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## \$500,000 ENDOWMENT FOR MARS HILL COLLEGE

The alumni banquet at Mars Hill Thursday afternoon was one of the most delightful occasions of all the commencement exercises. Graduates of the college were there from many sections of the State and other States, classes being represented from nineteen hundred and five on up to date. Representatives of the different classes were requested to stand and in some instances speeches were made. The banquet was delightful, but especially so, was the hour of social mingling of classmates and friends of the college. Many of the speeches that were made were fine, but perhaps the speech which meant more for the college than any other was that by Mr. Morris, an official of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Asheville, who for the first time was attending the commencement exercises of the college. Mr. Morris declared that in his brief acquaintance with the college he was so much impressed with the fine work done there that he proposed to start a movement that would never stop until the college had an endowment of at least \$500,000. His speech was most heartily applauded, and Mr. Blackstock, the master of ceremonies, declared that Mr. Morris was a man who meant what he said.

The seventy-fourth commencement program came to a close Friday about noon, following the alumni address by Mr. A. W. Honeycutt, of Hendersonville. Seventy-six graduates in junior college and fourteen

## STILL MISSING



**MISS BESSIE MAIE KENT**  
Mr. W. A. F. Kent, father of Miss Bessie Maie Kent, who has been missing for several weeks, was in Marshall Monday. He was accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Mars Hill. The missing girl's people fear she has met with foul play, no message having been received from her in all this time.

were given certificates of graduation from the academy department. Thus came to a close one of the greatest years in the history of the college.

## SPRINKLE ENTERS RACE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

After deliberating for several weeks I have decided at just about the "Eleventh Hour" to enter the race as candidate for Representative for Madison County at the next General Assembly. This decision has been made because of the many requests that have come to me from friends of almost every section of the county, and I am NO MAN'S candidate except my own, for I have too much self respect to allow any man to dictate what I should do. I make this announcement through a privilege which belongs to every man in the county, alike.

Friends, when I say for Madison County I do not mean for Marshall or any other specific place or community of the county singled out, but for the 22,000 people who comprise the entire citizenship of our county. In other words the man who pays the smallest taxes the same as the man who pays the greatest. Indeed any man who would offer himself as a candidate to represent any citizen-ship with other than this principle in mind, would not be a fit subject to be termed a citizen of our county. It is my conviction that any man in whom his friends had confided to the extent of electing him as their representative, who would betray their trust to the end that he would be instrumental in enacting such legislation as would enhance the personal gain of himself and a few of his friends is a traitor to his county in the vilest form. If elected, it is my purpose to serve to the best of my ability, all of the people, and to do as nearly as possible, carry out the wishes of the citizens as a whole.

The highest attainment to which any of us should aspire at the present time, and at all times as for that matter, should be lower taxes and thus better living conditions. Any man of ordinary intelligence is convinced that Government cannot function without some form of taxation—and too, any right thinking citizen would not if he could, advocate a policy that would tend to obstruct progress. There has been a tendency to overdo our march of progress in many cases during the last few years, but by being conservative in every branch of our County Government, Madison County is in good position to become in a much better financial condition.

I am convinced that the greatest prospect for relief for our tax payers and in fact about the only prospect is through State wide legislation. The only relief secured for us in the General Assembly of 1928 was through the act giving each County its proportional share of the poll tax collected by the State. Just this one act relieved every tax payer to a noticeable degree.

quire an organizing of representatives from the smaller and poorer counties, like our own. This can be put over because the smaller counties are in the majority, and the act should be made law before taxes are listed for next year.

Another method for relieving our tax burden would be through the repeal of certain laws governing the non taxable securities, behind which so much of the wealth in our State is hiding to avoid taxation. I believe that the greatest injustice imaginable is being practiced because of the laxity of the law—another case of where State wide action only can produce results.

We hear the tax payers of every vocation groaning under the load, and I am frank to say that in many instances those who howl the loudest are not those who suffer most. It is not any question for debate to my mind as to who is almost crushed. It is irrevocably the land owner—the farmer—the man who depends on his crops for his livelihood. Yet you will hear a far too percentage of them complaining in many communities than you will hear from those of other businesses or professions. In fact a good portion of the criticisms is done by those who wear out the Court House steps and who have been sitting on the Court House fence so long that their natural physique is fixed in a vitally stooped position.

Farm lands in Madison County are not assessed in any degree of fairness as compared with personal property, and some method should be perfected whereby the honest tiller of the soil could get at least a halfway square deal. It's true and might as well be admitted that there are cases where very little effort is put forth to make farm lands yield a creditable income, but it is an undisputable fact that the farmer as a whole is not getting a square deal, and I do not know of any ambition that I would hold greater than to be able to give him relief.

