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MARSHALL SENIOR CLASS PLAY A HOWLING SUCCESS FRIDAY

Large Crowd Witnesses Stellar Playing By Local Amateurs

The Senior class play given at the Marshall school building Friday evening, April 4th, showed what real talent the Marshall school has among its students. The weather fortunately was favorable and the lower floor of the auditorium was largely filled with an appreciative audience. The curtain was drawn promptly at eight o'clock and the play lasted for about two hours, holding the rapt attention of the audience throughout. The beautiful stage furnishings were supplied through the courtesy of the O. C. Rector Hardware Company.

The acting, animation, enunciation, and composure of the characters reflected great credit upon themselves as well as the directors, showing that each character was well fitted for his or her part in the play. Taking the cast in the order printed on the program, one of the best acted roles was that of Carl Bryan, representing Mr. Sims, a farmer, whose daughter, Sally Sims, wished to go to college despite her father's poverty. This daughter, Sally, part played by Miss Frances Tweed, was one of the stars of the play. Beautiful, sweet and attractive both before and after entering college, she proved herself innocent and worthy of her suitor, despite false accusations of dishonesty. John W. McDewitt, quite a sport, calling himself a hobo, acted with his part, holding his face straight when there were times when it was evidently hard to do. The role of the hobo was ably acted by Miss Merle Sams, who was well done, Miss Sams looking better as a stage actress even than usual, and that is going some. Miss Wanda Roberts, as "Fritzy," and Miss Lucille Farmer as "Bess," although not having prominent parts, did themselves proud in that they did them well.

To say that one character was better than any of the others, would hardly give justice to the others, as each was almost equally good in his or her role, but if we were compelled to mention one character as excelling in the play, it would be hard for us to say that it wasn't Bob Hinkle, who distinguished himself as a real stage actor in the part of Adolphus. It would be hard for anyone to play his part better than he did.

Professor Crockett, the part taken by Lloyd Robinson, though rather young looking for a college professor, was quite dignified, and proved himself a good actor. Miss Faye Wallin, as Miss Weaver, acquitted herself most creditably as a member of Blake University. Warren Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ramsey, taking the part of Marvin Marshall in the play, was quite popular with the young ladies, and succeeded in winning Miss Patricia, although at first in love with Sally Sims. Cousin Susie Johnson, and Johnnie Johnson, parts taken by Miss Alma Rector and Joe Eads, respectively, intended to be ridiculous, did not fail to succeed in their undertaking.

Home talent plays, if at all well done, are always enjoyable. Marshall is now pretty well equipped with its spacious auditorium, curtained and well lighted stage, and such promising talent, and its citizens should have the privilege of witnessing as often as possible such plays as that Friday night, directed by Miss Selwyn McDewitt and Professor D. M. Robinson.

PARKER SENATE VOTE THIS WEEK

According to the papers Sunday, it is thought that the matter of the U. S. Senate confirming as Justice of the Superior Court Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte, will be taken up this week. Judge Parker has been opposed for this position by organized labor, but as no other charge has been brought against him, his confirmation is expected. However, it will hardly be without considerable discussion.

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "I want each of you to write me a composition on the subject, 'What I Would Do If I Had Fifty Thousand Dollars.'"

One youth sat idle until the papers were called for, when he sent in a blank sheet.

"What does this mean?" demanded the teacher sternly. "Where is your composition?"

"That's it," said the boy. "That's what I'd do if I had fifty thousand dollars."

COMMISSIONERS MEET

RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE LATE T. A. SILVER

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, all three members of the Board being present—Messrs. John F. Ammons, G. L. McKinney, and C. J. Wild. While it was a very busy day, nothing out of the ordinary routine of business was transacted Monday except that the Board drew up the following resolutions relative to the late T. A. Silver.

RESOLUTIONS

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, HELD IN COURT HOUSE AT MARSHALL, NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 7, 1930.

