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REPUBLICAN TAX LISTERS IN MADISON COUNTY RESTRAINED BY ORDER OF COURT

Hearing Set By Judge Warlick For May 31

A Court order designed to restrain Republicans from listing Madison County taxes was filed Tuesday by Attorney Carl B. Stuart with the clerk of Madison Court. The order, obtained by the Democratic tax commission and signed by Judge Wilson Warlick of Shelby, halts the work of Jeter P. Ramsey, appointed recently by the Republican board of County commissioners as supervisor of tax listers, who already had a corps of listers at work. A hearing to decide whether or not the order shall become permanent has been set by Judge Warlick for 10 o'clock May 31.

D. M. Robinson, secretary of the tax commission, had recently been told that hereafter the board of commissioners would appoint listers for Madison. Tuesday Mr. Robinson replied: "I feel that the tax commission as now constituted in Madison County will earnestly try to the utmost of their ability to carry out and comply with the laws that govern Madison County and the State of North Carolina." He further said that he would shortly answer the letter of the Board.

Mr. Robinson named as listers the following: Moody Brigman, Sanky Brigman, Wade Ponder, E. F. Wallin, Lee Wyatt, M. E. Gillis, Jake Holcombe, G. H. Roberts, B. J. Ledford, Glenn Gardner, R. A. Phoenix, Mrs. Minnie Parker, J. E. Bishop, J. J. Whitt, Joe Worley, J. E. Gregory, Dewey Wallin, Jim Ammons and Rothie Braskens.

GILBERT THOMAS OF WALNUT

Funeral services for Mr. Gilbert Thomas, of Walnut, were held at the Walnut Baptist Church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, May 12, with the Rev. N. H. Griffin and the Rev. Daniel Corn officiating. Many friends and relatives were gathered, and the interment took place at the Walnut cemetery.

Mr. Thomas, who was 24 years old, succumbed at about 7 o'clock on the evening of May 11, after a long illness. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Thomas, by three brothers Raymond, Fred and Roy; and three sisters, Mrs. Ballard Smith, Mrs. Don Fisher, and Mrs. J. H. Hutchins.

Several out-of-town people were present, including Dr. and Mrs. Will Hutchins and Mrs. Ralph Mosely, of Kingsport, Tennessee, also Mr. and Mrs. Mal Ramsey and their son Cleve and his wife of Asheville. The pallbearers were: Hampton Guthrie, Fred Ramsey, Roy Ramsey, Donald Stines, Raymond McDevitt and John Chandler.

Dr. Blackwell To Preach in Marshall

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell is to deliver the Commencement sermon at Mars Hill College next Sunday morning. He is scheduled to preach at the Marshall Baptist Church next Sunday night. We understand the Marshall church is contemplating extending Dr. Blackwell a call at least for part time preaching and mid-week services.

SEES MARSHALL AFTER 68 YEARS IN MISSOURI

Former Madison man spends day or two in Madison

Mr. A. D. Munson, age 80, of Marionville, Missouri, spent a day or two in Marshall last week and returned home. It had been 68 years since he was in Madison County. Although he knew that everybody here would be a stranger to him he just had a desire to see the place of his childhood once more, and incidentally to locate the grave of a sister who was buried in Madison. He failed to find the grave but did succeed in finding one man on Brush Creek that he knew when he was a boy. Mr. Munson looks well and active for his age. He has five daughters and one son living. Before leaving the county, his parents lived on Brush Creek. Mr. Munson tells us that as a boy the first dollar he ever owned he earned by driving steers from Barnard to Asheville. The several steers, worth about \$100, were sold to a man in Asheville who went "broke" and the owner received only one cow for several steers.

PIANO RECITAL BY LITTLE MISS ANNE BRUCE CHANDLEY

A piano recital by little Miss Anne Bruce Chandley, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chandley of Asheville, is to be held this afternoon at the Asheville Biltmore

MARS HILL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

More than 100 to graduate May 31

More than 100 seniors of Mars Hill College are expected to receive their diplomas at the 79th annual commencement exercises to be held on May 31. The program of exercises for commencement week, as announced by President Moore, will begin with an oratorical contest for men on May 25, at 8 P. M., and on the following morning at 11 the Rev. Hoyt Blackwell of the college faculty will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Other events during the week will be: On May 29, at 8 A. M., a reading

contest for women; May 30 at 10:30 A. M., an oratorical contest for women, with an inter-society debate at 2 P. M. and reunions of the classes of '05, '10, '15, '20, '25 and '30 at 4 P. M. At 8 P. M. on the same day the annual entertainment by the music and expression departments is scheduled. For Commencement Day, the program consists of the procession at 9:45 A. M., awarding of diplomas at 10, alumni address by the Rev. E. F. Hardin of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir at 10:30. Prizes and medals will be awarded at 11, and the Robinson Memorial Infirmary will be dedicated at 11:30.

hotel, where her teacher, Mrs. Ernest A. Ogle, is giving a tea in her honor. Many friends will attend the event, which is to begin at 3:30. The little lady will announce her own numbers, two of which are compositions by Mrs. Ogle called "In Frogland" and "Roguish Little Sunbeams". Other numbers will be "The Little Cuckoo Clock", by Volkart; "Elvas at Play", by Marie Hall; "Allegretto", by Bee-thoven; and "Waltz", Op. 39, No. 15, by Brahms.

