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DOINGS OF SPRING CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

By N. L. PONDER

P. T. A. ORGANIZED IN SPRING CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent C. M. Blankenship, Miss Casey, State Supervisor, and Mr. Jasper Ebbs of the County Board met Friday with a number of patrons of the school to study plans for standardizing the elementary and high schools. Mr. Blankenship presented the needed requirements in supplementary books, maps, etc. and an estimated cost of these. Mr. Ebbs addressed the gathering, explaining the needs, and donated a very liberal sum to begin funds for standardizing. Again we say "Hurrah for Mr. Ebbs, the friend of our school."

Mr. Blankenship stated he would have the new Delco plant installed at a very early date. Thank you, Mr. Superintendent. This means a chance for P. T. A. to work.

Officers of the P. T. A. were elected as follows: President, J. Roy Woody; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. David Ferguson.

The next meeting of the P. T. A. is announced for Friday, Nov. 8, at 3:30 P. M. At this meeting plans for a box supper and other business will be attended to.

Township Sunday School Association held at Lusk's Chapel, Spring Creek.

President J. Roy Woody of the Township Association opened the meeting by presenting the plan for holding these conferences in the different churches, and then presented the speakers for the day.

Mr. Alonzo Dennis, Vice-President of the County Association, outlined the work as to purpose and organization, stating that the movement is to study plans for doing Sunday School work in the best way. One of his suggestions was that Superintendents meet in council to study their plans, and another was that of encouraging attendance and interest in work three special days as Promotion Day, Christmas programs, etc. Brother Dennis made a strong appeal and his work in these meetings should have good results.

Dr. James Hutchins followed with a fine inspirational address. It was the thought of the writer and the verbal expression of another that somebody ought to put Brother Hutchins into a pulpit as a preacher. He stated that we as Christians are descendants of those who were commissioned to carry a gospel into a dark world; that we implant this mission spirit in our Sunday School teaching. He spoke of doing good things as an eternal treasure, picturing vividly the appeal orphans should make to our Sunday School on each first Sunday, and the pressing need for spiritual teaching in Sunday School, as this is not done by the State schools. His was a very inspiring message well outlined and presented.

Owing to weather conditions, the meeting was not so well attended as one should be. President J. Roy Woody announced the next township meeting to be held with the folks at Bluff on the fourth Sunday in November. Let's make it a good meeting.

Sent in by N. L. PONDER.

INJURES SELF MYSTERIOUSLY

Sunday, November 3, Mr. Claude Arrowood, living on Marshall-Mars Hill highway about two miles from Mars Hill, inflicted an injury upon himself in a way that baffles his physician and friends. Mr. Arrowood, age about 35, has been in ill health for months. On last Sunday he slashed his throat, almost from ear to ear, with a round point razor, as the accident has been reported to us. He was attended by Dr. Robinson of Mars Hill; it was necessary to make fourteen stitches to close the wound. We learn that Mr. Arrowood told his physician he cut himself while in a dream. Mr. Arrowood is a man of high character; his friends will find relief in hearing that he was reported beyond danger on Thursday night.

A LESSON IN CONTRASTS

LETTER FROM R. L. MOORE

November 2, 1929

Dear Mr. Story:

Is it not possible that this article points the way to success for our people? Madison County will probably never be a rich county, but it can be made to produce crops sufficient to feed all the people and feed many more pigs and chickens and cattle. What finer section for apples, grapes, hay, small fruits, certified potatoes, cabbage, etc? "There's more in the man than there is in the land." Suppose a thousand farmers from Madison County should be swapped for a thousand from Pennsylvania (this Lancaster Co. kind), would there be a difference here and there?

If our people for a generation would use the County Agent and Home Demonstrator and the suggestions of the fine men and women they bring to the county, there would be a new era of contented homes, un-mortgaged farms, and a prosperity which would lift the burden of taxation.

Help us toward the ideal as rapidly as you can.

Cordially,
R. L. MOORE.

A Lesson in Contrasts

A tourist was traveling northward from the South. As he passed through one of the poverty-stricken sections of the Carolinas and saw the poverty of the people, unpainted houses, dilapidated barns, no fencing, no meadows or orchards, and a discontented citizenship, he asked one of the natives: "What is the cause of your poverty here?" The answer was, "Tobacco, because it is our only crop." This same tourist passed on through the state and into Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the richest agricultural county in the country, according to the United States census. As he looked about, he saw plenty on every hand—large painted barns, beautiful homes, good roads, fine crops, a happy and contented people. After seeing these things in contrast with the other section, he asked: "What is the cause of your prosperity here?" The answer was, "Tobacco, because it is the golden crown of a diversified agriculture." In both cases the answer was "Tobacco." However, on the one hand it was the only or principal crop grown, while on the other it was a cash crop supplementing a diversified agriculture.

