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DOGGETT GAP ROAD TO CONTINUE

Large Delegation Meets County Board To Make Arrangements For Loan

Quite a large delegation of citizens of the Spring Creek section and Sandy Mush section together with members of the State Highway Commission and some Hot Springs citizens went before the Madison County Commissioners Monday to try to make some arrangements whereby the work might continue on the Doggett Gap road. The matter was discussed with the result that the motion was made that \$15000 of the money now due the County by the State will be used in the construction of the road from Trust to the top of the mountain. The entire road across the mountain is now being maintained by the State and they figure that if the west side of the mountain is put in good condition that sooner or later the other side will be improved and through this gap the farmers of Spring Creek will have a shorter route to carry their produce to market. The road from the Sandy Mush section to Marshall has already been greatly improved and work is being done on each side of the mountain. The Hot Springs-Spring Creek Road Commission propose to contribute \$18000.00 of the funds now due them from the county, according to a recent auditing of the county books.

The motion as passed by the commissioners Monday reads as follows: NORTH CAROLINA, MADISON COUNTY.

Special Meeting, Board of Commissioners of Madison County, held in the Courthouse at Marshall, September 16, 1929, 9:30 A. M. Present at said meeting, C. J. Wild, Chairman; J. F. Ammons and T. A. Silver, Members. The following resolution was offered by J. F. Ammons and seconded by T. A. Silver, which was unanimously adopted by the said Board:

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is now due the County of Madison \$145,800, money loaned by Madison County to the State Highway Commission for highway purposes in Madison County and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is now at work on temporary No. 213, being the Highway leading from the Spring Creek Highway across Doggett Mountain to the Forks of Sandy Mush, and

WHEREAS, the State has not sufficient funds on hand to finish the said road, and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs-Spring Creek Road District proposes to turn over to the State Highway \$13,000, to be spent by the State Highway Commission on said road if the County of Madison will furnish the State Highway \$15,000 to be spent on said road.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that the payment of \$15,000 of the \$145,800 which the State is due the County of Madison, be extended until such time as the remainder of the said \$145,800 may be fully paid by the State to the County of Madison, and that the said \$15,000 shall be the last payment made on the said \$145,800, and that the said \$15,000 shall be used by the State Highway Commission on the Temporary No. 213, provided that the construction of said State Highway said Hot Springs-Spring Creek Road District shall appropriate the said \$13,000 to be expended on the said road in conjunction with the \$15,000 aforesaid furnished by the County of Madison.

It is understood by this resolution that the State shall ultimately refund to the County of Madison the said \$15,000, which shall be a payment by the State on the said \$145,800.

NORTH CAROLINA, MADISON COUNTY.

J. Will Roberts, Register of Deeds and ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County at the time and place therein indicated and that the full Board, including the Chairman, voted for said resolution.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 16th day of September, 1929.

J. WILL ROBERTS, Register of Deeds and ex-officio Clerk to Board of Commissioners, Madison County, N. C.

HOME DEM. AGENT'S COLUMN

The enrollment of the girls 4-H Clubs is increasing as school has begun. The girls are planning a full year's work and are anxious to do some real work this year. They have a thorough knowledge of their work and are taking advantage of their opportunity.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK
Monday—10:30—Enon girls.
2:00—Enon women.
Tuesday—8:30—Center girls.
10:45—Walnut girls.
2:00—Pioneer women.
Wednesday—10:30—Big Laurel girls.
1:30—Big Laurel women.
Thursday—10:30—Hot Spgs. girls.
2:30—Big Pine women.
Friday—10:30—White Rock girls.
1:00—Allanstand women.

