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THE NEWS-RECORD MOVING TO ITS NEW HOME IN MARSHALL

T. A. SILVER PASSES

Madison County Commissioner Succumbs After Few Days Serious Illness

Mr. Tilson Anderson Silver, one of Madison County's best known citizens and a member of the board of County Commissioners died at a hospital in Asheville about two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, March 11. He was taken ill Sunday before last, but forced himself to attend the meeting of commissioners Monday and Tuesday, becoming quite ill in Marshall before the meeting was over. Mr. Silver, age 67, had been quite active in public affairs for a number of years. In 1908, he was a revenue officer and twice he was elected as a commissioner of Madison County. Had he lived, it was his intention to run for Sheriff of the County in the coming election. He had been a resident of Madison County practically all his life, his parents having moved from Mitchell County when he was quite young. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. W. C. Silver, A. B. Silver, Elbert Silver of Madison County and Johnson Silver of Woodfin Station, Asheville, Mrs. M. F. Whitt and Mrs. Eddy Merrell of Asheville, Mrs. H. B. Brown of Marshall Rfd 3, and Mrs. Sylvanus Boone of Arkansas. Mr. Silver was married twice. From the first union the following children survive: J. C., W. H. and Tilman, of Detroit, Dism of Marshall, Bill of the Virginia Islands, in marine service; Mrs. E. G. Thomas, Mrs. Wayne Fisher and Miss Ada Silver, of Marshall. By the last marriage two children survive—May, age 9, and Rex, age 7. Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. L. C. Roberts and Rev. Perry Sprinkle, interment following at the family cemetery. The pallbearers were as follows: active—W. C. Rector, J. H. McElroy, E. C. Rector, Dolph Coates, Troy Rector, W. A. West, C. M. Blankenship, Morgan Ramsey, Ben Friaby and Fred Roberts. Honorary—Dr. Frank Roberts, Dr. J. N. Moore, Dr. J. C. Tilson, Dr. W. F. Robinson, N. B. McDevitt, P. V. Rector, Tom Rollins, Jack Swann, Ira Plemmons, J. N. White, E. N. Holcombe, Tom Friaby, William Edwards, Fred Holcombe, T. J. Murray and Wiley M. Roberts.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful, an especially beautiful wreath being sent by county officials. Successful as a business man and the owner of a mill for a number of years, he had many friends throughout the county.

JACK DEMPSEY?

Following is a letter received by Mr. Guy V. Roberts from H. M. London, Librarian at Raleigh, N. C. Maybe some of our readers can enlighten Mr. Roberts on this point.

Mr. Guy V. Roberts
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Guy:

Here is a letter I've received from Grantland Rice, Editor of the American Golfer and noted sports writer: "I have been informed that Jack Dempsey's grandfather lived in Madison County, N. C., or down in that vicinity. That he was a man with enormous chest development and that with an open hand he could slap an opponent clear across the road and that his closed fist was as dangerous to an adversary as a big club. It has been reported that a special act was passed making it a felony for one Jack Dempsey to hit a man with a closed fist—this referring to the grandfather of the present Jack Dempsey. If you verify this for me I will appreciate it very much."

I have never heard of such a law or of the grandfather referred to as having lived in N. C. Can you throw any light on this? Thank you.
Yours truly,
H. M. LONDON

AN INTERESTING LETTER CONCERNING MADISON

We are in receipt of an interesting letter from Miss Myrtle Brown, of Horse Shoe, N. C. We give the letter below in part.

Needless to tell you again that we enjoy the paper and are much interested in the matters sponsored through its columns. Perhaps members of my family have special interest in improvements in livestock, highways, schools and other things, but it seems to me that Madison is mighty in natural resources which could be used advantageously to better and beautify the home and home surroundings. There is such a variety of interesting shrubbery which thrives abundantly in this wonderful climate of ours. There is an abundance of choice stone—perhaps by some it is considered a nuisance and a handicap. In some instances, no doubt, it is a drawback and retards progress, but with a little artistic ability and some physical application could be utilized for walks, steps, walls, fences and borders, resulting in comfort, convenience, beauty and betterment.

Please be assured that we are in hearty accord with any proposed project through your paper, tending toward improvement and progress of our mountain section.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BUSES

Belva, N. C., March 11, 1930
The News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Sirs:

For some time I have noticed different matters discussed through your paper—especially religious matters. Since considering matters I think need to be discussed in our school system, I notice the state and county require a very good grade of certificate before a teacher is allowed to teach in our schools which I think is O. K. Also we are getting higher and better schools all over the county with high priced teachers to run them. This requires, as we all know, several trucks to transport the children to and from the schools. Do we require a number one CERTIFICATE before those boys who drive the trucks can take the lives of our children in hand? Some states I understand require a driver's license before anybody can drive a car on the highway—but I find these boys who drive our trucks are only required to give a small bond. Consider this—a one dollar boy taking the lives of our boys and girls in their hands—the same boys and girls who are trained for the future by a five to ten dollar teacher. What is the use to educate a boy or girl—our boys and girls—by an expensive teacher and then risk their lives to a driver of a truck whose salary will hardly pay his board.

