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FIRE DESTROYS GEORGE AND LANDERS STORE IN MARS HILL

STORE OF JOHN AMMONS ALSO DAMAGED IN SUNDAY NIGHT BLAZE

Soon after one o'clock last Sunday night the fire alarm at Mars Hill was sounded by the telephone night operator, Miss Leona Walters, when she found smoke coming up to the telephone office which is located over the stores which were damaged. Compelled to leave the office she tied the siren down so it would continue to sound while she ran out, and when the fire department responded the siren could not be reached to cut it off on account of the smoke and fire. The fire originated in the store occupied by George and Landers, the building being the property of Mr. George, and is said to have destroyed the stock and damaged the building to the extent of an estimated loss of \$10,000 or \$15,000. The stock was said to be insured for \$3,250. The stock of Mr. Ammons was also damaged by smoke and water, but covered by insurance. The fire department soon extinguished the flames and prevented the spread of the fire. It is said to have been one of the greatest fires in the history of Mars Hill.

NEW LAWS WHICH AFFECT MADISON

Institute of Government Gives Summary of 1935 Local Laws for County

By Henry Brandis, Jr., Dillard S. Garner, T. N. Grice

Continuing a practice inaugurated in 1933 The Institute of Government presents herewith, for the convenience of local officials and the press, a summary of local laws affecting Madison County, its cities, towns, subdivisions and citizens. Of course, many general laws also affect the County, but space does not permit them to be summarized here. A summary of these general, state-wide laws will be found in the May-June issue of Popular Government, The Institute's magazine. In this summary for the County, only local laws, and general laws from which the County or some part of the County is specifically excepted, are mentioned. No attempt is made to cover bills which were introduced but never became laws.

I. LAWS AFFECTING THE COUNTY:

1. Taxes, Finances and related matters:

Chapter 302, Public-Local Laws, directs the County Commissioners to levy in 1935 not exceeding 5c on the \$100 valuation to make necessary repairs on the county jail, the money to be used for no other purpose. The Commissioners may borrow in anticipation of the tax collection in order to make the repairs immediately.

Chapter 412, Public Laws, amended C. S. 1681, so as to eliminate the necessity of having three freeholders assess the damages done by dogs, when these damages are to be paid from the dog tax funds, leaving to the County Commissioners the authority to assess the damages.

Chapter 64, Public Laws, authorizes counties to contract, for periods not exceeding thirty years, with any private or public hospital, within or without the unit, to provide for medical treatment and hospitalization of the sick and afflicted poor of the unit, provided the contract does not call for payment of more than \$10,000 annually by any unit. Chapter 64 dealing with such contracts by cities and towns is not applicable to Madison County.

Chapter 172, Public Laws, authorizes the County Commissioners of the several Counties to purchase machinery to be used in the prevention of soil erosion and to rent or re-

sell such equipment to the farmers. The Commissioners may also guarantee purchases of such equipment by the farmers from private agencies or the Federal Government. Madison County and some 28 other counties were exempted from the provisions of this act.

2 Miscellaneous Laws:

Chapter 25, Public Laws, which applies to Cherokee, Graham, Haywood and Madison Counties, provides that when the records of any court have been burnt, lost, destroyed or stolen, and a copy of any part of such record is in existence, duly certified by a former Clerk of the Superior Court (with or without seal) the Clerk of any court shall, upon presentation of such certified copy and the payment of his lawful fees, record the copy upon the minutes or records of the court. The record so made is given the same force and effect as the original records. The certified copy from which the record is so made, if it is on file or constitutes a part of any record of another court, is to be returned to the court from which it came and need not remain in the custody of the clerk recording it. Madison formerly had a law similar to this law, which was repealed when this was enacted (C. S. 384).

Chapter 80, Public Local Laws, repealed Ch. 253, Pub.-Loc. Laws 1923, which prohibited exhibitions by traveling carnivals in the county. (Continued to Fourth Page)

TEN YEARS AGO IN MARSHALL

From the NEWS-RECORD Files

Last Saturday night (July 19, 1925) Ted Lance, of Hot Springs and Jack Ramsey, of Marshall had a head-on collision near the home of Mr. Logan Henderson, Hot Springs. Both cars damaged, but nobody hurt.