The career of this talented child pianist is being watched with a great deal of interest by musicians who have heard her play. She is said to have an unusual dexterity of technique.

NEW LIFE FOR THE FRENCH BROAD

Its languid and lazy course is to be interrupted by the construction of two huge dams. Incidentally, the river is one of the most picturesque in the entire country.

By JOHN PARRIS, JR. In "THE STATE"

The languid French Broad—belle of Western North Carolina's river clan and coquettish like a debutante—is ready for its \$20,000,000 coming-out party with Franklin D. Roosevelt as its chaperon.

Specifications for two long storage dams on the French Broad—units in a system of 17 such dams being planned in mountain counties to store water for the Cove Creek-Muscle Shoals project in the vast Tennessee Valley development—have been announced.

The French Broad is an industrious old river, yet lazy in some respects, haughty with its heritage of romance and glamor. And the folks who stir the dirt of its valleys and dig the wealth of its hills are proud the river is to be tied up with the mighty Tennessee in the South's greatest "forgotten man" experiment.

For unless the best laid plans of man go awry, the French Broad will be the government's talisman for the "forgotten man" in Western North Carolina—the first trump of the New Deal in that section.

Army engineers have surveyed suitable spots along the river for the storage dams. And mountaineers are anxiously awaiting word that the government is ready to start work.

The French Broad is one of the outstanding children of Dixie's river family. The Tennessee is the favorite child. The South holds the Mississippi—head man of the clan—in awe. It fears the capers of the Arkansas. But the French Broad, from its source to its mouth—125 miles of power—is the pride and joy of mountain river lovers.

It is formed up near Rosman in the beautiful and quaint Sapphire country. Prospectors for gold found sapphires of white and red there long ago. At Rosman the French Broad heads south. The Great Smoky Mountains—the venerable hills that were old when the Gardens of Babylon were new—are to the west. The rolling hills of the Paelet are to the east. Factories dot its banks. Farms—tobacco and grain—splootch its valleys like green silk in a patchwork quilt.

The French Broad gathers speed as it hurries toward Brevard, sweeping around great bends, singing a symphony of strength. Its waters turn giant wheels and of its power is born things men need—cloth, furniture, shoes. The mountains of the Sapphire country fall away as the river hustles down its path.

Wanders on to Asheville. It makes a hairpin curve at McLeon Bridge. Here the remains of the mountain's only river boat—the Mountain Lily—a sidewheeler of the old river packet days, lies buried on its side. Then the French Broad runs away Asheville bound. The country changes. The folks are different. But the river doesn't change. It

MADISON COUNTY FACING CRISIS

AUDITOR L. C. REED HAS LET-TER SHOWING THE COUNTY IS THREATENED WITH FEDERAL COURT ACTION AND PROSPECT OF RECEIVERSHIP

Says Commissioners Are Responsible for This Condition

The following letter received Thursday, is printed at the request of Mr. Reed showing something of the financial condition of the county:

May 21, 1935
Mr. Wm. V. Farmer, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Marshall, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Farmer:—
On December 1, 1929, we purchased \$180,000 Madison County 6% Notes in accordance with their advertisement, John A. Hendrick was County Attorney at the time, and we also received the affirming legal opinion of Messrs. Reed Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

Since that time through payments by the State Highway Commission and the County, the principle amount of the loan has been reduced to \$130,000. The present notes matured May 15, 1934.

The notes are now over a year past due and for some unexplained reason it has been quite impossible to get the County Board to issue renewal Notes. We fully realize what conditions have been during the past five years and for that reason have not at any time pressed the County or payment. We have been and are still willing to renew these Notes until such time as the County is able to make payment. The least the County can do is to promptly execute renewal Notes and send to New York with check for the accrued interest to take care of the maturing Notes. You must or should know it is a hardship to carry past due paper.

It is difficult for us to understand how any County Board can be negligent in its duties, or so careless of the manner in which they maintain the credit of the county they represent. It reflects on the standing of all the people of the county, and not to maintain their credit to the highest degree is expensive on the tax payers. Maintaining high credit is the first rule of economics and finance.

If your Board are unwilling to take the decent right action in this matter and promptly execute new Notes in accordance with our letter of May 10th to Mr. L. C. Reed, County Accountant, there is no alternative but for us to apply for relief in the Federal Courts—which is unpleasant to best, and in your case should not be necessary. Your prompt consideration and reply are requested.

