnish the State Highway commission \$25,000. to put these two roads in proper shape for maintenance."

### BUILDING RAZED **AT PAINT ROCK**

#### Union Church Building At Paint Rock Razed By High Winds Last Week

### SECTION HARD HIT BY CYCLON-IC STORM OF MAY 2ND

#### Does Immense Damage To Property

(Special to the News-Record) The storm which passed through art of Western North Carolina on hursday of last week left its mark in its and surrounding sections, caus-g damage to fruit trees and timber, timated at many hundreds of del-

The Union church building, stand-ing on high hill in the center of the tilinge, was left in rains by the trong winds. This building had for 0 years or more housed religious assumblies of Paint Rock. It is hought that material can be salvag-d from the mins of the building to use in the construction of a new

#### THAT FARM RELIEF POLITICAL PLAY

This special session of congress is an attempt to fulfill a preelection promise which was made not specially in good faith but because the political bosses were practically forced to make the promise. Both major parties faced the issue and no matter which party had gone in the same demand would have been upon it. But this matter of farm relief is as much a see-saw as the tariff question used to be. We have no hope that any real benefit will be derived from all this agitation except that it gives the lawmakers something to be doing while they draw the salary of the office from the people who are demanding of them the impossible. Our opinion is that if all these congressmen would go home and go to work at private occupations and let their salaries be distributed among the farmers, more real benefit would accrue to the farmers than will come of all this play at legislation. But then, the farmers themselves wouldn't be satisfied with that kind of thing. So there you are! Hence they are trying to lead us fellows out here in the country to believe they are doing something big by tacking on a big word occasionally, such as DEBENTURE. Why didn't they say a bond, or note, or written obligation, or something that we know something about? And now they have almost sidestepped this farm relief matter to go again into that matter of tariff readjustment. And we wonder if the whole matter of farm relief doesn't lie after all in the question of tariff.

#### HARRY F. SINCLAIR IN WASHINGTON JAIL

Perhaps more publicity is being given the imprisonment of Harry F. Sinclair, the multi-millionaire oil magnate, than has been given a prisoner in quite a while. Many criminals get first page space before their trials are concluded and their sentences pronounced, but it seems to be so unusual for a wealthy man to be in jail that this case is attracting unusual attention. And while he deserves, no doubt, to be there for a longer term than he drew, he is being made such a hero be there for a longer term than he drew, he is being made such a hero that his intended punishment is resulting in apparent glory. After all, in our opinion, this whole thing is injustice. He ought not to be in jail for what he is charged with. If he robbed the government, he ought to be imprisoned for robbing june as you or I would be. But he is giv-en 90 days in jail for refusing te answer questions put to him by the Senate committee, and he refused on the advice of his lawyers. If re-fusing to answer these questions was a criminal offense, it seems to us his lawyers are the criminals who ought to be in prison and not Sin-chair. If we indecement it, these lawyers were employed by him to advise him what to my and dob. If their advice was criminal, they are to be any, not Sinchair.



Last Monday, May 6, was the time set for the choosing of a county superintendent of schools for Madison County. The Board of Education, composed of Dr. R. L. Moore, as chairman, Messrs. Jasper Ebbs, vin Reeves, Lee Ramsey, and W. M. Roberts, met and were in executive session behind closed doors from about ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon. The principal interest in this particular meeting centered in who would be given the office of county superintendent. When the board emerged and announced their decision that they had re-elected the present in-cumbent, C. M. Blankenship, quite a surprise was evident. Mr. Blankenship has held this office for two years succeeding O, S. Dillard, now of Leicester. He served as principal of Leicester. the Marshall school for four years



We thank thee, Lord, for the sunrise, And the glittering dew-wet morn. For the lilting song of the meadow-

lark, As she sings to the day new born.

We thank Thee for the roses

Which bloom by the garden wall, For humming birds and butterflies, And the cheer of the redbird's call.

We thank Thee for the woodland, With bursting buds and trees, or the tosy apple blossoms, And the fragrant summer breeze. For the

We thank Thee for the sunset, And the babbling friendly brook, For violate papping modestly From temper and shady nook.

We thank Thee for the harvest, With golden fruit and grain, For the glimmering, gorgeous rain-bow span, And the song of the silvery rain.

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#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

After eight years we are again at the same old place-now "The New Central Hotel"-where we served you four years as keepers of a rooming and boarding house....The place has been turned into a hotel. Mod-Buncombe County and a graduate Our friends will please invite their friends to coll

Respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ramsey Itc. May 10.

Your wife, as well as your sins, will find you out.

A halting speech may be the result of a lame excuse.

