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LETTER FROM R. L. MOORE

Mars Hill, N. C.
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Mr. H. L. Story, Editor
The News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Mr. Story:
I do not want to appear critical or unkind or censorious, and fear that the enclosed article will consign me in the thoughts of some of my brethren to some such detestable class. I did not seek this place on the board of education, and I accepted with reluctance but with a purpose to serve my people to the best of my ability. I have made mistakes so far, and will make many more. I shall cooperate heartily in every effort to promote the efficiency of the schools of the county and to maintain economy of management, but I shall register a protest against any action that seems to me to be unfair to the taxpayers of Madison County.

Cordially yours,
R. L. MOORE.

There are times when the lowest bid even for the same article should not be accepted. Conditions might give one ability to serve above that of another. Mutual good will and friendliness might be factors, not always. When two bids are close, a local bidder might be chosen against one who has no interest in the community even though he may be slightly above the other. Perhaps.

The following bids were placed before the Board of Education at its recent meeting, bids based on the purchase of ten trucks (chassis) with eight Fords taken in exchange:
Ford Company, Marshall—\$5401.00.
Chevrolet Company, Spruce Pine—\$5228.00.

Chevrolet Co., Marshall—\$5580.00.
There is a difference of \$179.00 in favor of the Ford Company over the Marshall Chevrolet Company, and of \$352.09 in favor of the Spruce Pine Chevrolet over the Marshall Chevrolet bid. Does the Chevrolet have this advantage over the Ford, and is the Marshall Chevrolet more valuable than the Spruce Pine Chevrolet?

Contract was let for three Dodge trucks and for six Chevrolets from the Marshall Chevrolet Co. Very satisfactory bids were received from standard companies on furniture for the Spring Creek school, but action was deferred. Many are wondering why bids are asked for and what guides in decisions.

Sincerely,
R. L. MOORE.

Work To Start On Modern Airport Near Asheville

Asheville, N. C., July 13.—Development of the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport, to be located at the site of the present landing field at Fletcher, N. C. midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, N. C. will begin at an early date, according to an announcement made by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. The field, now owned by T. J. Roberts of Asheville, will be leased by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce for a period of five years and development of the airport and its highway approaches will be undertaken by the civic organization in cooperation with the governmental agencies of Henderson County, Hendersonville, Asheville and Buncombe County and the assistance of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce.

The decision to develop the landing field into a first class airport was made following conferences in which officials of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of Hendersonville and officials of the two cities and counties participated. The new port which is admirably fitted to fill the future aviation needs of the Western N. C. territory consists of a tract of about 114 acres which has been equipped with one runway and a hangar.

Plans for the development of the include the improvement of the present runway, installation of additional runways and drainage of the entire field. Proper markers and lights are contemplated as a part of the first improvements. Expert aviation engineers will be brought to Asheville to confer with the local officials as soon as the lease of the landing field has been completed.

A growing tourist as well as commercial traffic, demand for an airport has influenced the decision of the civic leaders in the two North Carolina municipalities to establish the field as a first class airport. Passenger service is already in operation at the present field and air mail is said to be a probable outcome of the new construction on the airport.

Civic leaders who have sponsored the move toward an airport are John A. Goode, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; Fred L. Woods, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Gollistin Roberts of Asheville; Bruce Dryden, president of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce and Noah Hollowell, Manager of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce.

TWO ROADS IN MADISON TO BE IMPROVED

A report Thursday from Asheville was of the effect that Mr. J. G. Stikeleather of the State Highway Commission, has put up \$25,000 of the State money to be spent in improving the road from Mars Hill to the Tennessee line and the road from Marshall via Sandy Mush to Spring Creek. This seems to be good news.

Following is an account of this matter from the Asheville Citizen: RALEIGH, July 17.—Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather today set up a fund of \$25,000 for the purpose of improving two roads in Madison county which have recently been added to the State Highway System. The roads are the one from Mars Hill to the Tennessee line and the one from Marshall by way of Sandy Mush to Spring Creek.