In conclusion I would set out as I see it, as means of effective tax reduction:

- 1st. No more bonded indebtedness without consent of every voter of the county.
- 2nd. Effective State wide legislation (which could include luxury taxation very effectively).
- 3rd. Fair assessment of all real and personal property.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I've tried to outline and express to you my views regarding what I consider essential for the next law-making body so attempt, and I hereby pledge my every available effort to secure for all the citizens of Madison County everything possible to add to the material welfare of our people, should you have the honor and privilege of recommending me to the next Legislature.

## ERWIN SINGERS IN MARSHALL

Eight Men and Two Women Delightfully Entertain Marshall Audience

The Presbyterian church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon to hear the singing by the choir from Erwin, Tenn., of which Mr. E. M. Caton, formerly of Marshall, is an enthusiastic member. Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey was master of ceremonies and called upon Rev. G. C. Teague, who led the audience in prayer. The singers constituted a double male quartet or sextet and a female duet. One of the men was pianist. The audience was delightfully entertained for about an hour. After the first two or three selections, Mr. Caton introduced the visitors as follows: Mrs. Charlie Davis, Mrs. Ed Keys, Messrs. J. P. Meredith, R. O. Franklin, G. W. Timberman, R. E. Akers, J. O. Miller, T. R. Keys, R. N. Caton, U. G. Shelton. All these people impressed the audience with their ability to sing from the soul. The selections were of a high order and unusually well rendered. Usually men's voices are more enjoyable than those of women, but while the male voices in this group were very fine, they were no more so than those of the women, the two female voices blending, unusually sweet harmony. Words of appreciation were spoken by Mr. Ramsey and at his request Dr. Knox, pastor of the church, made a most gracious speech of appreciation, and then called upon one of the visiting singers, who was himself pastor of the Presbyterian church in Erwin, to say a few words, which he did very acceptably. Some four or five carloads of Erwin people came over for the occasion and Marshall enjoyed having these good people and would like to have them return.

## FAVORS HIGH MAN WINNING

Opposes Putting County To Expense Of Second Primary

It began to look as if a second primary may be necessary in order to give a majority to the winner. I, for one, am opposed to putting the county to the expense of holding a second primary. I favor letting the three commissioners who receive the highest number of votes in the first primary be declared the nominees of the party. I should also be glad if all the candidates for the various offices would agree to let the high man be declared the nominee. The cost of holding an election is a considerable amount, and in the interest of the general policy of economy, this expense should be avoided.

Very truly yours,  
CLAUDE J. WILD.

## CRIMINAL COURT IN MARSHALL THIS WEEK

The regular criminal term Superior Court convened Monday, May 26, 1930, with Judge Cameron F. MacRae presiding—Hon. R. M. Wells prosecuting for the State.

The calendar was called, which contained 125 cases. A number of cases were disposed of as follows:

5 cases against E. H. Treadgill were not prossed with leave. The defendant was charged with reckless driving and operating car intoxicated and armed with deadly weapon with an automobile.

The case against Sebern Dockery charged with manufacturing whiskey was dismissed, the defendant having not been taken. The case has been on docket for more than a year.

5 cases against Steve Lunsford were dismissed or not prossed with leave, the defendant having not been arrested. The defendant is charged with CCW in 3 cases, one case of drunkenness, and one case for violation of prohibition law.

Roy Howell was allowed to pay \$25.00 on bill of cost and given until August term to pay balance.

The 2 cases against Hubert Stanton for assault with intent to kill were continued, the defendant now being confined in Greeneville, Tenn. jail.

The case against Covert Fortner and Jeter Smith, charged with burglary, was not prossed with leave.

Arthur Crow, charged with larceny and under bond to appear at May term of court, was called and defendant failed to answer. Judgment was entered against him and his surety.

Merrit Buckner was allowed until August term court in which to pay balance of cost, upon payment of \$15.00 at this term.

Rafus Clark pleaded guilty to operating car intoxicated and was fined \$50.00 and cost.

Nate Shelton, charged with setting fire to woods, was discharged upon payment of such cost as county would be liable.

Rafus Clark, charged with assault, pleaded guilty and was discharged upon payment of cost.

F. R. Gilbert was given 4 months on the roads for transporting liquor.

Fred Fore was found guilty of transporting and was given 3 months

## TO VOTE IN PRIMARY

### Independents Can't Enter Primary Of Either Party

In a statement on questions of law relating to the June primary elections Attorney General Dennis C. Brummitt pointed out recently that under the State election law, independents can't enter either the Republican or Democratic primaries.

At the request of Chairman J. Crawford Biggs, of the State Board of Elections, Attorney-General Brummitt answered in detail several questions relating to the elections. The Australian ballot measures, passed by the 1929 General Assembly, will be used in the June Primary for the first time in a State election.

