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## MISS PERKINS MAKES LASTING IMPRESSION AT MARS HILL COLLEGE

### Secretary of Labor Heard With Pleasure by Large Audience

A full auditorium of students, faculty and friends of the College heard with delight the address of Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet, at Mars Hill Tuesday. As she and Mr. O. S. Roberts, who brought them from Asheville, entered the auditorium, the college band, directed by

Prof. P. C. Stringfield, played "The Star Spangled Banner". Dean I. N. Carr was master of ceremonies. Prof. John W. McLeod conducted the devotional, very effectively reading a Psalm and offering prayer. Prof. Carr, before introducing the speaker, mentioned four distinguishing characteristics of Mars Hill College and spoke of the pioneering spirit which prompted the founders of the College in 1856, when it was a long day's journey over rough mountain roads from Asheville to Mars Hill. He then introduced the distinguished speaker, who was given quite an ovation. Miss Perkins was immediately at home and at ease with her fellow workers and citizens of the United States. Without the slightest difficulty she merged from the spiritual atmosphere of the opening exercises into a most thoughtful discussion of many of the social problems which confront our country. She showed how we are social beings, dependent upon the cooperation of one with another for the higher standard of living which is ours. She said she admitted the beauties of nature, the scenery and so forth, but she was even more interested in the people, who are also the creatures of God. She said in part:

"No one can share civilization except as he shares it with others. It is a part of man's genius to associate with others in the improvement of society of which he is a part."

The labor secretary pointed out that unemployment is a social defect for which allowance must be made. "The government has been an instrument of cooperation of the people. And only as it has been an instrument of cooperation has it been acceptable."

After enumerating the benefits which have come from industry she stressed the necessity of all the people sharing and having access to the civilizing agencies, saying, "if we cooperate we can have all these things which make life beautiful."

She spoke favorably of the growing sense of unity among the people of the country and between the people and the government. "This must continue," she said, "it is the genius of the American people to make a moral contribution to government and thus to make to civilization the contribution which America is destined to make."

At the close of her address in the college auditorium the Secretary of Labor shook hands and chatted with a number of the townspeople, teachers, and students who gathered about her. Autograph seekers among the students besieged her with notebooks, textbooks, copies of college songs on which she placed her signature. After lunch with the students in the college dining hall, she posed for kodak pictures and paid a brief visit to the Madison rug shop.

Miss Perkins explained to the students the purpose of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, conference which she attended in Asheville. She emphasized the importance of understanding the life and problems of people in industrial areas.

## MADISON YOUTHS TO DIE FRIDAY

### Governor Denies Clemency

The three Madison county youths, Arthur Gosnell, Robert Thomas and Oris Gunter, will die tomorrow, Friday. Governor Ehringhaus denies them clemency, which means that they will be electrocuted for the first-degree murder of William Thomas early this year.

## TEN YEARS AGO IN MARSHALL

From the NEWS-RECORD Files

With this issue (Oct. 2, 1925) we celebrate our first anniversary in the newspaper business in Marshall. Just a year ago we were "having a picnic" trying to get out that first issue. . . .

The Baptist Parsonage is nearing completion, the work of plastering being now in progress. It will be ready for occupancy in another two weeks.

Mr. C. L. McClean, who was a resident of Marshall about 16 years ago, has come back and will open a barber shop in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of French Broad.

Jack, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rector of Chattanooga, Tenn., is recovering from lockjaw at his home. He and his family are former residents of Marshall.

## The Forgotten Man

Who is the Forgotten Man? He is the simple honest laborer, ready to earn his living by productive work. We pass him by because he is independent, self-supporting, and asks no favors. He does not appeal to the emotions or excite the sentiments. He must get his living out of the capital of the country. The larger the

capital is, the better living he can get. Every particle of capital which is wasted on the vicious, the idle, and the shiftless, is so much taken from the capital available to reward the independent and productive laborer.

Wealth comes only from production, and all that the wrangling grabbers, loafers and jobholders get to deal with comes from somebody's toil and sacrifice. Who, then, is he who provides it all? Go and find him, and you will have once more before you the Forgotten Man.

The Forgotten Man is weighted

down with the cost and burden of the schemes for making everybody happy, with the cost of public beneficence, with the losses from all the economic quackery, with the cost of all political jobs. Let us remember him a little while. Let us take some of the burdens off him. Let us turn our pity on him instead of loafers.

This is the warning sounded many times by William Graham Sumner, famous lecturer of 50 years ago. Isn't it just as true today as it was then?

