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PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN FOR TOBACCO MARKET IN MARSHALL

Mr. J. Herschel Sprinkle is in receipt of a letter from a tobacco expert in the eastern part of the state who is much interested in a tobacco warehouse for Marshall. He is not only willing to be here and speak in its favor, but he is willing to put some money in it and move his family to Marshall and spend the months of the tobacco season working in the interest of the project. A meeting will be held the 15th of this month in Marshall, at which time some tobacco men will be here and discuss the matter. Meanwhile local people will have other contracts printed and signed up under a new agreement. If these tobacco men can be assured that as much as two million pounds of tobacco would be marketed here, they say it would be a good investment. And we understand that Madison County marketed about that amount last year. A market in Marshall should get all Madison tobacco and much from adjoining counties.

ILLITERACY IN MADISON COUNTY

Wherever you see a group of twenty-five average adult people of Madison County, you can say to yourself that there are three in that group who can neither read nor write. As many more are so nearly illiterate that they could as well be classed as such.

Does the above statement mean nothing to you? Are you going to dismiss it from your mind and say it is none of your business? You cannot afford to do so, for every citizen in the County is affected more or less by this uneconomic burden of ignorence, and should be concerned from a humanitarian point of view.

The most learned authorities agree that when a person learns to read and write he adds 25 per cent to his earning power—50 per cent by acquiring an elemental education. Suppose 25 or 50 per cent could be added to the incomes of one-fourth of the adults of the County, wouldn't that mean something to the taxpayers who are carrying the main burden today?

A census of the illiterates of New York and Pennsylvania showed that four per cent furnished thirty-three of the criminals; twelve times as many crimes from illiterates as from those who are not. In the central West and three Southern States, illiterates furnish thirteen times their share of crime. Aren't you concerned when you see the crowded condition of your Criminal Court every session, and do you not realize that ignorance, mainly is responsible for that condition, and that you are helping pay for it?

And what of the dependants of those convicted? Think of the many left destitute who later become wards of Madison County or of some charitable institution. The child "pays" and pays enormously for the ignorance of his parents. The State "pays" and pays economically, socialy and spiritually for the ignorance of its citizens.

In native white illiteracy, North Carolina ranks 46 among the 48 states. How do you feel about that? Other states and some counties in our state are doing something. Buncombe county has reduced her illiterate population to six per cent and expects to wipe out all illiteracy in a short while. In Rowan County, Ky., over 1200 were taught to read and write in one short session of moonlight schools. What others have done we can do if we try. A condition, not a theory, confronts us. Do not hide your head, like the ostrich, but hold it up and face the facts.

MRS. G. W. CORBITT,
Hot Springs, N. C.

NOTICE

To all who have not paid your 1929 tax, remember that two per cent penalty will be added on the second day of March. Remember that your land will be advertised after the first Monday in May.

Respectfully,
B. E. GUTHRIE,
Tax Collector.

CHEESE FACTORY MAY LOCATE IN MADISON COUNTY

Efforts Being Made To Locate Plant in Marshall

From Mr. Brintnall's column this week it can be seen that there is at least a possibility of locating a cheese plant in Madison County within the next year or so. Mr. C. E. Rector, cashier of the Bank of French Broad, received the following letter in regard to the matter after Mr. Brintnall's article was in type:

March 4, 1930.

Mr. C. E. Rector,
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Your letter was forwarded and reached me today. I am informed that the Kraft Phenix Cheese Co., will start one or possibly two more plants in the next twelve months, in fact I have a letter from Mr. C. M. Gerl, district manager, received this morning in which he made the above statement.

You can rest assured that I will do whatever I can to interest Mr. Gere in the possibilities of Madison county for the development of this industry.

As I understand, the plan will be to investigate various locations in the best grass sections of Western N. C., and after this is completed, Mr. Gere and Mr. Moore will make the decision as to the location of the plant.

In any event I believe it won't be long before the majority of farmers from Ashe to Jackson counties will have a market for milk to cheese plants.

Thanking you for your letter and assuring you of our cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,
F. R. FARNHAM,
Dairy Specialist.

