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MARSHALL POSTOFFICE TO BE MOVED ACROSS STREET

R. N. Ramsey Building Being Remodded For Government

The Marshall postoffice is soon to be moved from its present location to the R. N. Ramsey building on Main street. The Ramsey building was last occupied by an Asheville furniture company, who have already moved out and work is going forward on preparing this building for the postoffice. We understand a new front of plate glass and other arrangements for day lighting will be put in and new furniture throughout will be installed.

The Marshall office, we understand, has more than met the old requirements for a second class office, but new regulations have recently been enacted which prevent the change. However, we understand, there is ground for hope that Marshall will soon have a second instead of third class office, which means city delivery, an extra clerk and other conveniences.

The present building now owned by Mr. P. V. Rector has been used for the postoffice about twenty years. Before that time it was where the present Coffee Shop is, next to the News-Record office. It was at its present location in the 1916 flood. Mr. Rector bought the building from Mr. J. G. Ramsey several years ago.

The Caney Fork Baptist Church

The people at Caney Fork Baptist church on Little Pine gladly take this opportunity to thank those who have been so kind and generous in donating to help us in rebuilding the church which was totally destroyed by the storm last March. We wish to express our profound appreciation to all who have paid so generously and to the Rev. D. K. Cohn, the contractor, who has worked so faithfully and earnestly to rebuild the temple of God at Caney Fork, that all those who have donated in any way will feel good over their investment. We must also give public expression to our feelings of deep gratitude to those who helped us to pay off our debt against the church that we will not be embarrassed by the debt against the nice church in the New Found Association that we now have to assemble ourselves together again after eleven months to sing praises and worship the good Lord and Master.

The people of this section had no warning the late afternoon of March 25, 1935 of what was coming. The people of Madison County and these mountains of Western North Carolina had never been visited by a severe electrical disturbance accompanied by an unusual rattling of hailstorm. It was a cause for wonder.

Then at 5:30 P. M. the tornado struck, it's funnel traveling at 60 miles per hour, sucking at the earth like an erratically pushed vacuum cleaner, cutting a mile-wide path of destruction, totally destroying the Caney Fork Baptist church, damaging other churches, destroying 52 homes killing one man, some taken to the hospital and several wounds. We have a nice, well constructed church, 32 ft. by 40 ft. built of concrete blocks, nice seats, and will comfortably seat 250 people.

I cannot command words to express our gratitude to the Rev. D. K. Cohn for his work, and especially the pulpit he has built. In all my rounds I have not seen as nice a pulpit as that one. I have seen pulpits that cost thousands of dollars, this one has not cost more than \$20.00. You'll have to see this one to appreciate it and our first service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 8, and all members are requested to be present for some important business. First Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m., Sunday Feb. 9. Preaching at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Everett Sprinkle will have charge. Every-

HONOR ROLL

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Beginning with our issue of October 17, we are publishing below the names of people who subscribe or renew their subscriptions to The News-Record within the last week. By keeping your subscriptions paid up you will greatly help your local paper. Of course, those whose subscriptions are paid in advance are already on our honor roll.

Lonnie Coak, Marshall r-2.
N. B. McDevitt, Marshall, N. C.
H. B. Franklin, Alexander, N. C.
E. H. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C.
E. F. Goldston, Marshall, N. C.
Jonah Reese, Marshall, r-3.
J. H. Clark, Leicester r-2.
Floyd Yelton, Mars Hill, N. C.
J. E. Carter, Marshall r-2.
Jeter P. Stansby, Marshall, N. C.
Mark Fagg, Marshall, r-1.
Mrs. Joe Bishop, Marshall, r-1.
Mrs. Flora Chandler, Marshall r-3.
Hubert Davis, Marshall, N. C.

body is welcome at any time. The church is not completed yet. We lack the steps, plastering, some finishing work and some painting. Yours for the best.
J. HENRY ROBERTS

IRISH EYES

Eighteen-year-old Patricia Kelly, petite, blond, and easy to look at, recently introduced herself at Detroit headquarters of the Works Progress Administration by demanding a job as foreman of a pick and shovel gang. She was within her rights, too. Under the rules, one member of a family has a right to take the place of another who has been called to work and is ill.

"Here is an order calling father to work," she said. "He can't come. He is going to the hospital. Mother is in the hospital now and I have two brothers and a sister to look out for. I read in the paper that one member of a family could substitute for another in WPA work. Let me have my dad's place."

"As foreman of a pick and shovel gang working in the street!" gasped the official.

