

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN MARSHALL SATURDAY, APRIL 19

TRIAL SATURDAY
DRAWS CROWDMetcalf Under \$2,500 Bond;
Girl Still Missing

The hearing of the case of the State against Charlie Metcalf, charged with the kidnaping of Bessie Maie Kent, created considerable interest in Marshall Saturday afternoon. The hearing was before Justice of the Peace, Roy L. Gudger. Mr. John McElroy represented Mr. Metcalf while Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey and Mr. Guy V. Roberts represented the girl's side. Usually a magistrate's court draws only a few people into a small room, but the hearing Saturday was held in the main auditorium of the court house, where even standing room was at a premium, both the lower floor and gallery being filled to capacity. Quite a number of witnesses were examined, including Otho Metrell and Miss Evelyn Forrester, who were occupants of the car with Charlie Metcalf and Bessie Maie Kent the day of Miss Kent's disappearance. Mr. Ira Plemons testified that between twelve and three o'clock of the night of March 21st, that Charlie Metcalf came to his hotel and asked for matches, which were given him. Metcalf leaving the hotel almost immediately, apparently not under the influence of liquor.

Among the witnesses examined as to Metcalf's character were Dr. J. C. Tilson, Messrs. R. M. Whitte, Lee Wyatt, Zeb Whitte, Luther Howell, and others, all of whom gave Metcalf a good name.

Considerable argument arose between the lawyers of the two sides over the point as to whether what Metcalf claimed the girl said should be admitted as evidence. After hearing the arguments of the lawyers, Judge Gudger ruled that such evidence would not be competent; therefore Mr. John McElroy made a motion that the bond be reduced from \$5,000.00, and the same was reduced by the court to \$2,500.00.

The crowd then dispersed, after which two minor cases were heard, in which Jonah Massey was charged with assault on Ed Goforth, and carrying concealed weapons, and was bound over to the Superior Court.

W. C. SPRINKLE
ESTATE \$40,000

An article appearing in Sunday's Asheville Citizen was misleading as to the real value of the estate of the late W. C. Sprinkle of Weaverville. The article stated that the value of the estate was \$7,500.00. We are reliably informed that the \$7,500.00 represented cash on hand, stocks, bonds, etc., and that real estate would bring the total valuation up to around \$40,000.00. Mr. Sprinkle directed that the widow, Ama J. Sprinkle, be given the residence in Weaverville, which he had purchased some time ago from C. C. Brown, together with all furnishings except the pictures done by his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Sprinkle Ramsey. He directed that the residue of his estate be divided equally among his children after first paying Mrs. Ramsey \$1,000 and Dr. C. N. Sprinkle a like amount.

GEORGIA TALC CO.
TO RESUMEOperation of Plant in Marshall
To Begin Wednesday

Mr. Glenn, of the Georgia Talc Company, we understand, will resume the operation of his plant in Marshall, Wednesday, April 16. The entire plant and mill and talc outfit at the lower end of town, which was purchased by said company some time ago, will undergo a number of changes, and it is hoped that this industry will mean a great deal to Marshall.

ELLIS C. JONES
IN RACE

Mr. Ellis C. Jones of Asheville, one of several candidates for the office of Solicitor from the 19th Judicial District, was in Marshall this week. More later.

AT BEECH GLEN
NEXT SATURDAYMiss Tatem's Music Recital
To Be Given At 8:00 O'
Clock P. M.

The music recital by the class of Miss Annie Pearl Tatem will be given next Saturday evening, April 19, at 8:00 o'clock. Quite a long and interesting program has been arranged and will appear in our Friday edition of The News-Record this week.

MARS HILL IN
LIMELIGHTCollege Dramatic Club Winning
Over Other Schools

The Dramatic Club of Mars Hill College, under the direction of Miss Bonnie Wengert, seems to be winning wherever it goes, with its well presented play, "Marching Men", by James O'Brien. It recently won over a well presented play by the Asheville Junior College in Mars Hill, and Sunday's Asheville Citizen carried an account of the same play's victory over Lenoir College. The same paper carried a cut of Miss Doris Gibbs of Mars Hill, who is a member of the club. We rejoice with Mars Hill in the fine showing of its dramatic club.

A LETTER OF
APPRECIATIONThe Following Letter From a
Former Madison Minister
Is Appreciated.High Point, N. C., April 4, 1930
Mr. H. L. Story,
Marshall, N. C.

