

## NO COURT IN MARSHALL NEXT WEEK

**COURT TO BE HELD FIRST  
MONDAY IN JANUARY**  
ALL JURORS, WITNESSES AND  
DEFENDANTS SUMMONED FOR  
NOVEMBER TERM, EXPECTED  
IN MARSHALL JANUARY 5TH,  
1931

The News-Record wishes to set its readers straight as to when the next term of court will convene in Marshall. It has gotten into print around Marshall that the court will convene next Monday, with Judge McElroy presiding. We are reliably informed that this is a mistake, and that the next term of court to be held in Marshall will be the first Monday in January, 1931, which date will be January 5. As stated in The News-Record before, all Jurors, Witnesses, Defendants, and any others who were summoned to attend the November term, will be expected to be in hand when court convenes January 5. We trust that this notice will be sufficient to prevent people from coming to Marshall next Monday expecting to attend court, for if the weather continues as it is now, it will cause great inconvenience to people living in the remote sections of the county to make the trip for nothing.

## THANKSGIVING IN MARSHALL

The Union service at the Methodist church at ten o'clock Thursday morning was attended by a goodly number, more than would naturally be expected in view of the fact that the ground was practically covered with snow and the thermometer had gone down to the low level of 11 the night before. The pastor of the church, Rev. S. C. Weatherly, was prevented (doubtless by the weather) from attending. However, Dr. J. T. M. Knox, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marshall, was present and delivered the Thanksgiving sermon as scheduled. He selected as the text for his discussion a part of the 4th chapter of Ephesians, and discussed the subject of thanksgiving quite ably. Among the many good ideas advanced by the preacher, one of the most striking was that times of distress and depression, such as our country is going through at this time, often result in thanksgiving. While this may seem strange, the idea was that such conditions bring people to their senses, cause them to think seriously, and when they do, they begin counting their blessings, which results in thanksgiving. Gratitude is the condition of the mind and heart rather than the pocketbook. It is to be regretted that a greater number of people did not hear the splendid sermon of Dr. Knox.

An offering was taken to be divided among the three churches participating in the service, doubtless to apply on their funds for charity.

The hymns used at this service were in keeping with the season, as were also the church decorations. "Thanks Be To God," was very effectively rendered as a solo by Mrs. R. W. Zink, Mrs. Carl Stuart; at the piano. Mrs. Leedom, a missionary from California, was present and led the congregation in prayer, having been called upon by Dr. Knox.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of this month will be held at Walnut Free Will Baptist church, beginning Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock and closing Sunday afternoon. Rev. George Briggs is the Moderator. Everybody is cordially invited.

J. A. MARTIN.

Agatha—That man had the nerve to kiss me.  
Gazoo—Her certainly did.  
—The Pathfinder.

## MARRIED FOR LIFE

J. HENRY ROBERTS ATTACKS  
ARTICLE IN NEWS-RECORD  
OCTOBER 3, 1930

4800 West Fort St.,  
Detroit, Michigan,  
Nov. 14, 1930.

Editor The News-Record:—  
In your issue of October 3 was published a letter headed, "Shall Protestant Clergy Refuse To Marry Divorced People?" The problem of "de-bunking" marriage with a view to bolstering the Christian home on its shaky foundation should be the duty of all Christians and church workers. The Presbyterians have an organization to that effect and ask the aid of all churches. There is today a real need for de-bunking marriage and divorces. The false values which which have attached to both marriage and divorce must be eradicated, and for this service we must depend upon the ministry of all denominations to assist youth in avoiding the tragedies and to provide for all access to a normal Christian home. The Christian idea of marriage is a permanent union of one man with one woman. This ideal antedated Victoria by more than 1900 years. It is, moreover, acknowledged by science to be the most satisfactory solution of this problem which the human race has yet developed; and yet that writer would have its readers believe that it is a product of the "hustle" period and equally subject to abandonment, as fashions change and a man or woman should take love wherever they find it. I believe the writer of that letter is a minister of the gospel and as I understand his letter, he is advocating a crusade to free the "right" of men and women to take love where they find it, from the interference of the laws of man against fornication, adultery, and incest. It is true that the problem of marriage is a civil contract between man and woman so far as that goes and so far as the laws of man are concerned, but my Bible, Mark 10:6, 7, 8, Jesus speaking to the Pharisees, said: "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh, so then they are no more twain but one flesh."

When a man and woman have married, they are one flesh so long as they both live. Mark 9:9 "What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder". The 11th and 12th verses read: "And he saith unto them (Jesus speaking to his disciples) 'Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery.' Any married life is what the contracting parties make it, and when one begins to cheat they begin to be suspicious and it grows on that party till it makes life a hell for them.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive."

My idea is that any clergy that would perform a marriage ceremony of a divorced couple aids and assists the couple in adultery, and his authority as a minister of God should be revoked. Luke 16: 17, 18 Jesus speaking to his disciples, "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than one tittle of the law to fail. Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another committeth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." This free love, a woman who is any man's woman can marry, divorce, and marry a-

gain and as often as they wish till marriage with that class of women and men has become a joke, and the laws of man upholds it till a woman can get divorce if her husband kisses her too often, or if he doesn't talk to her enough; or at least, it has been done. Any kind of excuse and get a divorce through the courts. Marriage has become such a joke that I have known people to get married one day and separate the next morning and go to court later and get a divorce for non-support; and the writer of the letter of October 3 approves and says that a clergy should marry a couple of that kind, as the laws of man give him that authority.