Yours very truly,
Eyer & Co.
By George A. Eyer
S. We might add we have made loans off and on to your County since 1916 and heretofore all transactions have been handled by Madison County in an efficient business-like manner.

S. S. CONVENTION

An interesting program is being prepared for the Sunday School Convention meeting at Little Ivy Baptist church, June 2nd at 2 P. M. Rev. E. S. Morgan will preach the Introductory Sermon. Talks will be made by T. J. Eatman and L. J. Ammons. A good size crowd is expected to attend.

FRED JERVIS, Supt. Red Hill Free-Will Baptist Church.

DR. SAMS REPLIES TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SAYS SALARY FIXED BY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 15, 1935

To County Commissioners, Madison County, N. C.
Your notice of the 13th inst. received and this is to inform you that my position as County Physician was obtained from the County Board of Health of Madison County, as appointed by the legislature of N. C. and the stipulation or remuneration arrived at for the office is \$75.00. I was elected by the County Board of Health on the first Monday of April for one year at a salary of \$75.00 per month. I assure you that I am going to continue to do the duties of County Physician as best I can and shall certainly expect my

HERMAN GOSNELL SUFFERS INJURIES IN ACCIDENT

Herman Gosnell, son of Mr. Sylvanus Gosnell of Stackhouse, received severe scalp wounds and a broken arm Tuesday afternoon when he lost control of the truck he was driving and plunged off the Stackhouse road below Walnut Gap. A small boy, Jack Dockery, was uninjured.

Gosnell was hauling wood at the time. When the open-cab truck slipped out of gear, he was unable to get it back before going off the road and down an embankment. Young Jack saw what was coming in time to jump clear; Gosnell was caught behind the controls, the gear-post piercing his forearm. Dr. W. A. Sams treated the injuries, putting eight stitches in the scalp.

R. P. PENLAND DIES

Prominent Citizen of Leicester Section and brother in law of R. S. Ramsey, of Marshall.

Mr. Robert P. Penland, age 77, of the Leicester community, died suddenly Monday night about 9 o'clock at his home. A heart attack was believed to have been the cause of death. Although he had not been feeling well as usual, he had worked Monday.

Mr. Penland, for many years a leading farmer and citizen of Leicester, was born and reared in that community. He was especially interested in livestock, and had developed a fine herd of Hereford cattle. His farm always a show place, was one of the places visited on the farm tours held several years ago, and was the scene of many community experiments on fertilizers and crops. Mr. Penland was a leader in the Democratic party in his section and a member of the Southern Methodist church. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Little Penland; one daughter, Mrs. Claude B. Wells, of Leicester; two sons, Hubert B. Penland, of Leicester and W. Z. Penland, Buncombe County tax supervisor, of Asheville; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home, with the Rev. F. F. Frisbie and the Rev. Jake Martin officiating. Interment will be at Penland chapel, near the home.

Active pallbearers will be Mack Ramsey, Jeter Ramsey, Leonard Sluder, Roy Rogers, O. C. Rector, and Monroe Redmond. Honorary pallbearers will be R. S. Ramsey, T. W. Ramsey, Dr. R. J. Reeves, R. H. Sluder, Los Miller, Van Ward McGee, J. L. McGee, J. T. Davis, O. M. Clark, W. J. Gilbert, Dr. W. J. Weaver, J. W. Gillespie, W. O. Hawkins, Frank H. Payne, Don Felmet, H. G. Reagan, Laurence E. Brown, E. M. Lvda, Harry Nettles, W. C. Pryor, R. F. Lee, Will H. Garrett, Carl Gibbs, J. M. Martin, J. E. Martin, Dr. H. A. Moss, J. S. Wells, Robert Reynolds, and Mark Rogers.

JAMES SNELSON PASSES AWAY

After a long illness with throat trouble, Mr. James A. Snelson of Brush Creek died at his home Monday afternoon, May 6th. The burial took place at the Station Cemetery on May 8, with the Rev. B. E. Guthrie in charge of the ceremony.

Surviving Mr. Snelson are his wife, his brother Joe Snelson of Alexander, and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Plemmons. All of his sons and daughters found it possible to be present, including Mrs. Ben Smith, Mrs. Hard Ledford, Mrs. Carrie Meadows, Mrs. R. S. Kiser, and Giamer, Alex, George, Frank and Clyde Snelson. Many other friends and relatives, some from a distance, attended.

Mr. Snelson was a member of the Supt. Red Hill Free-Will Baptist Church.

I will add for your benefit that I am quite sure that none of you are very well acquainted with this office and do not know what the duties of the office are. Well, I will be glad to inform you, at your request, and here will state that caring for the sick in the County Home and jail are but part of the duties of the County Physician. Why did you not add at the close of your letter that this was done for the reason as set out on the front page of the Asheville Citizen, this date, trying to give me a Political Spanking. That is the motive. Boycotts and spankings do not stop me from doing my duty and especially as a County Physician. I will do my best and you will have to pay.
Very Sincerely,
W. A. SAMS, M. D.