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MITCHELL GENTRY SHOT DEAD WHILE TRYING TO STOP ARGUMENT

Hubert Stanton, Pete Stanton, and Fowler Shelton in Marshall Jail

The name of Madison county was again thrown in the limelight when another of its citizens was shot to death last Sunday afternoon, just across the Tennessee line from the Laurel section of Madison county. The dead man was a deputy sheriff of this county—Mitchell Gentry. Three men are in jail at Marshall as a result of the shooting, and Grady Cutshaw is in a hospital at Greeneville, Tenn., seriously wounded, having been shot twice through the eye and once through the hip. It seems that Gentry was attempting to quiet a row between the other parties who, in shooting at one another, are alleged to have killed Gentry. The Stantons, Shelton and Cutshaw are alleged to have been having an argument at a filling station across the Tennessee line when Mitchell drove up and tried to stop the argument. Taking Cutshaw by the arm the officer had persuaded him to leave the station when Stanton and Shelton are said to have opened fire upon Cutshaw. When the shooting started, Cutshaw jerked from the grasp of the officer, ran about ten feet, wheeled around and returned the fire. During this exchange of shots, Mitchell was shot and killed. Cutshaw fell to the ground, wounded three times, and the others left the scene. Sheriff Ramsey is reported to have stated: Upon hearing of the shooting Sheriff Ramsey and several deputies went to the Little Laurel section and ordered the removal of the deputy's body, after which a posse was organized and the search started for the others involved in the affair. The men were surrounded shortly after 10 o'clock and surrendered to the officers. They were brought to the Madison county jail here and were held without bond for the Tennessee authorities, being removed to the Greene county jail at Greeneville, Tenn., Monday.

Sheriff Ramsey stated that ill feeling had existed for some time between Stanton and Cutshaw. It is believed that the altercation started when the two met at the filling station. Mitchell Gentry was reported by the sheriff as an efficient officer and was one of the most fearless men employed in the department. He is survived by a wife and several children.

A report Tuesday morning was to the effect that Grady Cutshaw, who was wounded in the gun battle Sunday, has undergone an operation at the Greeneville, Tenn., hospital, and is expected to recover.

Miss Sprinkle Wins Prize

Mars Hill Girl's Essay Best
The Asheville Citizen of Sunday carried a picture of Miss Hazel Sams Sprinkle, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Sams Sprinkle, of Mars Hill. Miss Sprinkle having written the prize winning essay at Mars Hill high school on "General Wade Hampton." The prize was won in a contest sponsored by Asheville Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy. Miss Sprinkle is a member of the senior class at Mars Hill this year.

ERROR
An error was made in our last issue to Mr. McGee being postmaster at English. Mr. McGee is a Justice of the Peace, but not postmaster.

LIKE GETTING A BREATH OF PURE COUNTRY AIR"

3881 St. Jean Ave., Detroit, Mich.
May 2, 1929.
Editor of The News-Record,
Marshall, N. C.
Dear Mr. Story:
Will you please send the News-Record to 3881 St. Jean Ave., instead of to our former address, and may I add it is most like getting a breath of pure country air to get the paper from home.
Thank you,
Mc. Hoy G. Cuthbertson.

BISHOP MAXON DEFENDS HIS SON

Bishop Maxon, a Protestant Episcopal clergyman of Tennessee, went to New York to see his 21 year old son who is in jail in that city on the charge of beating an old man to death with a chair. The boy committed the deed in a drunken brawl and attacked the old man who had done him no harm, under the influence of bootleg liquor. This was the first meeting of father and son since the dreadful episode took place. The boy appeared to be penitent and asked about his mother as soon as he embraced his father. It was a pitiful case, and the young man, who had no justification whatever for beating the life out of the elderly man who appeared to have been perfectly inoffensive, suffered the brutal assault without the least indication of having borne any malice whatever toward his assailant. It is another illustration of the fury engendered by the quality of whiskey peddled around the country by irresponsible agents. The boy will suffer for his sins, and the father, who is a greyhaired, kindly man, with grief-stricken wife, must bear their share of punishment for the sins of their son. Who is to blame for this tragic affair we do not know, but we know somebody is seriously at fault for the way in which this young man was brought up.—Charity and Children.

POPULATION OF MARSHALL 1132

The 1930 census shows that the population of Marshall is 1132. In 1920 the population was given as 748, which shows a gain of 384, or 51%. This difference in figures is largely due to the extension of the corporate limits of the town, but whatever may be the cause, we are glad to note the increase in the town's population.

HUNDREDS SEE FIERY METEOR EAST OF CITY

Hundreds of Asheville people witnessed the passage of a huge meteor across the eastern part of the sky with a brilliant display of red fire and blazing gases, last night about 9 o'clock.
Many telephone calls were received at the office of The Citizen from people who reported the appearance of the celestial visitor. The meteor was described as very large, flaming red in color and emitting bright sparks of flashes of light as it sped across the sky disappearing below the line of mountains to the east.
Associated press dispatches from Winston-Salem and Greensboro last night indicated that the meteor landed in the vicinity of Guilford college in Guilford county. The extraordinary brilliance of the display in Greensboro and a loud explosion accompanying the approach of the meteor led to the belief that it had struck in the open country north of the college. The phenomenon was also faintly visible as far east as Raleigh.—The Asheville Citizen.