Dear Brother:—
Allow me to congratulate you on your achievements, and the contribution you are making to the good people of your County, in the way of a good clean and newsy paper, and especially making it semi-weekly. I read its columns with a great deal of interest, because of the many news items it carries from various sections of the county.

It was my privilege while pastor in your town some years ago, to hold meetings in quite a number of the churches of the county, Bethel, California Creek, Paint Gap, Gabriel's Creek, Laurel Seminary, Laurel Branch, Peaks Chapel, Walnut Creek, Grape Vine, Revere, Big Laurel, Little Pine or Caney Fork, Hot Springs, Enon, Piney Mountain, Locust Grove, and perhaps others. In these articles I read of some of the friends of former years, passing, which is very sad, and then there are other things I read which gladden.

It was great joy to me to come to your church two years ago, and assist Rev. H. L. Smith in a revival, and last year to be back in the county at Enon, with those good people in another meeting. I shall never forget the people of Marshall Baptist church, and the other churches, for their many kindnesses to me while there as pastor, and also during the revivals. There is a longing in my heart about this season of the year to get back and get out in the mountains, and have with me Mr. Geo. McKinney. There would be no danger of either of us violating the squirrel law. That has been fully tested out while I was there as pastor. Ask Geo. Well I will hunt. I know you will tire of this, but I just felt like I had to write you because I feel that you are making a great contribution to the people of the County, and I congratulate you in it.

Sincerely yours,
SAMUEL T. HENSLAY.TAXES ON REALTY MUST BE REDUCED
TO THE FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

If you have not organized for tax relief, do it now. Our committee wants every farm and home owner to go to his County Court House at one o'clock P. M., on Saturday, April 19, hold a mass meeting, organize a County Tax Relief Association and send as many delegates as possible to the State Tax Relief meeting in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel at 11 o'clock Monday, April 21.

The sale value of all lands has been seriously impaired by the system of taxation in this state and the unjust burden placed thereon—your homes and farms are now at stake. The present high tax rate is likely to be still further advanced in 1931 to raise an additional four million dollars required by the State Government to meet the demands for that year, unless our entire system of levying and collecting taxes and valuations on property is changed and other sources of revenue provided. This is no idle talk. Nothing else can be done under the existing law. The strong arm of an unjust system of taxation has been raised and the necessities of increased revenue have already been declared and the blow which will further depreciate your lands and sacrifice your homes and farms will certainly be struck. Land values will be totally destroyed and land sold for taxes upon a market without purchasers will continue to increase unless you act immediately to secure tax reform.

Thousands of farms and homes in North Carolina have already been sold for taxes at a small pittance of their true value and valid tax deeds have been given to purchasers; hundreds of actions to foreclose tax certificates are now pending in every county and unless some relief is secured, these properties will have to be sacrificed.

Opposition to this reform and relief from this condition is organized and it is necessary for your protection that you shall organize and demand the tax reform every one admits is necessary to relieve our lands and homes from the unjust burden now resting upon them.

If you have any care for the value of your property, this Committee urges upon you that you shall act at once. A remedy for those troubles can be secured but this remedy cannot be secured as individuals and this organization is for the purpose of securing a concert of action by the hundreds of thousands of people in North Carolina who are present sufferers from the unjust condition.

ABOVE INDICATED ON THE 19th OF APRIL AND SEND YOUR DELEGATES TO THE STATE MEETING TO BE HELD IN RALEIGH ON APRIL 21.

ATTEND THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT YOUR COUNTY HOUSE AS ABOVE INDICATED.

Respectfully submitted,

L. I. MOORE, Chairman.

J. S. Mann	J. A. Turlington	J. E. Green
C. W. Morgan	T. B. Parker	Dr. Oscar Haywood
Mallett A. Ward	R. A. Saunders	R. L. Like
Miss Sybil Hyatt	J. L. Burgess	J. V. Rogers
S. J. Satterwhite	T. S. Neal	John Edwards
B. S. Moss	J. Allen Taylor	J. Frazier Glenn
	W. W. McCaskill	

Members of the Executive Committee of the N. Carolina Tax Relief Assn.

Waiter in cafe: "What will you

have, please?"

Customer: "I want some toast,

ham, scrambled eggs, a smile and

good advice."

Waiter, with the order: Any-

thing else, please?"

Customer: "All is here but the ad-

vice."

Waiter: "Don't eat the eggs."

Salesman: "How much is Bill Jones

good for?"

Credit Man: "Does he own an auto-

mobile?"

Salesman: "No!"

Credit Man: "Let him have all he

wants."—Granite Service.

