

THOS. J. MURRAY PASSES AWAY

Prominent Citizen of Mars Hill Laid To Rest Saturday

After an illness extending over several months, Mr. Thomas J. Murray passed away about two o'clock, last Friday afternoon, July 25, at his home at Mars Hill. Mr. Murray is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maude G. Murray, one son, Kenneth Murray of Mars Hill, and seven daughters, as follows: Mrs. E. Y. Ammons, Mrs. Benjamin Clark of Mars Hill; Mrs. Carrie Clark of Biltmore; Mrs. Wiley M. Roberts, of Marshall, Route 5; Mrs. Sam Angel of Ivy; Miss Vaught Murray of Gastonia; Mrs. N. L. Graham of Dunn; two step-children, Hugh G. Rogers, and Mrs. Henry Clay Edwards of Potocasi, N. C.

Funeral services were from the Mars Hill church Saturday afternoon at three o'clock conducted by Rev. J. R. Owen, assisted by Dr. C. E. Sams and Rev. J. L. Colville. Mr. Murray had realized for some time that the end was drawing near, and had made practically all funeral arrangements. At his request Mr. Thomas Rollins of Asheville, who had visited him during his illness, spoke feelingly of his departed friend, as did also Dr. R. L. Moore. Several favorite selections were rendered by a special choir of well-trained voices. On leaving the church the people were given an opportunity to view the remains, which practically all did. The Masons had charge of the last rites.

The active pallbearers were as follows: Max Ammons, Woodson Ammons, Brown Ammons, Ben Hugh Clark, Ben Clark, of Asheville; Porter Roberts, Woodrow Roberts, of Marshall, all grandsons of the deceased.

The following were named honorary pallbearers: J. Y. Jordan, Asheville; Thomas S. Rollins, Asheville; Charles A. Webb, Asheville; C. J. Ebbs, Asheville; A. W. Whitehurst Marshall; Paul Rector, Marshall; Dr. J. Frank Roberts, Marshall; Dr. W. A. Sams, Marshall; E. R. Tweed, Marshall; Dr. W. F. Robinson, Mars Hill; Dr. W. L. Robinson, Mars Hill; J. L. Ammons, Mars Hill; Lawrence Allen, Mars Hill; W. L. George, Mars Hill; J. A. Ramsey, Mars Hill; W. O. Connor, Mars Hill; M. C. Connor, Mars Hill; M. C. Buckner, Mars Hill; and John W. Anderson of Mars Hill.

