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ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT TO START NEXT WEDNESDAY

PROBABLY 8 TEAMS TO ENTER TOURNAMENT

The annual All-Star Basketball Tournament of Madison County will start next Wednesday, January 30, at the Walnut high school court. Probably 8 teams will compete in this tournament. Much interest is being shown in this tournament and capacity crowds are anticipated at each game. The applications have been sent out, but the playing schedule has not yet been selected. The Beech Glen All-Stars, who have defeated all opposition this season, are top-heavy favorites in the tournament.

The preliminaries will be played Wednesday night, January 30, and Thursday night, January 31. The semi-finals will be played Friday night and the finals will be played Saturday night. Games will begin promptly at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock. A small admission charge will be made to cover expenses. Each team will appreciate your cooperation by your attendance and support.

OUR ROADS

There has been much interest manifested in the report of Mr. Capus Waynick, who was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus to succeed Mr. Jeffress as chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The legislature appropriated only six million dollars for the upkeep of roads and forbade the use of any of the State Highway Fund for the construction of new roads. It was in vain that the Highway Commissioners protested that the fund for road maintenance and repairs should not be cut from eight to six millions, and that it was folly to let roads go to ruin for lack of repairs which if neglected and the roads allowed to get in bad condition would cost much more. Everyone who rides over our roads may see for himself that the predictions of the Highway Commissioners have come true. Many of our roads are full of holes and must be driven on with great caution. It is going to cost a great deal to repair them now, though if needed repairs had been made promptly the cost would have been much less; a stitch in time saves nine. Now Mr. Waynick tells us that our roads need \$6,152,000 to put them in the same state of repair as they were two years ago. For next year he is asking ten million dollars for maintenance. This is a big sum, and we hope that not all will be needed, but if needed and the money is available, it should be used. It is wasteful to build roads and let them go to ruin, being much the same thing as to allow a house to rot down for lack of repairing a roof.

Mr. Waynick also advises ten million dollars for new highway construction. Of course some localities now have about all the roads they need, but there are many sections of the State in which more good roads are much needed. It is only just that they should be built.—Biblical Recorder.

MARS HILL

"The Old School At Hick'ry Hollow" Draws Large Crowd

Judging from the door receipts and from the smiles and laughter in the audience, one could safely state that the play given on Monday evening in the high school auditorium was a success. The cast took part as listed last week. Many of the "scholars" scored at different times with witty or stupid remarks or speeches, but the speech of the board chairman, V. E. Wood, as Set-Still Campbell giving instructions on voting, and the timely arrival of Doc Quackenbos, L. B. Olive, to save the teacher from the bite of a dead chicken snake were high spots in the presentation. Although the admission charges were low, almost fifty dollars was realized

COWS NEED PLENTY OF WATER

Many farmers who go to the expense of giving their milking herds the best feeds lose the profits they would otherwise realize by failing to give equal attention to watering. A cow in milk needs from 10 to 30 gallons of water a day, and unless she has access to the supply at least twice a day, and unless the water is kept at least 15 degrees above freezing, this amount will not be taken. Her milk production will suffer accordingly.—The Pathfinder.

KEEP LADDER HANDY

Last year rural America paid about \$100,000,000 for replacement and repair of buildings destroyed or damaged by fire. The season of fires is time to take precautions to prevent fire loss. Dr. D. J. Price, of the Department of Agriculture, believes that one of the greatest aids in preventing destructive fires on the farm and in small towns would be for each home owner to provide himself with a good ladder and then keep it in a convenient place. Don't loan it or leave it at the barn after making repairs there because that might be just when you will need it. It is also suggested that it be used occasionally to inspect the chimney. Mortar between the bricks both above and below the register often crumbles due to the frequent changes in temperature and leaves dangerous cracks. Repairs are much cheaper than fires.—The Pathfinder.

New Filling Station To Be Opened Soon

For several weeks residents of this section have been interested in the erection of a filling station here on the George property at the junction of Main Street and the Marshall road. The building is a modern concrete structure, one of the type built by the Sinclair company, and when finished, will really add to the appearance of this little town. Mr. John Cody, who is to operate the station, expects the opening day to be within a fortnight.

