

GARDNER PRAISES NEW SCHOOL ACT

DECLARES HANCOCK LAW NOW RESULTING IN BIG SAVING TO STATE.

As Governor Gardner was preparing to leave for Chicago last week, he stated that he appreciated very highly the compliment involved in the opportunity to broadcast over the general hook-up the story of North Carolina over Station WMAQ. He stated that he was not going to make a typical chamber of commerce speech, but that he hoped to present the capacity of the State in the most favorable aspect.

"If I were broadcasting North Carolina," said the Governor, "I would congratulate the people of this State upon the fine manner in which the provisions of the Hancock Educational Bill have been accepted. In my inaugural message I stated that I was mindful of the fact that the taxpayers of North Carolina expect us to protect them from increased burdens of taxation. The General Assembly definitely accepted and followed this course. The increased taxes have been stopped and tax reduction has actually been accomplished. The recent reports from a great number of counties is to the effect that a reduction of school costs for next year will be made. This, together with increased amount anticipated from the State fund over that received heretofore, enables these counties to expect a material reduction in their tax rate for school purposes. It is believed this gratifying condition will be general throughout the State.

"The recent General Assembly in its legislation dealing with educational matters considered tax reduction a major objective. While this is true it evidently was not the intent to retard school growth or in any way lessen educational facilities in the State. This is apparent when it is considered that \$13,000,000 for the biennium was appropriated out of the general State revenue in the form of an equalizing fund to be distributed in such manner as will give aid where it is most needed. In making this large appropriation, double the amount ever before appropriated for a like period, legislation was enacted safeguarding the expenditure of this fund and at the same time aiding the county authorities in bringing about such changes as would lead to the most efficient and economical operation of the schools.

"This legislation proved to be very disquieting and parts of it wholly displeasing to a portion of the people engaged in educational work. Despite this fact it is apparent that all have now recognized the necessity of reducing the load of taxes wherever possible and are giving their aid wholeheartedly to this end. In doing so they are proving to all the people, what most of us already knew, that the people charged with the destiny of the State's children can be trusted to meet any emergency even though it should entail great sacrifice.

"The State agencies, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Equalization, are making every possible effort to carry out the intent of the General Assembly. I am confident that with all of these forces working in harmony that we shall be able to proclaim a tax reduction upon nearly every man's home and upon his farm. Furthermore, that this will be accomplished without detriment to the welfare and usefulness of the educational system of the State."

EXPLORATION EXPEDITION

The Great Smokies Exploration Expedition in June has already given Western North Carolina and the national park nationwide publicity. Announcements of this enterprise and pictures of Western North Carolina's champion boy scout selected to accompany the expedition have already appeared in newspapers all over the country as well as in a number of periodicals and magazines.

The best example of the importance attached to this adventure is the fact that the New York Times, one of the world's largest and best newspapers, has associated itself with

MRS. GAITHER MACE DEAD

Mrs. Gaither Mace age about 80 years, of the Bull Creek section, died at her home about one o'clock Thursday morning May 30, 1929. She had been suffering from cancer for about four months. The funeral is to be about ten o'clock Friday morning at Peek's Chapel, where interment will follow. Mrs. Mace was the mother of fourteen children, 12 of whom survive her, as follows: Jim Mace, East Fork; George Mace of Marion N. C.; Taylor Mace in California; Gudge Mace of Gabriels Creek; Will Mace of East Fork; Charlie Mace of East Fork; Men Mace of Marshall; Jeter Mace of Marshall; Mrs. Sam Rich of Marion, N. C.; Mrs. Dewey Metcalf of East Fork; Mrs. Grant Franklin of East Fork; Mrs. Quillen Ammons of East Fork.

She also leaves 83 grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

tions for the adventure. They hiked up Craggy mountain last Saturday for the week-end to test out equipment and get hardened up for the start of the expedition from Bryson City, June 8.

"Billy" Greet, the Boy Scout member of the party, proved his worth on the expedition and will feature the accounts and pictures of the exploration.

The New York Times has completed arrangements with The Asheville Times, sponsor of the project, for the exclusive publication outside of Western North Carolina of all feature material and pictures that will be brought back by the expedition. An advance article on the expedition will appear in the New York Times of Sunday, June 2. This article describes the attractions of the Great Smokies and Western North Carolina from the standpoint of tourists, vacationists and outdoor sportsmen.

The members of the expedition have practically completed prepara-

DOES THE BODY WEIGH THE SAME AFTER DEATH?