The girl nodded, suppressing her tears, her handkerchief tightly knotted in her hand.

"If you don't want to make me a foreman," she suggested, "just give me a shovel."

"What experience have you ever had with a shovel?" asked the official quizzically.

Patricia was not in a mood for joking. "I've often shoveled coal into our furnace," she insisted.

"You had better go home and wait for an opening in a woman's project," the official advised.

"I need work now," the girl protested, "and I believe that I am entitled to it under your rules."

"Since you insist," admitted the official, "I'll have to talk this over with somebody."

The official conference brought Mrs. Cecil R. Chittenden, Michigan State Director of Federal Writers' Projects, on the scene. One glance from Patricia's blue eyes, and she capitulated.

"I bet she can do more than shovel coal into a furnace," Mrs. Chittenden ventured.

Yes, Patricia could. She was a graduate of Forson High School and had often contributed to the "Tower Tribune," the school publication. Furthermore, she was a good typist.

"Would you just as soon pound a typewriter for me as to use a pick and shovel in the street?" asked the State Director.

"I'd rather," the visitor agreed.

"Then, I have a job for you," announced Mrs. Chittenden.

Patricia was overjoyed.

"Now, I can bring my mother home and see that my father gets hospital treatment," she declared after the details of her employment had been fixed up.

Patricia may not write original articles for the American Guide, the Government's forthcoming five-volume travel handbook but she will have an important part in preparing the perfected copy of the writers after the state headquarters editors have made their corrections.

The Kelly family lives at 7319 Neekel Avenue in Dearborn, near Detroit. Mrs. Kelly is suffering from a serious illness and has been receiving treatment at the Henry Ford Hospital. Edward Kelly, the father, who has been out of work three years, has a stomach malady. The children in the family beside Patricia are William 16; Robert, 14, and Betty Lou, 16.

S. S. Rally To Be Held Next Sunday

Due to bad weather conditions, it was impossible to hold the regular S. S. Rally at Bethel Feb. 2nd. This meeting will be held next Sunday, Feb. 9th at 2 p. m. at Bethel Baptist church. The same program will be given.

FRED JERVIS, Supt.

Services at Baptist Church Sunday

There will be regular services at the Marshall Baptist church next Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Hoyt Blackwell, will have charge.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK KNOX
Chicago Publisher Mentioned for Republican Nomination for President, and His Wife, Taken on Holiday Vacation in Washington.

IN DEFENSE OF PRODUCTION CONTROL

In Defense of Production Control

In the Jan. 23 issue of the News-Record, Mr. James Shelton protested that the telegram sent by the Laurel Community to the President urging a substitute for the tobacco production control abolished by the Supreme Court did not represent the sentiment of 30 percent of the farmers.

The answer is that the idea to reinstate some similar form of production control originated in a public meeting, which possibly Mr. Shelton attended. There was a good deal of visible and audible assent, but no dissent; so the telegram seemed to be the voice of the farmers. The percentage for or against must be a very vague guess.

To make the farmer more effective as a voice in public affairs, I suppose he should attend meetings more often to wear off timidity, to think what he wants, and express himself there.

One hears various proposals to improve the methods of control used in the past. The old method did lack proper machinery to make adjustments in entering new allotments or increasing or decreasing old ones in answer to expanding or contracting needs and capacities of farmers.

Even more lacking was any technique in determining who to enter under the control or whom to increase or decrease in allotments. Increases and decreases in allotments were made, it seems, but accusations are heard on every hand that these adjustments were made on the basis of special friendship, or family relationship, or some form of bribery or trading for favors instead of on the basis of the facts of the situation.

On the other hand the determination of a producer's base at the beginning of the production control was quite scientific. What better way could there be to learn what allotment a farmer should have than to take an average of what the farmer himself through three years considered fitted to his conditions? That is, the size of his farms, the size of his working force, his barn room and his par-

rect this, and in addition will greatly increase the production of the following crops.

Should a Heavy Stand of Broom Sedge Be Burned Off or Turned Under?

By K. A. HANEY,
Madison County Assistant Farm Agent

In reply to the question asked about the cultivation of land that has a fine coat or covering of broom-sedge, whether to plow it under or burn depends on the density or thickness and the time it is to be plowed.

It would be all right to plow it all under in the fall of the year and let it lie until spring.

If it is to be plowed in the spring it probably should be thin burned and then plowed. This burning means to partially burn and leave part of the sedge on the land. I would not recommend clean burning at all. Broom sedge serves to make the land more loose and porous and adds humus.