Personals

Miss Jessie Davis left last week to take up work in Asheville. Mrs. E. C. Coates, who had been in Greenville, S. C., with her sister, Miss Alma Freeman, since Christmas Day, returned last Friday to her home here. Mrs. Len Carter has been confined to her bed for the past week because of a nervous disorder on nature of paralysis.

Several of the smaller children of the town have enjoyed birthday celebrations lately. Among them are: David Anderson, on Jan. 11, Annie Marie Blake, last Saturday, and Billy George on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Starling Ponder, who for several years has lived just above the Madison Rug Shop on the Marshall road, recently sold this property to Mr. Jake Buckner, and this week the Ponder family moved to the Ponder Branch, Paint Fork section.

Mr. Fisher, Of Arkansas, Taken By Death

H. J. Fisher, 68, of Little Rock, Ark., who for about three years had lived with his wife, Mrs. Etta Gibbs Fisher, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane Gibbs, near Beech Glen, died there Saturday night, following a long illness. Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon with the Rev. Mr. Lovett, pastor of the Beech Glen Methodist church, officiating. Besides his widow he is survived by a son, Louis Fisher, of Little Rock, Ark.

THE STRENGTH OF THE SALES TAX

By G. P. GEOGHEGAN, JR.

A surprising strength of the sales tax is the weakness of the opposing arguments . . . meaning, that after twenty odd months of fulmination the opposition has not produced a practical, logical or credible reason for its abandonment. If any proposition in North Carolina ever won on its merit, it has been the sales tax, the subject of some of the most vicious, misleading and unfair attacks ever launched against a measure in this State . . . and fortunately for the tax itself, attacks void of judgment and reason. Piled up, packed in, boiled down and reduced to the commonest denominator all of the arguments against the sales tax amount to one theme . . . "I don't like it." And SUCH an argument! Neither do I like income tax, franchise tax, license tax, gasoline tax, property tax . . . in fact I don't like any kind of tax. Neither does a child like castor oil. And yet it is on such premises that the people of North Carolina have been asked to judge the sales tax.

As far back as January, 1933, we find anti-sales taxers appearing before the committees of the General Assembly with dire predictions of calamity if the sales tax were adopted; that it would not produce ANY revenue; that it would literally throw thousands of merchants into bankruptcy; and that within six months after its enactment there would be eighteen thousand vacant stores in North Carolina. The utter absurdity of these statements is obvious. The sales tax is producing 14 per cent of the State's income; find a single merchant thrown into bankruptcy by any circumstances even remotely traceable to the sales tax; try to find a desirable vacant store in North Carolina. One hundred per cent retail merchandising locations are at a premium, with chain stores competing for them.

—Reprint from Popular Government Journal of The Institute of Government.

Madison Committee Is Opposed To Measures

Raleigh Bureau of The Asheville Citizen
RALEIGH, Jan. 21.—The Democratic executive committee of Madison county has written members of the 1935 legislature urging them to prevent the passage of any bills aimed at the abolition of special boards created by the 1927 and 1931 sessions.

It claims Republican Representative J. H. Sprinkle, of Madison, will sponsor legislation to abolish these boards which enable the Democratic minority to control many appointive offices in Madison county. These special boards were created in 1927 and 1931 by Democratic representative N. B. McDevitt and include a sinking fund commission, jury commission and board of health and provide special means for appointment of county auditor and county attorney.

The committee also asks that the legislature approve the appointment of Clyde Brown, C. W. Balding, Joe Worley, Wayne Peek, and Lee Ramsey as members of the Madison board of education for the 1935-37 biennium. It explains that these five men received the highest vote in the Democratic primary.

The petition was signed by Democratic County Chairman A. Z. Whit and the following members of the executive committee: W. A. Sams, Lee Ramsey, John Merrill, L. C. Reed, Corn Wallin, Clyde Brown, E. G. Palmer, H. E. Wallin, Herbert Brown Geter Robinson, H. S. Davis, W. H. Wallin, Roten Ebb, Rosta Brackins, J. Bryan Teague, R. N. Phoenix, Carl Wallin, J. K. Wilson, Joe Worley, Jack Payne, D. G. Church, Jeff Whit, and D. M. Robinson.

During the 1933 legislature, Representative Sprinkle was blocked in several attempts to abolish the board of health, sinking fund commission and jury commission and to provide for appointment of county attorney by the board of commissioners.