Present at said meeting, C. J. Wild, Chairman; J. F. Ammons and G. L. McKinney, members, being the full Board.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, since the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners, T. A. Silver, a Member of this Board, died on the 11th day of March, 1930.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED by this Board that we shall greatly miss Mr. Silver as an official, citizen of the County, neighbor and friend. Mr. Silver proved himself to be a very efficient and conscientious official, and while he stood for strict economy, he also stood for and voted, as a Member of this Board, for a liberal policy for the upbuilding of the County, and especially for better roads, and for the improvement of the public school system. He has always moved to go to the limit and beyond to help officially the poor and those in distress, and if he made any error as an official of Madison County in spending the County's money, it was on the side of mercy in helping the unfortunate. Mr. Silver's name appears on the records of Madison County as a member of the Board of Commissioners that first bonded Madison County for a better system of public roads, when he was Commissioner fifteen or twenty years ago.

We gratefully pay this humble tribute of our respect to our former fellow-member of the Board of Commissioners, friend and neighbor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy be furnished each to the widow of Mr. Silver, and the newspapers published in Madison County.

Signed:—
C. J. WILD, Chairman,
G. L. MCKINNEY,
J. F. AMMONS.
Attest:—
J. WILL ROBERTS, Clerk.

Proposed Road Projects Expected Today

The commissioners are expected today to dispose of the road matter recently proposed to the county commissioners by J. G. Stikeleather relative to applying money loaned the State by the County in improving certain road projects in Madison County, especially those leading to Greeneville, Tenn., and Erwin, Tenn., through Little Laurel and Shelton Laurel. This is one of the most vexatious problems with which the commissioners have had to deal in some time, and their decision in the matter will be looked forward to with keen interest, every citizen being

expected from one side or the other "whether they do or whether they don't".

WHITE ROCK SCHOOL MATTER UP MONDAY

Many Citizens of White Rock Section in Marshall Monday

Quite a number of the patrons of White Rock school district were in Marshall Monday before the board of commissioners relative to the validity of the recent election. It seems that at the first election held some time ago, the matter was voted down and later a part of the district was cut off and another election held in March, which election was carried by a good majority.

The last election was declared valid by the board of commissioners.

FRISBY'S SHOW MAKES GOOD

SECOND APPEARANCE AT SPRING CREEK GREETED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Ben Frisby, Marshall's magician and ventriloquist, had quite an enthusiastic audience last Friday evening at the Spring Creek school where he gave his second performance the first not being many weeks previous. The weather was inclement at his first performance, resulting in a small crowd, but the fact that he was greeted by such a large audience Friday is proof that he gives a performance that pleases the people.

FRENCH BROAD PRESBYTERY IN MARSHALL

Two-Day Session This Week Beginning Wednesday

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of French Broad is scheduled to convene in Marshall Wednesday, April 9th, beginning at seven-thirty P. M., and continue through Thursday. The Wednesday session will be held at the Presbyterian church, to which everybody is invited. Beginning Thursday morning, the congregation will divide, the women meeting at the Presbyterian church and the men at the Baptist church. The following program has been arranged:

7:30 P. M.—Opening Exercises
Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. L. A. Zimmerman.
Lord's Supper: Bread, Dr. H. S. Randolph. Wine, Dr. William H. Orr.
Constituting Prayer
Roll Call
Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerk
Report of Committee on Arrangements
Adjournment

Thursday
8:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises, Rev. L. A. Zimmerman.
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
Appointment of Temporary Committees—
Bills and Overtures
Minutes of Sessions
Resolutions

9:15 A. M.—Old business: Overtures A. B. C.
10:15 A. M.—National Missions—
Rev. James L. Hyde, Chairman
11:00 A. M.—Christian Education—
Rev. V. C. Ditty, Chairman
Miss Steer, Regional Director
Mr. P. E. Green, Field Representative

12:00 M.—Lunch
1:00 P. M.—Foreign Missions—Rev. J. T. M. Knox, Ph. D., Chairman
1:30 P. M.—Pensions—Rev. W. E. Finley, Chairman
2:00 P. M.—Election of Commissioners to General Assembly
Place of Fall Meeting
Reports of Temporary Committees
Reading of Minutes
Adjournment
The usual mid-week prayer meet-

ing service at the Baptist church will not be held Wednesday evening, so as to enable its attendants to be present at the Presbyterian church.

