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WM. V. FARMER ELECTED CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Other County Officers Sworn In Monday And Settle Down To Work

Mr. William V. Farmer was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Monday. Other members are B. E. Guthrie and T. A. Higgins.

Succeeds G. L. McKinney

Mr. Farmer succeeds Mr. G. L. McKinney in this office—a man who has been chairman of the Board for several terms and could doubtless have been reelected had he run, but, like Coolidge, he did not "choose to run." Mr. McKinney has been a member of the board most of the time since 1917, serving as chairman about two-thirds of that time. He was first appointed a member of the board in 1917 by Hon. George Pritchard, then a member of the N. C. Legislature, who increased the number on the board from three to five. At the next election Mr. McKinney was prevailed upon to run for office of Commissioner and was elected and continued to be reelected, serving continuously from 1917 to 1925, when he resigned, remaining off the board until the death of the late T. A. Silver, when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Silver. Following this he ran again and has been on the board until this year.

Born in Georgia
How many people in Madison County know Mr. G. L. McKinney was born in Georgia? He tells us that his parents moved from Georgia when he was a baby, to the Juniper section in Buncombe county, and when he was 16, his mother died and the family moved into Madison County. He has been connected with the mercantile business in Marshall since 1899—first as clerk, later as partner, and since the time in the grocery business, which he and his wife, Mrs. McKinney, operate. He became a retail dry goods merchant in 1924 and has been engaged in that business since.

Unusual Meeting Monday
The meeting of the Board of Commissioners Monday was unusually trying. In the first place the members were all new—not one having served on the Board before. Many applications were before them for this place and that place and this and that. The County's bank account was overdrawn, we understand, and no bills could be paid except emergency cases. The County Attorney was out of town on account of illness, leaving the Board without legal advice. Consequently, several matters were postponed pending legal advice.

The Home Demonstration Agent's report was received and approved. J. Hubert Davis, Clerk of the Superior Court, was appointed purchasing agent for the County. Several adjustments were made in amounts listed for taxes. Frank Seary was elected janitor of court house for 1935 and McKinley Smith for 1936; each bonded \$500. Robert L. Crowe was made superintendent of County Home for 1935 and Camey Davis for 1936, each bonded \$500. Johnny Davis is the present superintendent.

Other Officers Sworn In
The oath of office was administered to the Clerk of Superior Court, J. Hubert Davis, by Lee Bryan, J. P. the clerk, in turn, administered the oath to the other county officers as follows:

Sheriff—Guy English; Register of Deeds—Jeter P. Ramsey; Auditor—Lucy Reed; Tax Collector—J. K. Wilson.

The last two were re-elected at a meeting Monday of the chairman of the following boards, as follows: Lee Ramsey, Chairman Board of Education; D. M. Robinson, Chairman Tax and Jury Commission; Bryan Seay, Chairman Road Commission; Chan Balding, Chairman Board of Health; F. E. Freeman, Chairman Budget Commission; Wm. V. Farmer, Chairman Board of County Commissioners.

For auditor, Mr. Farmer nominated Mr. J. N. White, but the other members re-elected Mr. Reed.

Tax Collector's Salary Raised
The salary of the Tax Collector was raised from \$100.00 to \$125.00 a month. This is said to have been done on account of the necessity of employing assistant collectors.

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WALNUT BAZAAR
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METHODIST CHURCH

WALNUT, N. C.
Saturday, December 8
Fancy Work and Refreshments
To Be Sold

EVERYBODY WELCOME
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HOT SPRINGS

Rev. Samuel Sexton Laid To Rest

Well-Known Baptist Minister Of
Hot Springs Passes Away

The Rev. Samuel Sexton, retired Baptist minister, and one of Hot Springs' oldest and best known citizens, died at his home Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, 1934, at 8:20 o'clock. Mr. Sexton had been confined to his bed for the past two or three years, and was a sufferer from a complication of diseases. His death was not unexpected. He became very ill Sunday, and gradually grew weaker until the end came.