His bills were either defeated in house committees or on the floor of the house mainly through the efforts of Democratic representatives from

W. O. RECTOR INSTANTLY KILLED

Prominent Citizen Of Rector Settlement Loses Life In Automobile Wreck

Mr. W. Oscar Rector, 50, prominent farmer of the Rector's Chapel section, three miles south of Marshall, was instantly killed and Sam Lunsford, a tenant on a farm owned by Rector, was painfully injured when the small roadster, in which they were riding en route to Marshall, went over an embankment on Highway No. 20 Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The accident occurred 13 miles west of Marshall between Marshall and Hot Springs. Lunsford said that Rector, who was driving, lost control of the car as it was rounding a curve on the highway and the automobile plunged off the road and down the embankment, traveling for nearly 400 feet before it stopped. The car turned over several times. Both Rector and Lunsford were thrown from the car at a point about 200 feet below the highway. Rector was killed when he was thrown from the car. Lunsford suffered bruises and cuts on the head and in the side. His condition is not believed to be serious. Lunsford received treatment in Marshall and then returned to his home. Rector's body was brought to the Rector Funeral home in Marshall.

Surviving Mr. Rector are his widow, Mrs. Ella Rector; three sons, Everett, of Ohio; Coleman, of Enka; and Joe, at home; and two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Martin, of Detroit, and Miss Winifred Rector, at home.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Martin, were set for 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Oak Ridge church, interment to follow at the church cemetery.

Rector was a successful farmer, doubtless proving the best cantaloupe produced in Madison County. He was a good citizen and his sudden going is a shock to the entire community.

JOHN A. MARTIN OF SPRING CREEK DIES

Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at Liberty Baptist church, Spring Creek, for John A. Martin, 77, prominent and well known farmer, who died Sunday afternoon at his home after several days illness.

Mr. Martin had always taken a keen interest and a prominent part in the community life of the Spring Creek section.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mollie Martin, two sons, Harry, of Spring Creek, and Ollie, of New York city; two daughters, Mrs. S. A. Phoenix, and Mary Martin, both of Spring Creek, and one sister, Miss Anna Martin, of Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Walter B. Goforth, pastor of the Liberty Baptist church, conducted the services, and interment was in the church cemetery.

EDITOR'S LAMENT

Getting out a paper is no picnic: If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.

If we publish things from other papers, we are too lazy to write. If we stay on our job, we ought to be out rustling news.

If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation. If we do print them, the paper is filled with "junk."

Like as not, some fellow will say we swiped this from another paper. He's right—we did.

western counties.

Republican Senator, George L. Greene, of Mitchell, tried to help him in the senate but Democratic Senators W. Roy Francis, of Haywood, R. A. Patton, of Macon, and S. P. Dunagan, of Rutherford, blocked him.—Asheville Citizen.

Capt. Weaver Dies Near Weaverville

Capt. William Elbert Weaver, 93-year-old veteran of Weaverville, died Sunday night. Funeral services were at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning at the Weaverville Methodist church, interment following at the old Weaverville cemetery.

THE FARMER AND THE FEDERAL CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

POISONOUS CORN STALKS

A disease known as the "corn stalk disease" has caused the death of several thousand horses and a lesser number of cattle, this winter and the Department of Agriculture has issued a warning of the seriousness of the malady. Government scientists have not yet been able to solve its mystery, but they do know that it is caused by feeding immature, moldy, wormy, stunted, or other inferior corn or corn fodder. Over 60 percent of the stricken animals die, and there is no known specific treatment.—The Pathfinder.

SALT-CURED MEAT

The only thing needed for curing meat with brine besides, of course, the ingredients of the brine is a hardwood keg or barrel, a hardwood cover that will fit inside of the barrel, and some hard-burned bricks for weights. It is highly important that nothing but hardwood be used because many soft woods will so change the flavor of the meat that it will become unusable.

