

## DISTRICT MEETING EASTERN STARS IN MARSHALL

THIRTEEN CHAPTER MEETINGS  
IN MARSHALL TODAY

The Twelfth District meeting of the Order of Eastern Stars is convening in Marshall today. The first session will be held at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, and the evening session will be at 7:30 o'clock. All thirteen Chapters of this district are expected to be represented. This district includes Waynesville, Brevard, Old Fort, Burnsville, Asheville, Marshall, and other points within this territory. It is expected the following officers will attend: Grand Matron, Mrs. Daisy May Davis, of Andrews; Grand Patron, C. D. Roberts of Monroe; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Marjorie Hogan, of Charlotte; Grand Marshal, Mrs. Jessie Davis, Waynesville; Grand Chaplain, Walter McCrary, Asheville; Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary McCrary, Asheville. It is expected that about 100 from out of town will attend this district meeting.

## FOOTBALL FRIDAY IN MARSHALL

MARS HILL AND WAYNESVILLE  
TO USE MARSHALL AS  
BATTLEGROUND

While it had not been fully decided it seems quite probable that Marshall will be the scene of a closely contested football game between Waynesville and Mars Hill next Friday, October 3rd. Plans are on foot to make Marshall a regular football grid for all of Mars Hill's home played games. Waynesville High School has made quite a record in football, as has the Mars Hill High School team, and the contest between the two schools is expected to be interesting.

## AT SPRING CREEK NEXT FRIDAY

BEN FRISBY, OF MARSHALL,  
TO ENTERTAIN IN MAGIC  
AND VENTRILLOQUISM

As has been announced in this paper before, Mrs. Ben Frisby, of Marshall, will give an entertainment at the Spring Creek High School next Friday evening, October 3rd, at 7:45 o'clock. How he was received in Marshall last Friday evening is given in another article in this issue. It is hoped that he will have a good audience at Spring Creek.

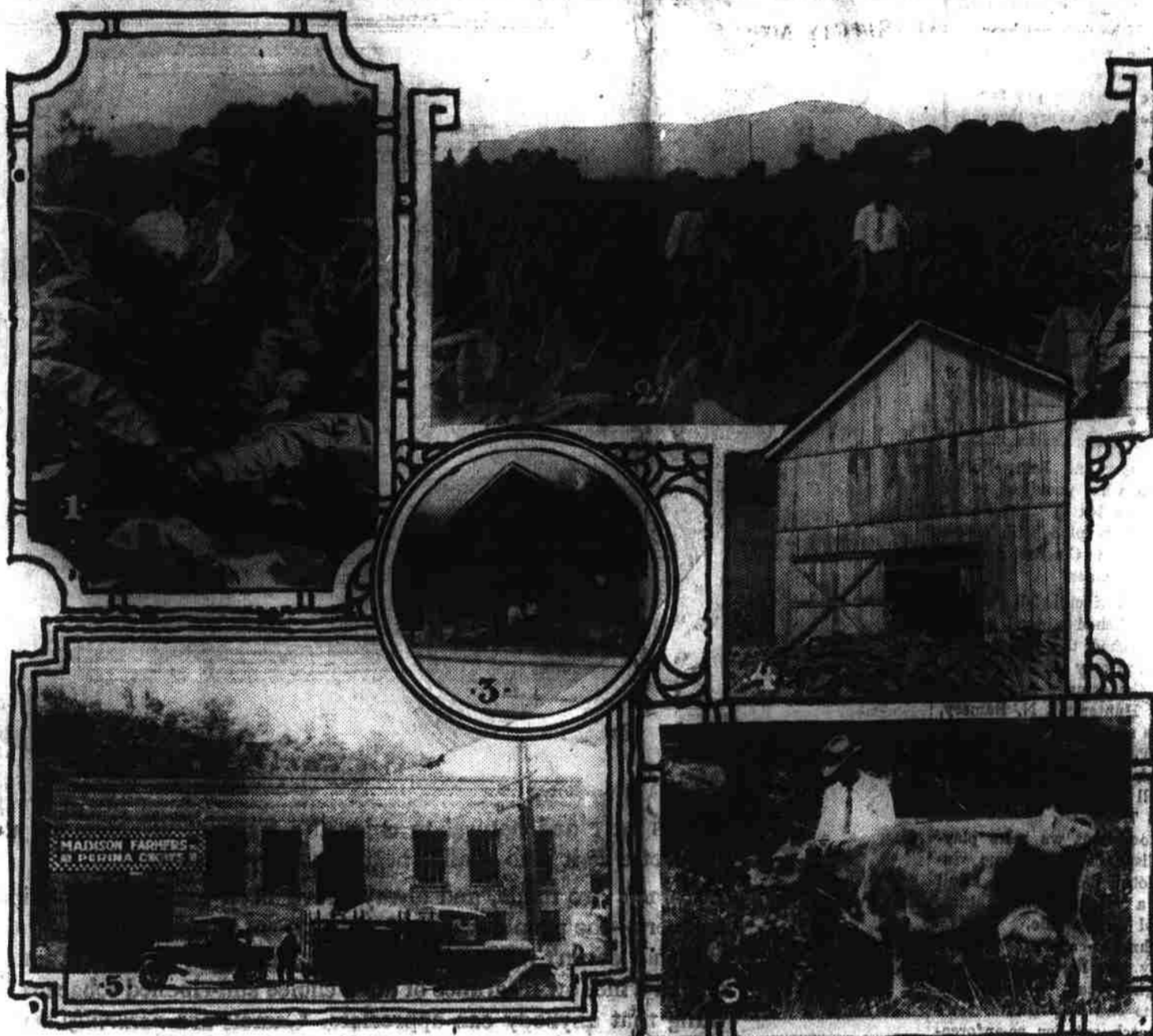
## SINGING AT SPRING CREEK

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS  
CONVENTION

According to the Asheville Citizen, more than 1,000 persons attended the Spring Creek singing convention in Madison county Sunday, guests coming from Buncombe, Haywood and Madison counties and from Tennessee communities.

Roy J. Woody conducts the conventions twice each month and each event is attended by a large crowd. The meetings are held all day and picnic luncheons are served from baskets on the grounds. The conventions are held in the Spring Creek high school building.

Feature presentations yesterday were as follows: Three quartets from Hazelwood, Spring Creek and Liberty and four choirs from Bluff, Liberty, Spring Creek and Mount Pleasant. These singing events are growing more popular throughout Western North Carolina, but the Spring Creek meets have been noted for a long time.



These views afford a comprehensive conception of the new agricultural regime now attaining fruition in Madison County under the supervision of Earle Brintnall, farm agent, and his co-workers—bankers, farmers and business men. (1) Mr. Brintnall with a growing example of the big-type Burley—Madison County farms produce so well. (2) A field of fine Burley on the Allen Brothers farm, Mars Hill, Route 2. Left is the county agent, while on the right is E. Y. Floyd, tobacco expert of the State College extension service, Raleigh, who for several years has assisted Mr. Brintnall in his "better tobacco" program. (3) The first business home of Madison Farmers, Incorporated, used for a time after the program of better farmer was inaugurated late in 1925. (4) A modern Burley barn with tobacco growing right up to the front door, on the farm of J. B. McDevitt in the Brush Creek section. (5) The new home of Madison Farmers, Inc., opened in 1929, which almost paid for itself the first year. (6) One of the purebred type of Jersey dairy cattle imported into the county as the basis for many large herds now producing thousands of pounds of butter fat.

## MADISON GROWS BUMPER 1930 TOBACCO CROP

3 Million Pounds of  
Fine Burley Will Be  
Ready For Local  
Market's Opening

By GLENN W. NAVES,  
In The Asheville Citizen-Times  
Ripening to old gold and burnished bronze and copper tints beneath the autumn sun on thousands of mountain acres in Madison county, more than 3,000,000 pounds of fine Burley tobacco are being cut and stored into curing barns, ready for first sales when the markets open in December.

All the way from the Buncombe county line westward to Tennessee busy farmers with knives, tobacco sticks and teams are working from early morning until in the evening, getting their 1930 money crop under shelter, all the while grateful that the long season of arid weather and hot dry winds touched lightly the prolific fields where since last spring they have labored to produce a record yield.

Grown mostly in sheltered coves and valleys where the moisture remained cool and plentiful while tobacco fields in many other sections of the county were scorching through the dry weeks of last summer, the greater part of the Madison county crop escaped material damage, although the cutting season was delayed a little. The yield of almost every field promises to be of good weight and fine texture, provided that frost holds off until cutting is over.

Larger Crop  
In 1929, State Department of Agriculture records show that Madison county farmers received \$663,154.00 from 2,652,615 pounds of tobacco grown on only 3,609 acres. A survey conducted the past week has re-

vealed that the tobacco production in the crops grown during the past greater than the record crop of 1929 by an increase of from one third to one half and that the majority of crops are of excellent quality.

Working in close contact with County Agent Earle Brintnall and many of the larger tobacco growers in the county, E. Y. Floyd, tobacco extension expert of State College, Raleigh, has for several years observed closely Madison's production of the weed and studied carefully its crops. In the opinion of both these men, the 1930 yield is sure to exceed by a good figure, the number of pounds grown last year and the better methods of crop planting and culture introduced by Mr. Brintnall, although he modestly shies away from any detailed discussion of this feature, have by reducing overhead expenses, labor and acreage, resulted in the crops grown during the past few years being more economically produced and marketed than ever before even in the old days when fire cured tobaccos from Madison, instead of Burley, supplied to a great extent the Asheville warehouses, at that time among the largest in the South. Mr. Brintnall has taught the proper use of fertilizers, the value of properly prepared seed beds and plant fields, the correct selection of seed, and the better methods of cutting and curing. A resume of crop figures of five years ago and last season are more than convincing that he and Mr. Floyd have been successful in their project.

Greater Impetus  
This information officially gathered from fifteen to seventy-five miles away, should give greater impetus to the warehouse campaign now being conducted in Asheville and while farmers in Madison and other counties are filling their curing barns,

the warehouse treasury coffers should be lined with green backs and work on the new brick and steel structure down on Valley Street shoved forward. Interviews with many Madison county farmers have revealed that they are looking towards Asheville for a Burley market, one which will open early in the season, attract buyers and handle tobacco in large and paying quantities. It is certain, from their point of view, that a handful of buyers will not attract sufficient barrels of tobacco or interest to bring them here, but if the market opens and is conducted similar to the long patronized East Tennessee warehouses, then the majority of all roads will lead to Asheville when the crops are converted into cash.

The advantages of the paved short route from Marshall to Asheville and the better facilities here for unloading freight shipments and accommodating trucks and wagons evidently have registered well with many growers who heretofore have had to make long trips and spend from two to four days from home in order to make sales. Many of the older tobacco growers remember well when Asheville was a leading market and paid well, and say they can see no reason why the "old days" should not be returned.

Diversified Farming  
Tobacco barns, however, are not the only places where Madison county farmers in the past few years have concentrated material wealth and any resume of its agricultural status would be very incomplete without including dairying, the growing of livestock and poultry keeping, horticulture, grain and hay farming and cooperative buying and selling. Tobacco has been retained as a cash crop and every year more and better Burley is being produced all over the county. But to this has been added several other sources of revenue, almost as productive as tobacco and as a result of this new plan, farmers generally are more prosperous and

contented.  
In the past decade much has been accomplished along agricultural lines in Western North Carolina and the records of progress in several counties are outstanding. However, to obtain an accurate conception of growth and gradual evolution of conditions in the rural sections it is best to study the locality where the opportunities have been fewer, the handicaps greater and the facilities for forging ahead more or less absent or impaired. This brings into print something of the achievements of County Agent Earle Brintnall and the agricultural expansion of his domain in Madison county which has attracted State-wide recognition. What he has done to enable his farmer friends to grow better tobacco and grow it cheaper is only one of many reasons why for the past five years he has been kept busy six days in every week and has had progressive farmers of the county to join forces with him.

