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SPECIAL PAINS SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH EXHIBITS FOR FAIR

P.-T. A. Group Discusses How To Make Fair A Success

Reported by Kenneth Silver

Earle Brintnall, county farm agent, told more than fifty members of the Marshall Parent-Teacher association Tuesday afternoon of last week that they must not depend entirely upon the president of that group to make a success of the fair scheduled for October 5, but that each member must cooperate with her in putting the fair over.

"Special pains should be taken with exhibits for the fair," he said. "The executive committee will, of course, prepare a list of the exhibits and what will make up each of them. We have been told that there would be no livestock exhibited at the fair, but that poultry would be shown. This seems unusual as we always think of chickens as being very much alive.

"In choosing poultry for the fair every effort should be made to fit exactly the requirements of the committee. This should be done in all lines of the exhibits. In vegetables and field crops the best exhibits are not always the largest. The

best could be considered as what the housewife would choose if she were buying at the store. Size, uniformity, color, and trueness to type should be considered when making the choice."

O. S. Dillard, principal of the school, told the group that in order to keep the high school standardized and to raise the standing of the elementary grades a large number of outside books and much more equipment would have to be bought. There are not enough parallel books in the high school library for every student to have one at the same time, he said. It will take more than \$50 to build up the music department of the grades and 100 books in the library, with a number of other features that will bring the total cost to more than \$200 before the grade department will be standardized. The Parent-Teachers voted to standardize the school this year.

Mrs. Vanda Wooten, a teacher in the school, was elected secretary of the group for this year. The Rev. Ralph B. Shumaker, pastor of the Marshall Methodist church, opened the meeting with a short devotional service.

Nolan, Burgess. Mr. Robinson informed the group that a state-wide movement was on this year to improve the present school curriculum. Each county is to work out a curriculum, adapting it to the local needs. He said the club could set as its aim the improvement of all the major subjects in the curriculum, or it could sponsor a program specializing in one or two fields. After a thorough discussion it was decided to adopt Language as a special subject to develop, leaving Health as a secondary subject to be worked out by the principals of the various high schools. Although every teacher in the county is to participate in this attempt to adapt our schools more nearly to the making of good citizens, special committees were selected to constitute a nucleus around which the whole will work. The representatives for the various departments are:

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Primary Grades: Miss Edna Ferguson, Mars Hill; Mrs. Minnie Davis, Walnut. Grammar Grades: Miss Hunt, Marshall; Miss Lula Chandler, Hot Springs.

Secondary Schools: Groven C Angel, Spring Creek; Mrs. Sarah Thomas, White Rock. Community: Coleman Ramsey, Marshall; Dr. Finley, White Rock.

FOR THE PRODUCTIVE COMMITTEE:

Primary Grades: Mrs. Kelly Ray, Beech Glen; Miss Bex Ramsey, Mars Hill; Mrs. Franklin, White Rock.

Grammar Grades: Mrs. Vanda Wooten, Marshall; Miss Thelma Blankenship, Beech Glen.

Secondary Schools: Miss Anna Hyde, Walnut; Miss Carrie McNeely, Hot Springs.

Administrative: Burgess, Spring Creek; Rikard, Hot Springs; Cook, White Rock; J. O. Wells, Walnut; Howell, Beech Glen.

J. V. Howell, principal of Beech Glen, was re-appointed as chairman of the County Athletic Association. Rules were adopted defining the eligibility of athletic participants for the ensuing year.

Prospects are promising an even more efficient organization this year. We have a larger membership, all male teachers in the county being eligible to join the School Masters' Club.

MARS HILL COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL BOTH HAVE FAVORABLE OPENING

College Has Largest Enrollment Ever At This Time

According to figures in the registrar's office, the college enrollment has reached 460. This is the largest enrollment, for the time of year, ever in the history of the college. On the 16th of September, last year, the total was 411.

The high school enrollment, while at the present is enough to maintain one teacher lost last year, is expected to improve after the new buses arrive, and it is hoped the other teacher will be gained at that time. Mr. Ray Gibbs, of Whittier, is on hand as the extra high school teacher. Other new teachers this year, besides the principal, Prof. A. V. No-

and, are Mr. Kelley Ray, Mrs. Rhyne, and Miss Ferguson. The opening exercises of the school Monday morning were attended by a large number of parents. Inspiring talks were made by Pastor Olive, Dr. Moore, Supt. Robinson, and Prof. Noland. All indications point toward a successful year. Mr. McMaster Woodrow, of Washington, D. C., arrived Tuesday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Kate Woodrow, in her home here.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Leiby spent the week-end here with friends and Mrs. Leiby's mother, Mrs. W. E. Wilkins, while they were en route to Harvard where Dr. Leiby has a year's scholarship for research work. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Poole spent a few days here recently with Mrs. Poole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bryan. Mr. Poole's sister, her husband, and son from Florida, were here; Miss Margaret Lee as flower girl.

Miss Iva Dell Edwards left last week for Detroit with her brother, Mr. Ralph Edwards, and his family who had been home on a ten days' visit. This was Mr. Edwards' first visit in eight years.