Mr. Sexton was the last surviving Union soldier in the section of Hot Springs. He was active in the Baptist ministry for nearly half a century, and as long as he was physically able he took an active part in the work of the Baptist church at Hot Springs.

He was born and reared in Madison county and was married twice. Both of his wives preceded him to the grave. Twelve children, seven daughters and five sons, were born to him and his first wife, but there were no children by his last union. Two daughters, Mrs. Laura Dockery and Mrs. Lattie Brooks; and three sons, William, of Greenville, S. C., Andrew, of Boston, Mass., and Robert, of Hot Springs, survive him.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Sexton at the local Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. J. L. Bragg, pastor, and the Rev. P. T. McFee officiating. Interment was in Fairview cemetery near Hot Springs.

THREE HOT SPRINGS RESIDENTS INJURED IN COLLISION

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Long, and Mrs. Long's brother, Walter Runyon, received painful injuries when their car and a truck, driven by William McFarland, negro, collided Thursday afternoon near Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Long is a prominent merchant here.

The negro was killed instantly and his companion, a white man, was badly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Long and Mr. Runyon were taken to a Knoxville hospital for treatment, but Mrs. Long was soon able to return to her home here.

HOT SPRINGS METHODISTS DISCUSS CHURCH PLANS

An interesting and enthusiastic "get-together" meeting was held by members of the Hot Springs Methodist church in the community house, Tuesday evening of last week. About 40 members and friends of the

CLARENCE ROBINETT DIES SUDDENLY

FUNERAL TO BE AT 2 O'CLOCK
THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Clarence Robinett, age 43, died at a hotel in Knoxville, Tenn., December 4. He had been ill, but when his brother, George, visited him recently he told him that he would go to work in a day or two. The news that he was found dead at the hotel was quite a shock, not only to his family in Marshall, but also to friends of the family. He had not been very long since he had spent much time with his people on account of the illness of his father, Mr. D. A. Robinett. He is survived by his father, one brother, Mr. George Robinett, and three sisters, Misses Leslie, Edna, and Grace Robinett.

Clarence was a World War veteran, enlisting in 316 F. A. Battery C, was one of the first nine leaving Madison County for overseas duty and was under Captain R. R. Williams of Asheville.

Funeral services are set for Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock at the home in Marshall, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Blount and the Rev. L. C. Roberts. Interment to follow at the Laurel Branch cemetery. The following pallbearers have been named: active—Messrs. Covert Fortner, Lee Gwaltney, Troy M. Rector, Lee Bryan, Max Dalton, Bill Dalton, B. T. White, Clarence Eller, Merritt Howell, J. Hubert Davis, Theodore Rector, and Lee Bryan; honorary—Messrs. A. W. Whitehurst, Fred Bowman, Will H. Morrow, Zeb Fisher, W. E. King, F. E. Freeman, Ralph R. Tilson, Joe Tilson, J. W. Dalton, Rufus Eller, Luther Howell, C. W. Hunter, Dr. J. N. Moore, and Dr. W. A. Sams.

The family has the sympathy of the community.

churches attended. After a plate supper was served by the Ladies' Aid Society, an informal discussion of church plans for the new year was held.

W. T. Davis acted as toastmaster and explained in a brief manner the purpose of the meeting and what the church stewards hoped to accomplish this year. D. G. Church, charge steward chairman, spoke briefly on the spirit of co-operation, and pleaded for the united support of all the members this year in putting the plan across successfully.

The Rev. Walter B. West spoke of church loyalty, and briefly outlined what he had in mind as to the best methods of raising the church finances. He particularly stressed the "Lord's Acre" plan, and the putting of a dime into the hands of the children of the churches and letting them start the dimes to work. He told how this plan had worked successfully in other churches.

