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SHOWS OBJECTIONABLE SIDES OF MADISON DAM PROPOSITION

By Kenneth Silver

In the last issue of the News-Record Mr. Story (may he live to be a hundred and fifty) advanced in a front-page editorial that all citizens and civic organizations in Madison County should make it their solemn duty to advocate the erection of two government dams in the county, one between Marshall and Ivy river and the other at Deep Water bridge, a short distance above Hot Springs.

Serious thought should be given to this proposition. In the first place, what benefit would it be to Madison County? We grant that for a time it would bring considerable money into the county. Business would flourish. There would in all probability be a boom. But what lasting effect would these dams have on Madison County?

Mr. Betts advanced the idea that the railroad run from Knoxville to Ridgecrest. Now the people of this county think very little about the railroad. In fact, we seldom ride on a train. But of the \$125,361.95 this county must pay as taxes \$28,878.12 is paid by the railroad. Add \$3,610.86 to taxes for the town of Marshall and approximately the same amount at Hot Springs and it makes about one-fourth of the county taxes. If the government takes over several thousand acres of land in the county this will of course be tax-exempt, raising the normal tax burden to at least twice its present rate for those of us who are still fortunate enough to own land.

The erection of a dam would mean that the "Million Dollar Highway" between Marshall and Asheville would be inundated. This is one of the most beautiful drives in North Carolina. Traffic would be either through Mars Hill or through the Sandy Mush section or the main Asheville-Knoxville traffic could be easily turned through Yancey county by way of Cane River or swing southward over the Doggett Gap road. This would of course leave Marshall in the same position that Walnut is in with reference to the main highway. From a civic standpoint, Mar-

shall has little to gain and much to lose.

The erection of such a dam just east of Marshall would prove a constant menace to the town, at least for a few years, until, like the Ivy Dam, it becomes only a frog pond, and not a very good one at that. The land would be ruined. Backed all the way to Sexton on Bull Creek and Delk's Cliff on Ivy and almost to the depot at Asheville the artificial lake will be full during the winter months when there is no need for it and below normal in the summer months when such an eye-sore will hurt, not help tourist trade.

Civic organizations should think twice before trying to have the dams placed in this county which, as it is, is one of the best situated, financially, in the state. It would prove a boon for several years but then what? Let Asheville and the counties on the headwaters of the French Broad scrap for the dubious project. It is a pipe dream and is likely to prove a white elephant on some county's hands.

Song Convention To Meet

The French Broad singing convention will meet at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Madison Seminary on the Mars Hill road.

H. V. Hunter, chairman of the convention, invites all classes, quartets, and groups of singers to attend. The cool auditorium room of the Seminary church will be especially attractive Sunday during the hot afternoon.

DECORATION AT SHOAL HILL CEMETERY

There will be a Decoration at Shoal Hill cemetery July 15, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Preaching will be at eleven at the cemetery. The Rev. B. E. Guthrie and the Rev. J. A. Martin will speak. There will also be singing at the church Sunday afternoon. All singing classes and quartettes are invited.

MADISON OFFICERS CAPTURE ROBBERS FROM BUNCOMBE

Two Pistols, Rifle, And Other Weapons Found In Car

Larry Fant and James Wright, who gave their address as a small town in South Carolina, were captured Saturday night by members of the Sheriff's department after the Marshall officers had been notified that the two boys had driven away from the Alexander service station without paying their bill. They were charged with highway robbery and turned over to members of the Asheville police department.

The two boys, Mr. Evins the station proprietor said, stopped at the station and ordered gasoline, oil, and cigarettes. After the car had been serviced the boys ordered drinks and while they were being brought drove toward Marshall. The Marshall officers were notified and met the car at the Panhandle curve. It was raced back to Rollins before it was stopped. The boys did not resist arrest.

In the automobile were found two .38 caliber pistols, a .22 rifle, a long razor, a pair of rubber gloves, and a number of 12 gauge shotgun shells loaded with buckshot and lead slugs. Deputies making the arrest were Manuel Shelton, Eldridge Leake, and Hubert Davis and Hubert Worley, town policeman.

