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## CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPLIES TO L. C. REED'S LETTER

### Mr. W. V. Farmer Gives "Some Facts Relative To That Madison County Crisis."

Relative to the story carried last week in the News-Record on the financial crisis of Madison County, Mr. Wm. V. Farmer, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, made this week the following statement:

"The letter Mr. L. C. Reed requested published in the News-Record last week, from Messrs. Eyer & Co. of Wall Street, New York, was not received by me until its contents had already been published in the press. Just why it was done in this way, I can only surmise.

"The condition referred to, as Mr. Reed and others well know, existed long before the present Board of Commissioners assumed office.

"It seems that Messrs. Eyer & Co. New York brokers, bought \$180,000 of Madison County Road Bonds, with the supposed contract with the former Board of Commissioners, and State Highway, that the State of North Carolina would pay each year \$15,000.00 to Messrs. Eyer & Co. out of funds the State had previously borrowed from Madison County to construct roads. This \$15,000.00 was paid by the State to Messrs. Eyer & Co. according to agreement until last year when Madison County School Bonds became in default. Then the State seems to have found that the contract, approved and accepted by John H. McElroy who was County Attorney and whose duty it was to pass on the validity and legality of such contracts for the County, was not binding upon the State.

"Therefore the State of North Carolina has withheld the \$15,000.00 which they are due Madison County each year, with the result that Madison County is now paying double interest on the same money in addition to a bonus.

"Under the above named conditions, the present Board of Commissioners have not renewed the said notes or paid anybody a bonus.

"It is our sincere desire and aim to use every honorable means to maintain the high reputation and credit that Madison County has enjoyed in the past, but under no circumstances are we disposed to stand by and see the County dealt with unfairly or handed such a raw deal.

"Yours for better County Government.

WM. V. FARMER, CHAIRMAN,  
"Board of County Commissioners."

## KENO PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

### EASTERN STARS TO ENTERTAIN

The Eastern Stars will give a Keno party Friday night, May 31, at 8:00 o'clock. Let everybody come and have a good time. Admission 25c.

## "I NEED A HOME FOR THE SUMMER"

Our appeal for homes and jobs for our children for this summer brought most gratifying results. Most of our big girls have been placed—some of them with good wages which will solve many a problem for them. Not so many of our big boys have gotten work, and we still hope that some of them may be wanted. Even though kind hearts have taken a number of our little folks, and they are happy in their summer homes and proud of being able to help, still there are two dozen more that need so very much to have some such change, to be in a home, and feel themselves a part of it. Aren't there still some homes that will take them? Half of these are boys, and half girls, and they range in age from 6 to 12 years. Some of them could be so helpful in a home, and all of them would so like to be loved. We are not asking you to take all of our little ones—or big ones either. There are some of the little ones that we think it best for us to keep for another summer, anyway, and there must be some big ones here to tend the land and cook the meals. But we do feel that aside from the very great help it is to you when you take one of these kiddies, you are adding such a lot to the lives of these youngsters, and we believe are adding happiness to your own. See if you haven't room for one of them.

CROSSNORE SCHOOL, INC.  
CROSSNORE, N. C.

## Relief Office Moved from Marshall

The Relief office which has been in Marshall since it was established, first in the courthouse later in the Guderger buildings on Main Street is being moved to Hot Springs. Questioned as to why the change, those in charge say they do not know why the change is being made.

## GLEANINGS From The Dailies

By S. M. H.

Since the government went into the business of catching kidnapers, not one important case has gone unsolved. There is an impressive list, running into the thirties, of unhappy endings for ransome-hunters since Hauptmann. Yet now someone has tried to pull the biggest and grandest job yet, by holding George Weyerhaeuser, 9-year old son of a lumber magnate in Tacoma, Washington, for \$200,000. Federal agents are keeping hands off until the child is returned; but when that happens, the supposedly college-graduated snatcher will have to do some fast stepping.

Harnessing the ocean tides to supply power used to be the fanciful idea of pulp-magazine writers and impractical dreamers. But the U. S. Army, with funds from the four-billion relief fund, is going to tackle the job up in Maine by the end of this week. On Passamaquoddy Bay, where the waters rise and fall 28 feet, reservoirs will be built to trap water at high tide, then let it escape through hydro-electric turbines to make power. There is uncertainty as to where the power will be sold; but \$36,000,000 will be used to give 4,000 to 5,000 people work for some three years.