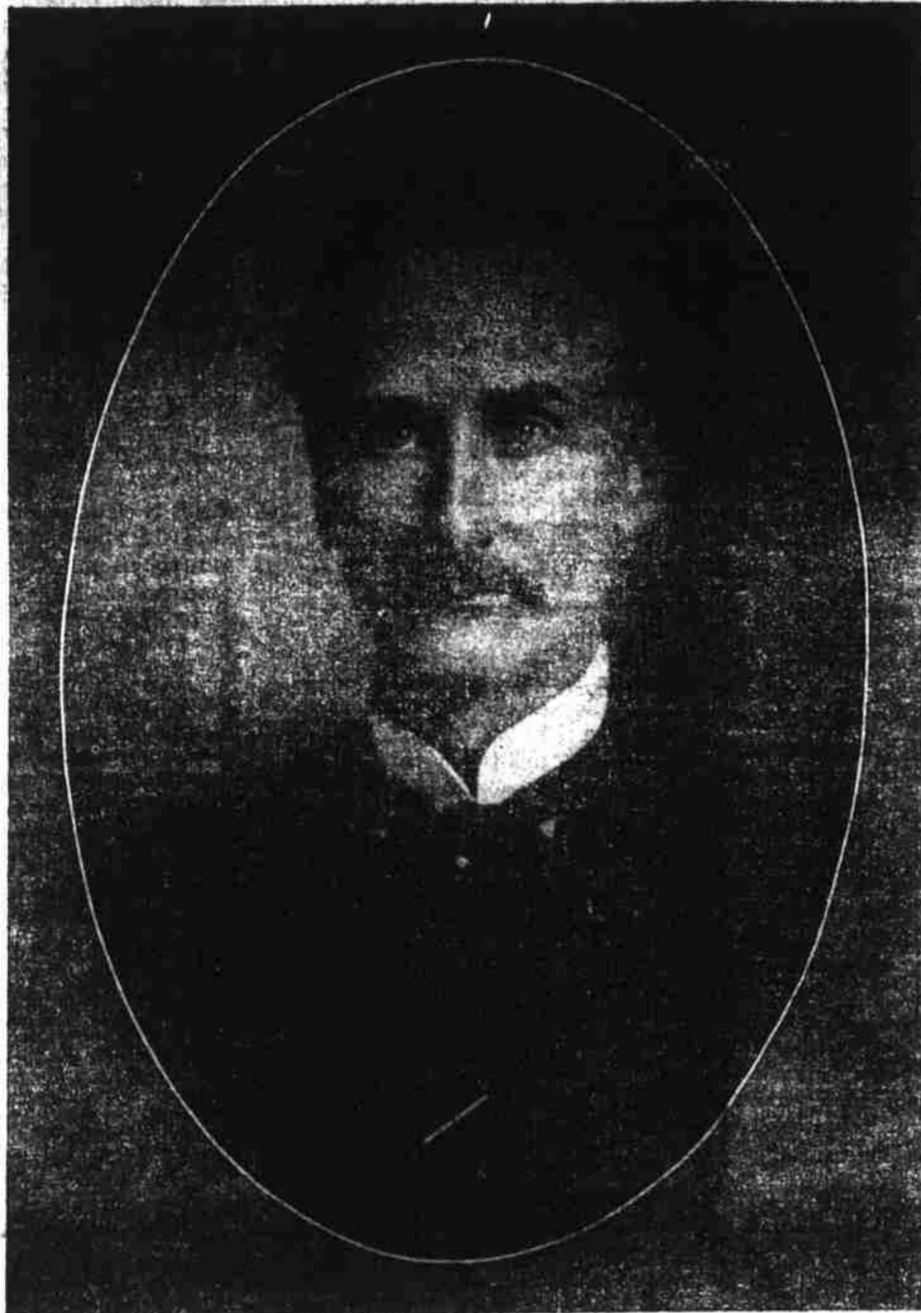
Following is a history of Mr. Murray's family, which was printed two years ago in Volume IV of the prominent men of North Carolina.

Hon. Thomas J. Murray. Not only has Hon. Thomas J. Murray achieved distinction as one of the leading business men of Mars Hill and Madison County, his activities including lumber manufacturing, farming and banking, but he has represented his district in the Upper House of the North Carolina Assembly, and gained for his constituents some valuable legislation now on the statute books of the state. He is a native of the county, born near Mars Hill, June 23, 1853, and his father, William B. Murray, is now a resident of Mars Hill, Route 2, Madison County, but he was born in Tennessee, June 7, 1833.

The great-grandfather of Senator Murray, Isaac Murray, was a very extensive landowner in Tennessee and Vance County, North Carolina, his ancestors having located in Western North Carolina upon coming to this country from Scotland at an early day. One of the sons of Isaac Murray was William Murray, the grandfather of Senator Murray, and he was a native of North Carolina, but he died at Flag Pond, Tennessee, then in Washington County, but now in Unicoi County, where he had lived for many years, and where he was an extensive planter and landowner. He married a Miss Miller, who died at Flag Pond.

William B. Murray, father of Senator Murray, was reared in Tennessee, but was married in Madison County, and from his marriage until 1806 he was largely engaged in farming near Mars Hill, but in that year retired and moved to Mars Hill, although he still owns his farm. He is a democrat. The Missionary Baptist (Continued on Page 4, column 1)

DIED FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1930



Thomas J. Murray

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

STOCKHOLM—EUROPE'S LARGEST GARAGE COMPLETED—The largest garage in Europe, having a floor area of approximately 340,000,000 square feet with space for 1,500 automobiles and work shops, offices and a service station, has been completed in Stockholm, Sweden, according to a report received in the Department of Commerce from its

office at Stockholm. In addition, the top floor houses an exhibition hall to be used for automobiles and other industrial arts exhibits.