CONVENTION HELD

The Spring Creek Convention held its regular meeting Sunday, June 24th, at Liberty. The convention was opened by prayer by Bro. Bright of Bluff.

The visiting classes were Shelton Bros. quartette from Clyde and Waynesville, N. C. The Spring Creek classes who attended were Bluff choir, Bethel choir, Ball City choir, Lusk Chapel choir, Liberty choir and Mt. Pleasant choir. There was some wonderful singing rendered, and it was greatly enjoyed by all, especially the quartette from the Shelton Bros.

We wish to thank each visiting choir for participating with us in the singing, and will be glad for them to be with us again.

To any and all singing classes, we extend a hearty welcome into our singing conventions, held each month. The next meeting will be at Bluff Baptist church and on the 4th Sunday in July.

The public's cooperation with the convention, shown by attendance, will be appreciated.

Again we invite you to the singing conventions.
MR. DOCK PLEMMONS, Pres.
D. C. KIRPATRICK, Secretary

MARS HILL

H. Clay Cox Called By Death

H. Clay Cox, 47, prominent business man and Republican leader of Mars Hill, died suddenly at his home here early Saturday morning. He had been in declining health for two years, but was seriously ill only about a week.

Mr. Cox was chairman of the Republican Congressional committee in the 10th district and was manager of the campaign of Calvin R. Edney, of Mars Hill, the Republican nominee for Congress in the 10th district. He was also campaign manager for Charles A. Jonas, of Lincoln, when Jonas was elected to Congress on the Republican ticket in this district.

Mr. Cox was former secretary of the city school board at Shelby and was a salesman for the Davis Manufacturing company, of Knoxville, Tenn., before ill health forced his retirement from active business two years ago. He moved to Mars Hill from Shelby three years ago.

He was a member of the Mars Hill Baptist church and was active in church work and in the men's Bible class.

Mr. Cox was a native of Tennessee and attended Carson-Newman college at Jefferson City, Tenn. He is survived by six sons, Don, James, Quentin, Lyndon, Virgil, and H. Clay, Jr., one daughter, Julia, two brothers, Amon, of Careysville, Tenn., and Paris, of La-follette, Tenn., and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Marlowe, of Vasper, Tenn., and Mrs. McKinley Lowe, of Vasper.

The funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Mars Hill Baptist church with the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Olive, officiating. Burial followed in Mars Hill cemetery.

Shelby Girl Is Bride Of Zeno Wall, Jr.

A wedding uniting members of two prominent Shelby families was that of Miss Ruth May Laughridge, to Mr. Zeno Wall, Jr., Friday evening at Central Methodist church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller Laughridge, and the groom is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall. The church was attractively decorated with evergreens and summer flowers, interspersed with cathedral tapers in branched candelabra. The family of the groom formerly resided in Asheville and has a wide connection in Buncombe county.

A program of wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Hubert Plaster, organist, Mr. John Corbett and Mr. Woodrow Wall, vocalist, and Dr. Hubert Plaster, violinist.

Attending the bride were Miss Mildred Laughridge, her only sister, as maid of honor, and Mrs. Ollie Harris and Miss Ada Ramsey Wall, both sisters of the bridegroom. Mr. Joe Laughridge and Mr. Walter Laughridge, brothers of the bride, served as junior groomsmen. Ushers were Mr. Hubert Wilson, Mr. Alfred Eskridge, Mr. James Eskridge, Mr. John Hendrick, Mr. Pegram Holland, Mr. Dow Shepard, and Mr. Holland Jamison, of Florida. Mr. Yates Ammons served as his brother's best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. An attractive brunette, her wedding gown was of brocaded white taffeta made on fitted lines. She wore a shoulder-length veil, with a Kappa Delta rose worn as a pendant, as her only ornament. Her going-away costume was a swagger suit of natural color tweed with brown accessories.

