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25 MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

JULY 14TH DATE SET FOR FOLLOWING TEACHERS TO BEGIN WORK

The Board of Education, in regular session Monday, ordered that twenty-five of the smaller schools of the County open next Monday, July 14th. Below we give a list of the schools and the names of the teachers:

- SKYLAND**—Miss Jessie Rector, Marshall, Route 1.
- MT. NETA**—Miss Lucy Wilson, Marshall, Route 4.
- BEAR CREEK**—Mr. S. C. Burnett, Marshall, Route 5.
- ALLENSTAND**—Miss Verna Ramsey, Belva, N. C.
- ALLEGHANBY**—Miss Nell Cantrell, White Rock, N. C.
- BULL CREEK**—Mr. M. C. Buckner, Mars Hill, Route 1; Mrs. Mamie Wilson, Mars Hill, Route 2.
- OAK GROVE**—Miss Ruth Hunter, Alexander, N. C.
- TERRETT FORD**—Mr. W. C. Bradford, Point Ford, N. C.
- HANDY MUSH**—Miss Blanche, Lenoir, Route 2.
- UPPER LITTLE PINE**—Mr. Grant Roberts, Mars Hill, Route 1; Mrs. Bertha Payne, Marshall, Route 5.
- ANDERSON BEANCH**—Miss Clara Ward, Marshall.
- BONNIE HILL**—Miss Louise Ross, Elizabethtown, N. C.
- DOB BRANCH**—Mr. Alvin Buckner, Marshall, Route 3.
- STACKHOUSE**—Miss Grace Stines, Walnut.
- BIG LAUREL**—Mrs. W. H. Wallis, Big Laurel, N. C.
- RICE'S COVE**—Mrs. Newman McDevitt, Revere.
- PINKY GROVE (Laurel)**—Miss Thadde Carter, Mars Hill, Route 2.
- LAUREL VALLEY**—Miss Louise Patrick, Mars Hill.
- BRIGHT HOPE**—Miss Maggie Hamlin, Cape River, N. C.; Miss Nell Shook, Mars Hill.
- EBBS CHAPEL**—Miss Flossie Murray, Mars Hill, Route 2; Miss Victoria James, Mars Hill; Mr. A. C. Dill, Faust, N. C.
- LITTLE CREEK**—Mr. W. C. Ingle, Flag Pond, Tenn., Route 1.
- UPPER BIG PINE**—Mr. Tibery Buckner, Marshall, Route 2; Miss May Wexley, Marshall; Miss Ruby Buckner, Big Pine.
- GRAPE VINE**—Mr. Wayne Fisher, Marshall, Route 2; Miss Mable Payne, Marshall, Route 2.
- IVY RIDGE**—Miss Mabel Radford, Mars Hill; Miss Dorothy B. English, Flag Pond, Tenn., Route 1.
- PINKY GROVE (No. 1)**—Mr. Foster Wallis, Marshall, Route 2; Mr. E. K. Fox, West Asheville.

NEWLY WEDS LEAVE FOR KENTUCKY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dill were in Marshall Thursday morning en route to their home at Bell Farm, Kentucky, and from there are leaving this day for their new home in Kentucky. The young couple, not yet accustomed to her new name, was before her marriage, Miss Zula Wild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wild of Marshall, E. F. D. No. 2. The groom is the son of Mr. J. T. Dill, of Mars Hill, E. F. D. No. 1, and has been in Kentucky about five years located at Bell Farm, being a locomotive engineer. Notwithstanding the fact that Kentucky is noted for its beautiful women, Mr. Dill did not find any out there who could compare to the North Carolina girls, hence he came back to his native county in June and took Miss Wild to Lenoir, S. C., June 15, where they were married by Justice of the Peace, A. P. Colwell. He then went back to Kentucky for two weeks, returning to take his bride with him, and the marriage has just been announced. They have the best wishes of their many friends in Madison County.



J. F. Morgan, grocer, driver, banker, photographed as he attended the commencement exercises at Mars Hill University.

BUS DRIVERS NAMED FOR NINE SCHOOLS

- SPRING CREEK**—Nessie Blacksheep, Paul Allison.
 - HOT SPRINGS**—Woodrow Ramsey, John Gorenfeld.
 - WALNUT**—L. B. Rector, Roy Wild; Raymond McDevitt.
 - WHITE ROCK**—Enoch Gunter; Otis Chandler.
 - WALNUT CREEK**—O. L. Rice.
 - MARSHALL**—Lorada Ponder, Ras Merrill; Paul Roberts; Hubert Davis.
 - CENTER**—Glenn Cargle.
 - MARS HILL**—Rex Merrill; W. T. Thomas; Steve Norton.
 - BEECH GLENN**—Ira Metcalf; Joe Ferguson.
- The Board of Education, in regular session Monday, named the bus drivers for the following schools, as follows:

MISS BESSIE KENT AT LAST FOUND IN DETROIT, MICH.

Found At Last



MISS BESSIE MAE KENT, who disappeared last March, shows up in Detroit.

"Mickey," said the teacher, "will you come here to the wall map and point out America to the class?" "Who discovered America, Tommy?" asked the teacher of another pupil.

LONG LOST MADISON COUNTY GIRL WILL RETURN HOME

News was dispatched Tuesday night to the daily papers that Miss Bessie Mae Kent, daughter of W. A. F. Kent, of the Bull Creek section of Madison County, had at last been found. She was spotted by a patrolman in Detroit who has relatives in Madison County. According to the papers her soft Southern accent aroused suspicion, which led to her identification. Following is the account given by the Asheville Citizen Wednesday morning:

Bessie Kent, 19-year-old school-girl who disappeared last March from her home near Mars Hill, was found yesterday by police in Detroit, Michigan.