TOO LATE

If you failed to list your property for taxes in April, the penalty is on, and you have no one to blame but yourself.
Dentist's Wife—Why do you open the door of the waiting room when I sing?
Dentist—I want to show them that the noise does not proceed from the patients in the chair.
—The Pathfinder.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

THE REAL MEANING OF "POLITICS"

At this time when people are discussing politics perhaps more than anything else, it might be well for some of us to get clearly in our minds the real significance of the word. The Standard Dictionary defines politics as "1. The branch of civics that treats of the principle of civil government and the conduct of state affairs; the administration of public affairs in the interest of the peace, prosperity, and safety of the state; statecraft; political science: in a wide sense embracing the science of government and civil polity. 2. Political affairs in a party sense; the administration of public affairs or the conduct of political matter so as to carry elections and secure public offices; party intrigues; political wire pulling; trickery. 3. A man's political sentiment, party preference or connection, etc."
The average man knows in a sense the meaning of the word as it is generally used. It seems to us a pity that the word should ever have come to mean party intrigues, political wire pulling, or trickery. If we allow our imaginations to go back to the time when our government of the people, by the people, and for the people was first started, when the interest of the people as a whole was a dominating factor, when personal preferment or factional advantage was not considered, when the administration of public affairs was in the interest of the peace, prosperity and safety of the state, regardless of personal, party, or factional predominance, we believe that the idea of politics in that day was very different from what it is at the present time. Our sincere conviction is that selfishness, in one way or another, has been permitted to get control of the management of public affairs, and that our government is missing the ideals set by our forefathers. In the last two hundred years the population of the United States has grown from less than one million to well over a hundred million, and the government by the people today is a much more unwieldy problem than it was in its beginning. What the outcome will be in the next hundred or two years no one can tell, but unless the spirit of selfishness is subjugated to the welfare of the general good, we have evil forebodings as to the future. Last Sunday's International Bible lesson was timely. Even then the spirit of selfishness and personal preferment was cropping out among even the favorite disciples, and the lesson of self abnegation taught them would be a good lesson for many who are seeking office and places of honor in this day and time. How far our people are from the ideal in government!

THE KERNEL IN THE HARDEST NUT

The most difficult thing to obtain is often the most valuable when in one's possession. The hardest thing for a man to get in this day of political trickery, wire pulling, and political manipulation are the real facts in the case. One definition of present day politics might be the science of getting into or remaining in office by deceiving the public. We do not mean to intimate that there are not some honest to goodness, straight out and aboveboard people who have ambitions for office, but under our present methods of getting into office even men of this character find it almost necessary to line up with parties or factions which may use deception and trickery to land the job. If our people could only get to the point where they would not be influenced by anything but real facts, would not submit to demagoguery, would not be satisfied with anything less than as many facts as possible and a conclusion based on these facts, we would be advancing far beyond what we are. The facts, and not the circulated reports, are the much needed kernel in the nut.

MADISON COUNTY AGAIN DISGRACED

The name of Madison County is again trailing in the dust. The border lines of our states are a problem for our governments to consider. State and county authorities seem powerless where law-violators dart back and forth across state lines. In such cases, federal authorities should take a hand. Why not?

Smelt—I'm afraid Tarpon is suffering from exaggerated ego.
Tuna—No, not suffering; he appears to enjoy it.
—The Pathfinder.

MARSHALL GIRLS WIN HONORS

Miss Stella Carver Wins Two Prizes
Miss Queen McDevitt One

It is usually enough honor to be the recipient of one prize at a time, but Miss Stella Carver of Marshall is doubly honored in that she received two from the same source at the same time, one for perfect attendance and the other for making the highest grade in one of the courses which she has recently completed. Miss Carver, assistant cashier, and Miss McDevitt, prominently connected with The Citizens Bank, Marshall, have been taking two courses with the Asheville Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. These usually for the benefit of bankers. The last began September 22nd, and ended April 15th. Following the completion of the course, a banquet was held at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville, on which occasion the prizes were delivered, one prize of \$2.50 in gold going to Miss Queen McDevitt for perfect attendance, and two prizes of \$2.50 each in gold going to Miss Carver. The test on which she won her extra prize was marked perfect, but her daily record reduced the final grade to 99. This chapter had the honor of having at its banquet the national president, Mr. W. J. Evans of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Paul Crowder, formerly of Madison County, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crowder of near Marshall, was elected vice-president of this chapter for the ensuing year. Mr. Crowder is connected with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Asheville. The Asheville Chapter of the institute has a membership of 45, and Miss Carver and Miss McDevitt were the only representatives from Marshall. The fact that all of Marshall's representatives received prizes speaks well, not only for the young ladies, but also for Marshall.
Attending the banquet, which was held last Thursday evening, were Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, Mr. E. R. Tweed, and Roy L. Gudger, besides Misses McDevitt and Carver.