The Charlotte Observer, in a recent editorial, draws a further lesson from Lancaster county. It says:

"Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, is recognized as the richest agricultural county in the United States and it is interesting to analyze the farming policy of that county. The leading field crop there is tobacco, and the county is also a large producer of fruits and truck. But here is the point: The wealth of Lancaster county is based not so much on field crops, as upon live stock, principally dairy herds and beef cattle. A very large proportion of the land in Lancaster county is not cultivated at all, but is utilized in the form of pastures. The returns per acre on Lancaster county farms may be, probably are, lower than the per acre returns on land in many other counties in America, and many in the South. But the per worker return is no doubt exceeded in very few other counties. It is estimated that the total income of the farmers of this Pennsylvania county is more than \$32,000,000.

There is a lesson here for Southern farmers who think they are not farming unless they are cultivating land, with the result that while their per acre return may be very high, their per worker return is very low. More pastures, more live stock and fewer acres of tilled land will help to head the

counties of this section toward something approximating the position occupied today by Lancaster county."

—News Letter.

Diamond Anniversary Mars Hill College

Mr. C. Eugene Rector has received the following letter from President R. L. Moore, and we wish to thank Mr. Rector for giving us opportunity to print this, which we feel will be of general interest to our readers:

Mars Hill, N. C. Nov. 4, 1929.

Mr. C. Eugene Rector
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Friend:
A Committee of Fifteen to consider the matter of a worthy celebration of the Diamond Anniversary of the school in 1931 has been named by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. You are a member of this committee and are invited to its first meeting at Shelby, N. C., on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1929. The hour is 5 o'clock and the place the Newton Class Room in the Sunday School department of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, where the Convention will meet.

It is hoped that every member of the Committee will be present. Matters of vital importance to the future of the institution must come before committee at this and later meetings.

If for any reason you cannot be at this meeting, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,
R. L. MOORE, President.

Comment:

Mr. Rector, member of the Class of 1917, consents that we announce he confidently expects to attend the proposed meeting. Mars Hill College is strong in the devotion of its alumni and student host. STR

P. T. A. ORGANIZED AT HOT SPRINGS

The parents and teachers of Hot Springs High School met September 19th and organized a P. T. A. Mrs. W. T. Davis was elected president; Mrs. Clyde Hazelwood, secretary and treasurer. Committees on Ways and Means, Program, Country and Publicity were appointed by the president. Meetings are to be held the first Tuesday night of every month.

A Halloween party was held at the high school building, which netted the Association the nice sum of \$60.46. This, added to the amount left over from last year, and amounts from shows, etc., brings the total on hand to \$145.41.

All who attended the party reported an enjoyable time. There were chicken salad, pies, cakes, coffee, candies and sandwiches to refresh the hungry folks, mystery booths to tempt the unwary, and cake walking for those with nimble feet.

A nice program was rendered by the 7th grade that was enjoyed by the audience very much.

On account of rain, no meeting was held in October, so the program for that meeting was carried over in abbreviated form to November 5, at which time the Association met in the auditorium and was called to order by the president.

A talk was given by one of the members on the "Aims and Ideals" of the P. T. A. The principal of the school, Mr. Farmer, told of the need of stage furniture and equipment for the playground of the younger pupils. It was voted that necessary furniture and equipment be bought at once. It was voted, also, that the Association join the State and National P. T. A. Mrs. G. W. Corbett was appointed corresponding secretary to assist Mrs. Hazelwood.

The President and one delegate were appointed to attend the District meeting to be held at Hendersonville November 12, 13 and 14.

A talk was made on cooperations by Mr. Caudill, pastor of the Methodist church, which was enjoyed very much.

A program on adult illiteracy was given, and it was decided to inaugurate a night school to teach those who have been denied the advantages of an education in earlier life. The teachers and a good many others offered their services to help with the work. Others offered their cars and services to help inaugurate this work in other communities.

One of the members offered her service free to make costumes out of material purchased by the P. T. A. for the benefit of the school. This offer was gladly accepted by the Association. A finer spirit of cooperation has never been witnessed in this community.

The president has asked that the following firms and all others who contributed in any way to the success of the Halloween party, be thanked: Church Grocery Co.; Paris Grocery Co.; Plemons, Merchants; W. T. Whitten, Little Cafe.

There will be movies every Friday night for the benefit of the P. T. A. in the High School auditorium. Everybody invited.

OUR BIRTHDAY CLUB

Soon or late, as sure as Fate, every one of you readers will have Another Birthday—we mean those of you who stick it out for at least twelve months from this date! This holds equally good as to one who may have been born on February 29th. Some people believe that these Leap Year Birthdays can only be celebrated every four years. That's not right; if born on Feb. 29, your next Birthday will be March 1st of the year following. We have positively settled that point, so far as we are concerned.