E. V. MERRELL'S PLACE

ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD

In his rounds the publisher of this paper ran up to the high home of Mr. E. V. Merrell's near Alexander recently. Mr. and Mrs. Merrell live literally on the top of the world, for from their home can be seen the high buildings in Asheville, though the distance must be some ten or twelve miles. Not only can one see a long ways in the direction of Asheville, but from that point, the distant mountains may be seen in every direction. That is one place where you do not see mountains near you that look higher than where you are. And the distant scenes are not all that attract one's attention. These two energetic and enterprising young people have planted a vineyard and orchard and garden and farm. His tract is about 35 acres but they have shown what a small piece of ground can produce. The vineyard contains three or four different varieties of grapes and itself covers acres. How many bushels of grapes they have sold this year could not be made known, for they were still selling, and the prospects were that they would sell many, many bushels more. They have apple trees, peach trees, pear trees, and on the farm almost everything growable (is this a good word, Mr. Brintnall?) on a Western North Carolina farm, such as corn, potatoes, watermelons, strawberries, beans and so forth, even peanuts—the first we had seen growing in the mountains. They had sold a good crop of peaches from their young trees, though peach crops in the mountains this year are poor, hardly any. They say they are above the frost line, which explains why they had peaches this year when others were killed by cold. They have plenty of visitors, and no wonder, for it's a great place to go.

MISS IRMA HENDERSON LEAVES FOR COLLEGE

Miss Irma Henderson, of Route 4, Asheville, N. C., will leave for New Orleans on Thursday of this week, where she will enter the medical college of Tulane University to begin work toward an M. D. degree.

She returned only recently from Carolina Beach, Wilmington, N. C., where she has been the guest of one of her school friends since the close of the University of North Carolina. Miss Henderson completed work for her B. S. degree at the University this summer. She will return home for the Christmas holidays, when she will make the trip by airplane.

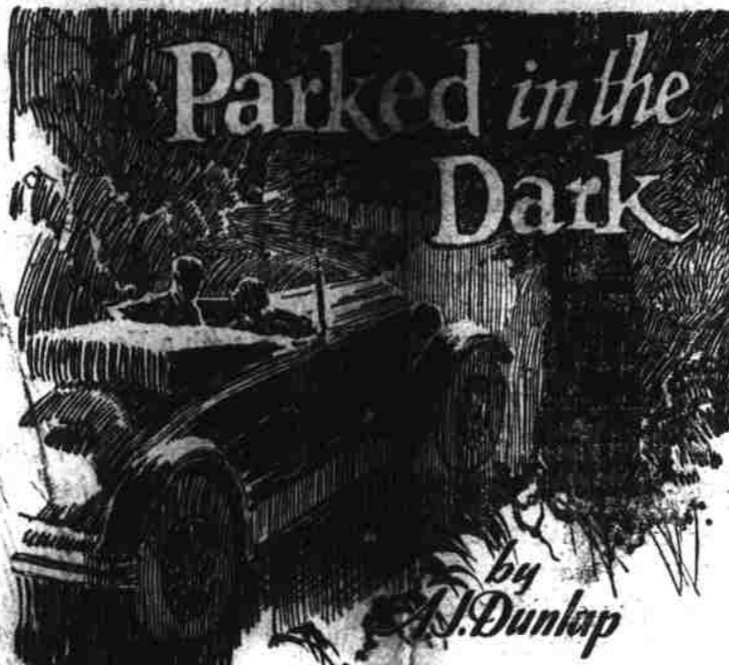
SCHOOL BOOKS TO BE SAME

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—No change will be made in the textbooks used in the public schools of the State during the school year 1930-1931, as a result of the action of the State Textbook Commission at a meeting held in Raleigh last week.

The Commission, in notifying its decision to make no change, stated that "it was the sense of all members present that they would prefer not to make any report on suggested changes now in use in the elementary schools of the State for the year 1929". The State Board of Education, at a meeting held on September 10, approved the action of the Textbook Commission and passed a resolution commending the members for their attitude in this matter.

The action of the Textbook body means, of course, that since they will make no report this fall, no action will be made in December of this year, and consequently there will be no change in textbooks the following school year, 1930-31.