## WORLD FAMOUS SINGER, GRACE MOORE, HAS RELATIVES HERE

### Original Home Is in East Tennessee

It may be of interest to our readers to know that Grace Moore, whose voice is known throughout the world and is now being heard over the radio every week, has relatives in Marshall. While the relationship is

somewhat distant, it is interesting to know that such a relationship can be traced. She is related to the Misses Ward of Marshall, and to Mrs. J. Morgan Ramsey. We understand that Grace Moore's great grandmother and Mrs. J. Morgan Ramsey's grandmother were sisters. That being true, she would be related to others who are related to these.

## MILES DARDEN, WORLD'S LARGEST MAN, BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Weighed More Than 1,000 Pounds

#### ROANOKE-CHOWAN SECTION WAS HIS HOME

The world's largest man came from the Roanoke-Chowan section and some of his descendants still live in that part of Eastern Carolina.

Miles Darden was the man. He is said to have been the largest man in the history of this country since all time. He was born and raised on his farm near Rich Square, in Northampton County, which is still known as the Darden Farm, where two of his sisters lived and died. Descendants of this family of Dardens still live here and there in several sections of the Roanoke-Chowan country.

After leaving Rich Square, Miles Darden lived in Southampton County Va., for some time before removing to Tennessee where he died.

Many years ago the Norfolk Virginian carried the following news story about Miles Darden:

The Virginian printed a paragraph last week from the book of Mr. Oglesby on "Southern Thinking" in which it was asserted that Miles Darden weighed 1000 pounds. A correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch, writing from Waverly, Sussex County, supplies these facts with regard to "the feather weight."

Mr. Darden had two nephews living in this county—Mr. R. C. West and Mr. W. B. West—who are prosperous

and highly respected farmers, and one niece—Mrs. I. T. Harris; also one niece living in Surry—Mrs. Tom Atkinson—and one in Prince George—Mrs. Richard Johnson.

One of Mr. Darden's great-nephews kindly furnished me today with a notice of Mr. Darden's cut from the Wilmington Journal after his death and pasted in an old memorandum book, a copy of which I send you. The article is headed "The Heaviest Man on Historic Record," and is as follows:

"Miles Darden, probably the largest man on record born in North Carolina in 1798, died in Henderson County, Tenn., January 23, 1857. He was seven feet and nine inches high, and in 1845 weighed 871 pounds. At his death he weighed a little over 1,000 pounds. Until 1843 he was active and lively and was able to labor hard from that time he was obliged to stay at home or be hauled about in a two horse wagon. In 1839 his coat was buttoned around three men, each of them weighing more than 200 pounds, who walked together in it across the square at Lexington. In 1850 it required 13 1/2 yards of cloth one yard wide to make him a coat. His coffin was eight feet long, thirty-five inches deep, thirty-two inches across the breast, eighteen inches across the head, and fourteen across the feet, and twenty-five yards of black velvet was required to cover the sides and lid. He was twice married, and his children are very large, though probably none of them will ever reach half the weight of their father."

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## WOMAN KNOWN IN MARSHALL REPORTED MURDERED IN FLORIDA

### Dealers in Earthenware Meet Foul Play

Some people in Marshall and vicinity will remember Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hayssen, who spent a large part of the summer at the Rector Hotel in Marshall and sold sets of earthenware. Last week the postmaster here received a letter dated Sept. 25 from Mr. Hayssen in which he says, "My poor wife was brutally murdered while on a visit to St. Petersburg, Fla., and her body thrown in a lake. Two men are held in separate jails in Florida charged with her murder. One has turned state's evidence against the other, signing a sworn statement that the other had cut and slashed and battered and bruised her head and body and then thrown her into a lake. Never did I

dream that such a terrible tragedy would overtake me. Returned from the funeral in Warrenton, N. C., Sept. 21 (funeral 19th). . . .

"Kindest regards to my friends and knockers. Am planning to return to Marshall for a few days, soon."

HENRY W. HAYSSSEN

### SKIMPING ON FEED IS FALSE ECONOMY

A mistaken sense of economy frequently induces poultrymen to feed their hens sparingly during the moulting season.

But attempts to save feed at this time will cost the poultrymen in the long run, warns Roy S. Dearstyne, extension poultry specialist at State College.

## TAXPAYERS!

In regard to money not listed for taxes, may I say this one other thing: It must and shall go on the tax books. If you come and list, as is your duty as a citizen, and as others are doing, well and good. If not, then when the sheriff serves papers on you, you don't say you were not warned.

It seems to me that any self-respecting man would rather list now and keep his dignity than be summoned and arraigned before the court. When you are arrested you will get very little sympathy from the public, the jurors or the judge. Right now, you are the judge; but if you do not get on the dotted line some one else will be the judge.

I am now copying the books where your deeds of trust and mortgages are recorded. If you have any of these not listed for taxes, YOU ARE NOT ABOUT TO BE CAUGHT; YOU ARE ALREADY CAUGHT. You have yet a few days of grace, but these must be listed before Oct. 25, 1935.