But that is not the only place where science is catching up with fiction. Thomas Midgeley, Jr., chairman of the Board of the American Chemical Society, predicts for the next 100 years the following scientific advances: a new source of energy that will make interplanetary travel possible; two hour workdays; chickens the size of pigs and eggs as big as footballs; television so perfect that conventions can meet with every member sitting in his own home.

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 8 a. m. at Corbel, Ont., as the opening of the observation of the birthday of the Dionne quintuplets, Yvonne, Annette, Cecille, Emile and Marie. Yet in the farmhouse of their parents there was more bitterness than happiness; for the little girls have been installed in a swell new home across the road, given by his Majesty the King. They are hardly allowed to see their own babies, so carefully must they be kept.

Foreman: "Hi, what are you doing Jim?"

Bricky: "Sharpening a bit of a pencil."

Foreman: "You'll 'ave the union after you, me lad. That's a carpenter job, that is."

## PREDICTS FINE BURLEY TOBACCO CROP

While it is a little early to predict concerning the burley tobacco crop in Western North Carolina and Tennessee, however Supervisor Lawson Jordan, of the Asheville Tobacco Market, stated that in recent survey, in conjunction with John M. Hayes, President of the Asheville Tobacco Board of Trade, it appeared as a result of information gathered throughout the counties of Western North Carolina, that the prospects for the 1935 burley tobacco crop in these sections are good.

With the high average made in Asheville last season, and with the excellent management of the Asheville Tobacco Market, it is generally predicted by the growers that Asheville is one of the fastest growing markets in the burley belts, and that it will sell considerable more tobacco this year than last year.

While very little tobacco has been set out yet, however, with good weather conditions existing for the next two weeks, it is anticipated that practically the entire crop will be set out at that time. Although insects and cold weather have done some damage to the plant beds, it seems as if there will be enough plants to set out the crop.

From the present indications it appears that the acreage planted this year will be approximately the same as last year, or at least that there will be no decrease in the acreage.

## S. S. CONVENTION

WELLS TO SPEAK AT S. S. CONVENTION

Prof. J. O. Wells will be the principal speaker at the French Broad Baptist S. S. Convention meeting, which will be held at the French Broad with Little Ivy Baptist Church June 2, at 2 p. m. A large crowd is expected to be present.

## DR. BLACKWELL ACCEPTS MARSHALL SHALL CALL

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill, has accepted a part time call to the Marshall Baptist Church. He preached in Marshall Sunday night after delivering a most masterly baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Mars Hill College in the morning. Before taking his text Sunday night he made some preliminary remarks, one being that the very first sermon he ever tried to preach was in the Marshall Baptist church in 1918. He then told the congregation that in response to an approach by the committee he had decided to do his best for the Marshall church. For the present he has only two Sundays open the 2nd and 4th. He will be at the mid-week service every Wednesday night and at both morning and evening services two Sundays a month.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell have recently returned from a trip to Palestine and other countries in the eastern hemisphere. His description Sunday night of the trip 500 miles across the desert from Jerusalem to Ur of the Chaldees, Abraham's country—was quite interesting. Dr. Blackwell will be professor of Bible at Mars Hill College next session after having been away on a leave of absence for two years taking degrees at Yale and Edinburg, Scotland. He is expected to be a power for good in Marshall.

