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## History Of The Marshall Baptist Church

About one hundred years ago, exact date unknown, the Marshall Baptist church was organized, and was then known as "The Old River Hill Baptist church." Some of the charter members were Shepherd Rice, Jim Davis, Davie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sawyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Ramsey. The first pastors of the church were Reverends Billie Reece and Steve Wallin, and Lee Roy Sams. Steve Wallin was elected as regular pastor.

The association possibly known as the French Broad Association, met with the Old River Hill Baptist church, in the early history of the church. The number of people attending the Association was estimated at fifteen hundred. They were divided into groups of one hundred to the family, then there were still five hundred without homes. Two visitors from another section of the country were Davie Farringsworth and Jobie Ramsey. They offered to take one hundred each, that still leaving three hundred without lodging. Mr. Farringsworth and Mr. Ramsey very graciously extended their hospitality to the other three hundred, bringing their number of guests up to two hundred and fifty each. With the services of slaves the people were taken care of.

Dr. Clark bought a farm which took in the little Old River Hill Baptist church. The church was dispossessed, thereby leaving it homeless. The church found shelter in the old Chunn house at the extreme west end of Marshall. The church at that time had about eight male members. The Chunn house was bought by Mr. Rollins, and was known as the old Rollins house. At the time the church was meeting in the Chunn house, Mr. Nealy Tweed lived there. The church was in the Chunn house, for only a short period of time, when the war came up. The church was not active for a period of time during the war.

The next move was from the old Chunn house to the Court House, about the year 1861. The members of the church at this time numbered about fifty.

A house of worship was built on Blannahassett Island, and the first pastor of the church in the new building, was Reverend Henry Gilbert who lived at Big Indian Creek a distance of about twenty miles from Marshall. Brother Gilbert walked this distance to pastor the church. It is said that at the time of one appointment, the earth was covered with snow and ice. There was some doubt about Brother Gilbert's coming. Some were watching for his appearing, and in the far distance they could discern an object. As the object drew nearer, they found it to be Brother Gilbert wrapped in an old shawl. Major Gage, who was Mrs. Will Morrow's father, was a strong supporter of the Baptist cause, and owned a dry goods store near where the court house now stands. Major Gage gave Brother Gilbert a nice overcoat. Brother Gilbert told Major Gage he didn't know when he could pay for the overcoat. Major said, "Brother Gilbert, I do not charge you anything, only to leave the shawl at home." The church still has old records made by Major Gage, when he was Clerk of the church.

Among the pastors up to this time were Jake Wild who was pastor for four years, and Reverend Mr. Jordan from Transylvania County. The membership by this time numbered about 75 or 80. Reverend John Ammons, father of Mr. A. L. Ammons, is to be numbered among those who have done much for the cause of the Marshall Baptist church.

In the June flood of 1876, the church was badly damaged; however,

some of the lumber was saved. A lot was bought at the West end of Marshall, and the lumber saved was used in the new building. The church building was used by the Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists and was known as a Union church building. All the churches worshipped at Sunday school together, the Sunday school being known as a Union Sunday school.

The Presbyterians were first to withdraw from the Union church, and to go into their own house of worship, located in the east end of Marshall.

It was about 1903, that the Rev. M. A. Wood came to the church as pastor. It was through the efforts of Sisters Mary Gage Haddins, Cora Allison and others that such a great and good man was secured. Brother Wood took hold of the work in dead earnest and he, together with his devoted wife, Lottie B. Wood, worked in and out of season. The Lord blessed and prospered their efforts and the church grew to the extent that they decided to buy a lot (Carried to Fifth Page)



Homer Lapp, three times winner of the annual wheatland plowing contest, Homer drives three horses instead of a tractor.

## HONESTY NEEDED

Through revelation of the scandals of office buying and selling in New York it has been once more impressed upon us that honesty is one of the most essential, most needed elements in our political and social life. Not enough stress has been placed in modern times on the high and laudable quality of honesty. We praise genius, ability and brilliance, but it is far better to put an honest man in office than the smartest in the state, if the smart man is not honest. The same is true about business associates.

The dishonest, or conscienceless, men have a big advantage over good, straightforward citizens. They push themselves forward and seek public posts while the dependable man, though public-spirited, waits for the office to seek him. Public opinion is too lenient with these political thieves. Thieves are cowards, and if they had to face the withering scorn they deserve they would be afraid to steal. It requires a peculiar degree of rascality indeed for a man to buy a judgeship where-by he may pass judgment on others.—The Pathfinder.