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PANAMA CITY—WORK TO START ON FERRY AND ROAD ACROSS CANAL ZONE—Canal

Zone authorities are ready to commence operations on the road and ferry service which ultimately will connect the two of Arraijan, and the Panama national highway three with Balboa, as soon as money for the project is made available, according to a report received by the Department of Commerce from its

Peck, in a report to the Department of Commerce. A half-a-million dollars of the million needed for the project is already included in the general deficiency bill in Washington.

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BERNE—SWITZERLAND'S TRAINS HEATED ELECTRICALLY—Of the 1,934 passenger cars used by the Swiss Federal Railways 1,370 are heated electrically, according to Acting Commercial Attache Henry E. Stebbins, Berne, in a report to the Department of Commerce. In addition, 290 baggage cars are also heated electrically.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL SECTION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

For their mid-summer annual meeting, the editors of North Carolina chose Blowing Rock as their meeting place. This afforded the writer his first opportunity to visit this beautiful section of our state. To be sure Nature has given North Carolina some of its most beautiful scenery. The views from Mayview Manor, at Blowing Rock, are beyond description. The meeting was held at the Green Park hotel, which lies in two counties, Watauga and Caldwell, the county line running about half-way of the hotel. The attendance was unusually large at the meeting and one of the most appreciated courtesies shown the editors was a sixty-five mile trip given by the business men of Boone. While a number of cars were used on this trip, it was not a motorcade, each party constituting a party all its own, at liberty to stop when and where it pleased. At Linville, delightful refreshments were served, and again at Banner Elk the editors were shown over the school and again served refreshments. But when they came to Boone, hospitality was poured out in abundance. On the vacant lot of Mr. and Mrs. Gragg, whose beautiful home was burned in March, and beautiful flowers now cover the lot, tables had been spread and filled to overflowing with fried chicken, pies, cakes, and everything that a man's appetite could desire. A rostrum had been prepared and from it several speakers addressed the assembly. The Honorable Josiah William Bailey was called upon and made an appreciative and appreci-

ated impromptu speech, saving himself for his regular speech at night. Mr. Gragg, master of ceremonies, although a staunch republican, welcomed Mr. Bailey and introduced him, giving him a cordial send-off. He also called on Hon. Josephus Daniels, who always says the right thing and says it well. Editor Rivers, of the Watauga Democrat, made a nice little speech of welcome, his plant having been visited by the entire party prior to the feast. Another much appreciated number was the singing of folk-songs by Professor Greer of the Boone school. Prof. and Mrs. Greer, with their instruments are delightful in the rendition of folk-songs and it was regretted that Mrs. Greer and the instruments could not assist the Professor. However, to one who had never heard them both, Prof. Greer alone was quite satisfactory, although he vehemently protested against appearing.

Boone is a great town, having grown tremendously in the last ten years. We were told that the population had increased in that time from about 300 to more than 3000. We have not looked up the census figures to see whether or not this is correct. However, its progressive spirit is shown in the treatment of the editors of the state, who appreciate and boost places which show such fine spirit. Most of the good things given the editors to eat at Boone are products of the town and county. Even the cheese made there is some of the best we have seen. Quite a number from Boone went to Blowing Rock that night to hear the address of Hon. Josiah Bailey. It was the opinion of some that the Association, which is non-partisan, should have asked Mr. Bailey's opponent, Hon. George M. Pritchard, also to address the assembly but that was explained on the ground that Mr. Bailey was at one time an editor. It is not the purpose of this article to give the proceedings of the Convention, but simply to call attention to this very interesting, progressive, and beautiful section of our own state.

TEACHERS HERE LAST SATURDAY

Teachers Of Madison County Schools Hear Addresses In Marshall

The teachers of Madison County whose schools opened in July, met in the court house in Marshall last Saturday afternoon. Miss McDougald, State supervisor of Teachers Training, was present and outlined the health program and physical education for the year. The meeting was also addressed by Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College, and Professor D. M. Robinson, principal of the Marshall school.