Mrs. Wall received her edu-

cation at Queen-Chicora college, and was a member of Kappa Delta sorority there. She attended the 1930 debutante ball in Raleigh. The groom went to Boiling Springs Junior college and Wake Forest college, starring athletics at both. He is a member of Pi Gamma fraternity.

Following a wedding trip through Western North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Wall make their home here.

Garden Club Has Guest Speaker

The garden club, which has taken for its summer project, "Improvement of the Town's Appearance," held its second meeting of the season last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. F. Robinson. Since Weaverville has already made much progress along the line mentioned, the president of the garden club of that town, the Rev. Mr. Castro, was secured by the leader for the day, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, to tell of beginnings there. His talk brought out the fact that tourists and visitors remember towns with well kept lawns and flower gardens, and wish to come back to such pretty places. The twenty or more members of the club are enthusiastic about plans for beautifying "The Hill". The Girl Scouts are lending a hand, too, in this campaign. Mrs. J. B. Huff, Mrs. Lippard, Miss Beulah Bowden, and Mrs. J. W. Huff, associate hostesses with Mrs. Robinson, served an ice course at the end of the program. Other out-of-town guests were Mrs. Graham, of Hamlet, and Mrs. Padgett, of Grover.

Personals

Professor and Mrs. S. O. Tretham spent the week-end in Gattinburg, Tenn., where they carried Mr. Trentham's mother, who had been with them for about three months.

Miss Julia Cox and brothers, H. Clay, Jr., and James, returned last Thursday from a month's visit to relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunnicutt have been spending a few days here with relatives.

Misses Emily Louise and Peggy Brown, of Weaverville, were the guests last week of their aunt, Mrs. D. M. Robinson.

The Rev. and Mrs. Luther Vann and children, of Bakersville, have been the guests of Mrs. L. L. Vann during the preachers' school. They, with Mrs. Olive, attended the W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest Monday.

Mrs. Zeno Wall and daughter, Miss Ada Ramsey, and sons, Woodrow and Yates, have returned to "The Hill" after being away last week for the wedding of the eldest son, Zeno, Jr., an account of which is given in another place in this paper.

Comedy To Be Given At Mars Hill July 11

Much interest is being shown in the play, "Oh, Professor," that is to be given here on Wednesday P.M. of next week. Since most people of this little town enjoy a play. The P.-T. A. is sponsoring the affair, which is including a baby contest and some other items of interest. Miss Emmie Durham is directing the play for the Wayne P. Sewell Producing Company of Atlanta, Ga.

The class composition was on "Kings," and this is what one boy wrote:

"The most powerful kind on earth is Wor-king; the laziest, Shir-king; one of the worst, kings, Smo-king; the wittiest, Jo-king; the quietest, Thin-king; the thirstiest, Drink-king; the most stylish, Win-king, and the noisiest, Tal-king."

PROMINENT HOT SPRINGS WOMAN TAKES OWN LIFE JULY FOURTH

SPORTS

By Kenneth Silver

Piney Grove added another to their list of victories last Saturday when they swamped Walnut 11-3. The boys from out at Jewelhill didn't seem to be hitting the ball, getting only two hits off Caldwell while the two Thomas pitchers allowed fourteen. The game was loosely played.

Batteries were: Marshall, Caldwell and Burnett; Walnut, Thomas, Thomas, and Ramsey. Thomas, "Husky" Rector led the hitting with 2 for 4, a double and triple.

INDIANS TRIM MARSHALL

The Cherokee Indians trimmed the Marshall team in the Fourth of July encounter to the tune of 7-6 in a 10-inning struggle that was interesting all the way. Caldwell, pitching for Marshall, was strong until about the fifth frame when he weakened, allowing the bases to be loaded and then walking in a run.

Marshall scored in the first, third, eighth and tenth innings with the Redskins running over scores in the fifth, seventh, and tenth. Batteries were: Marshall—Caldwell and Ramsey; Cherokee—Bradley and Shell.

Nix got two doubles, Haynie two; Cohn a triple, and Facknake for the Indians got a triple and starred at shortstop.