Mr. West did not hold the quarterly conference at this meeting, as had been planned, but held it at Fairview church on the morning of Sunday, December 2, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Burgin and Mrs. Warren Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Sydney O. Izler, rendered special music for the occasion. At the close of the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Edwards, local pastor, distributed pledge cards to those present, and asked that the cards be filled out and returned by Sunday so the stewards would have an idea of what could be raised on the church budget for the coming year.

Mr. Tom Bruce spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Long and Mr. Walter Runyon were in a car wreck Thursday night. Their new car was torn up and the driver of the other car was killed. Mr. Long was taken to General Hospital, Knoxville, for treatment. They returned home Saturday on train No. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollifield of Cincinnati are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Odell.

Mr. Rice Jones Kinny and grandmother of Tenn., were week-end guests here of his parents.

Mr. O. S. Brooks left Wednesday for Knoxville, Tenn., after getting his call from the Southern R. R.

Funeral services were held last Thursday for the Rev. Mr. Sexton. Mr. Sexton had been bedfast for the past year. He is survived by a large number of children.

(Too late for last week)
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Plegmons visited the Enka plant Tuesday.

Mr. Inhe Brooks and Mr. Phil Brown are in Lenoir this week.

Mrs. Kimberly spent a few days in Asheville with relatives.

Mrs. T. B. Ruffy spent Monday in Newport, Tenn., with her daughter, Mrs. Pat Rhyme and family.

Dr. McElroy of Marshall was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ebbs were guests of his sister, Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. N. J. Ebbs is taking treatments in Asheville.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobie Henderson has been on the sick list for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Ed Gabey, of Erwin, Tenn., spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ruffy.

LUTHER RANDALL KILLED IN AUTO WRECK LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

THREE OTHERS INJURED AS CAR GOES OFF BANK

Luther Randall, 40, farmer of the Big Pine section, was killed about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon near the home of Tom Trimble on Little Laurel, when the automobile in which he was riding left the road. Roy Goforth, also of the Big Pine section, was seriously injured and after receiving medical attention from Dr. W. A. Sams at Marshall was taken to the Oteen hospital. Dorsey Lunsford received only slight injuries and was taken to his home on Big Pine. T. E. Edwards, alleged driver of the car, also seriously injured, is being held in the Marshall jail on a technical charge of manslaughter, and was to be given a preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon.

The four men were World War veterans and had left Big Pine Sunday afternoon to return to the Citizens Civilian Camp at Lake Lure. When the wreck occurred the men were on the Marshall-Greenville highway traveling eastward. They were more than 15 miles off the route to Lake Lure. Randall is survived

by his widow and eight children, also one brother and three sisters. He was with the Army of Occupation.

CIVITANS CHANGE MEETING PLACE

Baptist Women To Entertain Civitan Club At Church Friday

Announcement is made that the women of the Baptist church will furnish dinner Friday at the church for the members of the Civitan Club as well as for others. Civitans will please note the change in place of meeting.

"As a rule man's a fool.
Always wanting what is not.
When it's cool he wants it hot,
When it's hot he wants it cool.
As a rule man's a fool."
—T. T. Eaton.

Teacher—What is the plural of hippopotamus?
Boy—The plural of hippopotamus is h i p p o—oh, well, who'd want more than one, anyway?—Ex.

Urging Highway Funds Be Used For Highways

George Ross Pou, Raleigh, General Counsel of the Highway Protective League of North Carolina, has issued the first statement defining the aims and purposes of the organization with which he has recently become identified.

"We have been asked," said Mr. Pou, "to inform the general public on the necessity of clarifying present highway laws.

"We have one of the finest state highway systems in the United States—a system that people outside the state admire and try to copy—a system pointed to as the chief reason for North Carolina's remarkable advance during the last ten years.

"But it is not completed. Many miles of inadequate roads still connect important communities. Many county roads, cared for by State funds, need to be graded, drained and surfaced.

"Motorists of the State are paying for these roads in the form of gas tax and license fees. They pay every day for maintenance and construction they aren't getting because highway funds are being diverted for uses foreign to highways. Highway money is being withheld from its legitimate use in construction and maintenance. Why—the Highway Department itself is being depleted because of lay-offs and low wages.