## JACK RICE CASE CONTINUED AGAIN

The case of Jack Rice, who was to have been tried at the present session of Superior Court for second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of McKinley Shelton in 1930, was continued to a special session by consent of Judge Wilson Warlick Tuesday. Rice was sentenced in 1932 to 10 to 15 years on this charge and to 7 to 10 years on a simultaneous charge of assault on Delbert Shelton. New trial, however, was granted by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The Superior Court, which convened Monday with Judge Warlick presiding, called for jury service the following residents of Madison County: J. E. McLean, J. C. Chandler, W. K. Hunter, Creed Shelton, R. R. Rice, E. G. Metcalf, S. A. Phoenix, N. J. Stamey, G. W. Coates, J. C. Redmon, A. W. Bryan, Sampson Cantrell, G. Roberts, Gilbert Metcalf, O. E. Hamlin, Geo. S. Lippard, Ellis Forester, Van Wallin, J. B. Landers, W. F. Allen, R. C. Eller, W. H. Ballard, S. W. Robinson, C. H. Reeves, D. J. Price, J. S. Hagans, Joe Hall, H. D. Fisher, J. E. Rice, Anderson Metcalf, G. A. Allen, Gaither Anderson, W. G. Price, Haynes Wallin, J. G. Shook, J. E. Burnett.

By Wednesday night the Court had disposed of about half its docket, most of the cases being minor charges of larceny, transporting or selling liquor, and assaults. The Court is expected to adjourn Friday.

## Marshall Mad Pup Bites Several People

Five Marshall people are being treated for prevention of rabies after a six-months old German Police pup was reported mad last weekend.

Symptoms leading to a suspicion of rabies were first noticed in the pup last Thursday; on Friday several persons were nipped or scratched, and Saturday the dog's head was sent to Raleigh for examination by officials at the State Board of Health Laboratories. On Monday official confirmation of the dog's madness was received here by Dr. W. A. Sams, who began treatments of those who had been contacted by the dog, which belonged to Mr. J. W. Wible.

Being treated at present are: Mrs. Wible, and her sister Mrs. Pauline Thomas; Irma and Gertrude Griffin, 11 and 8 respectively; and Knox Brigman.

## Seed Being Used To Prevent Erosion

High Point, March 18—Approximately 295,000 pounds of seed have been received this Spring by the Soil Erosion Service in High Point, which will be distributed among the farmers living in the Deep River erosion control area.

Besides the vast amount of seed that the farmers of Deep River are receiving, more than 1250 tons of lime have been distributed during the winter months. One hundred twenty-five tons of fertilizer have also been received in High Point and will be issued to the cooperating farmers in the area.

"Experimentation has proved," said A. H. Veasey, agronomist of the North Carolina erosion control areas, "that the use of fertilizer greatly increases the contrast between 'close' crops, like alfalfa and grass, and 'open' vegetation-free soil. From areas cropped under a three-year rotation of corn, wheat, and clover and timothy, the loss of soil where neither

## THROUGH STATE CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By Bess Hinton Silver

STORM BREWING!—In the Fourth Congressional District, so ably represented for more than a third of a century by the beloved late Edward W. Pou, it now appears there may be a lively scrap. It is rumored around Raleigh that Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, known to one and all as co-author of the McDonald-Lumpkin plan in the late Legislature and "a peoples candidate" may offer in opposition to Congressman Harold D. Cooley. Mr. Lumpkin was a bitter opponent of taxing "fat-back and molasses", always a friend of the schools and an avowed "liquor control" man. He has carved a name among young Democratic leaders. The rumor-graph also reports that former Representative Otway Binn Moss, of Nash, is feeling out the Fourth District Congressional waters. Other mentioned as possible foes of Congressman Cooley are State Senators Carroll Weathers, of Wake, and W. P. Horton, of Chatham.

RE-DEALS—Is there to be a re-deal in North Carolina politics? Some of the natives think so. Representative Wm. Scholl, of the great State of Mecklenburg, has announced his candidacy against Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, and Representative Ed Summersill, of Onslow, would not surprise his neighbors if he announced against Congressman Graham Barden of the Third District.

UNUSUAL—George Ross Pou, Raleigh Attorney, probably emerged as the most popular of the so-called lobbyists in-so far as the people as a whole are concerned. Pou represented those interested in preventing diversion of highway funds and the outcome of such legislation was not displeasing, although there is an additional contingent diversion. Mr. Pou fought side-by-side with the school forces seeking higher school appropriations. He also favored better pay for teachers, highway and prison employees, as well as more cakes and coffee for all State hired help. Unable to attend the sessions in person, Mr. Pou made one radio appeal from his bed and radio officials said it was probably the first "bed-side" talk made in North Carolina.