Those who have been notified to come and list personal property, poll tax, etc., and have failed to do so, are hereby notified that it will be necessary for me, through the proper channels, to give their names to the Grand Jury.

I am now receiving information from every nook and corner of Madison County. Democrats report Republicans; Republicans, Democrats. Enemies report enemies, neighbors report neighbors. Not only that, but I have copied the poll books, the tax books, the books in which your deeds of trust and mortgages are recorded, and with all this you stand no chance of getting by.

Ellis W. Reese

Tax Supervisor for Madison County.

## FIVE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN MARS HILL BANK ROBBERY

### Fifth Man Released By Tennessee Officers—After Questioning

Five men have been in custody so far in connection with the Mars Hill Bank robbery on September 10. The latest arrest was made Monday afternoon in Tennessee by Sheriff W. R. Smith of Newport and Knox county officers, when Ples Bunch, a restaurant owner was taken at his place of business. Bunch, however, was released Wednesday after questioning failed to place his part in the hold-up.

The first four men arrested are being held in the Buncombe county jail pending hearings. They are John Cochran, taken in Cocke county, Tenn., whose confession is said to have named the other members of the holdup gang: Clay Baxter, 35, James Carr, 25, of Tazewell Tenn., arrested last week in Morristown; to whom Solicitor Nettles refuses to allow anyone to talk; and Cecil Buckner, 27-year-old Buncombe County man now living in the Flat Creek section, whose arrest came as a result of Sheriff Brown's hunch that there had been a tip-off man in that county.

Solicitor Nettles said that Buckner has admitted that the gang spent the night before the robbery at his home, leaving early in the morning to drive

to Mars Hill; and it is believed that their intention was to return there to lie low for several days afterwards, but lost their way and got into Tennessee instead.

After the fifth arrest, that of Bunch, Sheriff Smith of Newport, is said to have declared, "there is still one man at large, and I'm going to get him too." This would indicate that officers are determined to round up all those implicated by the confession of Cochran.

## FUNERAL OF R. A. EDWARDS

### Prominent Bull Creek Citizen Laid to Rest Thursday

Funeral services over the late Romulus Alonzo Edwards, age 68 were held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 26, at the new building of the Bull Creek church. Mr. Edwards died about ten o'clock Tuesday night at his home after an illness called creeping paralysis of about four months. Services were in charge of the Rev. Everett Sprinkle, a son of the Rev. Jack Sprinkle, who is pastor of the church, but who was unable to attend. The minister was lavish in his praise of the life of the departed and his family. He was assisted by the Rev. Jess Corn, of the Bull Creek section, and by the Rev. L. B. Olive of Mars Hill. The pallbearers were: Mr. Luther Edwards, Mr. Jeter Johnson, Mr. Jeter Metcalf, Mr. James Sprinkle, Mr. Gresham Hunter, and Mr. Hubert Scott. The flower girls were: Miss Gaynelle Forester, Miss Atlas Brown, Miss Louise Edwards, Miss Vera Sprinkle, Miss Sadie Sprinkle, Miss Lena Edwards, Miss Violet Buckner, Miss Ruby Buckner, Mrs. Beatrice Kuyker, Miss Juanita Edwards, and Miss Ida Tillery.

The deceased is survived by his second wife, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, his first wife having been the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards. He leaves one brother, Mr. James Henry Edwards, of the same community, and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Robinson, of Weaverville, and Mrs. Albert Corn, of Spartanburg, S. C. The 17 children who survive are as follows: (By first wife) Mr. Arlis Edwards, Mr. Carl Edwards, Mr. Hobart Edwards, all of Mars Hill, Mrs. Gresham Hunter, of Canton, N. C., Mr. Bernard Edwards, of Marshall, Route 2, and Mr. George Edwards, of Mars Hill. (By second wife) Mrs. Jeter Johnson, of Flat Pond, Tenn., Mr. Alonzo Edwards, of Marshall, Route 2, Mr. Zeb Edwards, of Marshall Route 2, Mrs. Hubert Scott, of Asheville, Mrs. Jeter Metcalf, Mr. Eugene Edwards, Miss Fay Edwards, Charles Edwards, Lillian Edwards, Calvin Edwards, and Curtis Edwards, all of Marshall, Route 2. The youngest child is about six. He also leaves 20 grandchildren.

Mr. Edwards was twice a member of the Board of County Commissioners.—1913 and 1914, and 1933 and 1934. He was also a member in good standing with the Masons and Odd Fellows while these two fraternities had lodges at Mars Hill.

