

PENDER McELROY DEAD IN WRECK

BODY BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION WHEN FOUND

All Marshall was shocked beyond words to express last Friday night when it was learned that Pender McElroy, age 25, son of Judge McElroy, of Marshall, had been found on the Marshall-Asheville highway not only killed in a wreck, but the body burned beyond recognition. Car after car went to the scene of the wreck only for its occupants to realize the horror and helplessness of the situation. Those who first saw the wreck had no idea who the occupant of the wrecked and burning car had been, but when Marshall people arrived, it was soon identified by the license tag on the car and by other personal belongings found about the charred body. Fear was at first entertained for the life of Miss Violet Wright, who had accompanied him that afternoon to Asheville, but later it was learned that she was spending the night with her father at Naples, N. C., and he was returning alone when the car ran up the bank on the right side of the road, turned over in the road and immediately was enveloped in flames, according to witnesses living near the scene of the wreck. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment in Asheville and prepared for burial.

Funeral services were from the home Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Umberger, pastor of the Methodist church, of which Pender was a member, assisted by Rev. J. T. M. Knox, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Marshall. Three of the favorite hymns of Pender were sung by the choir and words of sympathy and appropriate statements were spoken by the ministers at the home and the services concluded at the grave by Rev. Mr. Knox, it being necessary for the pastor to rush to Asheville before the concluding services.

Interment was at the Fritchard cemetery. Acting as pallbearers were six of Pender's friends, Will B. Ramsey, W. A. West, Jr., Cline Rector, Fred Sprinkle, Jim Redmon, and N. B. McDevitt, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. Roy Gudger, A. W. Whitehurst, George Robinson, R. S. Ramsey, S. B. Roberts, N. B. McDevitt, Sr., C. B. Mashburn, J. Coleman Ramsey, and Dr. Frank Roberts. The floral designs were many and beautiful.

Rev. Mr. Knox spoke quite feelingly of Pender as a young man just blooming into manhood and referred to him as a "pal" in the most affectionate terms. The deceased is survived by his father, one sister, Mrs. Carl Stuart, wife of the Mayor of Marshall, and two brothers, Mr. John H. McElroy, prominent attorney of Marshall, and Lawrence McElroy, a student of medicine at St. Louis, Mo. Judge McElroy was at West Jefferson, N. C., where he was holding court when apprised of the tragedy and reached home only a few hours before the funeral. The entire family has the deep sympathy of the host of friends of Judge McElroy throughout the State.

NO APOLOGY

Some of you may have read a Scurrilous, Slandering Libel which we slipped in last week in which we made it appear convincingly that two certain young sporting gentlemen are responsible for the fleas you may feel upon your person, if you have personal fleas. This dirty dig would never have gotten by if our publisher had been on the job. We took mean advantage of his presence at the State Fair in Raleigh. Our publisher is a very cautious gentleman, in what he prints. He is afraid some one will bring suit and attach his subscription list and his winter coal pile. For our part we are scared of nothing and if you will observe you may see that we love to live dangerously. If it would make matters worse we would apologize to Roy and Morris but the plain truth is that this pair of young married daddies are of such good nature and of such sympathetic understanding of our motives and feelings that we have no wish at all to mix things further with them, in these columns, yet would be happy to have an invitation to eat with them at any time. STR.

MARS HILL APPROVED AS PRE-MEDICAL COLLEGE

Mars Hill is included in the latest bulletin of the American Medical Association giving the list of colleges approved for pre-medical work. This action of the American Medical Association is considered significant as heretofore the association has not recognized premedical work done in a junior college. The fact that Mars Hill is included in the first list of junior colleges thus approved is gratifying to the administration of the college. While premedical work at Mars Hill has for some time been fully accepted by leading medical colleges of the country, this has been done without the official approval of the American Medical Association.

TARIFF RATES ARE COMPROMISED

All of the industrial and other varied interests of the country have laid their cards on the table at Washington and the Senate is struggling to arrange a tariff act that will provide revenue for the Government, and shut out certain classes of foreign goods that can be produced at home. Congress must also enact schedules that will not unjustly tax American consumers when purchasing such necessities as sugar.

The Democrats and insurgents have formed an alliance to defeat the flexible provisions of the tariff bill on the theory that if the President is given broad power, to approve of the recommendations of the Tariff Commission and change existing tariff rates, the procedure would be a clear surrender of the rights of Congress to the President. The fact that this has been done for many years does not seem to be considered.