There is no appreciable change in the weight of the human body at the instant death occurs. If a body is weighed immediately before and immediately after death the scales will register the same in each case. Charles H. of England, who was an amateur anatomist, attempted to determine whether the human soul had weight by having a body weighed before and after execution. Those who performed the experiment reported that the body of the prisoner actually weighed less after the departure of the spirit. The experiment, of course, is merely a curiosity without scientific value. Strangely enough, there is also a popular belief that the body increases instead of decreases in weight immediately after death.—The Pathfinder.

the first trial trip. He demonstrated unusual ability in camping and woodcraft and his knowledge of trees, wild flowers and birds was remarkable. Billy will write an account of his trip into the Smokies for the International Boy Scout magazine.

The expedition will be directed by two members of the Asheville Times editorial staff, Walter S. Adams and J. S. Coleman, Jr. Scout "Billy" and Charlie Connor, of Smokemont, a mountain guide, will complete the party of four.

MADISON AT CULLOWHEE

Cullowhee, May 27 — Madison County has been well represented at Western Carolina Teachers College for the past twelve months, according to a check-up just made by the registrar, Miss Edna Reams. There have been a total of 716 students in residence during the current season and the preceding summer quarter, not counting any student twice. In addition, there have been 287 students taking correspondence courses. Adding the two figures and again deducting all students counted twice, it is found that exactly 900 different students have taken teacher-training work through Western Car. Teachers College since June, 1928. Of these 900 college students, 16 were from Madison County.

Madison County students who have won honors or who have occupied positions of distinction include Attley Hunter, president of the junior class, president of the Erosophian literary society, and inter-collegiate debater.

The following persons from Madison County attended the college or took correspondence work last year: Ibbie Ball, Gertie Brown, Palma Carter, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Bonnie Gillis, Zura Payne, Pauline Young, Ruby Buckner, Sophia Buckner, Myrtle Fortner, Attley Hunter, Bex Ramsey, Minnie Rice, Grace Riddle, Mrs. Joe Stamey, Clara Tillery.

Perfect Attendance In Marshall School

In mentioning those who had distinguished themselves in the Marshall school recently we should have mentioned that Miss Sallie Hunter and Miss Clara Merrell made a perfect attendance record for the four years of their high school course. We mentioned Miss Nellie Crough as having been perfect in attendance her last year and Miss Mary Morrow as having been perfect in attendance throughout her entire 11-year school course, but we regret that Miss Hunter and Miss Merrell were not mentioned. Miss Merrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Merrell and Miss Hunter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hunter, both of near Marshall. All these young ladies deserve the honors which they received for these points of distinction.

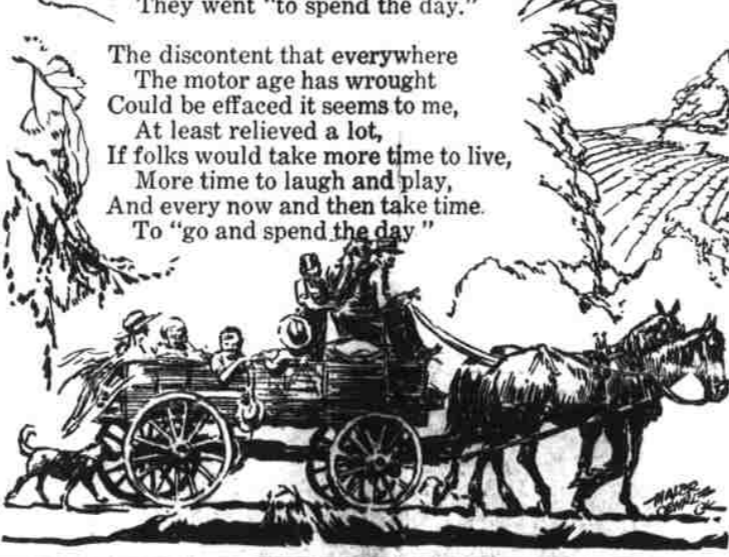
It looks as if the talkies have invaded our state legislators, too. Thirty-eight of them now have women members.—The Pathfinder.

"Go, and spend the day" by A. J. Dunlap

There was a time, a good old time,
Not many years ago,
Before the motor age had brought
Its jazz and radio,
When folks would fill a wagon box
Chuck full of fragrant hay—
Then old and young would tumble in
And "go and spend the day."

The women talked of many things:
Of marriage, church, and chicks.
The men pitched horseshoes by the barn,
Or argued politics.
The children played at hide-and-seek
Around the ricks of hay.
No hurry and no worry—when
They went "to spend the day."

The discontent that everywhere
The motor age has wrought
Could be effaced it seems to me,
At least relieved a lot,
If folks would take more time to live,
More time to laugh and play,
And every now and then take time
To "go and spend the day."