Then another matter in regard to the committee who looks after the school of their community: I think they should be scattered out over the district so all could be represented. They should be men and women who have children who ride the trucks to and from school. Fathers and mothers who are interested by kindred ties to the boys and girls that ride the trucks. You know the song: "Be it ever so humble there's no Place Like Home." So you see—be what boy or girl—there is no boy or girl like your own.

Now I have not written this for any particular cause except as a father who cares for his boys and friends. My attention has been drawn to the above matter several times by noticing the children getting off and on the school trucks.

If not asking too much I hope you will print the above in your paper. With thanks for same, I am,
Yours truly,
L. E. GAHAGAN.

Pritchard Urges Full Payment

Washington, March 8.—Representative Pritchard, of Asheville, broke into the congressional record Saturday with a speech urging a square deal for former service men in the payment of adjusted compensation. He urged the importance of extending the time for filing applications. "We should do away with the statute of limitations and pay off and discharge in full the ex-service men's adjusted compensation certificates," he declared. "And we should do it now. Only with immediate action is it without doubt that a new era will be inaugurated."

Nice, Steamheated, Brick Building Next To Bank Of French Broad Leased For Three Years

The publisher of the News-Record is glad to be able to announce to its many patrons that arrangements have been made to enable it to be issued from the best newspaper location in Marshall in the very near future. The two-story brick building between the Bank of French Broad and Mr. Lisenbee's shop has been leased for a period of three years and the Record's heavy machinery will be moved within the next few days. For quite awhile the publisher has realized that its present location and building were not in keeping with the other beautiful buildings in and around Marshall. When the present owner of this paper moved to Marshall in the fall of 1924, Marshall was quite a different place from what it is today. The improvements since that time can hardly be realized by those who have been here all the time. At that time Western North Carolina was on a boom and all real estate was selling at such high prices and rents were so high that we were unable to get a building just like we needed. But we felt thankful that our present site was vacant and we appreciated Mr. Fred Freeman's letting us have it. Since that time brick buildings have gone up, one after another, until we are now able to lease this fine structure for our new home. Only through the patronage and cooperation of the business men of Marshall have we been able to remain and run our paper, and we deeply appreciate their almost united support. We also appreciate deeply the splendid response we have had from people at Mars Hill, Hot Springs and Walnut, both as subscribers to the County paper, as advertisers, and as patrons of our job printing department. With the prospect of their continued support we are encouraged to make even a greater effort to serve the County than ever before. In our new location we shall be at the most convenient location in Marshall, where our patrons may more easily visit the office and plant and place their orders for work in our line, at the same time leaving items of news and other matters for publication.

As soon as it can be arranged, The News-Record plans to have a house warming on the second story of its new location, inviting the business man of Marshall and other places, when we hope to serve refreshments or luncheon, leading speakers of the community being called upon to make brief speeches. We trust at this time we shall be able to put on foot a program of constructive improvements in merchandising. Our aim shall be the Three P's—Peace, Prosperity, Progress. We are hoping to fall upon some plan of enabling the local independent merchants of Marshall to cope with present conditions—not as knockers but as competitors worthy of the patronage of every person in reach of their stores. A brighter day is dawning for the independent merchant and the publisher of this paper shall welcome the time when mass production and economic distribution may result in fair profits to local merchants—not only in Marshall and Madison County but throughout our great country. We believe these conditions will be brought about not by destructive, knocking methods, but by peaceful, progressive, constructive methods, when the buying public shall be satisfied in service, variety, freshness, quality, prices that will know no competition. Let's get together and exchange ideas and plan for our town and County. Peace—Progress—Prosperity!

To Sweep Unsafe Cars From Southern Roads

Sixty-nine thousand unfit automobiles will be removed from the highways of the South during the coming year in an effort which is part of a national Highway Safety Plan undertaken by various companies in the automobile industry, as announced by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. The program will involve the expenditure of approximately \$2,600,000 in the Southern States. Nationally, the motor companies plan to scrap 400,000 old automobiles in 1930, at a cost of about \$15,000,000.

The number of cars which it is estimated will be scrapped in each of the Southern States is as follows: Virginia—6,060. North Carolina—6,640. South Carolina—3,240. Georgia—4,260. Florida—3,960. Alabama—5,490. Louisiana—4,490. Mississippi—3,760. Tennessee—5,860. Arkansas—3,620. Texas—3,110.