NEW TARGET—Now that the General Assembly is no more (at least for ninety days or more) Tar Heels will focus their attention more acutely to national affairs and instead of petitioning State Senators and Representatives, appeals will go to U. S. Senators and Congressmen. Right at this time North Carolinians probably are more interested in gericulture, bonus and public utilities legislation. Many a letter will go forth to Washington concerning the Warren potato control bill, the Patman bonus bill (fated for a Presidential veto). Probably as many communications will protest that section of the Wheeler-Rayburn bill which proposes to place operating gas and electric companies under Federal rather than State control. Proponents and opponents of both the Bonus and Rayburn bills are reported active.

BLACKEYE—R. R. Clark, columnist of the Greensboro Daily News, does not fail to crack down on Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade, for his reported failure to take a voluntary salary cut along with the enforced shortened rations of other State employees. Clark wrote: "The Constitution officers whose pay could not be cut as a matter of law, were asked to voluntarily contribute a specified amount to the State in its hour of need. Some of them did. One State official was listed and published as refusing to contribute one thin dime. He is among those on the salary increase list. Since it seemed impossible to leave him off, we may hope if not pray, that he won't be on the receiving end when the salary begins to yield an increase." Mr. Clark might have added that State Auditor Baxter Durham, publicly declared to be neither Auditor nor Public Accountant, made a "pitiable and miserable small" contribution. It has been intimated that both Secretary Wade and Auditor Durham may be faced with strong opposition in the Primary next spring.

LIQUOR—The eleventh-hour patchwork liquor bill passed by the late General assembly to call elections on legal liquor in seventeen counties of the State is still the subject of much debate around Capitol Hill. Many wets think their cause was hurt by enactment of the measure and the fertilizer nor lime was used was at the rate of a little less than 12 tons per acre, as compared with only 3.74 tons per acre where lime and fertilizer were applied and the same rotation used.

The types of seed received by farmers in the erosion control areas of North Carolina include alfalfa, Kentucky blue grass, alsike clover, orchard grass, tall oat grass, red top grass, Sudan grass, timothy, white Dutch clover, agybeans and lespedeza. Lespedeza has proved to be the most useful crop the Soil Erosion Service has yet found for erosion control purposes, as well as for building up the soil and for use as a hay crop. Over 125,000 pounds of lespedeza seed have been issued to the Deep River farmers so far this Spring.

## TOWNS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS URGED TO ACT PROMPTLY

### Madison League Baseball Results

(Played last Saturday)

Petersburg, 4; Marshall, 0  
Batteries: Robinson and Hunter; Bryan and Burnett

Sandy Mush, 13; Walnut Creek, 6  
Batteries: Brown and Reeves; Ramsey and Roberts, Robinson

Games this Saturday  
Petersburg at Walnut Creek  
Walnut at Marshall  
Sandy Mush at White Rock

LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
Sandy Mush	1	0
Petersburg	1	0
MARSHALL	0	1
Walnut Creek	0	1
White Rock	0	0
Walnut	0	0

### SHELTON — ROBINSON

Miss Clyde Robinson of Flag Pond, Tenn., Rt. 1, and Mr. Ralph Shelton, son of Mrs. Cora Shelton, of Flag Pond, route 1, were married May 9 by W. M. Edmonds, justice of peace.

### SHELTON—RIDDLE

Miss Iva Riddle, daughter of Willard Riddle of White Rock and Mr. Joe Shelton, son of Mrs. Arminda Shelton of Erwin, Tenn., were married May 23 by H. K. Ramsey, justice of the peace.

### McPHERSON—INMAN

Mr. Bill McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McPherson, of Sevierville, Tenn. and Miss Margaret Inman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Inman of Morristown, Tenn. were married at Marshall, May 10 by the Rev. J. R. Duncan, pastor of the Marshall Methodist church.

## CHAIN NICKELS, DIMES, QUARTERS

What would you do if an acquaintance came up to you, asked for a nickel, dime or quarter, and gave in return a paper which read, "This money is to be used for shipping donkeys back to Egypt. Don't be an ass and ask for your back; get it from the next fellow?"