In an absolutely non-partisan spirit it may be observed that it would be impossible for the Tariff Commission to make a worse mess of the schedules than Congress is doing with its compromising methods. Besides, everybody but a few Senators seems to know that the trade conditions of the world change from time to time and it ought to be somebody's business to meet new situations and to raise and lower rates and to do it in the interest of the United States. If anyone has an idea that Congress is the last word of wisdom in fixing up a tariff bill then he is standing on the wrong foot. The present tariff bill is a compromise, the same as all its predecessors have been. Let us hope that it possesses the merit of being better than those tariff acts that have preceded it.

SHEEP FEAST AT MARS HILL

With the Mars Hill people a sheep feast has become an annual affair. It will be recalled that the privilege of sponsoring this feast last year was given to the Parent-Teacher Association, and that quite a nice sum was cleared for the benefit of that organization. So a similar affair has been planned by the Ways and Means committee of the P.T.A. for next Saturday, beginning at five P. M. Mr. and Mrs. Obie Jarvis have kindly offered the use of their homes again for the feast. Chicken salad sandwiches have been added to the menu for the benefit of those who would like to go to the feast but do not care for the other meat. Pies and coffee will be served also. The patronage of those who enjoy eats of this sort will be appreciated.

About a month ago, a chicken supper, which is also an annual affair with the Mars Hill people, was given at the Murray Cafe. The generosity of the school patrons and merchants of the town, for this affair was appreciated. Besides the money realized from such occasions there is a social value which should not be overlooked. The P.T.A. appreciates the spirit of cooperation which has always characterized such occasions here and takes this opportunity to thank one and all for the help rendered.

An old timer is one who can remember when a flag pole was something to hang a flag on.—The Pathfinder.

HOW TO REDUCE TAXES IN MADISON COUNTY

Successful industries at all times keep a careful watch on their expenses and productions.

Madison County is a large industry with 20,000 people depending on it for a livelihood. The taxes we pay represent our expenses which amount to near \$250,000 dollars. The assessed valuation of our taxable property which is approximately \$10,000,000 dollars is the amount the people of the County have invested. Now let us see what we produce in a money crop each year. It has been carefully estimated that Madison County produces the following:

Tobacco	\$500,000.00
Cattle	1,000,000.00
Poultry	500,000.00
All other resources	500,000.00
Total cash crop produced	\$7,000,000.00
Less expenses (taxes paid)	2,500,000.00
Net profit	\$4,500,000.00

You see from the above figures that we make a profit of four and one half percent on our ten million dollar investment.

Now suppose we find out what some other people are doing. Let's get right close home, just over the mountains in Tennessee, Greene County, our neighbors.

Yes, they pay taxes over there. Their rate per hundred is \$2.40 and ours is less than \$2.00. Their tax levy brings in more than a half million dollars and ours is about half that much.

Let's see what they produce each year—

Tobacco grown in Greene County	\$2,500,000.00
Live Stock shipped out	\$1,500,000.00
Poultry	\$2,500,000.00
Milk sold	\$1,000,000.00
Lumber and other products	\$2,500,000.00

Total money crop each year	\$10,000,000.00
Less expenses (taxes paid)	500,000.00

Net profit on investment \$9,500,000.00

This represents a profit on the assessed valuation of twenty millions of forty-five per cent annually. This looks like a business organization running very smoothly and in high.

Does it hurt Greene County to pay twice the amount of taxes we do when they have ten times the profit left that we do, after they pay their taxes?

There is no question but what our production from the farms in Madison County is entirely too low.

We have the finest grazing land to be found anywhere and there is no better and purer water. There is going to waste right here each year at least two and a half million dollars worth of pasture.

We should have more cows and beef cattle. We can easily produce two and a half million dollars each year of poultry as those who are engaged in this industry are making plenty of money and there is always a good cash market for all that we can produce.

Madison County has some high producing farmers and they are all prosperous and making money. We have the natural resources and it is time we are utilizing them to increase our production.

I wish to congratulate our Board of County Commissioners on being able through their efficient administering of the County's affairs to reduce our tax rate. They have at the same time been liberal enough to provide means by which our farmers are offered the advice and help of trained experts in farming and dairying which is very essential to the present methods of progressive farming.

Cooperation and hard work is the secret of successful farming. The Citizens Bank is ready to assist any worthy farmer to increase his production and make his home a more happy abode. Let's all work together for a bigger and better County.

A. W. WHITEHURST.

SOME SCATTERED THOUGHTS

By Jack V. Joyce

Have you seen in the papers about the young school "marm" in Gastonia who admits teaching the children that what we need over here is a government like Russia. I feel like quoting to her the chorus of a popular song during the war: "If you don't like your Uncle Sammy, if you don't like the Red White and Blue, Go back to the country where you came from, Don't bite the hand that's feeding you!"