This program is characterized as "perhaps the greatest single safety move in industrial history", by Alvan Macaulay, president of the Automobile Chamber, and former chairman of its Street Traffic Committee. "This widespread experiment will strike right at the heart of the unsafe vehicle problem by eliminating a huge block of those cars which are in the poorest condition", says Mr. Macaulay. One of the hazards of the highway situation has been the rattle-trap car which keeps reappearing on the road after it has presumably been sent to the discard. The aim of this program is to guarantee the actual scrapping of the vehicle. The Plan will be worked out by each company participating, in line with its general sales policies and the volume of its production.

E. H. Grant is chairman of the committee which planned this program. Other members include: G. H. Blitts, J. E. Fields, Paul G. Hoffman, H. W. Peters, Courtney Johnson, Edward S. Jordan.

CONVENTION

Baptist Centennial Convention To Be Held in Greenville, March 26, 27th.

A hundred years ago on March 26, 27, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized with 14 charter members, seven ministers and seven laymen, in Greenville, S. C. At that time, according to Dr. Thomas Meredith and Dr. Samuel Waite, leaders in the new organization, there were in North Carolina around 15,300 Baptists all told, Missionary, Anti-Missionary, O-missionary, Free Will, white and colored, who were grouped into 272 churches and 14 district associations.

At the session of the Convention last fall it was agreed to meet in extraordinary session in Greenville on Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, March 26 and 27, to celebrate in a fitting way the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Convention. It is not expected that any business will be transacted. Only inspirational addresses will be made pointing out the growth and development of the past hundred years and the challenge of the next hundred years.

Dr. William Louis Poteat, Wake Forest is the chairman of the special committee to arrange the program, which has been completed. Many outstanding men of this and other states are included in the program. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the East Carolina Teachers' College. The pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. A. W. Fleischmann, and his committee on arrangements are prepared to take care of the hundreds of delegates and visitors that are expected to attend.

HOME DEMONSTRATOR'S COLUMN

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK
Monday, 1:00 o'clock, Sandy Mush g.
Tuesday, 1:00 o'clock, Spring Creek.
Wednesday, 10:30, Bull Creek girls.
Thursday, 10:30, Cal. Creek girls.
2:00, Cal. Creek women.
Friday, 10:30, Little Pine girls.
1:30, Little Pine women.

Not Worth a High Note
That German scientist who claims that music spreads disease should realize that there are lots of tunes which are not catchy.—The Pathic.

G. O. P. CHAIRMAN SENDS LETTER

Editor News-Record:
I am handing you a clipping from Asheville Citizen setting forth the views of Chairman of Republican Executive Committee on taxation. Please publish the letter.
C. B. MASHBURN.

The article follows:

HENDERSONVILLE, March 11.—The control and operation of all North Carolina schools as an organization system by the state with their support to be provided by revenue collected from sources other than real estate, was advocated today by Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, chairman of the State Republican executive committee, in a letter sent to all county chairmen.

In outlining his proposal, Chairman Jackson referred to the agitation for relief from taxation current in the state, urged the inclusion of a plank in the party platform providing for state operation and control of school, and for a tax on luxuries and other sources instead of real estate.

Letter in Full
Chairman Jackson's letter reads: "My Dear Sir:

"There is a great agitation in North Carolina on the question of taxation and, in my opinion, the agitation is justifiable. The people of North Carolina need and are entitled to relief from so great a burden, and the question that is before us now is just what we shall do to get relief.

"In my opinion, if the state of North Carolina would take over the schools and make it an absolute state system, collect the revenue for the purpose of maintaining the schools from sources other than real estate, we would then go a long way towards getting the relief needed. I am in favor of having a plank in our platform to be presented to the State Republican convention at Charlotte on April 17th to the effect that we favor the state of North Carolina taking over the schools and that the state collect revenue for the support of the schools from a tax on luxuries and other sources rather than on real estate.

Equal Opportunity
"A state system of schools means that every child in North Carolina would have an equal opportunity for an education.

"I most urgently request that you be at the state convention and support a proposition of this kind because if enacted into law, it would give the taxpayers of North Carolina the relief needed."

Laying Heavier Rail Is Continued By Southern

Atlanta, Ga., March 6.—During the year, 1929, the Southern Railway System continued the improvement of its lines by laying heavier rail on 520 miles of track.

On 65 miles of track, at points where operating conditions are most severe, rail of the extra heavy 180 pound section (weighing 130 pounds to the yard) was laid and on 224 miles of track 110-pound rail was laid, replacing 85-pound rail which was passed on to lines formerly laid with lighter rail.

Thirty-three miles of track were laid with new 85-pound rail and relay rail, mostly of the 85-pound section, was laid on 189 miles of track, releasing light rail which was retired from main line service.

Tracks were also improved at many points by the addition of steel tie plates and an increased installation of cross-ties.

As of January 1, 1930, the Southern had 248 miles of track equipped with 180-pound rail on the Cincinnati-Chatanooga line and the Washington, Danville, Asheville and Knoxville divisions, and 2,286 miles of track equipped with 100-pound rail.

There are some who think the Wickersham committee was a bit cautious in allowing to the "steering" member of the committee, the following: