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## EDUCATION BOARD MEETS NOV. 10

We are requested by Supt. Blankenship to announce that the Madison County Board of Education will meet Monday, November 10, for the transaction of its regular business.

## MASSEY REUNION

OCTOBER 19, 1930

On October 19th, many descendants of the Massey family found their way from various parts of the country to near the old homestead at Henderson Springs, where the fourth Massey reunion was held. It was a most beautiful October day and the color effects of the foliage added much beauty and decoration for the occasion. The falling leaves and the young evergreens were typical of the older and younger generations present. Of the older generations there were representatives of the late J. R. Massey of Waynesville, the late Dr. Z. D. Massey of Sevierville, Tenn.; of the late Mrs. S. E. Brown, Hot Springs, N. C.; and J. L. Massey and D. W. King of Knoxville, Tennessee; Dr. J. F. Massey of Atlantic City, N. J.; and Mrs. Martha Atchley of Maryville, Tennessee. Other relatives and friends of the family brought the number of those present up to more than 40. After partaking of a most bounteous dinner, provided by several members of the family, which included the delicious products of the mountainous country, such as wild game, honey, nuts, and the products of delicious vines, they spent an hour in most happy fellowship.

The following is a list of those present: Dr. J. F. Massey, Atlantic City, N. J.; Mrs. Z. D. Massey, Sevierville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payne, Sevierville, Tenn.; Mrs. Chas. Pack, Sevierville, Tenn.; Mr. Chas. Pack, Jr., Sevierville, Tenn.; Miss Eleanor Pack, Sevierville, Tenn.; David Pack, Sevierville, Tenn.; Miss Margaret Marshall, Adah Mullendore, Mrs. D. R. Mullendore, Mr. I. M. Mullendore, Miss Adah Mullendore, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hounsbell, Howard Hamshell, Billie Hounsbell, all of Sevierville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Massey, Mr. Robert D. Massey, Mrs. D. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. John R. King, James King, Richard King, Mildred King, Juanita Montgomery, Mrs. Hattie Gray, Mrs. Susan A. Pack, Miss Lillian Pack, Mr. W. L. Pack, all of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Martha Atchley, and Miss Merrill Atchley, of Maryville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Massey, Juanita Massey, of Waynesville; Mr. Glenn D. Brown, Mr. Claud C. Brown, Mr. Z. H. Brown, Mr. Edgar Brown, all of Clyde, N. C.; Mrs. Eulala Gillespie, Mr. Dewey Brown, Mr. Hubert Gillespie, all of Spring Creek, N. C.; Mr. Hardy Brown, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Annie M. White, Marshall, N. C.

The party wished Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Massey of Waynesville, N. C., many returns of the day, this being their 17th wedding anniversary.

Before departing for their several homes a permanent organization was effected to perpetuate further interest of the family and other such gatherings. Dr. J. F. Massey presided, and the following officers were elected:

Mr. J. L. Massey, President; Mrs. Martha Atchley, Secretary; Treasurer Mrs. Annie M. White, Reporter. All of the family living were present, but Mrs. S. M. Conataer, of Clanton, Alabama, who was kept away on account of illness. Talks were made by Dr. J. F. Massey and Mr. J. L. Massey.

After having spent several pleasant hours together the friends and relatives departed to meet for the fifth reunion at Hot Springs, N. C., July 12, 1931.

MRS. ANNIE M. WHITE.

## NOTICE!

On account of conflicting date with Civic Meeting at Mars Hill, speaking scheduled for Thursday night will be postponed. We as those from Mars Hill interested to attend meetings at Beech Glen Thursday night and California Creek Friday night.

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COM.

## OLD-TIME CANDY BREAKING ENJOYED

A party, given by Misses Annie Davis and Lassa Plemmops, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Wilson, of the Bailey Branch section last Thursday night, was enjoyed by a large crowd of the younger set of that community and Marshall. After the social hours, and after several games had been played, an old-time candy breaking was enjoyed by all present. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Van Wilson, Misses Zenna Tweed, Frances Roberson, Alma Rector, Mabel Rector, Eloise Price, Mary Wilson, Lora Rector, Lassa Plemmops, Annie Davis; Messrs. Wade Shelton, Auyer Roberts, Caney Smith, Homari Rector, Wade Rector, Charles Parris, Coleman Caldwell, Major Freeman, Earl Burnett, Robert Wilson, Hugh Bradburn, Weldon Stines, Wade Wilson.

## REV. J. M. PICKENS PASSES

MUCH LOVED MINISTER LAID  
TO REST MONDAY

Rev. James Marion Pickens, age 74, of Jupiter, (Postoffice address Alexander, N. C.), died at his home at 8:15 o'clock Saturday morning, October 25, 1930, the cause of his death being heart trouble. He had been sick for about 11 months. Funeral services were from the church at 11 o'clock Monday morning, October 27th, conducted by Rev. A. J. Sprinkle. By request the entire congregation sang the hymns, led by Rev. W. R. Tillery. The active pallbearers were: Messrs. A. J. Hunter, Estor Roberts, Bob Barrette, Clarence Crowder, Frank Hayes and John Chandler. Honorary pallbearers included Rev. L. C. Roberts, Rev. A. J. Bradley, Dr. W. F. Robinson of Mars Hill, Dr. Frank Roberts, of Marshall, Lewis Ammons, W. W. Crowder, Rev. W. R. Tillery, Rev. W. R. Owens, of Mars Hill, Rev. J. Ben Eller and Rev. Sheridan Briggs. Interment followed at the Mount Zion Methodist church cemetery, where his relatives were buried.

Surviving are two brothers, G. V. Pickens and S. B. Pickens, of Jupiter, and Mrs. N. R. McLean; three sons, J. K. Pickens, of Canton; S. W. Pickens, of Mobile, Ala., and E. F. Pickens, of Jupiter; and one daughter, Mrs. C. P. Chandler.

The deceased was a beloved minister, who for the past 35 years or more had preached at various churches all over North Carolina.

A member of the Jupiter Baptist Church and pastor of the Long Branch Church of the same denomination, Mr. Pickens continued active many years after declining health and his enfeebled condition made his work all the more strenuous. During his long ministerial career, he had visited thousands of homes, administered to many sick, baptized hundreds of people young and old, and spoken the last rites for many others wherever duty called him.

## An Explanation

**TAX LEVY MADISON COUNTY 1930 LOW-EST AMOUNT POSSIBLE—DIFFERENT PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES ARE LEVIED—THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PRODUCED—HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT—HOW TAXES MAY BE REDUCED—CONDITIONS IN UNITED STATES BETTER THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**

People are more or less agitated over the question of taxes, and what the money is spent for. The Commissioners of Madison County, after trimming everything they could, and cutting down the demand of the school board for school purposes, \$17,000, they were forced to levy a tax rate for 1930, of \$2.05 on the \$100.00 taxable property. The tax levy is made up as follows:

15c General County, produces	\$ 15,549.31
90c Six Months' School Term, produces	97,333.84
5c Outside poor, produces	5,183.10
67c Bonds, interest and sinking fund, produces	69,453.57
6c Bridges	
20c Roads—	
Roads and Bridges, produces	26,952.13
2c Jury Tax, produces	2,073.24
Dog Tax	1,976.00
<b>\$2.05 Total Levy.</b>	<b>Total \$218,521.19</b>

Add to the above amount \$5,384.00, the poll taxes, \$4,038.00 of which goes to the school fund, and \$1346.00 of the poll taxes go to the poor fund. Adding the poll taxes, the special road taxes, and the special school taxes to \$218,521.19 makes a grand total of all taxes levied and to be collected in Madison County in 1930, \$246,104.56.

The Tax Assessed value of all property Madison County for the year 1930, is	\$10,366,204.00
The taxable value of Corporation property in Madison County, 1930	3,368,568.00
Land and personal property	6,997,630.00
Tax Levy 1930	2.05
Total assessed taxable value all property in Madison County for the year 1928	10,409,525.00
Tax Levy for 1928	2.23
Total Assessed value of all property in Madison County for the year 1929	10,402,236.00
Tax Levy 1929	1.95

It will be seen that for the year 1930 the Corporations in Madison County pay one third of all the taxes, not including polls. The taxable property in Madison County for 1930 is \$36,032.00 less than it was in 1929, and \$43,321.00 less than it was in 1928.

Why is the tax rate higher in 1930 than it was in 1929? In 1929 the County received about \$25,000 from the gasoline tax, and applied it to the debt service. In 1930 the County received the same amount from gasoline tax, and applied it to debt service, which reduced the tax rate from what it was in 1928.

The taxable property in Madison County is less in 1930 than it was in 1929. That makes one part of the difference. The balance of the difference is caused by the fact that Public Local Laws, 1925, Chapter 17, Section 2, provides that the Commissioners "are hereby authorized, required, and shall set apart 5% of all the taxes collected in Madison County. . . . supplement to the General County Fund." It was found to be impossible to pay the expenses of the County without this aid.

Public Local Laws, 1929, Chapter 292, Section 2, provides that the 5% heretofore mentioned should be refunded to special tax districts to the extent where it applied to the special taxes. Under this act, the Commissioners were required to put in the 1930 County Budget, enough to return this money to certain special tax districts. This with some other discrepancies of accounting, makes the difference and shows why it was necessary to make the tax levy for 1930 \$2.05 instead of \$1.95. The total amount to be returned to the Spring

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## COURT IN MARSHALL

Superior court for the cleaning up of the civil docket convened in Marshall Monday, Judge Moore presiding. The docket had been clustered with quite a number of cases that had either to be non-suited or otherwise disposed of. The court adjourned early Monday, but resumed its work again Tuesday morning, a large part of Monday being given to the work of the clerk and lawyers to clear up the docket of unimportant cases.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics girls of Marshall High School met Tuesday, October 21 and organized a Home Ec. club. The officers are as follows: President Ruth Dennis, Vice President Estoy Cohn, Sec'y-Treas. Anna Conner.

The aims of our club will be to promote healthy, happy, democratic girlhood; develop leadership; bring home and school together; further Home Economics in general; make the community a better place in which to live.

Our first program toward carrying out our aims will be given Friday, Oct. 31, 1930. It will be centered around health. Our slogan for that day will be: A Healthful Town Means a Healthful Girlhood.

The chairman of this program is Blanche Tweed.

## HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

Song—Jolly Jack O' Lantern by 5th A grade  
Drill—A Night With the Witches by 5A girls  
A Halloween Acrostic—5A boys  
Reading—Goblins—Terra Catherine Davis  
Play—The Haunted House—Presented by students from 9B room.  
Costume Parade (open to everyone attending). A prize will be given to best costume.

Following the plays everyone will be invited to attend the many booths that offer a real night of fun. The booths will be as follows:  
1. Fishing Pond.  
2. Fortune Telling.  
3. Mystery House.  
4. Bobbing for Apples.  
5. Future Mate.  
6. Blue Beard's Wives.  
7. Freak House.

General Admission—10c and 5c.  
Admission to booths—5c.

## DR. W. N. JOHNSON SPEAKS AT MARSHALL

Dr. Walt N. Johnson of Mars Hill spoke at the Marshall Baptist church Sunday morning. From the scripture "The World is the Field", he delivered one of the most forceful messages ever delivered in Marshall. Dr. Johnson is a deep student of world movements and conditions and his sermon was not only highly entertaining and instructive but it was comprehensive and effective in its appeal to thoughtful people.

## ANOTHER COUNTY GET-TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 8

"The best time we ever had." This was the universal comment of the people, from all parts of the county, as they left the County Get-Together which was held in the, then, new warehouse of the Madison Farmers, Inc., in Marshall, last December.

The meeting last December was planned and held by the citizens of Marshall and the citizens of Madison County cooperating under the direction of the farmers' organization, Madison Farmers, and the Chamber of Commerce of Marshall, the ladies of both the town and the country lending invaluable assistance.

On Tuesday night, October 21, at a meeting of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, representatives of the Madison Farmers sought and received the help of the Chamber of Commerce in holding another County Get-Together. At this meeting a committee, composed of both ladies and men, selected from different sections of the county, was appointed to complete plans for this occasion.

Saturday this committee met and planned. The Get-Together is going to be held on Saturday, November 8, on the Island in Marshall. The program for the occasion will be planned after that of the very successful occasion of the preceding year.

Everyone is requested to meet on the Island at 11 o'clock in the morning. Each family is requested to bring a basket of good things to eat. Tables and benches will be provided by a committee consisting of Lee Tweed, Chairman, Craig Rudisill, Oakley Rector, Floyd Cassada, Clarence Ramsey, and R. R. Ramsey. The coffee for the day will be provided.

A committee of ladies, Miss Crafton, Home Agent, in charge, will arrange to take charge of the dinner, make the coffee, etc. Carl Stuart, Herschel Sprinkle and Earle Brinlall were named as a committee to arrange for music and talks. It is planned to have all music and all talks by local talent.

It is hoped to have string bands from California Creek, from Laurel, from Big Pine and others that may be secured. Vocal quartets from Spring Creek, from Upper Laurel, from Mars Hill, are expected to be present. Right here this committee requests that anyone knowing of a string band or a quartet in the county that can be secured will let them know of it.

A number of local parties will be invited to give short talks on the occasion.

Every family in Madison County is especially invited to be present at this meeting. It is the end of another year. Let's all join together and make merry.

It is expected that the question of a County Fair for 1931 will be brought up at this meeting. Think about it between now and then. There is plenty of material in Madison County for an A 1 county fair.

THE BUSINESS MEN OF MARSHALL ARE ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE TO CLOSE THEIR PLACES OF BUSINESS FROM 11:30 TILL 1:00 and join the country folks in a feed.

(Signed)—  
THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE.

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## FOR TAX COLLECTOR

TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

I have served you for the past two years, in the most unpleasant office in the County, and during one of the worst financial strains we have gone through in many years. Notwithstanding this, I feel we have gotten along very pleasantly together, and that I have several hundred new friends that I did not have two years ago.

After having learned the work of the office and having become better acquainted with the people, I feel that I am in a position to serve you better the next two years.

If you feel that I deserve, and should have, the office for the next two years, I shall greatly appreciate your vote, and any word you may say in my behalf.

Respectfully,  
B. E. GUTHRIE.