GOVERNORS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Economic Needs of Southeast To Be Studied

DATE OF MEETING APRIL 26

According to a report in The Asheville Citizen Sunday, the governors of seven states are called to meet in Asheville April 26, to discuss some of the economic needs of the southeast. Among the problems to be discussed is the matter of over-production and unemployment in the textile industry, and relief from the federal government in the foreclosures of mortgages on farm land by farm land banks. The governors invited are those of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee, to meet with the governor of North Carolina in an effort to solve the above problems and others that may come up. Let us hope that some solution of the problem may be found.

REDMON ELECTED CHIEF OF POLICE

Considerable interest was manifested in the election Saturday in which the town chose its chief of police. The registrars and judges of election were Messrs. Lee Bryan, A. B. McDowell, and J. C. Sprinkle. From early morning until six in the evening the candidates worked hard to bring out the voters. When the ballots were counted the result showed as follows:

Grover C. Redmon	174
R. N. Ramsey	37
Jonah G. Rector	77
T. Hubert Worley	42
Jerry Ramsey	84

As the high man was to be declared the chief of police, Mr. Grover Redmon came out Monday morning wearing the badge and assuming the duties of this important office.

WALNUT SCHOOL CLOSES

SEVEN DIPLOMAS DELIVERED. NEXT YEAR TEACHERS

The final exercises of the Walnut High school took place Friday evening, April 4th, at 8 P. M. The address was delivered by Mr. A. J. Hutchins, superintendent of the school at Canton, which address was said to be good. The graduating class consisted of seven in number—all girls—Misses Winona Allen, Margaret Leake, Iva Buckner, Marguerite Wallin, Odessa Henderson, Wilma Davis, and Sally Kate Chandler. The mascot was the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shugart.

The diplomas were delivered by Superintendent C. M. Blankenship. The class day exercises were delivered Thursday evening the third. Teachers elected for next year are as follows: for the high school—Miss Anna Hyde, Mrs. R. H. McClure; teacher of mathematics—open. Other teachers are: 7th grade—William Dockery; 6th grade—Miss Mamie Whitesides; 5th grade—Miss Jennie Lee Chandler; 4th grade—open; 3rd grade—Miss Dorothy Roberts; 2nd grade—open; and 1st grade—Mrs. Minnie Davis and Mrs. Salena Fisher.

\$100.00 REWARD

Mr. W. A. F. Kent is offering \$100 reward for the location of his daughter, Bessie Mae Kent, said \$100 to be paid to proper party upon proof from W. A. F. Kent that his daughter has been found. The money is now deposited with the Clerk of Su-

REAL FIRE IN MARSHALL DOES DAMAGE MONDAY NIGHT

perior Court of Madison County, Mr. J. Hubert Davis, at Marshall. This April 5, 1930.

Her father and sister are anxious for her to return home.

Dean of women: "Did you read the letter I sent you?"
The shipped Soph: "Yes'm. I read it inside and outside. On the inside it said, 'You are requested to leave college,' and on the outside it said, 'Return in five days,' so here I am."

FUNERAL OF J. M. RAMSEY, SR.

LARGE CROWD; FINE SERVICE; BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

Quite a large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of the late J. M. Ramsey, Sr., of Walnut at ten o'clock last tribute of respect and honor. The service was conducted from the door where those inside the house as well as the large crowd on the lawn in front could hear. Rev. James L. Hyde, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Walnut, of which the deceased was a member, had charge of the services. He called upon Dr. W. E. Finley of White Rock to read the Scripture, followed by a prayer by Dr. J. T. M. Knox, of Marshall. Rev. Mr. Hyde then read as follows:

Mr. J. M. Ramsey, one of the oldest and best known residents of Walnut, passed away peacefully at his home at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, April 3rd.

Mr. Ramsey was born December 5th, 1849. On August 15th, 1872, he was married to Miss Catherine Smith, who has been his help-mate all these years, and who survives him. In his early life as a farmer, Mr. Ramsey was a leader among his neighbors in a progressive method and in the use of modern farming implements. Then he turned his attention to store-keeping, and was a merchant and postmaster for thirty-five years.

At the age of thirty-five he united with the Methodist Church upon profession of faith, and some twenty years later, March 3, 1905, he transferred his membership to the Methodist Church. He was elected to the Eldership and held this office until his death.