Sunday, George Barnard, colored, ran off the mountain about three miles east of Hot Springs, receiving several broken ribs.

Policeman J. R. Henderson captured a Studebaker and two men with 2 pints of liquor Sunday.

Crops are not so good this year, since Western North Carolina has had an unusually long period of drought.

Miss Evelyn Baley entertained the As-You-Like-it club Tuesday afternoon. After the guests had enjoyed games, delightful refreshments were served.

Two Marshall girls were taught to swim Sunday at a picnic given by the Rev. H. L. Smith for the Junior B. Y. P. U. at Laurel River. Those two were Misses Merle Sams and Sarah Pritchard.

Mr. George Sams was taken to an Asheville hospital Wednesday to diagnose a baffling illness, but it was not necessary for him to stay.

Mr. Fred Hix has returned from Asheville, where he recently underwent an appendicitis operation.

Mr. Roy A. Roberts, and Miss Ellena Rector were married Sunday, June 19, 1925, at Newport, Tenn., by the Rev. Mr. Woodfield of the Christian Church there.

TONSIL CLINIC

There will be a Tonsil Clinic at the office of Dr. W. A. Sams, Thursday, August 1, 1935. Those interested, see Dr. W. A. Sams.

Guy Roberts Elected President of Bar Association

Judge Guy V. Roberts, of Marshall, at a recent meeting in Asheville, was elected president of the Bar Association of the 19th Judicial District. Mr. Roberts was for the past year vice-president of the Association.

PRESENTS RECITAL IN EXPRESSION



Miss Lillian Whitehurst, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whitehurst

Miss Lillian Whitehurst of Marshall, the subject of this sketch, is the only and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whitehurst. Mr. Whitehurst is cashier of the Citizens Bank and has other interests in Marshall and elsewhere. Miss Whitehurst graduated

at Mars Hill College in the spring of 1934 with high honors. Since then she has been a student at Agnes Scott near Atlanta, Ga., and at Limestone at Gaffney, S. C. This summer she has been taking a special course in expression at Mars Hill College under Miss Bonnie Wengert and last Friday night she participated in a delightful program of expression in the Mars Hill College auditorium, before an appreciative audience. Her first number was a one-act play, "The Siege", by Colin Clements, in which Miss Whitehurst showed decided ability with a difficult selection. The second number in which she appeared was the third act of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House". Both selections in which Miss Whitehurst appeared were quite difficult and exceptionally well rendered. Miss Whitehurst made a distinguished record in dramatics during her two years at Mars Hill College. During the summer school she has appeared twice in programs, once in Hartley's play and once in a series of interpretive readings. She has also been a player in the Chapel Hill drama festival. While in college at Mars Hill she was president of the Club Literary Society.

Miss Whitehurst is planning to enter Duke University next fall.

LOCAL ACTORS PROVIDE BREEZY ENTERTAINMENT IN CIVITAN PLAY

To mention everyone who took part in "Black-Eyed Susan", the Civitan play which appeared two nights here last week, would take too much space to be done here; but that play brought out many highlights of character portrayal that must be mentioned.

The story concerned five old maids, who, tired of the solitary life, advertised for husbands. The five eager gentlemen who responded kept the audience in chuckles during the two hours of the show, and furnished support for the thread of genuine romance carried by the two principals. Hazel West, in the title role, and Paul Payne as Phil Langdon, leading man, both thoroughly justified their selection for the leading parts. Miss West fell naturally into the part of a modern young sophisticate, and Mr. Payne showed real talent in a role that required considerable versatility.

First maiden lady to meet her spouse was Miranda Herringbone, (Mrs. E. R. Tweed, Jr.) whose suitor turned out to be Roscoe Sampson (Ron Sprinkle). The two of them showed perfectly what might happen if Roscoe Ates of the movies were to court Zazu Pitts. Mrs. Tweed's use of voice and hands was one of the brightest spots of the show.