Misses Bonnie Ammons and Ada Edwards left last week to return to their school duties in Snow Hill and Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Mrs. Beaman of Snow Hill was a visitor here for a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stines, having brought her daughter to enter college.

News has been received here of the marriage of C. Y. Tilson, Monday, September 3, to Miss Cara Stover, of Heath Springs, S. C.

Mars Hill boys who left last week for Wake Forest are H. Clay Cox and Virgil Cox, Oscar Carter, Falk Johnson, and Franklin Wilkins. Carl Carter will leave next week for Western Carolina Teachers College.

Mrs. R. R. Riddle is confined to her room this week because of an infected foot.

Professor Hoyt Blackwell, who is having a year's leave of absence from college in order to study in Edinburgh, was present for the opening last week and spoke in chapel. He was present, also, on two other occasions. An account of his marriage on Wednesday, September 12, to Miss Olive Brown of Erwin, will probably be in the daily paper before this is published. A number of Mars Hill people will attend the wedding and three are to take part—Mrs. P. C. Stringfield as vocal soloist, Mrs. D. M. Robinson as violin soloist, and little son as violin soloist.

FORMER MARSHALL WOMAN AND HUSBAND MEET TRAGIC DEATH

Was Known in Marshall As Mrs. Mark Lance

Mrs. Henry Stephenson, who before her second marriage was Mrs. Mark Lance of Marshall, a native of Madison County and sister to Mr. Tom Wallin and daughter of Dr. Wallin of the County, and her husband met tragic deaths September 4 at their home in Florida. The following clipping from a Florida paper sent by a friend to Mrs. John Hendricks tells the story:

Stephensons Kill Selves

Orlando Couple Had Poor Health

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephenson, aged Orlando couple, who were found dead in their gas-filled apartment at 428 Ruth St., Tuesday morning, had not been arranged last night. Carey Hand was in charge.

Mr. Stephenson, 77, a former sheriff of Volusia county, and Mrs. Stephenson, 65, were found dead in their bed by an ice man, G. T. Anderson, who delivered ice at 8:30 a.m. Windows of the apartment were closed and the gas heater was on. They had evidently died some time during the night.

After investigation Coroner Sam Shiver said there would be no inquest.

Mr. Stephenson was Mrs. Stephenson's second husband, and Mrs. Stephenson was the second wife of Mr. Stephenson. She had one son, Mark Lance, an employe of the state comptroller's office, who lives at 808 Harwood. He was unable to attribute a motive for the couple's act, other than that they had both been in poor health.

Mr. Stephenson had been a resident of the state for 50 years. He was sheriff of Volusia county in the 90's. Both were members of the Masonic order.

It will be recalled by the older citizens that Mrs. Stephenson's first husband, Mr. Mark Lance, was shot by Banta Rector in March, 1900, and lived about a month after being shot through the body, the victim dying of blood-poisoning from the wound. He built the residence now occupied by Dr. J. T. M. Knox and lived there one month before he was shot and one month after. He is said to have been a good citizen and man, August 20, 1934, was pointed

the 20th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, when they went to Florida to make their home.

WALNUT TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

After many delays, the final matches of the Walnut Tennis Tournament finally got under way Friday and Saturday. County-wide interest was shown in this tournament. The final results were as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES—James Baley defeated Roy Thomas, 6-3; 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES—Beatrice McDevitt defeated Marie Hutchins, 6-0; 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES—Raymond McDevitt and John Chandler defeated Roy Thomas and Jonas Chandler, 6-4; 7-9; 6-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—Beatrice McDevitt and Marie Hutchins defeated Mary Jo Chandler and Agnes Brigman, 6-4; 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES—Raymond McDevitt and Beatrice McDevitt defeated Roy Thomas and Mary Jo Chandler, 6-3; 6-4.

SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB MEETS

The Madison County Schoolmasters' Club met in the Home Economics department of the Marshall High School Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, 1934, for their first meeting of the current school year. Those present were: Supt. D. M. Robinson; Marshall: O. S. Dillard, Dillingham, Huff, Tomberlin, Wible; Hot Springs: Rikard, Young; Mars Hill: Nolan, Ray, Gibbs; Spring Creek: Burgess, Angel, Meadows; Walnut: J. O. Wells, Allen, C. M. Roberts, Connell Roberts; White Rock: Cook, Shelton.

The following officers were elected: J. O. Wells, Chairman; Supt. D. M. Robinson, Secretary; Tomberlin, Treasurer; C. M. Roberts, Reporter. The program committee appointed: O. S. Dillard,

SEVERAL SPEAK AT REPUBLICAN RALLY AT COURT HOUSE MONDAY

Democratic Party And Roosevelt Policies Attacked By G. O. P. Leaders And Absentee Ballot Denounced

The Republican rally set for last Monday afternoon was held at the court house, the lower floor being nearly filled, some Democrats being present. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Senator Ira Plemmons of Hot Springs. The music of the Edwards string quartette (3 sons of R. A. Edwards and one son of John Metcalf) drew the people together and entertained them at intervals. Mr. John A. Hendricks was called on first, as he had to leave to attend another meeting in Asheville. Mr. Hendricks praised the speaking ability of Hon. Isaac Meekins, whose son, W. C. Meekins, was principal speaker at the rally. The chairman then read a telegram from Hon. Jake Newell, regretting he could not be here, and called on Hon. J. Herschel Sprinkle to introduce Mr. Meekins.