If she delights in the Russian form of government and abhors ours so, why in the name of all that's wonderful, doesn't she go there and live and leave our children alone. She is planting seeds of discontent in the fertile hearts of youth to spring up and rock the foundations of our government and utterly destroy it.

I do not claim our government to be a Eutopian form of government. We have our imperfections but instead of absolute abolishment of it, why not strive to improve, or do we want to live in a country where we have to read the morning papers to find who is the President. Do you know who is president of Russia? No, not unless you have read the morning paper.

JITNEY DINNER

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a Jitney Dinner next Saturday in the Sprinkle-Shelton building, and at 8:00 P. M. will also serve a Waffle Supper. You can't afford to miss the Jitney Dinner. Come and get a surprise.

In England if a man shoots a woman that's noose.—The Pathfinder.

RANGER RAMBLES

Robert Louis Stevenson, a man lovable even when cynical, wrote that people are going to regret it whether they marry or not. Let's take a vote right here at home in Marshall and see how sentiment is divided. Anything for amusement, provided it's not scandalous.

The average country newspaper is largely filled up with reprint, and with subtle propaganda which comes to them all set up, and with local items rarely flavored with excitement. If you like that kind of paper, you will find the paper good. If you like something different, subscribe to the News-Record!

We can see no earthly excuse for printing in our personal columns the report that E. T. Sanger, regular driver of the Knoxville-Asheville bus passed through on time Wednesday morning, but if our readers wish this class of news item, they only have to say so to get it. Nothing is easier than gathering this variety of Journalistic Flowers.

People may wonder why the publisher of the N-R. puts his own name in the local-personal column about as often as that of any other notable person. It is because of the satisfaction there is in printing now and then some item which we know to be true beyond all doubt!

An automobile manufacturer says touring will be done at a rate of 100 miles per hour in ten years. We doubt that our Hupp will make the speed, at that age. But we do think that it will be necessary to place some such speed limit on Chevrolets and Fords!

Children who had new dolls last Christmas will remember the skirts were shorter than ever before. It will probably be different this holiday season. We look for longer skirts on the really fashionable dolls.

Long skirts, or longer, are due in Marshall some time before school is out. Whether they will arrive by bus or mail we do not know, but we sense their coming. If you are as observant as we, you can see for yourselves the shadow cast before this coming event, although the

shadow may be tenuous. But with correct focus you will detect the approach of a change. It should thrill you with interest.

There are still people, probably Italian partisans, who maintain that Amerigo Vespucci, or Americus Vesputius, was the original discoverer of our country. They explain matters in this way: Amerigo discovered the continent first but this was withheld from the Associated Press and hushed up, giving Columbus a chance to claim the honor. Why? That's too deep for this writer.

A young society boy of New York, with a talent for imitating birds, cats, dogs, pigs, turkeys and roosters, has been offered \$2000 a week to bring his accomplishment to the stage. Yet he can not accept this enticing offer? Why? Because his mamma won't let him! For which we have the word of O. O. M. That smells to us like Rank Snobbery. This too proud mamma must think her pet boy to be spiritually superior to the humble animals from whom he takes his cues. STR.

SCHOOL SATURDAY

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TO RUN SATURDAY

Marshall public school will have school this coming Saturday in order to make up the time lost Tuesday due to the flood. There are two other days that will have to be made up this fall, but it has not been decided which Saturday will be used for this.

The present law passed last winter at Raleigh requires that there shall be 80 days in each term with no exceptions. If we do not have school on Saturdays to make the time up that was lost during high water, school will have to continue until Christmas day, and by making up the time, school will end Friday, December 20, and reopen Dec. 30.

FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

GROCERY STORE OCCUPIED BY D. G. CHURCH DESTROYED

The corner store opposite the Drug store in Hot Springs was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, October 22. The cause of the fire had not been determined. Had it not been for quick work on the part of the fire fighting force, the flames would doubtless have spread to adjoining buildings. The stock of groceries owned by Mr. D. G. Church was partly at least covered by insurance, but the building had no insurance and was estimated at a loss of around \$2500.00, falling equally on its four owners, Dr. Frank Roberts, Mr. S. B. Roberts, Mr. Guy V. Roberts, and the W. B. Ramsey estate, all of Marshall.