LARGE QUANTITY OF PRODUCE SENT TO ORPHANS' HOME AT THOMASVILLE

Mr. Ebert Tweed, of Marshall, in charge of collections for the Thomasville orphanage, reported Thanksgiving Day that 22,829 pounds of produce, wheat, corn, and canned goods had been shipped to the orphanage. The donations—11 from 16 churches in the French Broad Baptist Association

and from four in the Newfoundland Association.
Instead of sending steers to the orphanage, winning political candidates who had promised them paid the money instead in order to defray shipping expenses. Mr. Tweed expresses appreciation of cooperation in helping the children.

DR. W. E. FINLEY ANSWERS QUESTIONS AS TO COST OF RELIEF IN MADISON

MARS HILL

Mars Hill and Bradford Tied
Thanksgiving Day

That was a hard-fought game Thanksgiving Day at Mars Hill when Brevard and Mars Hill battled for the championship of the North Carolina Junior College Conference in a scoreless game. A large crowd of fans for each institution attended.

P. T. A. Features Parents' Help

For three months Professor A. V. Nolan, of the high school, has had the parents interested in his educational program by means of the monthly programs of the P. T. A. The meeting last Tuesday evening, besides reviewing graphs and charts and health hints of previous meetings, brought up practical ideas of how the parents can help, in the home, to put over the class room work and help to eliminate pupil failures. Mr. Nolan, himself, gave an able discussion of the topic from the parents' standpoint. Others speaking on the topic were Mrs. R. M. Lee and Mrs. L. B. Olive. Dr. I. E. Burnette gave an interesting reminiscence of old-time methods in teaching.

The fifth grade, Mrs. John Cody, teacher, won the parents' attendance reward, with 13 parents present. The ninth grade, which had been winner for the two previous months, had 12 parents present.

To Have Music Club

Besides the clubs already mentioned in previous respects, the organization of a junior music club in the high school, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Huff, has been reported recently. Mrs. Huff, who is a graduate of the Louisville Conservatory of Music and is an experienced teacher of music, has aroused much interest and enthusiasm in the members in the objectives for the year. The following officers were elected: president, Elizabeth Carter; secretary, Louise McGraw; treasurer, Mildred Runyon; program chairman, Marcel Abrams. This is the first music club ever to be organized in the high school.

W. M. S. Activities

The W. M. S. is meeting each afternoon this week to observe the annual season of prayer for world-wide missions. Mrs. J. W. Huff has charge of the week's program. Leaders for the week are: Mrs. R. R. Riddle, Mrs. Guy Merrill, Mrs. Brown Caldwell, Mrs. Floyd Holcombe, and Mrs. L. B. Olive. A Christmas pageant on the week's study is to be given in the college auditorium next Sunday evening, taking the place of the regular church service. Mrs. L. B. Olive, Mrs. Roy Wall, and Mrs. Eugene Coker, have charge of the pageant which will bring in a large number of characters.

Next Monday afternoon, the regular monthly meeting of the society is to feature installation services for the officers for next year. Mrs. R. L. Moore, associational superintendent of missionary work, has invited representatives from all societies in the association to meet here at that time.

Personals

Mrs. E. C. Coates returned Saturday from a month's visit to her sister.

THE ORPHANS' CRY

Not long ago I visited a home where the mother was very ill. The small children wanted to hover around where mother was. When told they could not, would have to go to another room, they began crying, and such pitiful cries I cannot forget. My mind wandered as I sat by the mother's side—tried to draw a picture of what that home would be like if those children were left orphans (which they are not). Then I thought, how can anyone turn a deaf ear to an orphan's cry. The emptiness of a life without father, mother, or both gone in some cases.