With their engagement arranged,

Polly Primm (Gypsy McDewitt) came forward to meet a somewhat poetic Jimmie Simpkins (Bob Hinkle) who sported a soul-shaking hicough that took some of the color from the romance—but gave it plenty of sound. Polly got her man.

Lotta Nabornews (Mrs. R. B. Redmon) also caught her man. Elmer Tompkins (T. E. Worley), who played the opposite role, did a fine job as "country come to town", feeding bananas to his wife-to-be as they both proudly eyed the string of pearls around her neck.

"Would you like to see a rose worm?" queried Professor Hiram Catchbug (Dr. J. H. Hutchins) as he deserted the cause of science long enough to let Prudence Prattle (Katie Sams) know that he liked her almost as much as his study of "insectology". Complete with butterfly net, the learned gent was good for many a laugh.

But it would have taken more than the Prof's butterfly net to hold Abner Sniggles (Wendell McDewitt) who, clad in red flannels given him by his doctor-to-be, Leta Pennyfeather, (Pauline Sprinkle) gave a supremely realistic portrayal of the gentleman with seven years of the itch condensed into seven minutes.

Two of the best bits of acting

THIRTY SIX MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

LIST OF TEACHERS NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

With the exception of the seven high schools in the county, all the schools of the County are scheduled to open next Monday, July 29.

The Board of Education is to meet Thursday of this week to certify the list of teachers for the various schools. We regret that we could not get the list for publication in this issue but to do so would make the paper late.

TAXPAYERS NOTICE

Every possible record in Madison County will be checked and every piece of property will be visited to ascertain whether all property subject to taxation has been listed for the year 1935 and preceding years. Every owner or head of the house will be visited to ascertain if there is a dog on the premises not listed for taxes.

All persons who appear before me and list his taxes or the remainder of his property for tax (if he has already listed part of it), and pay the penalty of \$2.00 for failure to list within the next few days will not be prosecuted in Superior Court.

I am now preparing a list of those who have not listed their taxes. I shall present the names to the Grand Jury at the next criminal term of Superior Court for prosecution.

E. W. REECE

TAX SUPERVISOR

BIG LAUREL, REVERE POSTOFFICES AND STAR ROUTE WILL BE DISCONTINUED

Entire Section to be served by Mail Carrier

The News-Record has it from Postmaster, N. B. McDevitt, Marshall, that Big Laurel and Revere Postoffices will be discontinued effective August 16, 1935. Mr. McDevitt says: "By order of the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C. on July 6, 1935 and effective August 16, 1935, the following postoffices will be discontinued, Big Laurel, N. C., Revere, N. C. and on the above named date, Star Routes from Marshall to Big Laurel, Big Laurel to Revere, and White Rock to Carmen, N. C. (discontinued) will be discontinued. All territory affected by discontinuances of offices and star route will be served by Route No. 3 carrier out of Marshall, N. C.

Rural carriers are only permitted to deposit mail in regulation mail boxes when properly placed for the receipt of mail.

Route No. 2 out of Marshall will also be extended a few miles. These changes will cause the extension of Route No. 3, 23 miles. This route is served by Mr. William Worley. It will be recalled that since this route was assigned to Mr. Worley, five postoffices have been discontinued—Carmen, Belva, Allantand, and now Big Laurel and Revere. This will make Mr. Worley's route a fraction more than 74 miles — by far the longest route in Madison County.

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GLEANINGS From the Dailies

By S. M. H., Jr.

A Charlotte jury acquitted Monday the N. C. chain-gang officials charged with responsibility for the freezing and loss of the feet of two short-term negroes, who the State claimed, were chained in an unheated cell nine days last winter. Defense held that the negroes themselves had caused the freezing by wrapping cords and rags around their ankles to protect against the shackles.