The State Textbook Commission is composed of the following members: A. E. Akers, Superintendent of Schools, Halifax County; Chairman, Roanoke Rapids; Miss Rth Gunter, Supervisor Lee County, Secretary, Sanford; Miss Ethel McNairy, Supervisor Statesville Schools, Statesville; Miss Anne Holford, Supervisor Wake County Schools, Raleigh; Benjamin L. Smith, Superintendent Shelby Schools, Shelby; R. G. Fitzgerald, Superintendent Pitt County Schools, Greenville; and Chester C. Haworth, Superintendent Burlington Schools, Burlington.



The ribbon-like road wandered through the wood;
The motor was humming beneath the hood.
She laughed as we flew through the evening air
That played hide and seek in her golden hair.

I knew that her love was all mine and true;
I read the old tale in her eyes so blue.
She nestled up close as we sped along—
I sang in the twilight an old love song.

I parked in the dark by an old oak tree
Alone with my daughter, just half past three.
The reason we parked—there's no secret in that—
I felt the bump bump of a tire gone flat.

"WHOOZIT IN MADISON"

JUDGE PENDER A. McELROY
(In Two or More Chapters)



The above is said to be a very fair likeness of Pender Augustus McElroy as he appeared in his student days. Dr. Frank Roberts and others who knew the Judge in his youthful period say that he was a decidedly prepossessing young man, which is clearly depicted in the above sketch. About the time this picture was made young Pender conceived the controlling thought of his career: It came to him as an inspiration that a man of ambition can pass safely and comfortably through this world without physical effort, by making the best use of his wits: He resolved to become a lawyer.

Widely speaking, men may be grouped into two classes, Producers and non-Producers. In the latter category we find Lawyers and Judges. Now and then we discover a lawyer, like Mashburn and Roberts, men who are producers in a secondary sense. These men are both lawyers and agriculturists, but this is exceptional. Lawyers generally are strictly non-producers. The subject of this sketch produced nothing before he was made a judge and since that time he has produced nothing more substantial than opinions. We have not had time to examine thoroughly these opinions but we understand they are sound in the main and are usually complimented by the Supreme Court.

Like John Marshall and Bill Howard Taft, Judge Pender's life has been highly sedentary. As a lawyer he preferred sitting to standing, or to any active exertion. This easily became a life habit. He sits on the judicial bench and when at home on vacation or parole he sits on the front porch.

The Judge is possibly a modest, diffident man and we may do him wrong in accounting him as a man not given to hospitality. The writer has known him in a way for a good many years; we have often seen him sitting solo on his front porch, surrounded by other unoccupied chairs. Yet up to now we have never been invited to share the shelter of the porch. Being somewhat sensitive to slight, we may not succeed in our aim of sketching the Judge's life as accurately as good journalism would demand. If you readers should detect in later chapters that we have

poorly concealed the barbs of satire, remember that we have feelings of our own and that we naturally resent neglect by our neighbors.

For the present we will leave the Judge comfortably seated alone on his own porch, thoroughly absorbed in a copy of Western Stories.

In the next chapter we will reveal a paradox in the life of our subject: We will show that he was elevated from the Front Porch Rocker to the Judicial Bench, Without Motion on His Part!

JAIL IS NOT NEEDED IN NEGRO COMMUNITY

The city jail at Mound Bayou, Miss., a community inhabited and governed entirely by negroes, is to be demolished because it is no longer needed.

Mayor B. A. Green announced recently that there has not been a prisoner in the jail for two years and that the community has not been the scene of a murder in four years. Mound Bayou was established for negroes by the late Isaiah T. Montgomery, nearly half a century ago, and has a population in excess of 800. An office building will replace the jail.

EDUCATION FOR THE FARM BOY

The importance of education for the boy on the farm is discussed by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, the noted rural sociologist of North Carolina State College, in the September 15, 1929, issue of The Southern Planter.

Dr. Taylor states that the first essential to an education is the love of learning; the second, an objective or ideal toward which one may direct his increase in knowledge; and third, an opportunity to get an education.