Enough brine for 100 pounds of meat is made by dissolving 10 pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, and two ounces of saltpeter in one gallon of boiling water. Allow this solution to cool and then add four gallons more of boiling water. In packing the meat place the hams in the bottom of the container and the bacon on top. All pieces except the top layer should be laid with the skin side down. Be sure that all the pieces are completely covered with brine and then put the cover and weights in place. The meat should be removed and replaced in the same brine twice—once at the end of the seventh day and again at the end of the 14th day. Hams and shoulders should be cured three days for each pound and the bacon one day for each pound.—The Pathfinder.

The Twain Shall Meet

The Governor's proposed removal of toll charges over the Cape Fear and Chowan rivers is a further gesture toward linking more closely North Carolina's eastern country of history, romantic traditions and picturesque coastal scenery with the upper sections of the state.

Economically, it perhaps is unfair that the whole state should be required to foot the bill for these long and very expensive bridges. The traffic is disproportionately lighter, the per-automobile need far less, than on the heavily-traveled piedmont highways.

Nevertheless, North Carolina is rapidly rounding to a disposition to view itself as a whole rather than as a group of sections, and the problems of one section are more and more the problems of the commonwealth.

Several years ago the suggestion would have stirred bitter controversy. Even now it may bring on disagreement. Still, the tendency is to reduce local burdens of this nature to the general level, and the Governor's recommendation likely will find a great deal of favor.—The Charlotte News.

EUGENE F. TILLERY KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

The many friends in Madison and Buncombe counties will be sorry to learn of the death of Eugene F. Tillery. He was killed in an automobile accident near Pamplin, Virginia, Thursday, January 3.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Saturday afternoon, burial following in the family plot near the home.

Mr. Tillery has formerly lived in Madison and Buncombe counties but had lived at Pamplin, Virginia, for a number of years.

He is survived by a son and a

One of the recommendations of Governor Ehringhaus to members of the General Assembly was ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment. In urging its ratification, he said:

"Child labor has already been outlawed under the NRA codes. The elimination of this social evil may be assured on exactly equal terms in all the states by adoption of the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Such legislation is peculiarly of national scope and significance and I therefore recommend to you its adoption as in line with the progressive thought and trend of the times"

Farmers have been told that this Amendment is aimed at the work that children do on the farm, that boys and girls under 18 years of age will not be allowed to wash dishes, milk cows or work in the fields.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Amendment would in no way affect the work children do for their parents. It would merely give Congress the right to regulate the "labor" of children, but the word labor has been construed by the course to mean labor for hire, or gainful employment. It has never been held to include work done around the home or farm.

After all it is Congress who will determine the terms of any child labor law that is passed. Members of Congress are elected by the people the same as State legislators, and it is inconceivable that Congress would pass laws that nobody wants. Each State has far more power than this amendment gives to Congress, but no State has ever tried to regulate the work children do at home.

Some years ago, the Farmer's State League flooded the farm press with propaganda against the Amendment. This organization was found to exist only on paper and was not a farm organization at all, but a tool of the textile interests, long known as the exploiters of children. And similarly this year, a new organization called the National Committee for the Protection of the Child, Family, School and Home, is spreading the same propaganda. The organization is not concerned with protecting either children or the home, but merely with protecting industry.

Child labor means lowered wages. Even the presence in the labor market of a large group of low-paid children competing with adults forces down adult wage rates and low wage scales meaning low purchasing power for farm products. If the 100,000 children taken out of industry by the codes are permitted to re-enter the labor market when the codes expire, wages will be depressed and sweat shops again will flourish. Therefore, it is to the economic interests of the farmer to see that this state ratifies the Amendment. He has nothing to lose but all to gain through its ratification.

BULWINKLE'S BONUS BILL

Would Have Payment in Two Annual Installments

Congressman Bulwinkle, on Jan. 14, 1935, introduced a bill in Congress which if passed would provide for the payment to veterans of their adjusted-service certificates in two annual installments, payable July 1, 1935, and July 1, 1936. This bill has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

"How do you feel?" asked the physician who had been called to attend the seamstress.

"Oh, sew, sew; but I seem worse today, and have stitches in my side." The doctor hemmed, and told her she would mend soon.—Ex.

daughter, Revel Tillery and Miss Foy Tillery of Pamplin, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. John Stahl of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. T. Martin of Alexander, N. C., and Mrs. J. N. Fisher of Marshall; and two brothers, C. V. Tillery of Kellors, Idaho, and W. R. Tillery of Alexander, N. C.