ROAD JURY'S REPORT ADOPTED

Marshall-Mars Hill Road Damages Assessed

The relocation of the road leading from Marshall to Mars Hill resulted in claims for damages being entered against the county by the following property owners:

R. A. Edwards, W. C. Silver, Sallie B. Wilkins, Marion Edwards, G. D. Edwards, Mrs. D. G. Edwards, A. J. Bridges, Sr., William V. Farmer, E. Y. Ammons, L. W. Ammons, P. L. Elliott, Curtis Buckner, Mrs. Sue Tillery, W. R. Tillery, J. W. Sprinkle, T. A. Silver, T. A. Silver, Lee Wyatt, R. F. Tillery, Will Jones, Lena McLean, Mrs. James Metcalf, G. R. Merrell, Texie Merrell, W. B. Edwards, claimants for damages for right-of-way and property, caused by the location of State Highway Temporary No. 213, from Marshall, by way of Mars Hill, to State Highway, Route No. 69, individually, severally, and each in behalf of him or herself.

Whereupon a jury was selected according to law to assess the damages and benefits. The jury was composed of Roy Woody, Vance Russell, and C. L. Rudisill who did their work and turned in their report in February. The commissioners in session Monday adopted their report. Some of the claimants have appealed to a higher court.

"Are the fish biting?"

"I don't know," replied the weary angler. "If they are, they're biting each other."

DR. SAMS ENTERS RACE FOR CONGRESS

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the official announcement of Dr. W. A. Sams of Marshall as to his candidacy for the nomination for congress. Dr. Sams is too well known in the circulation of this paper to need an introduction. Having been a practicing physician in Madison and adjoining counties for a number of years, and having visited many of the churches and Sunday schools of the county, often being called upon to speak, he is well known already by our constituency. As an ex-soldier of the World War, and as an outstanding citizen of Marshall, the local paper wishes him success in his aspirations.

County Agent Claude B. Faris of Craven County was recently voted one of the most useful citizens in the county.

Names of Confederates On New Lounge Cars

Atlanta, Ga., March 6.—Names of eight Confederate leaders have been selected as the names of eight new lounge cars, just placed in service on two of the Southern Railway System's crack passenger trains, Nos. 3 and 4, the "Royal Palm", between Cincinnati and Jacksonville, via Chattanooga, Atlanta, Macon and Valdosta, and between New York and Chattanooga on Nos. 41 and 42, the "Washington, Chattanooga and New Orleans Limited."

These cars were built by the Pullman Company especially for service on these trains and have just come from the shops. They bear the names: "General Forrest", "General Hill", "General Pickett", "General Polk", "General Early", "General Stuart", "General Longstreet" and "General Ewell".

Each car contains ten sections in the sleeping car end and fourteen seats in the lounge compartment, with arm chairs, writing desk and other conveniences.

ORGANIZED FIGHT ON CHAIN STORES IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Mayor Roberts of Asheville Made President. Speech Follows

At a meeting of the Western North Carolina Betterment Association Tuesday night in Asheville, Mayor Gallatin Roberts was chosen president. At the meeting it was reported that $10,000 had been subscribed to fight the chain stores. In accepting the presidency, Mayor Roberts is quoted by the Asheville Citizen as having spoken as follows:

Time To Act

"I think the time has arrived, ladies and gentlemen, when the people of our city should wake up and look around about them, and see what is the trouble in our city at this time—in other words, take the situation in our own hands," said Mayor Roberts. "There are times in the history of every community when the people have looked around about them and taken things into their own hands, and settled them things among themselves.

"I think everything in, around, and about us is calling for concerted action. We have a good city and a beautiful city, but yet, when we see the way the old-time merchants have ceased to exist, where are we today. They were forced out of business. What will we do if they are all forced out?

"Two years ago by an act passed by the Legislature of North Carolina, we put a tax on the chain stores of $200.00 per store. We put the tax on, but they came right up and paid the $200.00 like nice little boys—paid—but were careful to pay it under protest, and after they had all paid it and got a receipt, all at once a man came up from Charlotte, N. C., although we had about a hundred or more lawyers in Asheville, came to our office and informed me and the city attorney that he was going to bring suit and recover every dollar they had paid us. He brought that suit, took it to the Supreme Court, and after awhile the Supreme Court said we couldn't levy that tax, and I had to dig down into the city coffers and pay back every dollar of that money. They had every benefit of the City of Asheville, the Fire Department, the Police Department, our wonderful streets, every benefit our taxes have made possible, yet they were not willing to pay one dollar.