SEA NOT LEVEL

The average level of the sea was formerly supposed to be uniform, even down to the fraction of an inch, and it was taken as the standard of levelness for the entire earth. This standard is not threatened, for it is not likely that scientists will find anything more uniform than "sea level" for that purpose, but Prof. Douglas Johnson of Columbia University, in a report to the National Research Council, reports that differences of as much as an inch or two have been found in the level of the sea. These differences are supposed to be due to the contours of coasts.

—The Pathfinder.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY CASE DISMISSED

THE CASE OF THE CATHOLIC SOCIETY AT HOT SPRINGS IN THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT AT ASHEVILLE TO RESTRAIN THE TAX COLLECTOR OF MADISON COUNTY FROM COLLECTING THE TAX DUE THE COUNTY FOR 1928, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$2400.00, DISMISSED.

The case of the Catholic Society of Hot Springs, brought in the Federal Court at Asheville, to restrain the County of Madison from collecting the 1928 taxes, amounting to about \$2400.00, and also the case by the same parties to restrain Hot Springs from collecting the City Taxes, were informed came up for trial before Judge E. Y. Webb, of the Federal Court, last week.

Judge Frank Carter represented the Catholic Society. Mr. John A. Hendricks represented Madison County. It was agreed that the Hot Springs case would abide the decision of the court the case against Madison County. Mr. Hendricks filed a motion to dismiss the case in the Federal Court, for the want of jurisdiction. The plaintiff, the Catholic Society, also alleged that the said Society was damaged, or would be damaged by casting a cloud upon the title of its property. After full argument in the case on both sides, Judge Webb fully considered the matter, allowed the motion and dismissed the case. It is not known at this time whether the plaintiff, the Catholic Society, will take further steps to restrain the collection of the said taxes. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and it will not be known for some time whether or not the plaintiff will perfect its appeal. It is thought, however, that the plaintiff will not carry up the case.

The grounds for enjoining the collection of taxes, is that the plaintiff is a religious and charitable organization, and that its property is nontaxable under the Constitution and laws of North Carolina. This is a very important matter for the County of Madison as well as the Town of Hot Springs, for the reason if the injunction to restrain the collection of taxes was maintained, it would not mean this year only, but probably all time to come.

BASEBALL IN MARSHALL SATURDAY

A double-header baseball game is scheduled to be in Marshall next Saturday evening, July 20, beginning about two o'clock. The games will be between Marshall and Flagstaff Forest, a team from near Bravard. It is hoped these games will have a large attendance.

Craggy Man Shot On Sandy Mush

Sheriff Ramsey was gone to Sandy Mush Thursday morning in the interest of a case reported over there, in which Lawrence Huntsinger had shot a man from Craggy.

Songs of Plain Folks

By James Lewis Hays

Aunt Mary

Aunt Mary parts her silver hair
Just so—and you'd remember, too,
The little things her hands will do,
And how she rocks her rocking chair.
But we all know Aunt Mary by
Her smiles so innocent and sweet,
By dear embraces when we meet,
And love's warm twinkle in her eye.

Aunt Mary's children—not her own
By birth, but just by mothering
Rejoice when happy fortunes bring
Reunions—how the years have flown!
Our boys and girls, all nearly grown,
Make us feel old, and we enjoy
Aunt Mary's saying, "You're my boy."
More, being young to her alone.

To all Aunt Marys everywhere,
To dear old mother souls who burn
Love's candle for our safe return,
Who say at evenings a prayer
For us, my God in gentleness
Give joyed thoughts each passing day
That their loved spirits may be gay,
Enjoying their earned happiness.



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Boating on the French Broad

HOSPITAL PATIENTS NEXT WEEK

We promised to give our readers a list of the children who had tonsil and adenoid operations last week, but we are sorry to say the list has not yet been submitted to us. As soon as we can get the list we will publish it.

THE EDITOR.