From what Dr. Taylor states in The Southern Planter article, the farm people are short on education. "Out of a total budget of \$1,551 for the average Southern farm family, only \$46 is spent per year on formal schooling or 3.5% of the total budget. Dr. Taylor suggests that schools not only teach the things that will help people to make money but teach the pupils to love and appreciate the advantages of the country. Eight months school terms are suggested for children, greater attendance at the night schools of the Smith-Hughes high schools by the older people, and more reading in the farm home.

Dr. Taylor concludes by saying, "Learning is a satisfaction in and of itself and it is a tool by means of which all other satisfactions of life are enhanced. Furthermore, it is the thing which is essential to a high standard of living no matter what else one may possess."

MARSHALL P. T. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Marshall Parent-Teacher Association met last Tuesday afternoon and elected as president, Mrs. Willard C. Rector, as vice-president, Mrs. Howard Rector, and as secretary, Mrs. Jack Ramsey, as treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Sprinkle.

Congressman Pritchard Speaks To Class

At the invitation of Miss Clemmie Casey, principal of the Teachers' Training Department of Madison County Schools, Hon. Geo. M. Pritchard honored the class with a visit this morning (Friday) and made a short but appropriate talk to teacher and class. The class is composed of sixteen students, fifteen young ladies, and one young gentleman. Mr. Pritchard impressed these students with the importance of thorough preparation for teachers' work. He pointed out to them the unlimited possibilities for good in the teacher's profession. He also emphasized to the class that they are to be makers of personality and character, and that in a large sense they will shape the lives of their future pupils. Mr. Pritchard stressed the admitted need in our State of bringing the advantages of higher education within the reach of every student who shows the ambition to achieve a superior education.

Mr. Pritchard was introduced by the class by S. T. Ranger, Superintendent Blankenship was present and thanked Mr. Pritchard for his interest in the work and urged him to visit other Madison schools and to lend his influence toward holding to a high standard of school work.

BAD BREAKS

Things are breaking at Newport. The Optimist reports a broken collarbone, a broken arm and a broken leg, and all of this news broke in the same week. Two of these breaks happened to football players; the other to a man who was taking his sport in cranking an old Ford. The cranks are not all dead yet but Henry is replacing them at the rate of over 6000 a day. The outlook in football is not so hopeful.

The Newport Optimist is a bright looking, progressive sheet, but when it comes to end-line hyphenation, they take liberties which we would not dare. It is not the best usage to split words of one syllable, yet our contemporary does it. For instance, which is or should be pronounced root or rowt. If we should find a trick like that, in this more cultured community, our high school readers would treat it in merry derision.

Dick Edwards of Newport says three auto salesmen called on him in one day. Nothing to puff up over. We had twice as many calls from young lady teachers, in one afternoon. These young ladies know where to obtain the cardboard required in their work. Call again.

"Does the razor take hold well?" inquired the barber as he cut away on the bleeding cheek of his suffering victim.

"Yes," groaned the martyr, "it take hold first rate, but it don't let go worth a cent."

—The Pathfinder.

SEX APPEAL LOSES

(Greensboro News)

Mrs. Flossie Shelton, of Marshall, the allegedly attractive young bride of a few weeks who says the fatal gunshot wound she inflicted on her husband was an accident, has appealed from a sentence of from three to five years imposed following her conviction of murder in the second degree.

A majority opinion would probably have it that the accident occurred when a passably good-looking young woman has been held responsible by a North Carolina jury for anything she may have done to a mere husband, but it seems that there was evidence tending to show that Flossie had talked beforehand of her willingness to provide her spouse with his passport to heaven. Even a jury can not be expected to approve of an accident that so partook of the fulfillment of prophecy.

The three-to-five years sentence however, indicates a belief on the part of the judge in at least contributory negligence of Shelton. It is difficult for any normal person to become exercised over what happened to a man who for one reason or another brings a young and pretty bride to the point of wishing him dead.

But the finding of the jury encourages the hope that there is returning to the good men and true who determine facts in our administration of justice a sense of values. Just because a man is a rather undesirable citizen is not sufficient reason to grant his wife the right to exterminate him. The Shelton case, whether Mrs. Flossie wins or loses her appeal, has in it something of encouragement to those who realize that for once sex appeal seems to have lost a bout with justice.