Bantam Rooster Hatches, Then Mothers Chicks

A bantam rooster on the farm of T. Pattillo, in the Stony Mountain section, near Hendersonville, doesn't do things halfway. When he starts a job, he doesn't stop till he's finished it.

For instance—About a month ago the little rooster started to sit on seven bantam eggs, presumably abandoned by some careless hen. He continued to sit. He sat until the shells of five of them were broken by chicks ready for a new existence.

But did the little rooster call it a day? He did not.

Having hatched the chicks he is now undertaking to bring them up in the way chicks should go. He calls them with a cluck that, though somewhat peculiar, brings them running; he scratches for them regularly and vigorously; and, when night or a shower arrives, he hovers them just as a good mother should. —Asheville Times.

MRS. EUGENE FISHER DEAD

As we go to press, the hearse of Mr. O. C. Rector has gone out to take a casket to the home of Mr. Eugene Fisher, of the Grandview section. His wife, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGalliard, died Monday. Mrs. Fisher was the granddaughter of Mrs. Keys, who died last week, an account of which is in this paper. We understand that the deceased Mrs. Fisher had been ill about three weeks. Her sister is a teacher at Grandview. We regret that we were unable to get more definite details, and hope to have a more complete account for our next issue.

WRECK SUNDAY IN MARSHALL

Mr. Willard C. Rector and Miss Nora Davis Narrowly Escape With Their Lives

Mr. Willard C. Rector, former sheriff of Madison County, and now serving on the police force at Enka, near Asheville, was slightly injured and Miss Nora Davis, of Asheville, who was on Mr. Rector's car was more seriously injured, her right arm being very badly sprained, Sunday afternoon in an automobile wreck which occurred about one o'clock in Marshall just opposite the new Fortner camp. Mr. Rector, after spending the week-end with his family in Marshall, was returning to his work at Enka. He was giving courtesy transportation to Miss Nora Davis, of 11 Factory Hill, Asheville, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Marshall and was returning home. As they neared the scene of the accident they were meeting several cars, when suddenly one of the number pulled over on Mr. Rector's side, apparently attempting to pass those in front, the driver not seeming to see Mr. Rector's approaching car. Mr. Rector swerved his car to the right over a pile of rocks over the edge of the river. Both cars were badly wrecked, Mr. Rector's five-passenger Nash sedan being torn up almost beyond repair. The driver of the new Ford roadster which caused the collision was put in the Marshall jail and later bonded out. He gave his name as Clinton Smith of Hendersonville, and was driving a car through from Rutherfordton to Morristown, Tenn. The car carried a dealer's license and was taken in charge by the sheriff and chief of police of Marshall. Smith escaped injury. Quite a number of Marshall people went out to witness the scene of the collision, and a number of people passing through stopped also to see. Smith's car was searched by the officers, but no liquor was found and Smith himself did not appear to be drinking. It was thought that the wreck was due to the inattention of Smith, who was thought to be about twenty years old. While Mr. Rector carried no insurance on his car, it is understood that sufficient insurance was carried on the Ford to adjust the matter of damage.

FRUIT GROWING IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The mountain section of this state has a climate ideal for the growing of fruits adapted to the cooler sections, especially apples and grapes. Apples grown here have a fine flavor all their own not found in those elsewhere. The soil is also suitable for a rapid growth, but all these things have already been proved. The wonder is, why has the cultivation of these fruits not been more extensive?

Perhaps some feel that it takes too long to grow an orchard or vineyard to a bearing stage. Varieties have been developed that begin producing in only a few years after planting. With careful attention and proper care both vineyards and orchards will flourish and soon become profitable.

Some may feel that an abundant yield of apples can only be had with intervening years of practically no fruit. Trees have been developed that produce a fair crop every year if the weather is suitable.

Since the growing of grain in large quantities cannot be done successfully on account of the rough surface of the land, why not try fruit growing? It would surely result in a nice profit.

—B. E.

Five-Year-Old Teddy: "Are you the trained nurse mamma sent for?"
Nurse: "Yes, dear, I am the trained nurse."
Teddy: "All right. Let's see you do some of your tricks."