A Slogan and A Program  
Based upon a slogan originated five years ago when County Agent Brintnall, a product of Iowa in the West, began his work, Madison County's farming program is diversified, all wool and county-wide. This slogan which has been given publicity and recognition all over the country, especially among agricultural leaders, has also been adopted by the farmers at home and heads many a man's list of projects. It is: "Five Cracking Good Cows and One Hundred Cracking Good Hens Properly Kept Build Bank Accounts and Farms." The slogan was published each week in the county paper along with a farm column written by the agent, and spread rapidly. Large billboards were erected to display its message to tourists and others traveling the state and county highways, and when these boards were placed, Mr. Brintnall received one of his first indications that the citizens were behind his plans and willing to cooperate. (Continued on page 3)

## BEN FRISBY SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

LOCAL MAGICIAN HAS  
FLATTERING AUDIENCE

The entertainment given at the school auditorium last Friday evening for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher Association, was a wonderful success. The saying that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," does not seem to apply to Ben Frisby. Those who have been entertained by his magic and ventriloquism are anxious to see and to hear him again. It is a flattering compliment for a local man to have an audience as large as that which witnessed Mr. Frisby's show. Despite the fact that there were many children in the audience the gross receipts from the entertainment amounted to \$164.90. Several new features were used in this entertainment which had not been used heretofore. However, some of his old tricks were equally as good as his new. How well the audience appreciated the performance was evidenced by the applause he received. Before the performance and between acts the audience was entertained by the Hunter Brothers Stringed Band. Mr. Frisby's next entertainment will be given at the Spring Creek school auditorium next Friday evening, October 3rd, at 7:45. The admission price for the Spring Creek entertainment has been reduced to 25c for adults, and 15c for children.

## McEWEN'S STORES ARE CLOSED

ALL THREE NOVELTY STORES  
UNDER ASSIGNMENT

Mr. C. B. Mashburn returned Tuesday from Jonesboro and Rogersville, Tenn., where Mr. L. M. McEwen has been operating novelty stores similar to the one in Marshall. Mr. Mashburn informs us that the two Tennessee stores, as well as the one in Marshall, have been closed, Mr. McEwen making an assignment of the whole business for the benefit of his creditors, reserving his personal property exemption. Mr. Mashburn has been appointed as the assignee. What the value of the property is has not been made known.

## SPRING CREEK TEACHER ILL

MISS CORDELL, OF ASHEVILLE,  
SUPPLYING

Mr. Cecil Smith, teacher of Science at Spring Creek, is reported seriously ill. His condition was such as to make it necessary to get a supply. Miss Mary Cordell, of Asheville, is teaching in his stead. Mr. Smith's home is somewhere in the eastern part of the state.

## GRANT McDARRIS WITHDRAWS

MRS. HOWARD RECTOR NAMED  
BY DEMOCRATS TO RUN FOR  
REGISTER OF DEEDS

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Madison County, N. C. McDevitt, Chairman, was held at the school building last Saturday night. The township chairmen of the committee were present and several others invited, making a total of some 25 present. At this meeting a written statement from Mr. Grant McDarris that he had withdrawn from the race for the office of Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket was exhibited, and the committee proceeded to appoint someone to make the race in his stead. The outcome of the matter was that Mrs. Howard Rector, of Marshall, was nominated to make the race and her announcement appears elsewhere in this paper.