Dr. George W. Truett once pictured to us a scene where mother had died leaving several children. The oldest girl, though small, was trying to take the place of mother in caring for the other children. One day Dr. Truett went to pay this home a visit. When he reached the house the little "mother" was bending over the wash tub singing that sweet hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" As he listened—"O, yes, He cares, I know He cares." The tears were rolling down the girl's cheeks—and what comfort to know HE cares—and what comfort to know WE care for humanity. Oh, the touch of a friendly hand when we need a friend. Surely the orphan needs our help. Thanksgiving season is the time we are supposed to help—and as Dr. Covington said in his wonderful address to our French Broad Association in behalf of the Thomasville orphanage—let's not forget to send our prayers with our gifts.

MRS. W. B. METCALF.

Cost Much Lower Than Many
People Had Supposed

To the Editor of The News-Record:
Questions come to mind, as we read of costs in the administration of Relief. Senator Borah has made a strong case, shaving the costs in many places in our country. During the political campaign assertions were made that the cost of administering it in our county was high and all out of proportion to the amount given out and that the giving was lavish. It was made an issue. As far as I know little political capital was made of the gifts to the relief. The majority for the Republican party in Madison County shows very few if any votes were influenced by this distribution. In most of the townships the committee of citizens consulted as to relief were composed of Republicans. There were permanent benefits that came of the distribution in community houses built—school houses replaced and roads repaired and rebuilt by relief labor. As to wages paid the local office was not to be blamed because the rate was decided by outside agencies. After reading of the excessive cost of administering the relief in other places, I asked the privilege of examining the books of the Relief Agency of Madison County to see if there had been a cost out of proportion to the amount given to the people who applied and going over the books for the time I found that the administrative costs averaged 11 1-2 per cent. That is, for every dollar which came to the county, 11 1-2 cents went to the persons in charge and 88 1-2 cents went to relief.

I doubt if any business in Madison County that did the business the Relief has done has had any smaller overhead charge. I know of larger businesses which have 12 percent administrative charge, others 9 and 10 percent. It is considered in any business that 10 percent is a legitimate charge, and taking into consideration the few safeguards placed around the distribution and the emergency aspect of the matter, one wonders at the low cost of the administration of the money. Another aspect is that where possible, everything distributed was purchased of local merchants.

I am not discussing the question of whether the relief should be given. Many arguments pro and con, can be offered but I am trying to prove that the cost of giving this relief was not excessive in Madison County and that every dollar was applied legitimately and at a reasonable cost.

Now that the political spell-binder has had his say and we have returned to normal life and temperature, we place these figures before you showing that the accusation of excessive cost was unjust and not upheld by facts.

W. E. FINLEY.

ter, Miss Alma Freeman, in Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. T. J. Boddie and children, who have been in Miami for several months, have come to Bruce Haven to spend the winter with Mrs. Boddie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bruce.

Mrs. S. Lee Carter spent a week recently with her young granddaughter and her daughter-in-law, in Charlotte.

Mrs. Will Davis and daughter, Mrs. Fred Holcombe, spent part of last week in Raleigh with two other daughters.

Coch Roberts and Mrs. Roberts left immediately after the ball game last Thursday for Charleston, S. C. where Mrs. Roberts attended a two-day conference for teachers of Modern Languages, returning Sunday by way of Charlotte.

Dean I. N. Carr and Professor Wood left Monday afternoon for Atlanta where they will attend the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary School.

Question: What is the best ration for a dry cow during the winter?

Answer: No better practical winter ration for the dry cow can be had than legume hay and corn silage together with three to five pounds of a grain ration containing around 16 percent protein. For the last two weeks, before freshening the grain ration should be restricted to laxative grains such as wheat bran and oats. Full directions for feeding all dairy animals are contained in Extension Circular No. 193, copies of which will be mailed free upon application to the Agricultural Editor, State College.

The value of a crop rotation with legum has proven valuable in Alexander county where corn yields have increased from eight to 60 bushels an acre since the work started.

Judge—So you broke in the store just to get a dime cigar. Then what were you doing at the safe?
Prisoner—Your honor, I was putting in the dime—Ex.