Cherokee County's Hiwassee river dam seems assured after the Senate yesterday approved and sent to the House a \$1,000,000 appropriation measure to get the work under way. The whole project will cost \$12,000,000. Much of the first million will be used to bring machinery from Norris Dam where it is no longer needed. But the remaining \$11,000,000 has yet to be provided.

An airplane route from Russia to the U. S. by way of the North Pole may be the eventual outcome of experimental flights now planned. Distance, about 6,250 miles. The Soviet "mystery plane" that was ready to leave for California last week still has not taken off; but it is expected soon. Meanwhile all information about the plane is being kept secret, even as to its present whereabouts.

A 5- & 10c store girl returned a lost wallet to its owner—and a swell mix-up resulted. James Lin, owner of the wallet, is also the son of the president of China. The girl, Viola Brown, 20, claimed that he recently married her, and a magistrate backs her up. Meanwhile it turns out Lin already has two wives back home in China. President Lin asks that no extra favors be shown his son because of his father's position; latest development yesterday was that Lin, Jr., may be deported. Lin is a graduate of Ohio State University.

Eleven killed over the weekend in auto accidents in the two Carolinas. 30,000 bodies have been picked up by the Hankow Red Cross along the Han and Yangtze rivers, and reports from other parts of China indicate an even heavier loss of life in the floods. Pretty far away, and not much to get crimp in the methods of some of their

REV. J. A. MARTIN AT OAK RIDGE SUNDAY

Rev. J. A. Martin will preach at Oak Ridge Community Church next Sunday, July 28th at 11 o'clock. There will also be a flower service. The public is cordially invited.

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Riding an elephant across the Alps from Switzerland into Italy was just a bright idea of Richard Halliburton, American author, who thought it would be fun to make the trip as Hannibal made it centuries ago. Tuesday he was back in Lucerne, Switzerland, without the elephant, hunting up money to pay the customs officials, who were holding it for a customs charge of half the animal's value for permission to take it in. Hannibal never had to worry about that.

Last-minute alibi won't work in Kansas courts any more. Criminal lawyers had been bringing in alibi witnesses too late for the State to check up on them, and winning acquittals by that means. From now on seven days' notice must be given. Lawyers there say this will put a serious number.

Oddities: Police called by a neighbor entered a house in Greensboro just in time to catch a negro pocketing two pistols, a watch and jewelry. The home was that of Mike Caffey, chief of Greensboro police. . . . 10,000 bales of cotton lost at sea in a storm in 1912 may be hauled up, if the Government testers decide it is worth saving. Two divers, Guttrall and Mogg by name, hunted around on the ocean floor off North Carolina for two weeks before finding the sunken ship. . . . Somewhere there is a gent named Moyer who has a lion waiting for him at the Railway express office in Augusta, Ga., and the express men wish he would turn up and claim his pet. For a while Albert, the lion, was fun to have around; but since he eats 75 cents to a dollar's worth of beef a day, the lion has the boys buffaloed. . . .

A mild-mannered small minister, the Rev. A. French, became a hero Tuesday after a battle with an apparently demented man who tried to wreck a trans-continental bus. The minister pulled the bigger, heavier man away from the wheel just in time for the driver, who had been shoved aside by his assailant, to regain control of the bus before it ran into a mountain lake.

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175 BOYS ADDED TO CCC CAMP AT MARS HILL

When No. 11 stopped at Marshall at Asheville and represented the Monday afternoon, 175 boys assigned to the CCC Camp at Mars Hill rolled number had been sent up from Hot Springs. Captain Stout, who has charge of the above named camp, had seven trucks waiting to take them to the Camp. They had enlisted the boys are in good hands.

"Cyclone Mack", Noted Evangelist, Dies Suddenly Monday Of Heart Attack

According to the Associated Press in the dailies Tuesday morning, Barber F. McLendon, known throughout the nation as "Cyclone Mack", Evangelist, died suddenly of a heart attack

at his home in Bennettsville, S. C., Monday night. He had been in poor health for several months. Fifty-nine years of age, he conducted his last revival three weeks ago in Oklahoma City.