## ATTEND MEETING IN ASHEVILLE ON OCTOBER 18 - 19

We wish to urge all teachers to attend the meeting of the Western District of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville on Oct. 18-19. The departmental meetings which are scheduled for Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:30, promise to be very practical as well as interesting.

All classroom teachers are especially requested to attend a meeting of that group on Saturday morning and hear Dr. Frederick Houck Law of New York City and aid in the organization of a department of classroom teachers for the district.

Superintendent Clyde Erwin, Sanford Martin of Winston-Salem, Karl S. Bolander of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Frank K. Poole of Furman University will speak at the general meetings. Other speakers will be heard at the banquet on Friday evening. The hotels offer reduced rates.

Young, old and middle-aged teachers, we shall expect your presence, your loyalty, and your cooperation in making this the best meeting ever held in the Western district.

Cordelia Camp, chm., Western district N.C.E.A.

## To Present Play At Spring Creek Oct. 12

The play, "An Old-Fashioned Mother" will be presented in the High School auditorium at Spring Creek Saturday night, Oct. 12. Admission will be 10c and 25c.

## J. N. WHITE PASSES AWAY

### Prominent Citizen of Marshall Laid to Rest Wednesday

Mr. James Nicholas White, born January 5, 1874, died at his home Monday afternoon about three o'clock, September 30, 1935. Although his health had not been the best for the last few years, his sudden going was quite a shock to the community. For many years this family had been prominent in the official life of Madison county, he having been an official of the county about thirty years, and his father, Mr. J. J. White, Clerk of the Superior Court. Mr. White was the first auditor elected in the county, the office having been created in 1917, when the late M. A. Chandley was named county auditor. Mr. Chandley served for only a short time, his term being filled out by Dr. W. E. Finley. Following this, Mr. White ran for the office and was elected and continued to be elected thereafter until about three years ago when the office was changed by legislation. Before Mr. White was elected county auditor he had served the county for a number of years as clerk of the road board. It will be recalled that about ten years ago Mr. White came near losing his life when the automobile in which he and the late Fowler Shelton were riding was struck by another car and ran off the mountain on the Roberts Gap road. Mr. White was one of Marshall's business men and owned considerable property. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Alice Bradley, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Bradley. He leaves one son, Mr. Dewey L. White, of Knoxville, Tenn., and two daughters, Mrs. Claude Sawyer, and Miss Willie Maye White, of Marshall. He also leaves one brother, Mr. J. J. White, of Fort Benning, Ga., and two sisters, Mrs. John Roberts, of the Laurel Branch section, and Mrs. Charlie Runion, of the Madison Seminary section. Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Marshall Baptist church, conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. H. L. Smith, of Clinton, Tennessee, assisted by Dr. W. E. Finley of Hot Springs. The church was crowded to capacity, all standing room being also filled for the final rites. The Rev. Mr. Smith, who was next door neighbor to Mr. White during his five years' pastorate at Marshall, spoke tenderly and affectionately of Mr. White and his family. Before the casket was brought from the home, scripture was read and prayer offered by Mr. Smith. Following the service at the church, quite a number of people accompanied the remains to the Laurel Branch cemetery where interment was made with Masonic honors. The active pallbearers, nephews of the deceased were: Herbert White, Bon White, Guy White, Frank Roberts, Lester Roberts, and Frank Runion. Honorary pallbearers were:

Asheville, N. C. George Pitchard, Dr. Walter R. Johnson, Roy F. Ebbs, Plato Ebbs, Cauley Ebbs.

Hot Springs, N. C. A. J. Runion

Mars Hill, N. C. Zack Elder

Marshall, N. C. G. L. McKinney, W. A. West, E. R. Tweed, Sr., J. Hubert Davis, Craig Rudisill, H. E. Roberts, A. W. Whitehurst, H. L. Story, O. C. Rector, D. C. Bowman, Dr. J. N. Moore, Dr. H. B. Ditmore, Dr. J. L. McElroy, Dr. W. A. Sams, F. A. Dodson, C. Eugene Rector, William V. Farmer, Jeter P. Ramsey, John H. McElroy, John A. Hendricks, J. Herschel Sprinkle, J. H. Hutchins, Guy English, Jim McLean, W. H. Morrow, Moody Chandler, Guy Roberts, J. Coleman Ramsey, J. M. Baley, Sr., Troy Rector Ralph Fisher, A. J. Ramsey, Ben Frisby, J. J. Ramsey, C. Sprinkle, E. B. Highsmith, J. A. Dennis, Josiah Tweed, Charlie McLean, Frank Frisby, S. B. Roberts, A. W. Coste, William Worley, Enoch Rector, Emmett Plemmons and A. A. Gregory.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful, being carried by his nieces assisted by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The members of the family of the late J. N. White wish to take this method to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown them in their recent bereavement, and for the beautiful flowers.