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SIX DESERTED CHILDREN LEFT AT MERCY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Relative Keeps Six For Two Weeks For Six Dollars

CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 11 SENT TO COUNTY HOME AFTER GOING WITHOUT DINNER

Six half-starving children were brought back to the courthouse Monday morning by the woman who had kept them for two weeks on a private subscription and she and the children hung around the courthouse all day Monday with no food and no place to go for the night. These six Marler children are the same ones mentioned in this paper two weeks ago. Their father was sent to the chain gang and the mother deserted the children and is said to have gone to another state with the brother of her husband. If anything will stir the sympathy of people, it should be a starving child. They are not responsible for the circumstances under which they find themselves. Some provision, of course, should be made for them. Mr. John McElroy, county attorney, advises that it is the duty of the county commissioners to place such children in the county home and provide for them. Mr. William Farmer, chairman of the county commissioners, tells us that the county home is not a fit place for such children, that they should not be thrown in with old and in some cases profane and almost insane people, that the expense to the county would be \$75.00 a month to care for these six and that the county is without funds, that the 15c levy is not sufficient to run the county and yet the 5c levy proposed was rejected by those in authority. Salaries of county officials and other expenses of the county are several months in arrears, that the children would have to be furnished lodging, clothing, food and provided with books and sent to school. It was his opinion that these children could be cared for by some family or relative in the county for a much smaller sum. Officials complain that federal money is being paid out to grown, able-bodied men and women who could live without it and yet no provision is made for starving children. Mr. Farmer tells us that already in the county home are some children placed for a day or two until other provisions could be made and they have been there for a long period with no prospect of being cared for otherwise. This is a problem for the community or for our lawyers and officials to solve. Certainly we can not afford to feed ourselves and be comfortable while children stand by starving. Monday afternoon, after hanging around the courthouse all day, the woman who brought the children back, left, telling the clerk of the court, "there they are for somebody to take care of." The clerk had a taxi take them to the county home. All agreed that something should be done. Nobody wants the care of such children. Some will take care

of them for pay, but where is the pay to come from, when everybody feels that his own burdens are all that he can bear?

CLAUDE ALLISON PASSES AWAY

Prominent Citizen of Marshall Laid to Rest Tuesday

Claude R. Allison, 60, died soon after six o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday, September 15, at his home on Hayes Run. His death came as a shock to the community, being sudden and unexpected. While his health had not been the best for a year or more he was active up to the last, and his death was probably due to angina pectoris. Seated in a rocking chair on the porch of the home, he complained of pains about the shoulders and arms and said that he thought he had taken cold. Mrs. Allison went in to prepare his supper so that he might go to sleep early, and when she returned to announce that supper was ready, she found him lifeless leaning back in the rocker. All other members of the family were out of town for the afternoon. Mrs. Allison attracted the attention of neighbors and Dr. McElroy was called. The news of his sudden going soon spread over the community. Mr. Allison is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Allison, and two stepsons, Mr. C. Eugene Rector and Mr. Howard Rector of Marshall. He is also survived by two brothers and sisters as follows: Mr. Sam A. Allison, Mr. Ernest Allison, Miss Mamie Allison of Brevard, and Mrs. Henry Stirling, of Greenville, S. C. Funeral services were at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Duncan, pastor of the Marshall Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Bragg, pastor of the Baptist church of Weaverville. Interment followed at the cemetery of the Madison Seminary church.

Active pallbearers were: J. A. Dennis, Cleophus Rector, Troy M. Rector, J. Hubert Davis, J. Herschel Sprinkle and J. J. Ramsey. Honorary pallbearers were: G. L. McKinney, J. Coleman Ramsey, E. R. Tweed, Sr., Zeb V. Fisher, Hubert E. Roberts, S. B. Roberts, O. C. Rector, R. G. Rector, E. N. Holcombe, John F. Bryan, P. V. Rector, H. L. Story, John H. McElroy, Carl R. Stuart, J. M. Baley, Sr., Guy V. Roberts, Guy English, W. A. West, Roy L. Gudger, Dr. J. N. Moore, Dr. J. L. McElroy, Will Morrow, and A. A. Gregory, of Marshall, and W. W. Shipman of Brevard. Mr. Allison was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and at one time occupied a position with the Marshall newspaper, predecessor of the present News-Record. He was a perfectly good man, loyal and devoted husband, a well-informed citizen, and one who will be greatly missed in the community.