CANNING SCHOOLS

The canning schools conducted by Mrs. R. R. Ramsey, County Home Demonstrator for the Emergency Relief Administration, will be held next week at 9 A.M. at the following places:

Monday—White Rock High School
Tuesday—Mars Hill H. S.
Wednesday—Hot Springs Community House
Thursday—Walnut H. S.
Friday—Marshall H. S.
SARAH E. ELMORE, Supervisor

HOT SPRINGS GIRL WINS IN BEAUTY CONTEST

Womanless Wedding Postponed

The "Womanless Wedding", advertised last week to have been staged July 4 in Marshall, was postponed till a later date.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse English, of Mars Hill, Saturday, June 30, a son.

FORE—COATES

Mr. Ollie Fore, son of Mr. Jesse Fore of Marshall, and Miss Delphia Coates, attractive daughter of Mrs. John Coates of Marshall, were married June 30 at Spartanburg, S. C.

We wish for them a long, happy life of joy, peace, and prosperity.

MOVES STORE

Nat Holcombe, who has been running a meat market beside the postoffice, is now operating a meat market and grocery in the building formerly operated by the Rector Cash Grocery.

Poor Health Believed To Have Been The Cause Of The Rash Act

Mrs. W. R. Ellerson, 43, member of a prominent family of this section, and a sister of W. N. Garrett, of Asheville, committed suicide about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home at Hot Springs by shooting herself through the right temple with a revolver, dying instantly. She was alone in her room at the time.

Her daughter, Miss Elizabeth C. Ellerson, and her nurse, Miss Clara Blankenship, who were at breakfast, heard the shot but thought it was someone shooting birds near the house, they explained. The nurse found Mrs. Ellerson's body when she went to attend her a few minutes later.

Mrs. Ellerson had been in poor health for some time, members of the family said. She went to Asheville Tuesday for treatment and returned home that night in a highly nervous condition.

The sheriff and the coroner were making a formal investigation Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellerson was a member of a well known family of this section, and was a native of Hot Springs. She was librarian at the Dorland-Bell school for three years.

Surviving are her daughter, Miss Elizabeth C. "Betsy" Ellerson two brothers, W. N. Garrett, of Asheville, and Robert S. Garrett of Wembley, Alberta, Canada; and one sister, Mrs. Kate Huebner, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 11:30 o'clock Friday morning.

The Rev. Woodward E. Finley of White Rock, and the Rev. W. Bruce Boyle, of White Pine, Tenn., will officiate. Burial will be in a plot on her estate.

Active pallbearers will be: Hugh C. Brown, W. C. Britt, Leicester Chapman, Morris G. Buono, W. T. Davis and Harry Hill. Honorary pallbearers will be: O. W. Grubbs, G. C. Long, Dr. David Kimberly, Dr. George Floyd Ross, Hugh B. Love, Dr. E. E. Northcutt, A. J. Runion, A. W. Whitehurst, John H. McElroy, Roy Brown, William W. Walker, John C. Sanders and Charles Burgin.

Miss Izlar Of Hot Springs Wins "Miss Western North Carolina"

Welcome to Asheville, Inc., had 11 counties represented from which to select the most beautiful girl. This was one of the July 4 stunts. Miss Jeanne Sprinkle was "Miss Marshall," Miss Catherine Roberts was "Miss Madison County," and Miss Mary Lee Izlar of Hot Springs was "Miss Hot Springs." [The contest resulted in the prize going to Miss Izlar—as the most beautiful girl in the eleven counties represented, she being named, "Miss Western North Carolina."

No Sunday School Rally At North Fork Big Pine

In compliance with the request of North Fork Big Pine Baptist church, and for reasons that seem to be justifiable, the Sunday school Rally at that church next Sunday has been cancelled. The Rally, however, will be held there two months later, the second Sunday in September, at 2 P.M.

This July 5, 1934
Sincerely,
WILLIAM WORLEY
Supt. of Sunday school work
in New Found Baptist
Association