When a couple have married, they are married for life. When we are dead we are dead. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail." Then with all these science and modern days, why can't the dead be revived? No, God's law still stands, and the dead cannot be revived; and when divorced people get married, it's still a case of adultery, and science and modern days don't change it. If we die and go to hell, we are there and did it ourselves and all science and modern days will not get us out. We'll have to stay there.

Yours for the best,  
J. HENRY ROBERTS.

## Madison County Man Attacked By Negro

With three stitches necessary to patch a wound in his head, Harley McIntosh, of the Big Laurel section of Madison County, last night was wondering about the type of hospitality extended visitors to the Land of the Sky.

McIntosh told officers he was walking along Southside avenue in Asheville when a negro, later identi-

fied as Millard Gray, suddenly attacked him. McIntosh could assign no reason for the attack. Gray is being held in the city jail in Asheville without bond.

## AT HOT SPRINGS

Hot Springs Schools and Churches  
Observe Thanksgiving Day by  
Special Program

Hot Springs, November 27.—Approximately 350 school children participated in a special Thanksgiving program given in the High School auditorium. The program was as follows: Song, Thanksgiving Morning; Scripture, Dan Brazille; Prayer, Rev. Mr. Garenflo; The Governor's Proclamation, John Davis; Thanksgiving Acrostic, First Grade; The Story of the First Thanksgiving, Illa Mae Waldrop; Song, Seventh Grade; Thanksgiving in the Barnyard, First and Second Grades; Thanksgiving Fun, Jerome Lewis; Dialogue, Pauline Plemmons and Ethel Fowler; Song, Third Grade; Song, Thanksgiving Day, Sixth Grade; Dramatization, Turkey for the Stuffing, Fourth Grade; Reading, Thanksgiving Day, Catherine Lewis; Poem, Joe Brazill; Farmer Brown's Turkey, Second Grade; Thanksgiving Poem, Catherine Williams; Song, America the Beautiful—School.

Christmas holidays begin on Tuesday, December 23, and end December 29.

Special Thanksgiving services were held this morning at 8:00 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Mr. Caudill conducting. At 11:00 o'clock Dr. Finley conducted services at the Presbyterian church.

## COUNTY'S NOTES FINALLY SOLD

Mr. Hendricks At Last Successful  
In Placing Madison's \$180,000  
NOTES

After a great deal of effort on the part of Mr. Hendricks, the \$180,000 of Madison County notes have been disposed of at a private sale. Mr. Hendricks informs us that he received absolutely no bids in response to his advertising. It began to appear as if Madison would default in its obligations, for the first time in its history, and Mr. Hendricks considers that the county was extremely fortunate in placing these notes for the reason that if the county had defaulted, that fact would always be thrown up by bond buyers. The sale was made to Eyer & Company, 44 Wall Street, New York City, and the rate of interest is 5%, the notes being dated November 15, 1930 and due November 15, 1931.

## GETS GOOD PRICE FOR TOBACCO CROP

MR. T. W. WHITEHURST SELLS  
TOBACCO AT 20c BEFORE  
OPENING DAY

Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Marshall, received a letter from his father, Mr. T. W. Whitehurst, of near Greenville, Tennessee, Friday morning, in which the statement was made that he had already sold his crop of Burley tobacco for 20c a pound. It has been announced by the various warehouse men that the Burley tobacco market will open December 10. The fact that Mr. Whitehurst was able to get such a price for his crop is encouraging, as it shows that the purchaser at least has confidence in the sales that will be made when the market is open. Mr. Whitehurst received \$929.00 for three acres of tobacco.

## CARRY FOOD TO MARS HILL FOR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

TRUCK TO GO TO  
ORPHANAGE  
NEXT WEEK

The people of Mars Hill and vicinity are preparing to send a truck to Thomasville the first of next week carrying farm products or any articles of food to the Baptist Orphanage. It was intended that this truck make this trip as a part of the Thanksgiving offering this week, but due to the unfavorable weather conditions, the trip was postponed until next week. All who can should contribute something to the support of the orphanage. And there are many people who could spare something from their home or farm, but who

could not spare money. It takes something like \$600 a day to run this Orphanage, feeding, clothing and educating around 1200 children, and any articles of food, etc., can be used and are appreciated. Don't let this Thanksgiving pass without having done your bit to help those less fortunate than you. If you can spare a ham, chickens, turkeys, potatoes, corn, vegetables, or anything that can be used for food, take it at once to Mars Hill, where it will be loaded on a truck and carried free of charge to the Orphanage. Such articles may be left with any of the stores at Mars Hill or the Bank. As the truck is going anyway, let's fill it up and gladden the hearts of the children who need your support.