The News-Record desires to make itself more popular with its public by the simple plan of publishing your name and your Birthday. Some of you may imagine that no one is interested in your Birthday, not even Your Own Wife! You are wrong. There is still some sentiment surviving the Hard Times of the Wilson-Hoover Era!

Below we offer you a Sample Assortment of Verbal Flowers, and we hope you like 'em. This feature will appear weekly in this paper. As our list grows, it will embrace names of All Sorts and Conditions of Men, Women and Children, from all sections. This week we are just getting started.

If our subscribers desire that we cut out this feature, write to us and we will follow the will of the majority. If you like this new department of our paper, assure us that you do, in some way, either by card or comment.

In our issue of Nov. 15th we will bring up the Birthdays of all other Novemberites from the first of the month on. Because your name is not in today's paper does not signify you have been slighted. Time is lacking to get you in today's issue. And next week, Nov. 15th, we will announce you in advance of your Birthday, giving your family and friends an opportunity to make a Cake—or something!

And—And—And, in our issue of Friday, Nov. 22nd, two weeks from today, we will proclaim a Surprise! Can you wait that long? We will see. STR

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Harriett Tebell, wife of Mr. Gustave Tebell who is head coach of the football crew of State College, Raleigh, the home of Mrs. and Mr. Tebell. This lady is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tilson of No. 3 Township, Madison County. Ever hear of the Tilsons? They are rather well known in No. 3 Township—and not unknown outside that boundary! We have eaten some Tilson apples and they are good! And we do not despair of eating at their table, for we hear their hospitality is of a democratic character, and this we know to be true, because the apples were given so graciously!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Birthday of Mrs. Eliza Jane Tilson, wife of Dr. Jacob C. Tilson. Mrs. Tilson is the mother of one daughter and four sons. Some of these boys are due to have birthdays within the next twelve months; when the time comes around we shall devote the space chiefly to Mrs. Tilson, hoping to win her friendship, not by slighting the boys but through saying them what we do not have time to write today of their mother! Congratulations to Mrs. Tilson and to her tribe!

Mr. Robert S. Ramsey of Marshall and Sandy Mush Ranch, and other ranches, is 62 years old today and we are not afraid to publish this fact to the world, for we have his permission! Many call him "Sheriff", not because he is fond of toy pistols, but because he was in fact Sheriff of Madison County from 1898 to 1902. Many others greet him as "Bob", and he seems to like this, even from this writer and other younger folks! Very sorry that we have not time and space to write him up properly, but wait until his next anniversary!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Hilliard C. Rector, popular and efficient Post Master at Marshall, may have forgotten it, but the News-Record remembers that today is his birthday! Being Post Master, he is supposed to be a Republican—we have never heard him termed a Democrat! Makes no difference to us, as to his Politics, for we are Neutral. Hilliard is one of five brothers. Pick a better quintette in Madison, or in any other County, and we will take the whole lot of your hands at the top of the market! We know of one other County, at least that badly needs five such men, to add to the respectability of that particular community!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Today is the 78th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Jasper Ebbs, whose

address is Trust, Madison County, N. C. His home, as known to almost every one, is in the Spring Creek section, No. 8 Township. For 38 years Mr. Ebbs has served upon the County Board of Education, during which time he has always shown a lively and constructive interest not only in education but in all phases of public welfare. We congratulate him, and Mrs. Ebbs, and their six living children, as well as his countless friends, that he is still active in mind and body, and that his heart remains devoted to the best of all good public movements—education.

Greetings to James J. Redmon, Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Redmon.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

The birthday of Mrs. Mary Robenia Pritchard, of Marshall, Asheville and Washington, D. C., wife of Hon. George M. Pritchard, Congressman from Tenth District of North Carolina. Mrs. Pritchard was born in Madison County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Redmon. Space is too limited to list her relatives, friends and admirers! We will mention one of the latter—this writer.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Birthday of Mary E. Chandler of Marshall, baby daughter of James M. and Mrs. Sarah F. Chandler, one year old this day! Many of us have a very faint recollection of our first anniversary! Some of us hope to live until Mary is as old as we are today! See you later, Mary!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Mr. William McKinley Ramsey of Marshall, servant of the public, claims that this is his birthday and we do not doubt it! "Mack", as he is known very widely, operates a Taxi Service in Marshall. STR

CASES CONCLUDED LAST COURT

\$3375.00 GIVEN GEORGIA TALCO. AND THREE DIVORCE CASES

The case of Madison County vs. Georgia Talco Co., which was in progress as we went to press last week resulted in a verdict or judgment of \$3375.00 in favor of the Talco Co. This was the case in which property near the Marshall railroad station belonging to the Georgia Talco Co., had been condemned and removed for a State highway. This case has been tried more than once and a larger amount awarded every time. Both sides will appeal to the Supreme Court.