## MRS. NANCY REVIS DEAD

News reaches us as we go to press of the death of Mrs. Nancy Revis, Alexander, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, which took place about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. Mrs. Revis, age 75, was making her home with her son, McBea Revis where she died. She had been sick for some time and her death was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be at 11 o'clock Friday morning, conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin, interment following at the Frank Rector cemetery.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Oliver Revis, of Walnut; Jerry Revis, of Max Patch; Bryan Revis, of Alexander, R. 2; McBea Revis, of Alexander, R. 2; Mrs. John Tipton of Penns Grove, N. J.; Mrs. Arabella Shelton, of Marshall, R. 1; Mrs. Steve Hunter of Jupiter; Mrs. Bargin Clark, of Woodfin.

## Plants Locust Trees To Reclaim Hillside

An eroded hillside, long an eyesore on the Sugar Farm in Gaston County, will be reclaimed by the energetic work and foresight of Ralph Suggs, 4-H club member, by planting 400 black locust seedlings.

"I had been worried about those gullies for a long time," said Ralph in reporting his project to his county agent, L. B. Altman, and extension forester, R. W. Graeber, of State College. "I planted the 400 black locust seedlings on March 10 and on October 1, I made a careful checkup. At that time 385 were living and had made an average growth of 48 inches. I believe in about ten or twelve years, these trees can be used for posts or some other purpose and perhaps by then, grass will again grow on the land."

Ralph secured the trees through an offer by the State Forest Nursery to supply seedlings free of charge to club boys for club projects if they would pay 50 cents to cover the actual cost of packing and shipping. The 400 trees secured by Ralph only covered about one-half of the eroded field and he plans to set out at least 400 more this winter.

Commenting on this work by the Gaston club boy, Mr. Graeber says hundreds of farmers in the Piedmont and Mountain sections of North Carolina could profit by this

## HOT SPRINGS B. Y. P. U. HOLDS SOCIAL

The Baptist Young People's Union of the Hot Springs Baptist church held its first social Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock. This B. Y. P. U. has been organized for only two months and is doing a splendid work. The President, Willford Reese, was in school at Mars Hill College last year. He carries this work in heart at all times and is glad to respond to anything of a religious nature.

The present were: Eula Fowler, Ada H. Johnson, Allie Reese, Ed. Candler, Ed. Calloway, Joe Hazlewood, Leonard Reese, Grover Fowler, C. T. Garardo, Victor Corbett, Maud Connett, Mary Johnson, Beatrice A. Lee, Carloline Lee, Nina Blackwell, and Henderon. Lucile Callie, Mary Foster and Willford Reese.

The B. Y. P. U. has a future. Let us always encourage our young people in the work of our Master.

experience. The Black Locust tree is a legume, the stems are flexible and strong, and is therefore a soil building plant. It takes nitrogen from the air and stores it in the soil. The roots hold the soil and keep it from washing and many sore spots on farms could be cured by this simple treatment.

Mr. Graeber suggests that other club boys planting the trees in their project work might work out a plan with their county agent to get the trees free of charge. The Nursery charges adults \$3 a thousand.

Ten purebred ewes and one registered Hereford beef bull were added to the breeding stock of Alleghany county farmers last week.

Avery onion growers shipped 5,000 pounds of high grade white onion, carefully graded and packed in 100 pound bags to outside markets as the beginning of a new crop industry in the county this season.

Yellow corn, ranking high in nutritive qualities, yielded equally as well as the white varieties grown in tests with ten varieties in Caswell County this summer.

Eleven Jersey cows were purchased by Beaufort county farmers at an auction sale held in Washington last week.

## We Should Increase Seal Sale

We must increase the Seal Sale this year.

Tuberculosis shows an increase during times of stress and depression—in Germany during the war the increase in the death rate from Tuberculosis was more than 100 per cent—so in our state at this time it is up to us to INCREASE OUR SEAL SALE and increase our health work long all lives.