MARS HILL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES NOW ON

The Mars Hill College Commencement Exercises are now being given, the exercises being quite interesting and enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning exercises began with a Hallelujah chorus from "The Messiah," followed by a sermon at 11:00 o'clock by Dr. Z. T. Cody, Editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C. The next exercise was given Tuesday evening at 8:00, it being a Reading Contest. Then on Wednesday at 11:00 A. M. there was given a Gift program by A-4 class on the campus, followed at 2:00 P. M. by a contest for the C. B. Mashburn Debaters' Medal, and a piano solo by Robert Robinson. At 5:30 P. M. of the same day there was the Complimentary Alumni Dinner, and then at 8:00 P. M. there was given

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS IN SUMMER

This is the open season for adjectives. Cool, green, quiet, shady, beautiful, refreshing, primitive, romantic, comfortable—the alluring words tumble out of the mail in folders and beckon from the pages of newspapers and magazines. "Come to the woods and lakes and sea," they call. It is time to think of summer resorts.

What do people ask of a summer resort? A poll has been taken among proprietors of such places to determine what features they consider most essential to their success. Meals rank first, reasonably enough, for the "inner man" takes no vacation. Beauty of natural surroundings ranks second. And cleanliness ranks third.

It may be surprising to realize that this vote gives cleanliness precedence over golfing or fishing facilities, over a quiet environment and a restricted clientele. People want to be comfortable on their vacation, and they

can not be comfortable on their vacations, and they can not be comfortable unless they can keep clean. Good food loses its flavor if served on grimy table cloths, in grubby dishes that betray utter carelessness in the kitchen. The ocean may be just outside the door, but a man wants a tub and shower within doors where he can take a real bath. The view of the mountains from the east windows may repay a sunrise awakening, but it must not be obscured by dingy glass and gray curtains.

Even those adventurers who announce that they are turning their backs on civilization generally slip a bar of soap and a towel into their packs, and dip into the lake or stream where they make their camp. We can't, after all, take a long enough vacation to go back a thousand years into the Dark Ages. Living in an era of sanitation, we may as well make the best of it. Whether it is a simple farm house, a camp in the woods or an elaborate hotel, the place where we take a summer outing must be clean as well as beautiful.

DO THE AUSTRALIANS USE CAMELS?

Many camels are used in Australia as beasts of burden. For instance, from Wyndham in northwestern Australia the cattle stations which carry supplies for hundreds of miles into the interior. "The camels are driven by Afghans," says the National Geographic Society. "Camel teams are familiar sights in the streets of the little township, hauling in the great wagonloads of firewood from the outlying district. The first camels were brought to Australia for the use of the early explorers."
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BANK BANQUET IS HELD THURSDAY

STORIES OF PROGRESS OF INSTITUTION ARE TOLD

At eight o'clock last Thursday evening the officials and stockholders of the Citizens Bank of Marshall held their annual banquet in the new Masonic Temple. Long tables extended the length of the hall, and were decorated with jars and sprays of pink roses. Around these festive boards were gathered some 200 people from all parts of Madison county and many from the adjoining county of Buncombe.

A bounteous supper was served by the women who are members of the Eastern Star, among them Mrs. W. A. West, Mrs. J. Coleman Ramsey and her sister, Miss Mayme Morrow, Mrs. Robert Ramsey, Mrs. Ralph Fisher, Mrs. Hubert Roberts and others.

Short speeches were made by the officials, visitors and stockholders. C. J. Ebbs of Asheville, one of the organizers and former cashier, told how he with the late J. H. White first president of the bank, had steered the institution through the narrow channels of its first years.

A. W. Whitehurst, present cashier told of the progress made by the bank in later years. Speeches were made also by Charles Mashburn, Thomas Murray of Mars Hill, ex-shepherd R. R. Ramsey of Walnut, and Sheriff J. J. Bailey of Asheville. Leroy Tweed of Bull Creek, brother of the present president, E. R. Tweed, made a speech representing the people from the rural sections. Mr. Tweed stated that while the men from the towns and cities usually managed and ran the banks, yet the people from the county places, the farmer, who after all, feeds the world, usually brought in the money which kept the banks going.

This institution was organized a little more than 18 years ago by a small group of men with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. During that time it has grown until at present it has a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars with a surplus of fifty thousand dollars, this extra capital and surplus being derived from the profits of the banks. The goal set by the bank for the next mark, five years hence, is one million dollars.

Mr. Warren T. Davis, assistant cashier, told of his work at Hot Springs, N. C.

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts of Sandy Mush; C. A. Cody of Laurel; R. A. Edwards and Dr. W. F. Robinson of Mars Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray of Mars Hill; a group of friends from Asheville, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ebbs Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haynie and others.