News of the discovery means joy to the Kent home, where an aged father and mother and other relatives had long feared the girl was dead. It also means relief to Charlie Metcalf, young Madison county man who had been charged with kidnaping the girl, and who was to have been tried next month on the charge. So far as was known last night neither the girl's father, nor Metcalf had learned that the girl had been located.

Miss Kent had told Detroit police that she had travelled to that city with a salesman she knew only as "Mr. Stovall." Police were reported looking for the salesman to question him.

A search in which police, social aid societies and other agencies in many places joined, ended with the discovery by Patrolman Lloyd Bryan, who heard of the girl's disappearance through a cousin who formerly lived at Mars Hill. He gained his first clue to the identity of the girl when he heard her soft Southern speech. When questioned by the officer, she is said to have admitted her identity.

Detroit police said that the girl, who set more than fifty searchers to combing mountainsides and dragging the French Broad river before her sweethearts was sent to jail, will be returned home after Federal officers complete their investigation to determine whether "Stovall" is to be prosecuted. Both will be questioned closely by police and Federal officers.

Miss Kent, according to her father, W. A. F. Kent, a prosperous Madison county farmer, was last seen at Hill on the morning of her disappearance before attending school at Mars Hill. When she failed to return home that night, Mr. Kent and Bessie's sister, said to be an invalid, became alarmed, and had a search instituted. As days grew into weeks without her being found, the father expressed belief that she had been murdered or drowned in the French Broad river, below Marshall.

The river was dragged and the mountains about the girl's home and near where she was last seen on the Hot Springs highway were carefully searched. Several reports of her being seen in various cities were checked, but found to be untrue.

When Madison officers had the girl's father insured and the girl located a half mile west of Mars Hill, 15 miles west of Marshall, the girl was found on the afternoon of July 10. She had left school that day and was unaccompanied. Marshall was alerted and alerted with telephone. A preliminary hearing was held at Marshall yesterday. It was reported that the girl was found in a rooming house in Detroit.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

THE NATION NEEDS STATESMEN RATHER THAN POLITICIANS

It does not require a man with more than two eyes to see and know that there are many problems confronting the people of our country which need to be solved. When so many people are walking our highways and streets pretending to be looking for work, and apparently not able to find any, and so many people practically on starvation, when the earth is ready to yield an abundance of food and raiment when given proper attention, there is something economically wrong. It is not the quantity of supplies that is needed, but an economic and sensible distribution of supplies. How to place our citizens in positions where they can earn a livelihood and if possible, own a little home, should be the concern of our greatest thinkers. We wonder if those who seek high offices do so because they feel an ability and willingness to devise ways and means of bringing about better living conditions, or do they seek these positions for their own honor and benefit? Our humble opinion is that we have too many men and even some women who are trying to make the laws of our country without understanding or caring about the real needs. We admit that it is a hard matter for any one man, however great, to bring about reforms, and the more a man knows the less capable he feels of filling these high positions in government and thought leadership. A life-time study by the best brains can only be a gesture before the short life is at an end. Young minds must take up the thought left by older and passing heads and develop it in keeping with modern conditions and circumstances. The man who knows only one side of a problem knows exactly what should be done, and he finds fault with those in the lead because they have not brought about such reforms as he thinks are needed. But when this would-be reformer delves more deeply into the problem and sees the other side and begins to weigh the pros and cons of the proposition, he begins to wonder if it is possible that he has been mistaken in his former views. How often a person, on hearing a subject announced for debate, has his or her mind made up as to what the verdict should be, when after hearing both sides of the question detailed, realizes that after all the question certainly has two sides, and he is not so sure that he was right in the beginning. So it is with many a politician who goes to the front of government with his mind made up as to what should be done and with preconceived notions as to how it should be done, and when he is faced with the other side of the question, that he is

understand what brought about the change in his attitude. In a sense, the more we learn the less we know, and the most ignorant man is usually the one who thinks he knows it all. We are wondering if our legislative halls are not crowded with men who are not capable of holding their positions. We are wondering if better legislation would not result if we had a smaller and better qualified representation. Is not our United States Congress at least twice as large as it should be, and therefore unwieldy and inefficient? Would it not be better to reduce the number, cutting the expense proportionately, and see to it that leaders of thought are elected, rather than those who can manipulate elections? Does not money, rather than brains, to a large extent determine who shall constitute our legislative bodies? Unselfish statesmen, rather than self-honoring politicians, are some of our country's greatest needs.

MARSHALL WELCOMES TOURISTS AND VISITORS

The town council passed an ordinance this week requiring all business men who bring their cars to town for the day to park them in some place other than Main Street. This is done in order that tourists and visitors may more easily find a place to park. This may cause some of the business men some inconvenience but it certainly pays any town to look well to the convenience and care of its visitors. A town is judged by the attitude of its citizens toward its visitors. A tourist passing through and only stopping to inquire, will form either a bad or good impression of the town largely by the attitude of the person addressed. Hence how important it is that every citizen should be courteous to the nth degree to those seeking information. Not only should our streets be cleared of automobiles so as to make it more convenient to park, but every courtesy should be shown, and when possible the beauties and advantages of our community should be called to attention. We are glad to be a part of Western North Carolina, noted throughout the nation for its scenic beauty. Let us help Nature to make our section most attractive.

INTENSE HEAT AND DROUGHT

Records of high temperature for quite a number of years have been broken in towns of North Carolina in the last few days. The drought in Western North Carolina is becoming rather serious and alarming. While there has been some poetry in our county all the time, the general financial condition of the county has been better than in many sections of the state, but should the present drought continue till the crop and corn and tobacco are cut off, it is hard to predict what may befall our people. We should be alerted as often as possible as to conserve moisture, and every precaution taken preparatory to the worst. If we are not careful now, we will have that much more for