That is one of the forms taken by the chain letter fad in its dying struggles. In Asheville, where the trick has about gone the rounds, your best friend won't lend you a nickel for a dope, for fear of being twice a sucker.

constitutionalism of the law has been questioned. The Constitution says that the legislature shall not enact local laws partially repealing any State-wide law and some able lawyers have declared that is just what the liquor bill does. The opinion here is that dries will seek injunctions to prevent the elections and that the Supreme Court will get a shot at the problem.

## TED JOHN CARTER AT BERA

Ted John Carter, son of Mrs. T. Carter of Marshall will be among the seniors to graduate from Berea College on June 3. Dr. Fred B. Smith of New York, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship and author of several books on peace, will deliver the Commencement address.

Mr. Carter, who will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English, came to Berea four years ago from the Weaverville High School Weaverville, North Carolina. During his college years he has been prominent in campus activities. He has served as president of Alpha Zeta, men's literary society; vice-president of the Berea Folk Club; and as a member of the track, cross country, basketball and speedball teams. For the past two years he has taken a major role in the annual "Dance Demonstration of the History of Kentucky" presented by the Men's Physical Education Department.

## DANCE HERE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The Virginia Reel Cottillon Club of Marshall will sponsor a dance next Monday night, June 3 from 9 to 11. Algie Boss and his seven-piece colored band will furnish the music. The dance will be held in the Masonic Building.

### State Health Official Enthusiastic Over New Terms Federal Financing Public Works

The announcement from Washington yesterday that the Federal Government would finance the construction of worth while public work by giving to a community 45 percent of the total cost of a project and lending the remainder of the money needed at 3 percent caused the State Board of Health to go into high gear and get out in a half day almost one thousand letters to city, county and school officials urging them to submit at once projects for needed improvements.

"This is just what we've been waiting for," beamed Warren H. Brooker, Chief Engineer of the Department, "and the town or county that does not get needed new school buildings, new water and sewerage systems, new hospitals, or whatever is needed is overlooking the only opportunity of its kind for public improvements that has ever been presented."

"Why, just think what this is going to mean to North Carolina," enthused Mr. Brooker. "new school buildings will be provided and decent sanitary facilities installed at many existing schools. There are almost 1000 schools in this State without toilet facilities of any kind, not even privies, and over 3000 with facilities appraised as bad. These schools accommodate over 400,000 North Carolina school children," continued Mr. Brooker. "Wide awake school officials are going to take advantage of Federal financing of public works to eliminate many such health menacing situations."

There are many communities in the State that do not have public water supply and sewerage facilities that will obtain them under this new program, or the officials of such communities will have to answer to their constituents later for failing to obtain a share of the improvements financed by the Government," asserted Mr. Brooker. "An abundance of disease germ free and sparkling water together with facilities for immediate and complete disposal of domestic wastes are two of the greatest blessings of modern civilization, and," added Mr. Brooker, "are the two most important public health objectives that can be attained by any community."

New public water systems, new sewerage systems and extensions, new water purification plants and sewage treatment plants will be given preference in the new program of public works.

"Think of getting absolutely free sufficient money to cover 45 percent of the cost of a project, that alone should be inducement enough for public officials to determine to have needed improvements made now, but in addition," enthused Mr. Brooker, "the balance of the money, 55 percent of the cost of a project, can be obtained at only 3 percent interest, a heretofore unheard of rate for the financing of public work."

In the letters to city, county and school officials, Mr. Brooker urged that architects and engineers be retained at the earliest possible moment to prepare plans and specifications for the needed improvements and to prepare the application to the PWA for funds. Attention was directed also to the fact that revenue producing municipal improvements may now be financed with bonds that pledge only the revenue from the facility for the retirement of the debt.

## DR. J. H. HUTCHINS QUILTS BURNSVILLE

Dr. J. H. Hutchins made it known this week that he has given up his dental practice in Burnsville, and from now on will devote all his time to his Marshall office.

Dr. Hutchins has just finished the work of renovating and rearranging his office suite above the Citizen's Bank. One of the three rooms of the original suite has been dropped, and one of the two front rooms converted into a reception room. New wallpaper, and refinished ceilings and arrangement of his equipment to floors make a fine appearance here, as well as in the operating room, where Dr. Hutchins is completing re-give added efficiency.