AT CAMP SKY-HY

Following is a list of the persons at Camp Sky-Hy this year:

- Dr. T. E. Simpson, Director—Darlington, S. C.
- Mrs. T. E. Simpson—Darlington, S. C.
- Mr. William Simpson—Darlington, S. C.
- Miss Lurline McCullough—Darlington, S. C.
- Miss Betty Douglas, Darlington, S. C.
- Miss Mae Albertotti, Orangeburg, S. C.
- Miss Berta Williams, Congaree, S. C.
- Miss Rachel Miller, Hartsville, S. C.
- Miss Righton Richards, Liberty Hill, S. C.
- Liza McNulty, Columbia, S. C.
- Mr. Larkin Jennings, Columbia, S. C.
- Ellen Coker, Bennettsville, S. C.
- Caroline Rogers, Bennettsville, S. C.
- Daisy Law, Darlington, S. C.
- Emmie Blackman, Darlington, S. C.
- Florence Simpson, Darlington, S. C.
- Mary Donald, Society Hill, S. C.
- Margaret Ross, Society Hill, S. C.
- Helen Bell, Columbia, S. C.
- Pamela Burney, Columbia, S. C.
- Liza McNulty, Columbia, S. C.
- Bessie Heyward, Columbia, S. C.
- Kitty Foster, Columbia, S. C.
- Margaret Thompson, Columbia, S. C.
- Laura O'Neal, Rock Hill, S. C.
- Louise McDonald, Hartsville, S. C.
- Elsie Miller, Hartsville, S. C.
- Valerie Chapman, Hartsville, S. C.
- Nancy Womble, Orangeburg, S. C.
- Agnes Watson, Orangeburg, S. C.
- Elizabeth Watson, Orangeburg, S. C.
- Genevieve Reynolds, Lamar, S. C.
- Dolly Milling, Clinton, S. C.
- Eleanor Bizzell, Goldsboro, N. C.
- Margaret Jenrette, Conway, S. C.
- Kathleen Brown, Spartanburg, S. C.
- Margaret Wiggins, Hartsville, S. C.
- Selma Stein, Darlington, S. C.
- Louise Edwards, Brunswick, Ga.
- Julia McPherson, Brunswick, Ga.
- Margaret McPherson, Brunswick, Ga.
- Betty Lee Morton, Brunswick, Ga.
- Stella Morton, Brunswick, Ga.

MRS. STACEY BROWN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Stacey E. Brown, who has been making her home recently with her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Coward at the Montezuma Hotel, died Wednesday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock after weeks of intense suffering from cancer. About the first of June she underwent an operation at the Marshall hospital at which time one of her kidneys was removed. For a while she seemed to improve, but later her condition grew worse. Her son from Detroit has been here several weeks expecting the end at any time. Funeral services will be from the hotel Friday morning at ten o'clock conducted by Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church and interment will be near the old home place on Spring Creek, the procession leaving Marshall about eleven o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Brown leaves three sons and four daughters as follows: Isaac Brown and Dewey Brown of Spring Creek, Mrs. Eulala Gillespie of Bluff, Mrs. Sallie Coward, of Spring Creek, Mrs. Lottie Coward of Marshall, and Mrs. Minnie Morris of Biltmore. She also is survived by two brothers and three sisters as follows: Dr. John F. Massey, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, Mr. Fate Massey, of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Martha Atchley of Jefferson City, Tenn., Mrs. Rena King, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Laura Cannatser, of Chinton, Ala.

Employer to new stenographer—
"Young lady, I want you to take down every word I say. I'm tired of having stenographers who change my letters—understand?"
Stenog—"Yes, sir."

Two days later the president of a very prominent company received this letter:

Kansas City, Mo.
Don't know date—look it up.
Mr. Lora H. Dunoway (Don't know how to spell it)
Chicago (Is Chicago in Illinois?)
Dear Sir (He's a fool but I can't insult him like that or will lose trade)
That last shipment of soap you sent is not worth a—Young lady, please pull down your dress—No, don't tell him that—fill in that space—I will request that you ship the original soap to us—He ought to have known this—the bald-headed skunk—I'd like to knock his front teeth out—nice ankles you have. Where was I? I appreciate your promptness in filling our last order—took him two weeks—he's too slow to catch cold—pretty hair and eyes. Don't come around this plant any time soon—no—come down and look over our new stock (Hope he won't come).
Yours, etc.
Thank goodness, that's over.