L. D. EDWARDS DEAD

Mars Hill Resident Succumbed To Injuries Received In Wreck

Mr. L. D. Edwards, of Mars Hill, who was fatally injured in an automobile wreck Monday of last week, while on his way with his wife from Mars Hill to Asheville, died at the Aston Park hospital in Asheville Friday of last week about 6:00 in the morning.

Funeral services were from the Mars Hill Baptist church last Saturday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. R. Owen, assisted by Rev. H. L. Smith, of Marshall. Dr. R. L. Moore spoke of some of the connections and influences and works of the deceased as they affected the church, the college, and the community. Rev. Mr. Owens read from the family Bible of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards' poems inserted in the book and marked special verses which gave an insight into the Christian character. After his death, many beneficent acts were brought to light which had not been known before. Rev. Mr. Owens spoke of the work he had done as a member of the church and the work he was planning to do. The floral tributes were numerous and exquisite. A large wreath made in the shape of a cross and sent by McClung & Co., of Knoxville, for whom Mr. Marion Edwards travels, arrived Monday after the funeral.

The funeral was attended by an immense throng—more than could be seated in the large church.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife, who is seriously injured and in the Asheville hospital. The sons and daughters of the deceased are as follows: Mr. Ferrell, who is in business in Asheville; Miss Irene, a teacher in the city schools of Asheville; Miss Ruby, a teacher in the Marshall public school; Mr. Herren, the youngest son, who is at home at Mars Hill attending college.

Mr. Edwards is survived by two brothers and four sisters as follows: Mr. G. D. Edwards and W. Marion Edwards, both of Mars Hill; Miss Clara Edwards of Mars Hill; Mrs. Tom Hallowell and Mrs. Mary Hallett Riddick of Hobbville, N. C.; Gates County; and Mrs. Sam Lippard, of Newton, N. C.; and Mrs. H. Terrell, of Ronceverte, W. Va.

Mr. Edwards, who belonged to one of the old families of the vicinity of Mars Hill, was one of the most active and public-spirited citizens of Madison county, and his loss will be sorely felt in his community and elsewhere. Mr. Edwards, who was 53 years old, was a student at Mars Hill college 1897-1898 and later at Wake Forest college.

After leaving college, he taught for several years in the schools of Madison county. He was for several years a member of the board of trustees of Mars Hill college, for ten years serving as secretary of that body. For over thirty years he was an active member of the Mars Hill Baptist church, serving in various capacities, as department superintendent of the Sunday School and as general superintendent, and as chairman of the board of deacons. Until the time of his death he was successfully engaged in life insurance business and in attending his personal estate.

LITTLE JOURNEYS

A wandering member of the News-Record staff crossed the bridge at Barnard one day this week and kept right on up stream until he arrived at Lower Big Pine school, where he met Mr. J. C. Gregory, principal of that school. Mr. Gregory is a delightful gentleman and it is evident that he is much in earnest in his work. There are 78 pupils enrolled; Mr. Gregory has two assistants in this work. The student body makes a good appearance and we predict that some fine looking young women will some day own that they were enrolled in this school in the year 1929. Some of the lower grade boys are naturally inclined to love of fun and mischief, a wholesomeness. One of these boys followed the writer down to the branch and finally said, "Who are you anyhow?" We did not give our correct name but laughed it off. Some day when he reaches American Man of Letters in the High School course he will know who we are.

After leaving the school he started up stream again, in quest of a place to turn our car. We had to go about a mile to find a turn-around. The Lower Big Pine School seems badly to need a bridge over the creek, which would permit visitors to cross the stream and turn there. They need other things, too, no doubt. We hope our Commissioners can find money to make the bridge and to paint the building. Bridges are an essential link in communications and paint is educational in effect. Do not lose sight of the needs of these Creeches. They are just as good as we are.