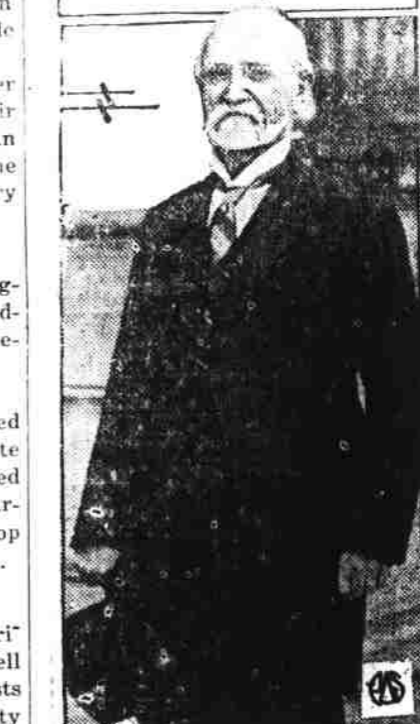
Yes, money is tighter in some ways and yet every one seems to have money to do the things they want to do. With the collaboration at Kings Mountain, October 7th, entirely proper and wise—50,000 people present, expenditures of over half million dollars. Witness the football games, the picture shows, automobile stunts, etc., our job is to make all the people want to buy

Christmas Seals. We are fortunate in that our smallest unit of sale is only a penny, while the largest may be any amount.

Mr. E. R. Elmore, Mars Hill, N. C., has been appointed County Seal Sale Chairman for Madison County for the 23rd Annual Christmas Seal Sale. She has appointed the following chairman: Miss Ethel English, Beach Glen School, Ivy, N. C.; Miss Mary Carter, Ebbs Chapel School, East, N. C.; Mr. Wayne Farmer, Hot Springs, N. C.; Mrs. Fred Sams and Mrs. O. M. Jarvis, Mars Hill, N. C. We are very anxious to perfect an organization in the county at once so we can begin the Sale promptly November 28th.

The best and most perfect piece of work to do, take now is nutrition work in the schools, coupled with health habit formation work.

## Senior Congressman



Hon. Henry Allen Cooper, 80, of Wisconsin, who has served 38 years in Congress and has just been re-nominated.

## DAIRY COWS CHEAP SHOULD BUY NOW

Farmers, especially those located in eastern North Carolina, now have the best opportunity they have had in years to buy young dairy animals at reduced prices.

"In the drought sections of Virginia and Tennessee, hundreds of good dairy animals may be bought at beef prices," says A. C. Kimrey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "These are mostly grade animals but are of high quality. They can be shipped into eastern North Carolina on farms where there is sufficient feed to carry them through the winter and may be grown into excellent cows."

When the heifers are two years old, they may be sold as cows or kept for dairy purposes on the farms where they have been matured, says Mr. Kimrey. At such an age, the cows are ready to pay a good market price for all the feed they can consume and convert into milk and cream. Every farm may ship some cream to one of the many creameries now operating all over the State. The skim milk may be fed to calves, poultry and hogs.

Mr. Kimrey says it should be kept in mind at all times that dairy cattle can convert their feed into more pounds of human food than any other kind of domestic livestock. Then, too, he says, eastern Carolina needs to grow more dairy cows on its farms. In addition to having conditions suitable for growing large amounts of cheap feeds suitable for cows, there is always a good market in the section for milk cows.

Breeders of milk cows can sell their animals for \$100 a head and above for the good ones. This means that there is always a steady, reliable market for the grass, grain and hay which could be grown on lands now producing other crops at heart-breaking prices. No other section of North Carolina can produce as abundant yields of good legume hay at such low cost, says Mr. Kimrey.

It was her first real view of a cotton plantation with the plants all in full bloom, the endless fields of white causing her no end of wonderment. They stood spell-bound at the spectacle until the young lady broke the silence by remarking:

"What a wonderful crop of powder puffs! It's the first time I've seen them actually growing!"—Ex.

Mr. Spendix—Any installments due today?"

Mrs. Spendix—No, dear, I think not.

Mr. Spendix—Any payments due on the house, the radio, the furniture the rugs, or the books?"

Mrs. Spendix—No.

Mr. Spendix—Then I have ten dollars we don't need. What do you say if we buy a new car?"—Hardware Age.

## SUING THE SAMARITAN

Let us suppose that when the Good Samaritan was transporting the poor robber victim to the inn on his beast that that beast had fallen down and broken the leg of the charity passenger. Would it seem right for the fellow to bring suit for damages against the Good Samaritan?

Such a suit would be something like the many suits which have been brought against motorists by their guest passengers after accidents in which perhaps both suffered. When two men are riding together the owner and driver who is furnishing everything is also supposed to be liable for any possible damage to the other whether the guest was invited or had begged for the ride. The idea is so absurd that seven states have passed laws on the subject, providing, generally, that the free-riding guest cannot recover damages unless the driver caused the accident intentionally or through willful misconduct. That would be equivalent to assault. That is reasonable, and all other states should fall in line. It takes care, too, of the abuse of friends or kin seeking accident insurance money—in collusion with the driver. The guilty one should be punished, whether driver or guest, but both should accept risks alike.

—The Pathfinder.