The "Mary South" oil well which threatens the safety of Oklahoma City by the oil spray blown over the town, defies all efforts to cap it.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

The County Commissioners met in regular session Monday as usual, and are again in session as road commissioners as we go to press Tuesday. No very outstanding step was taken by the commissioners, the regular routine of business being the order of the day.

POWER COMPANY NEW QUARTERS

The Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., has leased one of the rooms on Main Street recently built by Mr. J. Herschel Sprinkle and Mr. O. M. Shelton and are having it prepared for their office instead of the office over the Bank of French Broad, where they have been for some time.

MRS. W. T. BROWN DIES AT LOCAL SANITORIUM

Mrs. W. T. Brown, 38, of Stockville, died at an Asheville sanatorium yesterday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral rites will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Forks of Ivy Baptist church with the Rev. J. C. Pipes officiating.
Mrs. Brown is survived by her father, George Hobson; three sons, Orville, Henry and W. T. Brown, Jr., and the following brothers and sisters: Stanley E. Hobson and Freeman Hobson, of Asheville; Mrs. Charles Patterson and Miss Sadie Hobson, of Asheville and Mrs. Lee Marsbanks and Mrs. N. W. McElroy both of Stockville.—The Asheville Citizen.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETS

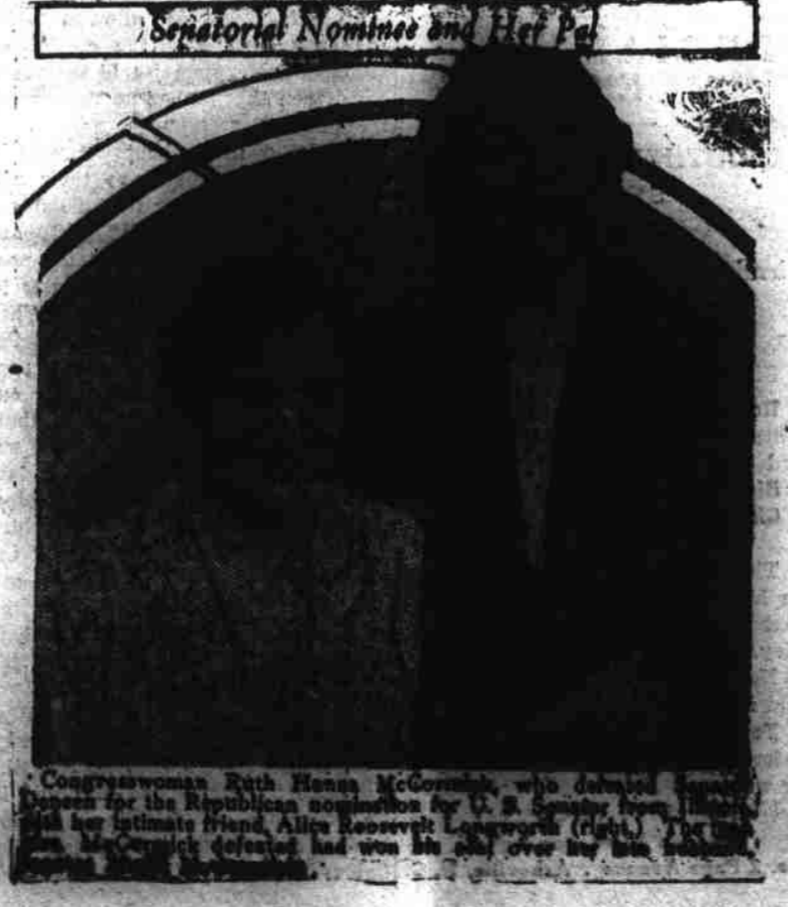
Nothing Unusual But Regular Routine Followed
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Monday at the court house as usual. All of the members were present and the usual routine of business was gone through. Payment of bills and hearing of complaints marked the order of the day. A special meeting of the board is set for May 15th, at which time the budget will be taken up and possibly made out. The matter of the Sandy Mush school district will probably be taken up also, as this matter was not settled at the regular meeting Monday.

STILL CLEANING UP MARSHALL

Mayor And Chief Of Police Removing Trash Of Town
The clean-up week for Marshall, recently designated by the officials did not end with the week's activities. Not all the trash had been removed at the close of the week and the time was extended. Since that time the work of cleaning up is continuing in more ways than one.

A SIMMONS RALLY

To the general public of Madison County and Western North Carolina. There will be a Big Simmons rally at the Buncombe County Court House in Asheville on Friday, May 9th, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The Hon. W. F. Carter will be the principal speaker, so let's all go up and make this a successful meeting and hear what they have to say.
MADISON COUNTY SIMMONS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE



Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormack, who defeated her opponent for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator from Illinois, and her intimate friend, Alice Roosevelt Longworth (right). The two women were seen together at the White House over the week-end.