"THE INSPIRATION OF THE CAROLINA MOUNTAINS"

By THOMAS GAMBLE, Savannah, Ga., in The Asheville Citizen, September 8, 1935.

Great souls and great minds ought to come out of the mountains. Here, if anywhere, man can meditate, if he will, undisturbed by the raucous tumult of the town. Here the wearying problems of life seem to quickly simplify and clarify, to become pellucid and easy of solution.

Here troubles that were magnified by their very nearness shrivel into nothingness, and one learns to smile at their real pettiness and insignificance. Fictitious values fade away, as imperceptibly as the mists of early dawn. A new perspective is created for the coming years and the future seems miraculously built on sounder and ever-enduring supports.

Then it is there comes a new conception of the longing that filled the whole being of the psalmist when, with brain racked and spirit vexed, in fancy he felt himself translated from the poisonous atmosphere of the court or camp as he sang, "I will look unto the hills whence cometh my help."

At the seashore one is troubled by the restlessness of the ocean. Its constant surging, its ceaseless moaning, its breakers forever racing beachward, the never-ending suggestion of latent, irresistible power that seems ready to awake and destroy with little warning—these disturb and check the flow of detached thoughts and divert them into the world of striving human activities. There is not the calm-

ing of mind and of spirit one finds in the quietude of the high hills.

Great, clear-minded, long-visioned thinkers and mental leaders should be the fruitage of the cool light air, the unruffled atmosphere that mingles with the habited valleys below and into the vantage of the heights witness with sympathy the struggles and perplexities and aspirations of men, while undisturbed by their feverishness, their zest for pleasure and lust for material possessions.

From the mountains the errors of man can best be felt and analyzed, the secret of his failures uncovered, in the mountains comes the contact with the unseem, the consciousness of an overruling and governing power. Poets and prophets should be bred in them.

Standing on the portico of St. Paul's in London one sees nothing of the superb dome and the cross that surmounts it. Little by little, as one passes from this master building of Wren, the dome and the cross loom in all their glory. Not until a sufficient distance has been attained does their real grandeur appear, the full significance of the architect's dream of beauty wrought in stone reveal and impress itself on the eye and mind. It has taken nine centuries, it is said to dimly realize what Calvary has meant to the world—and the lessons are yet far from fully learned. So as one recedes from the cities,

GOSNELL, GUNTER AND THOMAS WILL DIE ON OCTOBER 4

SUPREME COURT DENIES APPEALS OF MADISON COUNTY BOYS

The Supreme Court of North Caro-

lina Wednesday affirmed the death penalties imposed upon Arthur Gosnell, Orlis Gunter and Robert Thomas, who were convicted of murdering William Thomas February 16. The execution will be October 4.

HOT SPRINGS P. T. A. TO PRESENT PLAY, "SKY-HIGH" SEPTEMBER 26-27

Three-Act Comedy to Feature Local Talent

Under auspices of the Hot Springs P. T. A., the play "Sky-High" will be presented at the high school auditorium there on September 26 and 27, at eight p. m.

"Sky-High" is a local talent play—a smashing three-act comedy-drama with musical specialties. It is a new vivid drama full of comedy, excitement and variety; a hit full of catchy tunes and snappy choruses. The leading roles will be played by Charles J. Runyon, who takes the part of Walter Stephens, designer of a new plane, "Sky-High", and Mae Fleming plays the part of Shirley Shields, Walter's secretary and sweetheart.