DIVORCES

Absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony was granted Mrs. Preston Ingle of Marshall and the mother is given the custody of the daughter. Clarence E. Rector was granted an absolute divorce from Helen Rector. Van Shelton was granted an absolute divorce from his wife.

NEW PASTOR FOR MARSHALL

Marshall Baptists have lost no time in calling a pastor to succeed Rev. H. L. Smith, whose resignation was tearfully accepted as stated in our last issue. Rev. Mr. Teague of Alexander County was extended a call last Sunday evening and if he accepts, the service will suffer no interruption. Rev. Mr. Teague and his attractive and accomplished bride of two weeks were in Marshall last Sunday. They both have splendid voices and both sing well together. Rev. Mr. Teague preached both morning and the result was the unanimous call of the church. They came at the suggestion of the retiring pastor. Rev. Mr. Teague is a graduate of Wake Forest College and had training at the Louisville Seminary. Mrs. Teague has also had training at the Seminary and the two are expected to fill faithfully and well the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Smith. The Marshall church has doubtless set a precedent in calling a pastor before the retiring pastor had gone.

What Does "and/or" Mean in Legal and Business Documents?

This means simply that the idea is distributive as well as inclusive. "John Brown and/or Paul Jones" means the same as "John Brown and Paul Jones or either of them." It means that these two men are responsible individually as well as collectively. The two conjunctions are so written to avoid using them side by side—"and or."—The Pathfinder.

It's an Old Egyptian Custom What flowers did the Egyptians bury with their mummies? Why, poppies, of course.—The Pathfinder.

PEDESTRIANS MUST WALK ON LEFT SIDE

NEW HIGHWAY ORDINANCES IN EFFECT JANUARY 1ST; FINE FOR VIOLATION

The ordinances adopted by the state highway commission last week do not require pedestrians to walk 30 feet from the center of the road, but do require them to keep to the left hand side, H. K. Witherspoon, assistant to the chairman, announced.

The error in the text of the ordinance, which was first given out as a clerical one, caused by the fact that ordinance 22, the one relating to pedestrians, comes in the midst of other ordinances, relating to the placing of telegraph, and telephone poles, rural mail boxes, signs and other objects. All of these must be placed 30 feet from the center of the highway.

The rule that pedestrians must keep to the left hand side of the road was enacted, Mr. Witherspoon explained, so that the pedestrians could always see cars approaching them. If the pedestrians walk on the right hand side of the road they run the risk of being run down by cars approaching from behind.

Although it is not included in the ordinance, pedestrians are advised, as a safety precaution, to walk on the shoulders of the road, and not on the paved portion. Persons who get out of cars to fix tires, make repairs, or for any other purpose, are required to be on the shoulders, and not on the paved portion of the road, by the new ordinances, which go into effect on January 1st.

These ordinances carry a fine of \$10 and costs for each violation, and the state highway patrol is directed to enforce them. Most of the 42 ordinances are designed to protect the highways, and related to the moving of heavy trucks, farm machinery, and houses over the state's roads. —Morganton News-Herald.

300 MEMBERS WANTED

Madison County Chapter Of The Red Cross Lays Plans For Membership Campaign

Plans for the coming roll call of the American Red Cross were announced today by the local chapter, which is working toward a goal of 300 members, assigned by the national headquarters of the Red Cross. The campaign starts on Armistice Day and closes on Thanksgiving Day. As explained by J. A. Dennis, chairman of roll call, the Red Cross locally and nationally lives by memberships. The dues so received support the local program and the national services. From the national headquarters, the chapter obtains guidance and advice and the visits of field workers. Furthermore, the national organization stands behind the chapter in event of disaster. Should this section be overwhelmed by a disaster, the national Red Cross would send its trained relief workers and support the work with its resources. The chapter represents the national organization locally, being an integral part of it.

This work is headed by Mr. Dennis for the County, and Miss McGregor as chairman at Hot Springs, and Mr. L. Z. Eller at Mars Hill.

MRS. P. INGLE GETS DIVORCE

On last Friday, November 1, 1929, the court granted Mrs. Preston Ingle nee Miss Eloise Ramsey, an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony. Mrs. Ingle is given the custody of the child, Bettie Jean, about 19 months old.

PAPER LATE ONCE MORE

For quite awhile, this paper has been coming out on time, but due to an unusual amount of reading matter sent in this week, we are compelled to be late once more. THE PUBLISHER.