Provision Made  
As only two parties, the Democratic and Republican, are electing candidates by primary, Mr. Brummitt pointed out that independent voters were ineligible to enter either primary, but that provision is made for their voting in the general election.

"One cannot vote in the primary part of the Republican ticket and part of the Democratic ticket," the State official said.

A voter may change his party affiliation prior to the primary election, Mr. Brummitt continued. "Although registered as a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent the voter may, during the registration period or when he goes to vote in the primary, declare a change in his party affiliation and ask that the change be entered on the registration book."

A voter may be challenged "upon

## 29 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

HON. J. W. BAILEY SPEAKS

The 1929-30 session of Marshall school came to a close Friday about noon, when twenty-nine received certificates of graduation, the diplomas not having arrived. The class day exercises were given in the form of a play Thursday evening, directed by Professor D. M. Robinson, principal. Master Rochelle Blankenship was the mascot of the class. The graduating exercises Friday morning began by the seniors, capped and gowned, marching in from the rear and taking their places on the rostrum, the president, Joe Eads, being accompanied by the mascot. Following the school song as a chorus, the speaker of the occasion was introduced by Superintendent C. M. Blankenship to an audience not as large as had been expected, the auditorium being about half-filled. Mr. Blankenship, after delivering quite a eulogy on the speaker, presented Mr. J. W. Bailey of Raleigh, who is opposing Senator Simmons in the senatorial race. Mr. Bailey is a gifted speaker and while his subject matter was not what some of the audience had expected to hear, he acquitted himself quite favorably. Unlike most politicians, his speech was void of political slang and delivered on a high plane, hardly an utterance being made that would provoke a smile from his audience. His interpretation of the words Graduation and Commencement was quite striking, and his word picture of Lindbergh's flight was a masterpiece. His address was doubtless an inspiration to the graduating class. The attendance was not as great as had been expected.

## LEICESTER FAIR ASSOCIATION TO MEET TUESDAY

A meeting will be held at the school building in Leicester Tuesday night, May 27, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers of the Leicester Fair association for the coming year.

At a meeting on April 26 it was definitely decided to hold a fair this year and a finance committee with J. Marvin Glance as chairman and E. G. Roberson as secretary, was selected, but the election of other officers was postponed until a later date, owing to the absence of O. S. Dillard, secretary.

The Leicester fair, under the direction of Claude B. Wells, president and O. S. Dillard, secretary, has made splendid progress and the fair held last year was considered one of the best community fairs in the state. The newly elected finance committee has already started work and has reported progress, and in view of this fact Leicester community is looking forward to another good fair some time in late September.

## MADISON COUNTY POPULATION 20,307

### 1930 CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE OF 224 IN TEN YEARS

The population of Madison County has increased from 20,083 in 1920 to 20,307 in 1930, according to information given out from the census bureau in Asheville. Some of the divisions of the county showed a decrease in population and it was feared by some that the total for the County would show a falling off, hence it is quite gratifying to learn that the population has increased rather than to have decreased. Madison is one of the most prosperous counties in the State, and many of its residents who moved to other places and tried it for a while have moved back to good old Madison to live and die.

## SUMMER CAMPS BEING BUILT FOR MARSHALL

New, Clean Log Cabins With Modern Conveniences

Indications are that Marshall is to become a popular camping ground through the summer months. The George Fortner home place is undergoing improvements to fit it for summer camping. Messrs. Bunyan and C. F. Fortner are spending a great deal in building and equipping this place for the convenience and pleasure of those who wish to spend a summer amid some of the most beautiful mountain scenery of Western North Carolina. As for natural beauty, Marshall cannot be excelled. Located on the banks of the beautiful French Broad River, and surrounded by towering peaks that kiss the sky, no more lovely place can be found in which to revel in the beauty of nature.

The Messrs. Fortner have already built two cabins of two rooms each, and three cabins of one room each. Other buildings are now in the

## ZADE SPRINKLE GETS 4-6 YEARS

### PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Zade Sprinkle, formerly Register of Deeds and well to do business man of Madison County, who was on trial in Buncombe County last week, for shooting to death last November Ted Davis, in a house on Deaverview Road, which was accepted by the State, and after hearing an array of witnesses of some of the most prominent people in Madison and Buncombe Counties, as to his character up to a few years ago, was given a sentence of from four to six years in State prison. Mr. John McElroy of Marshall was one of the defense attorneys.

### FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

A Fiddler's Convention will be held at Mars Hill High School Auditorium, Saturday, May 31st, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Watch Friday's paper for full announcement.

**YES!**  
**J. WILL PROMISED TO NOT RUN ANY MORE**  
and he's a truthful man, you see!