MADISON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASSOCIATION TO HOLD TOWNSHIP CONVENTIONS

There will be a township Sunday School Convention held with the Presbyterian Sunday School at White Rock, N. C., Sunday, Nov. 3, 1929, at the regular Sunday School hour. Mr. Chapel Tweed, township President, will be in charge of the Convention.

There will be a township Sunday School Convention held with the Big Laurel Baptist church near Big Laurel postoffice, Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 o'clock P. M. Convention will be in charge of Rev. Henry Rice, Township President.

There will be a township Sunday School Convention held with the Grand View Church Sunday, Nov. 10, 1929, at 10 o'clock A. M. Convention will be in charge of J. Coleman Ramsey, Township President. MADISON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION. By A. W. Whitehurst, Pres.

Taxicabs of smaller size have been O. K'd. for New York streets. We may soon expect to hear of one being extracted from its victim.—The Pathfinder.

Next to a dime on a davenport, nothing seems to have slipped out of sight as noiselessly as that Chin-Russo "war."—The Pathfinder.

We still insist that the best way to get air-minded is to pump up a flat tire on a hot, country road.—The Pathfinder.

MISS LOUISE ROBINSON SUDDENLY PASSES

PROMINENT YOUNG LADY OF MARS HILL GREATLY MISSED

The death of Miss Louise Robinson, prominent and much loved young lady of Mars Hill, in the afternoon of October 11, 1929, came as a decided shock to the entire community. She went to a hospital in Asheville the first of that week for treatment, and on Thursday of that week, she underwent a slight operation, having a thyroid gland removed before it became serious. She survived the operation satisfactorily and was thought to be recovering when suddenly her heart failed her the next day.

Funeral services were from the Mars Hill Baptist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Owens, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ballard, pastor of Bethel, her home church, on Middle Fork, where the concluding services and interment took place. The pallbearers were Messrs. Douglas M. Robinson, Robert Robinson, Stanley Robinson, Willard Robinson, Ferrell Edwards, O. E. Roberts, T. L. Bramlett, and Zack Eller.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Robinson, of Candler, N. C., and several brothers and sisters, one married sister living in Canada. At the time of her death she was an active member of the Mars Hill Baptist church, having changed her membership from Bethel, her old home church. The following tribute sent us by a prominent lady of Mars Hill is much appreciated by this paper:

Thirty-three years ago the fifteenth of November, Miss Louise Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Robinson, was born in the Middle Fork section of Madison County.

She was converted at the age of 18 years and was a faithful Christian till her death, October 11, 1929. When she was 14 years of age, her parents moved to Andrews, where she was in school till 1917. At that time she came to Mars Hill to make her home with her uncle, Dr. W. F. Robinson, and attend Mars Hill College.

With the exception of two years, which she spent teaching near Candler, she has been a resident of Mars Hill.

She quit teaching to be home maker for her uncle, Dr. W. F. Robinson, at the death of his first wife, Mrs. Ada Corpening Robinson. In this capacity she endeared herself to the whole community, by her efficiency, sweet gentle spirit, and her neighborly kindness.

In April, 1926, she accepted a position as bookkeeper for the T. L. Bramlett Company. Here she developed into a very fine business woman. Her friends were numbered by those who knew her.

Hardly a person has since this time visited the store who does not remember "Miss Lou".

She will be sadly missed here as well as in Sunday School, where she was secretary of the Junior Department.

Most of all, she will be missed in the home of Dr. Robinson, where she was a real daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Robinson, and sister to the four boys.

FORMER MARSHALL YOUTH DIES IN DETROIT HOSPITAL

Olstem Guthrie, age 18, formerly of Marshall, died in the Herman Kieffer Hospital, Detroit, Mich., Monday morning, Oct. 21, at 2 P. M. His death followed an attack of spinal meningitis.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bertha Candler; four brothers and three sisters, Mr. Herman Guthrie, Miss Robbie Guthrie, Mrs. Plaufto Sheperd, Miss Thelma Candler, and Mr. Charlie Candler, all of Detroit; Mr. Delmar Guthrie of Mahonington, Penn., and Mr. Paul Guthrie of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Funeral services were held at Maney's Funeral Home at 2 P. M., Wednesday, October 23, with burial in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

A Much Appreciated Letter

Mars Hill, N. C., R. 2, Oct. 21, 1929.

H. L. Story, Editor, Marshall, N. C.

Dear Mr. Story: Please accept my thanks for the space you gave us in advertising our play.

Our auditorium was filled. The proceeds amounted to \$58.00, notwithstanding the low admission charges.

With kindest wishes, I am Very truly yours, FLOESSIE MURRAY.