For twenty-one years he served as Superintendent of the Union Sunday School in the Methodist Church, and for eleven years as Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, thirty-two years in all. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four sons and one daughter, S. A. Ramsey, merchant, of Walnut; R. E. Ramsey, Sheriff of Madison County; J. C. Ramsey, Attorney, of Marshall; E. M. Ramsey, merchant, of Walnut; and Mr. A. R. Baylor, of West Asheville. Two married daughters, Mrs. S. W. McClure, and Mrs. R. V. Ramsey, have long preceded him.

Several favorite selections were sung during the service. Rev. Mr. Hyde, after some very fitting remarks, called upon two to speak, who had known the deceased for many years. Rev. John H. Ballard, prominent citizen of Walnut, spoke very feelingly of his departed friend, there being only one day's difference in the age of the deceased and that of Rev. Mr. Ballard. Rev. B. E. Guthrie, also a well known minister and citizen of Walnut, was then called upon to speak. Much of Mr. Guthrie's life has been spent in the home of the deceased, and his tribute was beautiful and well expressed. The closing prayer was made by Rev. Wesley M. Hyde, father of the officiating minister, who, though in about his eightieth year, sang a beautiful tenor.

After an opportunity for those who wished to view the remains to do so, interment followed at the Walnut cemetery. The pallbearers were the four sons, the son-in-law, Mr. Arch Baylor, of Biltmore, and a grandson, Clyde McClure. The flowers were many and beautiful.

Dr. Sams' Office And Fisher's Store Consid- erably Damaged By Water

Marshall's second excitement from the fire alarm within thirty hours of each other occurred Monday night about eleven o'clock when fire was discovered in the building occupied by Mr. Z. V. Fisher & Son, grocery-men, and the offices of Dr. W. A. Sams above. The fire alarm was turned in and many of Marshall's citizens rushed to the scene, some half-clad, and others more or less so. Most people were asleep, but fortunately for the property owners the fire was discovered before it had gotten any appreciable headway. Before the fire company arrived one or two young men had tried to extinguish the fire with tubs of water, and soon after the fire fighting apparatus was turned on, the fire was extinguished but not until considerable damage had been done to Dr. Sams' office equipment, to the stock of the Messrs. Fisher, and to the building, which belonged to and adjoined the Citizens Bank. No insurance was carried by Dr. Sams on his equipment; neither was there any insurance on the grocery stock. However, damage to the building will be covered by insurance carried by the Citizens Bank. Dr. Sams roughly estimated his damage at around four or five hundred dollars, while the damage to the grocery stock was not estimated.

It is believed that the fire originated between the ceiling of the Fisher store and the floor of Dr. Sams' office, due to faulty electric wiring. The people of the community sympathize with Dr. Sams and the Messrs. Fisher in their loss.

BOARD EDUCATION REORGANIZED

BUSY DAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Education of Madison County met in regular session Monday morning, all the members of the Board being present. One of the first steps taken by the Board was to go into executive session for reorganization. It was first moved that Mr. Lee Ramsey be made chairman, and later that Mr. Jasper Ebbs be elected chairman, the final result being that Mr. Jasper Ebbs was elected chairman of the Board for a period of one year.

The chairman and Superintendent Blankenship were authorized to go to Raleigh with reference to securing funds for the White Rock school.

It was also ordered that the Gabriel's Creek school be consolidated with Mars Hill.

The matter of the pupils of the Sandy Mush school section going to Buncombe for schooling was left open.

Many minor details of the Board followed, making a full and busy day.

METCALF TRIAL CONTINUED

The preliminary hearing of Charlie Metcalf, which was to be heard before Mr. Roy L. Gudger, J. P., last Saturday afternoon, was continued until next Saturday due to important witnesses not being present. Mr. Metcalf is charged with kidnaping Miss Bessie Mae Kent, who has been gone from her home since March 21st, he being her companion just before her disappearance.

A man who was wanted by the police had been photographed in his position, and the pictures sent out to the State police. In a few days headquarters received this message from a small town child: "I only saw the pictures of the six men who were wanted. Five of them have been arrested and we are on the trail of the sixth."