The production "Sky-High" is under the direction of Miss Eureka Proctor, who with the cast and chorus is hard at work to make it one of the best ever staged at Hot Springs.

The attractive costumes are furnished by the National Producing Co. of Kansas City, Mo., who present this new high-class play.

Don't forget to see "Sky-High" on September 26 and 27, at 8 p. m. Admission will be 10c and 25c.

DAILY FARM RADIO PROGRAMS ARE BEGUN AT STATE COLLEGE

Daily programs over Radio Station WPTF on subjects of interest to North Carolina farmers began Monday, September 16, as a part of the State College agricultural extension work.

The programs, lasting 15 minutes, will come on the air each week day at 2 p. m. and will include a talk on some phase of farming as seen by a specialist from State College and news items gleaned from the daily press and from government reports pertaining to the farm.

Men and women from the personnel of the State College School of Agriculture, the Experiment Station, and the Extension Service will have parts on the programs. The talks which they will deliver will be from seven to eight minutes in length and will be on some timely farm subject.

Just at this time of the year, farmers are interested in the fall handling of livestock, the care of poultry and turkey flocks, the harvesting of nut crops, the picking and ginning of cotton, the selling of tobacco, and the planting of winter cover crops. All of these subjects will be discussed by authorities in the near future.

The program for the week of September 16-21 includes the following speakers and their subjects: Monday, Prof. R. H. Ruffner, "Herd Improvement"; Tuesday, Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, (to be announced); Wednesday, Dr. S. G. Lehman, "Diseases of Cereal Crops"; Thursday, P. H. Kime, "Care of Seed Cotton"; Friday, Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, "Some Common Animals"; and Saturday, Prof. G. O. Randall, "Fall and Winter Propagation of Shrubs from Cuttings."

MARSHALL POSTOFFICE MAY BE PROMOTED TO SECOND CLASS

with their tumults, their discords, their racking pictures of man's worst frailties, as well as the soul-reviving evidences of man's noblest attributes of self-sacrifice and that devotion to ideals on which the world must rest for final redemption from current evils, and one comes to the mountains, (Carried to Fifth Page.)

Bids on Better Building To Be Received October 3

Mail Carriers Changed Last Monday; Route Extension Is Proposed

Postmaster N. B. McDevitt informs us that if the sale of stamps at Marshall can be increased for the next three months over the same period last year's sale, his understanding is that Marshall will be entitled to a second-class postoffice instead of a third-class office, as it now is. He tells us that there are very few county seats in North Carolina which do not have as high as second-class offices. Second class offices are equipped to do better service in several respects. For instance, an extra clerk would always be available when mails are being opened so that patrons could have attention at any hour. Better equipment in the postoffice lobby, better ventilation and heating and town mail carrier service from the postoffice would be available.

Already bids are to be received on October 3 for a well equipped building that will house the Marshall office. The postmaster has in his possession specifications for equipment in such a building which covers several pages printed and typewritten matter—too lengthy to print here. It appears that, after October 3 the equipment of the present office will be greatly improved.

Mail Carriers Changed Monday

Effective last Monday, September 16, all the mail carriers from the Marshall office were changed as follows:

Route 1 was changed from John Smith to William Worley and covers a distance of 48.33 miles.

Route 2 was changed from Roy Rice to John Smith and covers a distance of 51.86 miles.

Route 3 was changed from William Worley to Roy Rice and covers a distance of 74.30 miles.

Two extensions of Route 3 are proposed and it is believed will be approved by the government. One extension will be on Spillcreek Creek, a distance of 4.8 miles to Arrowood's store and retrace. The other extension proposed is from Berryhill Lane to Carmen and would connect with the Tennessee mail. These two extensions, if approved by the government, would make the total distance of Route 3 approximately 87 miles.