Broom sedge is a very definite sign of sour or acid soil. Two or three tons of lime per acre will cor-

rect this, and in addition will greatly increase the production of the following crops.

That the government accepted the farmer's judgment in regard to this management of his own farm seems complimentary to the farmer. To cut that farmer 40 percent in order that the remaining 60 percent might bring him more than the original 100 percent seems reasonable enough.

But someone will say: "Mr. X has actually had to get more tobacco sticks and build more barns this year. He is growing more tobacco than he ever grew in his life before, and drawing bonus for cutting 40 percent."

The answer is that Mr. X probably lied about his acreage and falsified his pounds at the beginning of the control to get a high base. But that is not the fault of the production control scheme. That is a fault of moral character. Mr. X wasn't raised right at home. He probably never attended Sunday School. He is a moral ignoramus and now that he is grown up he betrays his fellows.

Now if the complainants against Mr. X are really sure as to his identity and really sure that they despise him for being a liar and a cheat; pressure of public opinion will eventually straighten him out.

If, however, they secretly admire Mr. X for being "slick" and successful and will show their admiration by according him public deference and office then conditions will become worse in spite of their complaints.

Another criticism of the production control is that it should not cut the small farmer but only the big one. The big farmer however, farms thru renters who are smaller farmers on the whole even than small farm owners. When the big farmer is cut it will cut the smallest of all farmers, the renters. It has actually worked to cut these renters out altogether notably in Arkansas, where there was some bloodshed about it some few months ago.

L. A. ZIMMERMAN.

Brush Creek Watershed Project Approved By T. V. A.

By K. A. HANEY,
Madison County Assistant Farm Agent

R. W. Shoffner, Assistant District Agent, Shelby, N. C. notified me on January 30, 1936 that the Brush Creek watershed project in Madison County had been officially approved, in the Knoxville office by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Land classification in the area will be started at once so that the fertilizer may be gotten by the farms in time for use when they do this spring seeding.

This area is located 5 miles West of Marshall on the Dixie Highway, U. S. No. 25. There are approximately 4,000 acres in this area. There are 39 farms in the area with approximately 400 people. Farming is the only industry of the area.

DEMANDS BEING MADE ON NORTH-WEST UTILITIES FOR BETTER SERVICE

HELL'S HALF ACRE

In the mountains near Hot Springs, Ark., is a queer bowl, or lake, of small rocks which is known in the section as "Hell's Half Acre".

We are not accustomed to think of rocks as fluid, though coal has been crushed into small particles which flow, and quick-sands separate readily to permit the passage of a heavy body and fill in and smooth themselves out when a hole has been dug in them.

The rocks of Hell's Half Acre are quite sizable and in no way comparable to the grains of crushed coal or of quick sand, yet in a way they act like them.

Groups of visitors often amuse themselves by digging the rocks out until they have made a large hole, either in an effort to reach bottom or to uncover "pirate's gold" supposed to be hidden in the bowl. The mysterious thing is that, upon returning to the patch a few days later the visitors always find that the hole they have sunk with so much exertion has filled in and the rock heaps which they piled up have smoothed out, leaving the surface of the odd formation just as it was before they ruffed it.

Geologists explain that the formation was caused by a pressure fold which broke up a mass of metamorphic rock. Ouachita stone. Some people have thought that the patch was the debris of an outflow from an old volcano, but this is not accepted by the scientists. However, no scientific explanation has been advanced which will satisfy the natives of the section.

Though Hell's Half Acre lies in the midst of a section noted as having the second greatest diversity of vegetation in the country, it is almost barren. Only a few hardy lichen have managed to attach themselves to the stones here and there.

Another curious feature is the echo effects. If four or five people are scrambling over the formation, they can scarcely hear each other's voices at a distance of ten feet, because their footfalls send countless echoes running in every direction through the loose rocks, producing a bedlam of noises.

Prospectors have constantly been lured by the mystery of the spot. The writer, who is preparing an article on the rock patch for the American Guide, the Government's forthcoming 5-volume travel handbook, found that at the mere mention of Hell's Half Acre, the eyes of most any old miner of the section will gleam and he will begin to mutter about "gold," "Spanish diggins," "Mexican jewels," and the "Lost Louisiana Mine."

The precious metals have never been found in paying quantities in the Hot Springs area, however, though small pockets of extraordinary richness have been uncovered. The region, indeed, is a "land of lost hons" for miners, and everywhere one finds souvenirs of vanished dreams in the form of abandoned mine shafts.