SKY ROCKET OUT FRED SHELTON SHOT TO DEATH BY HIS WIFE

First Edition Of Camp Paper Issued This Week

Camp Sky-Hy is a live organization. One among their many activities while at Marshall is publishing a paper, which they call The Sky Rocket. This paper is printed for these young guests of Marshall by the News-Record printing plant. The first copy this season came out Monday of this week, and is quite a creditable number. The first page gives a full account of the camp facing the river, or "front campus of Camp Sky-Hy." Several of the business firms at Marshall carry ads in it and the subject matter consists of camp activities, jokes, poems, and so forth. The staff is as follows: Editor-in-chief—Genevieve Reynolds; Associate Editors—Ellen Coker, and Louise Edwards; Athletic Editor—Helen Bell; Editor—Liza McNulty; Newsboys—Emmie Blackman, Bessie Heyward, Margaret Thompson; Business Manager—Laura O'Neal; Assistant Business Manager—Elsie Miller.

JUNE MARRIAGE CULMINATES IN TRAGEDY

Corporal Chandley of the Shelton Laurel section is in jail and a search is being made for Flossie Shelton of the same section wanted for the shooting of her husband, Fred Shelton, about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon of this week. Chandley is said to have had the gun that did the shooting, but it seems that the Shelton woman in some way got hold of the pistol and did the shooting. The story goes that Flossie Shelton was jealous of another woman, with whom her husband was going before they were married. On this occasion the party had been drinking and all were said to be drunk. It is said that Flossie Shelton shot at the feet of the other woman and accidentally hit her husband, the bullet taking effect through the skull. The report was that he could not live, though he was not dead at the time.

According to the records of Madison County, these two people were married June 22nd of this year, less than a month ago, one being 21 and the other 22. It was said that the woman was not so much evading officers as she was the people of the husband's family. Deputy George Rector arrested Chandley and brought him to Marshall.

A later report from over there Thursday was to the effect that Fred Shelton had been taken to a hospital in Greeneville, Tenn., and while he had a chance at recovery, he would never talk again, and one side would be paralyzed.

YOUTH AT THE WHEEL

Despite the vigilance of police, many youngsters just entering their teens can be seen operating automobiles in city streets. It is one of the most dangerous practices this metering age can permit.

A boy of 10 or 12 can be an accomplished driver as many an adult, yet when the emergency comes the inexperience of his youth may tell on him.

Many a child has been seen at the wheel of an automobile hardly able to reach the pedals and obviously powerless to grip the wheel or apply the brakes with sufficient force to avoid an accident. And many a complacent parent has been noticed seated beside such youngsters unaware of the danger that faces them, not to mention others on the street.

Most often, it has been noted, the child may be seen driving an old used car. The operations of such an automobile requires greater skill and force than does that of a new car, for its steering gear may be loose and its brakes worn. No child can cope with such defects as equally as an adult.

Yet children will go on making the streets dangerous for pedestrians and other motorists as long as their parents permit them to drive. Sixteen years is the usual age minimum for drivers, and even this is too young in many cases, for youths seem to lose their sense of judgment and perspective when a little power is afforded them.

The power behind the wheel of an automobile is too much for many an adult, let alone a child.

—Asheville Times.

From DEW DROP

Let's go to Paint Creek! That is a common saying around here lately, so M. A. Gentry and Van Thomas, deputy sheriff's of Madison Co., and Tilmon Gosnell, enforcement officer left on Sunday evening July 15 to go to Paint Creek. Upon arriving at the State line where they were met by deputy sheriff Jim Collins of Greene County, Tenn., and an aide of his, with information they had they attacked Paint Creek from the back door, through the mountains from the head of Little Laurel, coming in to Paint Creek about three miles up from the State road No. 70, and after crossing the creek and turning to the left from Hattie Cutshall's house they walked about two hundred yards and captured a complete copper still holding about 75 gallons, destroying some 24 boxes and barrels of beer and about fifteen hundred pounds of sugar with 70 half gallon cans of whiskey.

H! CAMP SKY-HY

Of all the camps I've ever seen Sky-Hy is the best. Everybody 'round will say, 'Tis better than the rest. Of all the fun and laughs and smiles, Sky-Hy has the most. Everything is mighty fine, Of this we all can boast.—M.T.

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