We are advised that there are listed on the three routes out of Marshall, divided as follows: On route 1, 2,492; on route 2, 1,610; on route 3, 2,000. If each person on these routes mailed one letter daily the postage would be \$171.24 a day, whereas on Monday the persons of Route 1 bought \$1.02 in postage; on Route 2, \$5.84, and on Route 3, \$14.85, a total of \$21.71. This shows that thousands of the patrons of the office are not using the RFD service furnished by the Department.

It is suggested that all the patrons of our office use the RFD service in order that the office might better be rated, and the public get better service. Buy postage stamps and write letters, teach the children to write. And take a newspaper.

Folger Johnson of Chatham County is conducting a demonstration in raising capons for the market. He has a flock of 150 of these birds.

Madison's New Farm Agent



GEORGE W. MILLER

We are introducing our readers to Madison County's new farm agent, Mr. George Miller (cut above) who comes to us from Bridgewater, Va., where he has been a teacher of vocational agriculture for 13 years. Mr. Miller began work September 14. He will move his wife and two children to Marshall soon.

J. A. Brooks Dies At Hot Springs Home

Funeral services for Mr. Joseph A. Brooks, 77, of Hot Springs, were held at the Fairview Methodist Church near Hot Springs Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the Rev. Moir Edwards and the Rev. Mr. Finley officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Brooks, known to his familiar as "Uncle Joe", was a member of the Methodist Church and was active in church work until his health failed, at which time, he also retired from the mercantile business in which he had been engaged for many years. Born and reared in this county, he came from his first home near Bluff to become one of Hot Springs' best-known citizens. His death Saturday night at 10:10 followed an illness of some three weeks.

He is survived by his widow, to whom he had been married for 53 years; by two brothers, Terrell and Lon; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Brown of Bluff and Mrs. Lee Plemons of South Carolina; one son, Oscar, and one daughter, Mrs. C. C. Brown, and by four grandchildren.

Mrs. Grover Long and Kenneth Burgin had charge of music at the funeral, while Mrs. Ira Plemons was in charge of flowers. Pallbearers were: Dennis Church, Glen Brooks, Ed Chandler, Mr. R. C. Kirby, Mr. K. Y. Norris, and Charles Rector.

Attending the funeral from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cayble and son, J. Frank, of Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler of Candler, N. C.; Mrs. Fuller of West Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brown of Weaverville, and a large number of friends and relatives from Hot Springs.

MANY VISITORS ATTEND OPENING EXERCISES AT MARS HILL COLLEGE

Unusual and Forceful Address Delivered At Wednesday Service

Prayer Offered For Miss Dorothy Sanderlin

The opening exercises of Mars Hill College took place last Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. R. L. Moore, for 38 years president of the college, was master of ceremonies. A violin solo by Mrs. Spencer B. King of the college violin department was well rendered, being accompanied by Miss Martha Biggers at the piano. The opening prayer was led by Dr. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville. A large number of visitors including parents, trustees, and others were present. President Moore referred to the tragedy on the street the day before when one of the freshman students, Miss Dorothy Sanderlin, was critically wounded by a bullet from the gun of one of the bandits that robbed the Mars Hill branch bank. He called upon the Rev. L. Bunn Olive, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist church, to offer prayer for the 17-year-old freshman who was then suffering in a hospital in Asheville. After recognizing a number of the visitors in the audience, requesting them to stand, Dr. Moore introduced the speaker of the morning, who was Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist

Church of Raleigh. Dr. Tucker's mother and sister who reside in Asheville were among the visitors recognized.

Physically speaking, Dr. Tucker would not be considered a big man, but when such an address as he delivered Wednesday has come from his lips, he is looked up to by his audience as certainly a man of big brain. As a subject he paraphrased the college motto, "With all thy getting, get understanding" to read "with all thy building of college days, build a face." Such a subject struck the audience in the face, it was so unusual. But seldom does one hear a more masterly and thoughtful address than that of Dr. Tucker on this subject. We should be glad to reproduce a large portion of this address in the paper if it could be obtained. We made an effort to get it, but doubt that we can. One of the thoughts brought out most forcibly was that our faces are mirrors of what is within and we change our expressions by our thoughts and acts. "The face we have at 15," the speaker said, "is the face God gave us, but the face we have at 40 is one we made ourselves, the face of a youth is a prophesy and the face of an old man is a history. One beauty secret worth while is continuous inner communion with the highest and best."