A group of songs was rendered by Mrs. Charles Burgin and Mrs. W. T. Davis, of Hot Springs, and others by the male quartet of Weaverville. Ben Friabe, Marshall's talented magician entertained with his art of magic and ventriloquism.

E. R. Tweed, president of the bank, was master of ceremonies.

The real sex problem is which is which in knickerbockers.—The Pathfinder

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENES

The regular term of criminal court convened Monday, May 27th, with Judge T. L. Johnson presiding. The calendar was called which contains 134 cases. A number of defendants were called out and capias ordered issued.

A number of cases were disposed of. The case of State vs. Mitch Landers for manufacturing liquor was given a suspended sentence upon payment of cost. Bacus Wilson and John Ray charged with an affray, were given a jury trial. John Ray was found guilty and was ordered to pay \$25.00 fine and cost. Clarence Sams was found guilty of manufacturing liquor, judgment withheld. Wayne Franklin pleaded guilty to manufacturing and was discharged upon payment of cost. T. S. Bradley, charged with aiding in transporting liquor, was given a suspended sentence upon payment of cost and giving bond for good behavior. I. Owenby charged with transporting liquor, was discharged upon payment of cost. Jonah Payne pleaded guilty to manufacturing liquor and given four months on the roads. Fletcher Sunney was found guilty of V. P. L. and sentenced to four months on the roads.

One of the longest sentences meted out was to put into effect a former sentence imposed on Homer Moss, of from eight to nine years in State's prison at Raleigh. The defendant, Homer Moss, and Sam Phillips were convicted about a year ago of robbery, and appealed to Supreme Court. The defendant, Sam Phillips, escaped jail and has not been re-captured. The defendant, Homer Moss, did not perfect his appeal, and appeared at this term of court to begin his prison term.

Ernest Payne charged with manufacturing liquor, assault with deadly weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon, was given a sentence of not less than eighteen months no more than two years in State's prison. In Court No. 2 in the bill of indictment, the defendant was given a term of eight months in State's prison, to begin at the expiration of the eighteen-month term.

The Grand Jurors returned a true bill against (Wild) Bill Anderson for murder. The defendant is charged in the bill of indictment of causing the death of Bill Tyson, who was slapped or knocked out of a boat, near Sandy Bottom, into the French Broad River on the 9th day of May, 1929. The body was found several days later near Paint Rock N. C.

Glenn Davis was given a road sentence of six months for malicious injury to property, being charged with burning a mattress while in prison, and a former six-months sentence imposed at a previous term for larceny, making a total of 12 months on the roads. Culus Rice was given five months on roads for operating a car while intoxicated. L. M. Edwards was given a road sentence of 12 months for transporting. Earn Treadway, charged with manufacturing, was found not guilty. Pete Rice was given 12 months on roads for an assault on John Rice, having been convicted of shooting him thru the arm.

Troy Blankenship, charged with B. B. & Larceny, was given a prison term of 3 to 5 years. Harold Edwards was sentenced to 6 months on roads for transporting.

Robert Gelburth was fined \$25.00 and cost for an assault on Clyde Howell.

There are a number of cases on docket at this time which we could not get to the press which will be given in next issue.

NEW CREAM ROUTE

On Friday, June 7th, Atlee Fisher will run the cream gathering truck from the head of Middle Fork to the Buncombe County line. Any one selling butter now will do well to save their cream and have it at the highway that morning. The cream can be left with any store along the route if the producer does not wish to wait for the truck, and Mr. Fisher will get it. He will start at the upper end of the route about 7:00 A.M.

The Poultry Truck will be at Marshall on June 3rd. Prices for poultry will run as follows:

Heavy breed hens	26c
Light breed hens	24c
Heavy B., Broilers	35c
Light B., Broilers	30c
Cox	12c
Ducks	15c
Turkeys	20c
Eggs	27c

"De object of dis meetin," said the chairman of a gathering of colored people, "is to consider the monetary an' financial of de pecuniary affairs of the Society of Supreme Knights of the Golden Robe, an' de committee on finances will please give its report."

Thereupon the chairman of the committee in ques on rose stiffly and said with great gravity: "De committee, sir, has only to report dat it has made a long and careful investigation into de financial and pecuniary affairs of his society an' dat de main and principal cause of de finances bein' so low is de lack ob money."



Miss Kathleen Blackstock, violin teacher at Mars Hill College, whose engagement to Mr. Douglas Robinson, of Mars Hill, was recently announced. The couple will be married in August and will reside in Marshall, where Mr. Robinson will be principal of the high school next year. —Photo courtesy Asheville Citizen.