## IS COUNTY AGENT WORK TO STOP?

TEACHERS'  
MEETING  
(CONTRIBUTED)

The large attendance of the Madison teachers at a meeting last Saturday was certainly evidence of their interest in the school work of the county. When it was found in mid-week that a member of the State Department of Education could be present at a teachers' meeting on the following Saturday, a call was issued asking the teachers to come in. The response was gratifying. Notified late and not expecting a meeting, the teachers responded en masse, nearly everybody being present. Could there be a greater evidence of their interest in the work?

And the meeting was a good one. Two entertaining numbers, short but full of ideas, prefaced the program. The pupils of Mrs. Roberts' room gave a Thanksgiving program, which showed an excellent background in English and history. The children were natural, full of pep, and easily carried their audience back to 1621 in the old Plymouth colony. The exercises from a teaching standpoint were excellent in that they brought out correlations and leads into other fields. The teacher training class gave an original play, "Does It Pay?", showing something of their work in English and Education.

Dr. Sams, who has done valuable work in the schools of Madison, gave a very helpful talk in "Health". Dr. Sams is fully aware of the health conditions of the county. He has inoculated against typhoid. He has taken time from his busy life to weigh and measure the children in the Marshall school. He has spoken to the Parent-Teacher Association. He has encouraged in every way the Hot Lunch project. He himself is often a smiling visitor at the lunch counter, as the little folks file by. Well, when all is said, he made a good heart-to-heart talk to the teachers, which took root because of his genuine interest. Casually he mentioned the Hot Lunch project, praising Miss Whitted, who has been a big factor in its inauguration and existence, and the Parent-Teacher Association.

Miss Juanita McDougald, of the State Department of Education, made a talk to the teachers on "Health". This year the reading circle work of the county takes the form of a health program, each teacher who attends meetings and fills out questionnaires having completed the course. Miss McDougald was very interesting as she hit the nail on the head and checked on some really constructive Health work in Madison. Her program for the county will mean much to the individual child in helping him early to correct physical defects, and to the teacher in helping her to get at fundamentals. Miss McDougald is a live wire and her contacts with the teachers mean much.

Supt. Blankenship thanked Dr. Morrison, who graciously attended the meeting with his Extension class.

Dr. Morrison spoke interestingly to the teachers about the Health program. He is a favorite with the Madison teachers.

Superintendent Blankenship presided throughout the meeting. He was all smiles because of the large attendance, because of the interest of the teachers, and because of the Health work that is being done in Madison.

The next teachers' meeting will be held January 24, 1931, at which time Miss McDougald will again be present and check on the follow-up work from this meeting.

GUY V. ROBERTS ARGUES  
FOR RETAINING WORK

The County papers announce that the Commissioners have decided to discharge the County Agent and do away with County Agent work in Madison County. I am sorry to see this and truly hope that they will reconsider the matter. I think no action could be taken which would be more destructive to the well being of Madison County than this.

I have figured out that the office of County Agent costs the farmers only \$300 a year and that the remainder of the salary is paid by the U. S. Government and State Government and corporations. Whether they retain a County Agent or do not, will make very little difference in your tax rate. Madison County is solely an agricultural county. The County Agent is, or should be, the key, or central man, for all the farmers. When you do away with the farm agent, you do away with all hope of organization among farmers and with all hope of participating in state or government relief. It is most unfortunate to do away with the federal government's farm agent at a time when the federal government is preparing to spend untold millions in helping the farmers.

When Mr. Brintnall came to our County there was not a good henhouse in it. Now you may find modern and up-to-date poultry houses on every hand. He is getting many people interested in standard poultry. He has helped to build up one of the best poultry and egg markets where farmers can sell their poultry and eggs for cash and then trade where they please. He has established, thru the cooperation of progressive farmers, the farm bureau in Marshall which has saved thousands of dollars to the farmers of Madison County during the past season alone. The business of this concern alone, for the first ten months of this year, has amounted to \$33,000 and business was done with a margin of 6% out of which all expenses were paid. This concern has given a market to the farmers every day in the year where they could sell their poultry and their eggs for the best prices obtainable. This market has paid as much or more than any market in Western North Carolina.

No cream was shipped nor ever had been shipped from Madison County before Mr. Brintnall came here. Since the organization of the cream business the farmers have shipped 84000 pounds of cream, receiving therefore \$36,000 in cold cash.

I could go on indefinitely and show you where he has introduced root-rot resistance tobacco into the County, where corn and tobacco yields have been trebled by scientific methods, where wool pools have been formed, and cooperative shipments of lambs and plans for future shipments have been made. I hold no brief for Mr. Brintnall, but as an owner of farm lands, as a large taxpayer, and as a citizen of Madison County I want to protest against any action that will bring our present progressive agricultural plans to an end. If this work is stopped, the farmers of the County will have no one to direct their activities. It means a backward step for the County. I think it will mean closing the Farm Bureau and I think it will further mean placing us back in the hands of the people who heretofore sold us a \$1.75 bag of fertilizer for \$3.50.

This is not intended as an attack upon our County Commissioners. I consider them honest, conscientious men, but I hope they will reconsider this matter and support the County farm work.

GUY V. ROBERTS.