The College opened with the largest enrolment perhaps in its history. Some improvements have been made in the buildings and other buildings are being planned at Mars Hill.

ONE MARS HILL BANK BANDIT IS CAPTURED IN TENNESSEE

JOHN COCHRAN OF NEWPORT LODGED IN JAIL IN BUNCOMBE

John Cochran, 27, of Newport, Tenn., was captured Tuesday night as he slept by Sheriff Smith of Cocke County, Tennessee. He is reported to have acknowledged that he was one of the five who held up the Mars Hill branch of the Citizens Bank. It is reported that he has given the officers the names of the other four and it is hoped that they will eventually be brought to justice.

SAM HUNTER CRITICALLY INJURED

News reached Marshall this week that Sam Hunter is in a Knoxville hospital critically injured by fragments of a rock which he was blasting on a highway, near Smokemont. His spine is said to have been severed by a rock almost as large as a man's fist, which was removed from the spine. He is paralyzed and in a critical condition.

TOWNSEND PENSION PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED HERE SATURDAY

W. B. Fisher Will Explain Revised Bill on Sept. 21

W. B. Fisher, State Manager for the Townsend Old Age Pension Plan, will explain the revised bill to the people of Madison County, at the Court House in Marshall, on Saturday, September 21, at 11:00 a. m. The revised bill provides that every person past the age of 60 who does not have an income of \$200.00 per month shall receive a monthly pension from the Federal Government. It also provides that the funds to pay this pension shall be raised by a two percent transaction tax on all the gross business done in the United States each month, and shall be pro-rated on the basis of the amount the tax will produce—let it be \$30, \$40 or \$75 per month to each person who applies. We also agree under the revised bill that the revenue from this transaction tax shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States each month before it is paid out to the pensioners, thereby creating no debt. This bill is a recovery movement. Every person who receives a pension shall be required to spend the entire amount by the fifth day of the

following month for any legitimate purpose. It is estimated that the enactment of the Townsend Pension Bill will turn an average of \$200,000 into the business channels of every county each month.

Mr. Fisher writes this paper as follows: "It is very important that every voter in the county hear about the revised Townsend Bill which is now before Congress. It will release thousands of jobs to our young unemployed and will put hundreds of thousands of dollars into circulation every month. We urge all voters, including all classes of business and professional men and women, to come out and hear about the revised bill. You cannot form an intelligent opinion until you are fully informed regarding the plan.

"If you have not already signed up for this movement, we urge all voters to come out on this occasion and do so. "Hundreds of persons throughout the country are giving their entire time to the promotion of this splendid humanitarian movement. Can't you spare an hour? "Be present at this meeting and draw your own conclusions."

TAXPAYERS!

If you have unlisted money or property, you had certainly better read every word of this notice, and abide by its warnings, or you will find yourself in a most embarrassing position.

My sense of common fairness rebels when the poor man from some mountain cove is forced to come in and list his property, while I know positively that there are wealthy men who are skinning out of their share of the tax-burden.

The attitude of those who have money in the banks of Madison County not yet listed for taxes, even after all the friendly advertising, proves to me beyond question that I am going to have to adopt a method of procedure with teeth—and even fangs—in it.

I have been sworn to use every means to get every dollar and every piece of personal property, for one time at least, on the tax books; and I am going to do that job if I have to summons before the Board of Commissioners every property-owner and every cashier of every bank in Madison County.

I have conferred with the Attorney General of North Carolina, and the necessary County officials, and I know exactly the proper steps to take to head this tax-listing program for the last round-up.

Ellis W. Reese

Tax Supervisor for Madison County.