"Well, the Legislature met again. They knew the Supreme Court had passed on that law and said it wasn't legal, but they passed another law. This time they made it $50.00 What happened this time? They came right up again like good little boys and paid. Again under protest. I don't understand such business as that. Operating right here in our beautiful city, and yet they were not willing to pay a little $50.00 per year for the benefits they derive. This time they brought the suit in Raleigh. The Supreme Court has not passed on it yet. I don't know what it is going to do, but if the Supreme Court says to pay it back, I will have to do so. In my opinion, if the Court said they should pay this tax, I don't believe they will leave it there—they will carry it just as far as it is possible to carry it in these United States of ours to keep from paying it.

Independent Merchants

"I believe, gentlemen, if things continue to go on as they are going now, you won't be able to find a single independent merchant left in the United States, and after all this does come to pass, and I believe it is coming to pass at the rate of a thousand miles per hour, what chance will your boy and my boy have? They will have no opportunity [illegible]

The chain store is absolutely doing away with any possible initiative on the part of the individual. If this situation continues to exist, I don't know where the future generation is going to land.

"I have a little card before me, ladies and gentlemen. On this card is printed the words, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." That is why I am standing before you tonight—to keep the home fires burning in Asheville and Western North Carolina.

"All the money that you can get; all the money htat you can make; all the property that you can rent—I am speaking of the masses of the city, not the merchants gathered here—all the money that you can make; all chain stores of Asheville, and from there it is carried away and put into the coffers of some of the big cities, the financial centers of the country.

"I wish the people of Asheville would just wake up, and stand on their own feet, and say, 'Now we know the situation in our city, we know what is happening, and what we are going to do about it.'

"I think there is smething like 100 chain stores in Asheville, reaching out and taking the money, and sending it away from our city. Gentlemen, it is a critical situation. We can hardly get along as it is. I would like to see all the people of Asheville stand together as one man for the civic development of our city. I can hold my hands above my head in any crowd and say that in all my activities, not one cent of corrupt money has touched these hands, and however long I may live, that same situation will prevail.

"I am glad of the opportunity to serve you, although I have about as much on my hands now as I can possibly handle, but sometimes it is the busy man who accomplishes the most, and that is what I intend to do. And another thing, you men and women of Asheville, all that I want you to promise me is that you will stand like a stone-wall behind this proposition until it is carried into its final and conclusive finish.

Unity Of People

"Just think what the people of Asheville can do if they will stand together. They absolutely can do anything, if they will just stand together and lend every possiblbe effort to our forces, but it will be the biggest piece of folly that ever was started up in Asheville if we start a thing like we started around at the auditorium a few weeks ago, if we stop right there.

"Now, fellow citizens of Asheville, we don't want to slip back when we think we are advancing. However, there is no danger of that if we will all stand together. I promise you, Gentlemen, that I will be the last man to break ranks.

"We all have our friends, every man and every woman in this room, and now, by just a little co-operation from our friends, we can carry this fight to a successful conclusion. Stand four-square behind this proposition, because, ladies and gentlemen, if the independent men all over the city are all driven out, what kind of a city will we have left?

"I don't know exactly, but by talking to the merchants, the wholesale men, and everywhere else that I could get information, I find that about 17 or 18 million dollars are spent each year in this city for something to eat. Suppose the time comes, and it is approaching rapidly now, suppose the time does come when all the independent merchants in Asheville are driven to the wall. How long will we exist when we are sending about seventeen million dollars each year to Wall Street? Who is going to pay the interest on your bonded indebtedness? The chain stores are not going to pay it. Gentlemen, I want you to understand the situation in your city today."

SIMMONS vs BAILEY

Now that both Senator Simmons and Josiah Bailey have announced their Campaign Managers, it is generally conceded that one of the most bitter Democratic primaries in years will soon take place. As a preliminary skirmish it is needless to say that I am an ardent Simmons supporter and as the voters generally form an opinion as to their choice of candidate early in the campaign, I would like to take this opportunity to request and warn those that are opposed to Senator Simmons to go slow, deliberate and not be too hasty in declaring themselves against a man who has an amazing and unique career and record of twenty-nine years of achievements and untiring efforts as a Senator and Statesman, that will soon be passed in review for your approval. Despite the fact that should a great prejudice vote bow Senator Simmons down to defeat, he will go down in history as the greatest Senator and Politician that North Carolina has ever produced. So if everyone will stop and do a little conservative thinking, the public will not be confused by some of the false issues that surely will be brought to bear against the Senator. Some of them that are now in circulation are Bolter, Traitor, Too Old and biting the hand that fed him. As to Bolting I must refer you back to the last Democratic National Convention at Houston, Texas, when the everlasting congenial Al Smith accepted everything in the Democratic Platform in order to be elected as the Democratic presidential nominee and who then immediately pulled a dastardly trick by bolting and repudiating the Democratic Platform which was for Prohibition and inserted a wet plank to his and his cronies' own liking and here Senator Simmons might in a way be called a bolter as he refused his support to any such tactics, and should the Senator be defeated in the coming Primary, it will be the North Carolina Democrats' indorsement and approval of such under-handed politics.