SKULL CRACKED
BY MULE KICK9-Year-Old Boy Taken To Hospital
Tuesday

Benjamin, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler of near Revere, was taken to a hospital in Asheville Tuesday morning, suffering from a fractured skull caused by being kicked by a mule about five o'clock Monday afternoon. The father of the boy brought the child to Dr. Sams, who solicited some funds from Marshall citizens to help defray the expenses of taking the boy to the hospital.

EASTERN STAR
MEETING IN
MARSHALL

A special meeting of the Marshall Chapter No. 35 Order of Eastern Stars was held in the Masonic Temple Monday evening, in honor of the Grand Matrons of North Carolina O. E. S., and other Grand Officers, and members from the different chapters in the Twelfth District. After a most interesting and delightful meeting, delicious refreshments were served during the social hour.

Lawyer: Really, madam, it's absolutely essential that your correct age be entered upon the document."
Spinster: "Well—er—fifty-three!"
But please write it as illegibly as possible."—Clipped.

MISS HODGES OF
ASHEVILLE WRITESWe trust Miss Hodges will
pardon us for publishing the
following:44 Clyde St.
Asheville, N. C.
April 6, 1930

My Dear Mr. Story,

This is not written

with any thought of seeing my name

in print—merely a friendly word of

greeting and an expression of grati-

tude because you have done so much

to make it possible for me to keep in

touch with my old home and the few

people remaining there who are my

friends and were once my associates,

to say nothing of the pleasure I de-

rive from "keeping up with" my new

friends in Marshall of which you and

the members of your dear family are

shining examples. I feel about any

contact I may be able to maintain

with Marshall much as the old woman,

an inveterate tobacco user, felt ab-

out her weed. For a reason I do not

recall at the moment she was to be

granted three of the things she most

desired. Her first expressed desire

was, "Give me some 'baccy.'"

Her second—"Give me some more 'bac-

cy!" Her third—"More 'baccy!'"

Your decision to make the News-

Record a bi-weekly causes me to re-

joice personally, because on Tues-

days it means news from Marshall

and on Friday—more news from Mar-

shall.

The moving of the News-Record

into more commodious, more up-to-

date quarters, coupled with the twice-

a-week appearance of your paper in

the future indicates prosperity. I

rejoice for your own sake and that

of your family as well as for Mad-

ison County as a whole, for what one

thing shows the prosperous condi-

tion of the inhabitants of any town

city or other locality more than the

steady growth of that newspaper pub-

lished within their midst which is al-

most entirely dependent upon their

patronage for its prosperity? So,

selfishly, for my own sake, and for

the sake of you and yours, and for Mar-

shall and Madison County as a whole,

I rejoice with you that you have been

able to take this forward step. May

continued prosperity here you on with

promises always fulfilled to other and

greater achievements.

Gratefully yours,
REBECCA F. HODGES.SWIPE \$5.00
AND SKIPTHREE SWINDLERS PASS
THROUGH MARSHALL
SUNDAY

Mr. Will Fisher of Walnut Creek was the victim of a swindling bunch who passed through Marshall Sunday. Pretending to be taking subscriptions for a paper and giving seed as an inducement for taking the subscription, three strangers passed through Marshall Sunday afternoon, calling out a number of people and doubtless swindling wherever they could. The only specific case brought to our attention which was practically highway robbery, was that of Mr. Will Fisher, who was swindled out of \$5.00. He subscribed to their paper and gave them a \$5.00 bill, from which they were to take 49c. Without returning the change, they drove off hurriedly. An effort was made by the officers to apprehend them, but they were successful in making their getaway.

CHINA CHILD
WELFARE

Everyone should read and heed the following letter from Albert L. Cox, State Chairman of China Child Welfare, Inc., North Carolina Division. This letter was received by Hon. John A. Hendricks of Marshall.

My dear Mr. Hendricks:

Along a bleak wind-swept Chinese

road a mother with dull aching heart

struggles on with the thin, shriveled

up body of her child. For days even

the pitiful substitutes for real food

such as pigweed soup, clay mixed

with chaff and grass-hoppers fried

with tree bark have all been gone.

The mother goes on always hoping

for food. Just a little bread would

mean life to her child. There is no

bread. There are thousands of moth-

ers like her in China today with sob-

bing, starving children. The only

answer to their cries for food is the

cold biting winds of winter.

While we have plenty to eat and

warm clothing to wear, thousands of

children, wan and emaciated, are dy-

ing along the road sides "AND THE

PRIEST AND THE LEVITE PASS

BY ON THE OTHER SIDE."