According to tradition, there was once an old miner and gambler who used to disappear into the hills near the rock patch whenever he had been cleaned out and return to town a few days later with a buskin of gold. He has played his last game and nobody knows where he found his stakes. Gone, too, is a Hot Springs doctor who thought he had located the wall of the "Lost Louisiana Mine" and tried to sink a shaft into Hell's Half Acre until a fellow townsman put out an injunction to stop him from destroying a natural phenomenon. The loss of the timber which the doctor used for shoring is rotting at the rock patch, and the mine is still "lost."

WILIE B. METCALF

MADISON BOY TO BE ON RADIO PROGRAM

Claude Keener, of Joe, a student at Western Carolina Teachers' College will appear in a radio program February 21, 6:30-7:00 Central Standard time. The program will be broadcast from Nashville, Tennessee, Station WSM.

This program is one of a series called, "Teachers' College of the Air" sponsored by Peabody College and Insurance Companies of Nashville. The topic that Western Carolina Teachers' College will use is "A Teachers' College in the Open Country."

Other students and faculty members will complete the personnel of the program.

TUNE IN NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Hamilton Coleman, a Christian Scientist of Chicago, Illinois, will conduct the "Church of the Air" program on Sunday, February 9, 1936, from 1:00 to 1:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time. This program will be radio-cast over the Columbia Broadcasting System and may be heard over Stations WBT (1080 Kilocycles), Charlotte, N. C. WBIG (1440 Kilocycles), Greensboro, N. C., and WWSJ (1310 Kilocycles), Winston-Salem, N. C.

Town Board Making Investigations As To Other Sources of Power

A petition recently circulated among users of power in this vicinity revealed that at least 90 per cent of the purchasers of power are not satisfied with the present service. The current is so irregular that small as well as large motors do not function as they should. There is also complaint that the minimum rates charged are excessive. Other sources of power are being investigated.

Visitor at Presbyterian Church Next Wednesday Night

Read the special announcement about the visitor to be at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday, evening. Notice may be found under regular Presbyterian Church heading.

Winston-Salem Host To State Sunday School Convention

A thousand delegates from all sections of the state are expected to attend the North Carolina Sunday School convention which is to be held in Winston-Salem on February 17, 18, and 19. The Centenary Methodist Church, one of the largest and most adequately equipped church plants in the South, will serve as head quarters.

Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Salisbury, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, announced this week that a number of the most prominent religious leaders in the country are to participate in the three-day session, discussing various phases of the central theme, "Forward through Cooperation."

Among these are: Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, of Washington, D. C., who will preach the convention sermon; Prof. H. Augustine Smith, Director of Church Community Music, Boston University; Dr. Harry C. Munson, International Council of Religious Education, Chicago; Bishop William F. McDowell, Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Board of Home Missions, Reformed Church, Philadelphia; and Dr. Lawrence Little, Western Maryland College. In addition to these, outstanding leaders of all denominations in the state will be present and will have part in the program.

Free entertainment for lodging and breakfast is offered to those attending provided they register early. Anyone may register as a delegate by sending the registration fee of 50c to Mr. Peeler. These entertainment arrangements have been made possible through the cooperation of the Winston-Salem churches and the Chamber of Commerce.

The high light of the convention will be a great pageant entitled, "The World at Prayer and the Gateway to Goodwill," which will be directed by Prof. Smith.

A banner will be presented to the county having the largest number present based on the miles traveled.

WILIE B. METCALF

Revival At Metcalf Creek

A revival meeting closed out on Thursday, Jan. 30, 1936, which was held by Rev. Isaac Corn, assisted by Rev. Charlie Drake. The revival continued very near three weeks with great results. 31 renewals and conversions, a good percentage had never known Christ in regeneration. People worked cooperatively by praying, God shouting and leading lost souls to Christ. Rev. Mr. Corn preached a number of very able informative sermons. When preachers and laymen become sincerely interested in evangelism, results are always wonderful. We give God the honor and praise for it all.

Walnut P. T. A. To Meet

The Walnut Parent-Teachers' Association will meet Thursday Feb. 6 at 7:30 p. m. All patrons are urged to be present.

Walnut and Beech Glen in Double Header Friday

Walnut and Beech Glen will meet Friday night on the Walnut court for a doubleheader basketball game. Both teams are strong and are rated about even. The first game will start at 7:30 p. m. Admission, 10c and 15c. A large crowd is expected to be present.