As to the traitor part of it—when Al Smith bolted the party platform, Senator Simmons then bolted Smith and him only, and he has otherwise remained true and loyal to everything else Democratic and the Senator's worst enemies deep in their heart know that he did not betray or fight the State Democrat ticket or anything Democratic except Al Smith.

"The Senator is getting too old to be of service" is another shameful cry. Such talk as that is pure nonsense as the Senator is as intellectual and keen of mind now as he ever was and he is at the present time leading the coalition of Democrat and Independent Republicans in an aggressive Tariff fight, the such that has not been witnessed in Congress in many years. I am sure that those that are using that kind of argument would not use it against Senator Overman or Congressman Steadman of the Fifth District who is now some ninety years old and who was older than Senator Simmons is now when he first entered Congress.

"He has bit the hand that has fed, clothed and educated his family" is another pitiful cry. Yes, the Senator receives ten thousand (10,000) dollars a year for his salary as a Senator which is very meager pay indeed considering his social obligations in Washington and the prestige he has to maintain as the Senator from North Carolina. His authority on Tariff and finance has challenged the attention of America and his keen intellect and ability led to his appointment by President Wilson as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. If he had so desired he could have stepped out into civil life at almost any time and demanded a salary of from fifty thousand to a hundred thousand dollars a year, but he has chosen to remain in the Senate and Politics where he could serve best the public and the Democratic Party; therefore he has proven to be an asset to both North Carolina and the Democrat Party.

And another thing—please be on your guard, and do not allow yourself to be influenced by the misleading information that The Asheville Citizen is putting out as to Bailey's overwhelming majority.

C. E. SANDERS,
Marshall, N. C.

MESSRS. LANDERS FREED BY JURY

The case of the State versus Arnold Landers and Sampson Landers charged with first degree murder on account of the death of Albert King and Arthur Stanton tried in the Marshall court last week resulted in a verdict of "not guilty, the jury being out only about an hour. The case was ably represented on each side, Solicitor Wells being assisted by Hon. George M. Pritchard and Mr. Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville. The defense was represented by Messrs. J. Coleman Ramsey, John McElroy, Guy Roberts, and Hall Johnson. Each attorney was allowed two hours to argue the case before the jury. Think of a jury having to sit through fourteen hours of speech making. Of course they had periods of rest and a night of sleep in the meantime, and most of the speeches were well delivered.

The jury was composed of Floyd Smith, D. A. Rice, W. P. Buckner, L. W. Ponder, W. D. Henderson, J. F. Buckner, L. A. Fox, J. H. Riddle, Z. R. Henderson, W. S. Blankenship, G. W. Caldwell, and James Roberts.

The first cooperative car of dolomitic limestone for use under tobacco in Caswell County this season was recently ordered by eight growers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Believing that the time is ripe for a man in the western part of the Ninth Congressional District to take a chance at the nomination for Congressman, and with a deep sense of the responsibilities, duties, and hardships, as well as a full cognizance of the Honor appended to the Office sought, and with an ear that will not turn deaf to the solicitation of friends innumerable, all over the District, I therefore offer myself a candidate for the Nomination to the Office of Congressman from the Ninth District of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held in June, 1930.

In seeking this office at the hands of my Party, I am frank to say that it is my desire to hold aloft the banner of Democracy, and redeem this District to its normal status in the Democratic ranks. With no thought of any personal gain, and no intention of anything other than a clean cut, gentlemanly campaign, I enter this race, fully knowing that the other gentlemen are in the same mood. I am and have always been a close student of things concerning my fellowman. I offer myself to be a servant of the people. I promise fair and equitable treatment to all, and pledge myself always to do the right thing in all things.

To those who know me, I solicit not only your individual vote, but all the influence you can muster. To those who do not know me, I request that you make any inquiry you may choose concerning me.

Personally I am no ways near perfection and never hope to be. But I am just an honest to goodness man, a Doctor of Medicine, that has been active practice for twenty years, which gives me an inside close-up at humanity and its needs.

I assure one and all that I will deeply appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and hope that I may be able to see every man and woman in the District before the Primary.

W. A. SAMS.