Mr. Meekins made a good speech presenting his side of the political situation. He discussed "The Liberty League," the Soldiers' Bonus, the increase of bureaus, federal expenses, attacked Bulwinkle and the State government, school buildings, teachers, and the absentee ballot. He closed by appealing to the people to go to the polls and vote and see that women as well as the men cast their ballots. After a speech by Marvin Rich, of Mecklenburg, life-long Democrat now turned Republican and some words by Chairman Plemmons, J. Marvin Glance, candidate for Solicitor opposing Zeb Nettles, introduced Calvin R. Edney, taking advantage of the opportunity to say a word in his own behalf. Mr. Glance was quite fluent in his introduction.

Mr. Edney was somewhat at a disadvantage, following so many speakers, but he injected considerable fire in his speech as he said in part: "If elected, I will stand for the New Deal when it is right, I will stand against it when it is wrong. There are certain parts of the New Deal that are childish. The establishment of initialed departments of the government is the greatest piece of childishness ever seen in the American government. It is just like a child playing with building blocks."

In stating the planks in his platform, Mr. Edney said he was for the following: Opposition of any form of regimentation; restriction; or dictation; for lowering of taxes; for the elimination of non-taxable bonds which bear interest; approval of Federalization of the criminal law; the elimination of burdensome Federal bureaus.

Mr. Edney said that "in order to reduce taxes an equitable sales tax should replace the one now in use; the Federal government should aid in maintaining schools, and provisions should be made for cheaper credit for the farmer and for old age and work insurance. Dry states should be protected from alcohol brought in from wet states. The soldier bonus should be paid. Patronage in CWA and relief money should be dispensed without regard to party affiliation but according to the needs of the people. Gasoline has become a necessity. The price of it should be uniform and reasonable."

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WALNUT SENIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of the Senior class of Walnut High School for 1934-35 are as follows:

President—Mildred Blankenship
Vice-Pres.—Sam Roberts
Secretary—Rosa Anz
Class Reporter—Eveline Reeves
SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Hazel Henderson
Gertrude Gahagan
Dorothy Brigman
Mr. J. O. Wells, class sponsor, has also announced that he will escort the entire Senior class to the Cherokee Indian Fair.

JUNIOR ORDER TO HAVE OUTING

The members of Council 343, Jr. O. U. A. M., will have an outing next Friday night, September 14.

They will go by truck and cars to Dillingham for this outing and will stay all night. All members and their families are

COUNTY-WIDE TEACHERS MEETING IN MARSHALL SEPTEMBER 22

Members, please attend the meeting Thursday night to get plans.

JOE H. EADS

MEETING AT BIG PINE

A meeting in the interest of Sunday school work was held at North Fork Big Pine Baptist church last Sunday, from two to four o'clock, in the afternoon. The meeting was well attended by the local people, with a few from other points.

The devotional part of the service was conducted by William Worley, of Marshall, N. C., using as a subject, "The Abundant Life," John 10:10. W. A. Sams, M. D., of Marshall, led in prayer.

The next speaker was Mrs. L. L. Vann, a teacher in Mars Hill College. Mrs. Vann told of her conversion to the Christian life, and of her experiences in the Christian life. She also spoke of her travels in the Holy Land, and of seeing many of the scenes spoken of in the Bible. Her talk was quite interesting and helpful.

Dr. Sams made the concluding talk. He spoke of the denominational program, and urged that all members join in carrying out the program.

The talks were liberally interspersed throughout with excellent singing by the local choir. The choir is to be commended for its ever readiness and ability to sing.

The benediction was pronounced by Kelly Wild, of Big Pine, N. C.

Supt. D. M. Robinson wishes us to announce that a county-wide teachers' meeting will be held at the High School auditorium in Marshall Saturday, Sept. 22. All teachers in Madison County should take notice.

Reba Hamlin Dies Of Diphtheria

10-Year-Old Seminary Girl Buried Sunday

Reba, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hamlin, of the Seminary section, died at the home at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, September 9, 1934, after an illness of only one week, diphtheria and complications being given as the cause of her death. The child is survived by her parents and three sisters and one brother, who reside on the property of Mr. J. A. Dennis, Mr. Hamlin being a merchant and miller. Funeral services were Sunday afternoon conducted at the home by the Rev. Ralph Shumaker and the body was taken to Bald Creek cemetery in Yancey county for interment, the concluding service being conducted by the Rev. Starling Ponder at the grave. Pallbearers were Frank Rynnion, O. Q. Coats, Albert Tweed, Bryan Coats, Fred Kent and Don Fisher.

Dr. Knox To Preach Farewell Sermon Sunday Night

Dr. J. T. M. Knox will preach a farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. He will leave next week for his new field at Morristown, Tenn. The Baptist congregation will attend the last sermon.